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March 23,2004 Association Meeting

Attendance (VASJ) 27 Members

Secretary JoAnn Kitchen opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Maralyn West –

Will be ordering OHSAA name badges. Interested please let her know as soon as possible. Orders will be placed after our last meeting. Call Maralyn at 216-486-3398

JoAnn Kitchen –

Reminded members about dues and required meetings.
Made available all other association meeting dates and locations.
University Schools is looking for Starters
Chuck Martinko is looking for officials for VASJ meets

Minutes read from 3/15 meeting.

Topic – You are the referee.

Discussed situations from Officials Quarterly-Spring 2004 and the January 2004 Ohio Track and field Clinic.

Final meeting April 6 @ VASJ

Topic – 2004 T&F Officials Test Review

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM





SITUATION 1: Team A invites Team B to participate in a track meet. Team A does not own a pole vault landing system because the conference voted not to pole vault. Team B accepts the invitation to participate in the meet, but wants to be awarded points in the pole vault. Information was shared with all invited teams in the letter of invitation. Team B may (a) ignore the letter and bring vaulters, (b) allow the vaulters to attend a different meet if splitting teams is allowed by the state association, (c) contact the state association to report the non-contested events, (d) appeal to the games committee. **RULING:** (a) and (d) Incorrect procedure; (b) and (c) correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Advance notification of non-contested events implies mutual consent by all participating schools. In cases of advancement or qualifying toward state competition, the state association identifies mandatory events. (2-1-6)

SITUATION 2: On the last lap of the 1600-meter run, B1 is boxed in behind the leader, A1. In an effort to pass A1, B1 steps over the curb on the front straightaway and begins to move past A1 on the inside. Looking ahead, B1 realizes that there are hurdles stacked inside the track in front of him, so he darts back onto the track behind A1, where he remains through the finish of the race, placing second. The referee witnesses this personally and disqualifies B1 without consulting an umpire in that area. In the judgment of the referee, the athlete was not competing within the spirit of the rules because he left the track and gained an advantage, rather than using available outside lanes to pass runners. **RULING:** Correct procedure. The athlete is disqualified. **COMMENT:** The referee is the sole authority for ruling on infractions or irregularities not covered within the rules. Having a runner purposely leave the assigned area of competition increases risk of injury. The change is intended to identify the referee as the sole authority. (3-4-6)

SITUATION 3: In a semifinal qualifying round, the 400-meter relay is run in two FAT-timed heats. Team A1 runs in the first heat and finishes with a time of 49.235 seconds. Team C1 runs in the second heat and finishes with a time of 49.234 seconds. A1 and C1 are declared tied for the last qualifying position. Meet guidelines state that ties for the last qualifying position in running events must be broken either by comparing times to 1/1000 of a second, if available, or by a run-off. Break the tie when (a) picture-based FAT timing system is being used or (b) videotape-based FAT timing system is being used. **RULING:** C1 advances. **COMMENT:** Technology allows FAT timing within 1/1000 of a second to break ties. (3-9-4)

SITUATION 4: Two runners from Team A are disqualified for not wearing a contestant number (their coach didn't find it in the packet) during competition. There was nothing in the packet indicating that the runner must wear a number to compete. The coach appeals to the games committee. **RULING:** Ruling upheld. Runners disqualified. **COMMENT:** The coach is responsible for making sure that in meets where numbers are worn, each athlete is issued a number. Pre-contest meetings should provide a time and place that entry corrections may be addressed. (4-3-4)

SITUATION 5: Team A has five runners competing in a cross country meet. Disgusted with his performance and immediately after crossing the finish line, A5 yells profanity. Runners A1-A4 were the top finishers in the race. Team A's score is the lowest in the meet. The referee (a) disqualifies the entire team and A1-A4 do not displace other runners for scoring; (b) disqualifies the entire team and A1-A4 displace other runners for scoring; (c) advances runners A1-A4 as individuals, if all placed as individuals who would advance; (d) does not advance runners as individuals because they were part of the team. **RULING:** (a), (b) and (d) Illegal procedure; (c) legal. **COMMENT:** Although cross country is scored as both an individual and team sport, individuals who advance as top performers may advance without the team. (4-5-2, 9-4-3a)

