EXCUSED TO COMPETE IN ANOTHER EVENT

A. This procedure is one of the most abused privileges in track & field, and a time limit and procedure must be established by the games committee. We must consider the fairness to those athletes that must sit around and wait for another athlete to return late from another event. *Coaches must take into account the limited time allowed to compete in another event when determining the events any individual competitor enters.*

B. The head event judge may change the order of competition to accommodate those who may be excused to participate in other events. In horizontal events, competitors may take more than one trial in succession. This should be *encouraged* by the event judge.

C. Coaches who have competitors in multiple events should have a manager or teammate inform event judges the status of the competitor if he/she is at another event.

D. Guidelines for a competitor who has been excused from a field event to compete in another event include:
   1. The competitor must receive permission from the event judge.
   2. The judge must record the time excused and the competitor should be informed by the judge when he/she is expected back.
   3. The judge may allow/should encourage the competitor to take a trial out of turn before being excused. Trials may be taken in succession.
   4. The judge will use some judgement in extending the time excused under special circumstances, e.g., the 3200-meter run. *20 minutes is a good guide for long races, shorter races may only involve 10 minutes or less.*
   5. In the vertical events, if the competitor has failed to return in the allotted time and all other remaining competitors have either passed, failed or cleared the existing height, the crossbar will be raised to the next height and the judge will automatically pass the excused competitor to the next height. If the bar has not been raised, the remaining attempts at that height are considered passes and he/she is automatically passed to the new height.
   6. When an unusual circumstance (injury, re-runs, etc.), occurs that will prolong the absence of the excused participant, it shall be the competitor's responsibility to communicate this to event judge.
   7. In the finals, competitors may take more than one try at a time.

E. Prior to the start of any field event, the head event judge should gather all of the competitors together and go over the above guidelines and tell the competitors what is expected of them. Long delays should not happen.

F. The Meet Referee is responsible for reviewing the above guidelines with the field event judges.