SITUATION 6: After the cross country race begins, runners from Team A join arms to form a barrier forcing other participants to go around this human wall. After 200 yards, the runners drop their arms and run a regular race without incident. By the end of the race, two runners from Team A advance to the next level of competition. Team A's total score afforded the entire team a first-place award, and the chance to advance. The referee (a) advances all team members, (b) disqualifies the team but allows the top two individuals to qualify, (c) disqualifies the entire team. **RULING:** (a) and (b) Illegal procedure; (c) Team A shall be disqualified. **COMMENT:** Team violations

do not afford individuals the opportunity to advance, even when individuals have outstanding performances. (9-7-2)

SITUATION 7: Runner A arrives at the starting line with his/her uniform shorts riding down below the waist because the shorts are too big. The official (a) provides a safety pin and allows the participant to pin the shorts at the waist; (b) reports the school to the state association for not properly clothing the athletes; (c) denies the athlete the privilege of competing unless the problem is resolved by the start of the race. **RULING:** (a) and (b) Incorrect procedure; (c) correct procedure. **COMMENT:** During the pre-game conference, the coach confirmed the legality of athletes. It is the responsibility of the school to provide appropriate uniforms. (4-3-2)

SITUATION 8: In a cross country race, Team A has six runners competing. Runner A5 runs off course. Runners A1-A4 were the top finishers in the race. Runner A6 came in last. The referee (a) disqualifies the entire team and Team A runners displace other runners for scoring; (b) disqualifies the entire team and Team A runners do not displace other runners for scoring; (c) disqualifies A5 and uses A6 for scoring. **RULING:** (c) Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Runners A1-A4 may advance as individuals, although Team A may not advance as a team. (9-1-2)

SITUATION 9: Throwers A and B from School XYZ are warming up in the throwing area without adult supervision. There is a student manager from School XYZ with them who appears to be responsible for the participants. A field judge approaches the students to remind them the ring is closed until a coach or official opens it for warm-up. Thrower A leaves immediately. Thrower B and the student manager stop throwing, but continue to use the ring to work on technique. The field judge reports Thrower B to the referee and asks that the athlete (a) be removed from competition; (b) be warned that he/she will be removed from competition the next time the athlete is observed without a coach in a throwing area, (c) be reported for unsporting behavior and disqualified from the event; (d) receive no penalty because there is not a penalty related to warming up without adult supervision. **RULING:** (a) and (c) Correct procedure; (b) and (d) incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** Supervising an athlete's warm-up is important in order to minimize risk. It is recommended that a cone or sign be used to close the ring prior to adult supervision arriving. (7-2-9, 6-2-12)

SITUATION 10: Cross country meet management issues one electronic chip for each race participant to tie on his/her shoe rather than two chips per contestant. Several runners seem to cross simultaneously, with one losing his/her balance while falling over the line. The chips provide a recorded finish time when the chip crosses the line. The finish clerk (a) ignores athletes who trip at the finish line and determines places by the recorded time; (b) ignores the time reported by the chips and uses pickers to determine place; (c) uses the chip as a back-up system, but determines places by a video finish; (d) determines prior to the race that the visual finish would take precedence over the chip. **RULING:** (d) Correct procedure. **COMMENTS:** Prior to the first race, meet management, which uses a single-chip system to report times, shall explain the use of the chip, and explain how placement will be determined. (3-8-6, 9-3-3)

SITUATION 11: Team A's school colors are black and gold. One cross country runner from Team A is wearing a black jersey with gold lettering, and the other four are wearing gold shirts with black lettering. The official (a) disqualifies the entire team, (b) disqualifies only the one with gold lettering, (c) disqualifies the four team members with black lettering. **RULING:** (a) Incorrect procedure; (b) or (c) correct procedure. **COMMENT:** Schools shall be easily identified by wearing uniforms that are similar. (9-6-4)

YOU ARE THE REFEREE #3

Prepared January 2004 by Fred Dafler for OT&F&CCOA Clinic

1) Pole Vault

Pole vaulter A1 passed 4 heights, then requested a run through without the bar in place. During the run through, he was observed to be wearing an ear ring. (RM)

RULING:

2) 4 X 100 Relay

Lane assignments - team A in lane one, team B in lane two, team C in lane 3. B1 falls in the first exchange zone, loses the baton and rolls into lane 3. C2 runs out of the lane to avoid B1. A1 retrieves the baton dropped by B1 and hands it to B2 in the zone. (RR)

RULING:

3) Cross Country

Runner A4 finished the race by running outside the mouth of the chute past the finish line extended. (RH)

RULING:

4) Shot Put - District

After the first flight, it was realized that the measurements after each competitor's first attempt had been made from the outside of the stop board rather than the inside edge. As a result, the distances recorded were incorrect. It was suggested that 4" be added to each legal attempt. Because the stop board was not the same width around the arc, this was not an option. (WB)

RULING:

5) 800 Run

Competitors were started on two-turn, two-alley staggers. A registered official mistakenly placed the cut cones at the end of the first turn. The runners in alleys 2 and 3 cut to the curb after passing the cones. The clerk had instructed all runners that the start was a two-turn stagger. Coach A protests that the runners in alleys 2 and 3 ran a shorter distance. The coach of Team B protests that B1 was cut off. Qualifying was based on time. (SG)

RULING:

6) 200m Dash - District

Four heats, first four in each heat qualify to semifinals. In heat 3, lane 5 was open due to a scratch. Competitor A1 was assigned to heat 4, lane 5. A1 starts and finishes in heat 3, lane 5. A1 finished 4th in heat 3. (SG)

RULING:

7) 300m Hurdles - District

Hurdler A1, the heat leader in lane 4, hit hurdle #8 knocking it into lane 3. Hurdler B1 in lane 3 was 40 - 50 meters behind A1 and had to break stride to clear the hurdle. The violation was reported to the referee who disqualified A1. The coach of Team A appealed the ruling. (SG)

RULING:

8) Cross Country - District

After a fair start, it is reported to the referee that some team members of Team A started about 30 - 40 meters behind the start line. Team B Coach reports that A1 and A2 cut the course at a point where there was no umpire. (SG)

RULING:

9) Girls 4 x 200m Relay

Leadoff runner A1 in lane 8 does not respond to the sound of the gun for the start. After the race is completed, coach of Team A requests that they be allowed another opportunity to run because A1 is deaf and not used to being in lane in 8 could not react to the other runners. (PH)

RULING:

10) 4 x 110 shuttle hurdle race

Runner A2 is observed running with a swizzle stick in his mouth. (PH)

RULING:

11) Girls 100m - Deal: two sections

A) The first section is run and the second section is being organized at the start when A1 who had not reported for section one to which she had been assigned, reports to run in the second section. There is no lane available.

RULING:

B) There is a false start in the second section. A1 requests that she be allowed to run in the now available lane.

RULING:

YOU ARE THE REFEREE #3 Action
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1) Pole Vault

Pole vaulter A1 passed 4 heights, then requested a run through without the bar in place. During the run through, he was observed to be wearing an ear ring. (RM)

RULING: RB: 4-3-7, p 27; CB 4.3.7C, p 34

Decision: A1 disqualified because he was wearing jewelry after competition had begun.

Question: Should A2 be disqualified for wearing warmups during a run through which is taken after competition had begun?

2) 4 X 100 Relay

Lane assignments - team A in lane one, team B in lane two, team C in lane 3. B1 falls in the first exchange zone, loses the baton and rolls into lane 3. C2 runs out of the lane to avoid B1. A1 retrieves the baton dropped by B1 and hands it to B2 in the zone. (RR)

RULING: RB: 4-5-9a, p 29; 5-9-4 & 5, p 40

Decision: Disqualify team B for interference; disqualify team A for an illegal baton exchange, team C wins.

3) Cross Country

Runner A4 finished the race by running outside the mouth of the chute past the finish line extended. (RH)

RULING: RB: 9-7-4, p 74; 4-5-9, p.40

Action taken: The officials directed A4 into the chute where he was placed behind the runner finishing immediately ahead of him.

4) Shot Put - District

After the first flight, it was realized that the measurements after each competitor's first attempt had been made from the outside of the stop board rather than the inside edge. As a result, the distances recorded were incorrect. It was suggested that 4" be added to each legal attempt. Because the stop board was not the same width around the arc, this was not an option. (WB)

RULING: RB; 6-5-4, p. 49, 6-6-10, p 50

Decision: Incorrectly measured trials were ruled invalid due to the officiating error. Replacement trials for all legal attempts were ordered. The decision later became controversial when one athlete's replacement put qualified him to the finals and then a top four finish. The coach, whose athlete placed 5th, appealed. The appeal was denied, no basis in the rules, referee's decision is final.

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RULING: RB: 5-3-1 & 2, p 33; 5-11-2 p 42; CB 5.11.2B p. 58

Decision: Disqualify all runners in alleys 2 and 3. Deny all protests as it is part of a distance race.

6) 200m Dash - District

Four heats, first four in each heat qualify to semifinals. In heat 3, lane 5 was open due to a scratch and no replacement. Competitor A1, after hearing all instructions from the clerk, was assigned to heat 4, lane 5. A1 starts and finishes in heat 3, lane 5. A1 finished 4th in heat 3. (SG)

RULING: RB: 3-7-3 & 4, p 20; 4-5-2, p 28

Decision: Disqualify runner A1 for not running in assigned heat and lane. The 5th place runner qualifies to the semifinals.

7) 300m Hurdles - District

Hurdler A1, the heat leader in lane 4, hit hurdle #8 knocking it into lane 3. Hurdler B1 in lane 3 who was 40 - 50 meters behind A1 and had to break stride to clear the hurdle. The violation was reported to the referee who disqualified A1. The coach of Team A appealed the ruling. (SG)

RULING: RB: 4-5-4, p 29; CB: 5-13-2E, p 60

Decision: Referee reversed the DQ on grounds B1 was, according to proper seeding procedure, and would not advance even if the hurdle did not get knocked into his lane.

8) Cross Country - District

After a fair start, it is reported to the referee that some team members of Team A started about 30 - 40 meters behind the start line. Team B Coach reports that A1 and A2 cut the course at a point where there was no umpire. (SG)

RULING: RB 9-7-5, p 74

Decision: The referee confronted the coach of Team A regarding the two situations. Coach A says the start time was wrong. (not true) When the referee confronted the runners, they admitted cutting the course and were then disqualified.

9) Girls 4 x 200m Relay

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RULING: RB: 3-4-6, p 18, 3-5-4c p 19, 5-7-5 p 39; CB 5.7.6C p.51

Decision: The request was denied considering 1) no one was notified ahead of time about the runner's condition which could have allowed some adjustment to be made, 2) the coach could have put another runner into the starting position, and 3) the last two sections were already full.

10) 4 x 110 shuttle hurdle race

Runner A2 is observed running with a swizzle stick in his mouth. (PH)

RULING: RB: 3-4-6 p18

Decision: The referee disqualified the shuttle hurdle team on the basis that it was an unnecessary adornment and an unsafe condition. When it was explained to the coach, he agreed, but wanted to know what his runner was drinking before the race.

11) Girls 100m - Dual: two sections (BR)

A) The first section is run and the second section is being organized at the start when A1 who had not reported for section one to which she had been assigned, reports to run in the second section. There is no lane available.

RULING: RB: 3-4-6 p18

Decision: A1 is denied running in the first section because she had not reported and there was no lane available in the second section.

B) There is a false start in the second section. A1 requests that she be allowed to run in the now open lane.

RULING: RB: 3-4-6 p 18

Decision: A1 is denied permission as she is no longer an entry.