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“Breaking Ties in Field Events”

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W.I.A.A. Track & Field Materials

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W.I.A.A.....

- Season Regulations
- Tournament Procedures
- 2023 NFHS Rule Changes
- Pole Vault Weight Verification Form...*(Due March 6, April 3, and May 15)*
- Sportsmanship/Verification - *Sample Form*
- Clerk & Field Event Judges Sheets
- Student Athletes in Wheelchairs - *Various Forms*
- Wisconsin Adaptations to NFHS Rules

** Also, the Q & A section contains interruptions*



N.F.H.S. Rules

The NFHS Rule Book is a constantly evolving document, ever growing to meet the changing needs and demands of the sport. Rule changes are the result of alignment with other rule books, clarifications of situations that challenge and stretch present norms, and adaptations to ever changing applications and implementations of present day viewpoints.



Rule 6.3.1 - Breaking Ties

Art 1....A tie in a field event occurs when two of more competitors finish with the same distance or height.

Art 2....When there is a tie at any distance or height in a field event, places and points scored shall be awarded as follows:



For Places determined By DISTANCE:

If the distance resulting from the best performance of competitors is identical,

- The higher place is awarded to the tying competitor whose 2nd best performance is better,**
- from either preliminary trials or finals.**

NOTE: If the best effort is identical and.....



.....If after applying this procedure, the tie remains,

- The higher place is awarded to the tied competitor whose 3rd best performance is better than the 3rd best performance of any tied competitor**
- If still tied, the 4th best performance, etc.**



Now let us take a look at a practical application of this “Tie Breaking Rule” as it is applied in the Horizontal Jumps and the Throws.



Long Jump - PRELIMS

	Name	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	6th	Best	PI
1	Billie Blue									
2	Olive Orange	X	15' 3	15' 5						
3	Gary Green	16' 7	—	X						
4	Becky Black	12' 9	13' 4	17' 10						
5	Paullette Purple	X	X	X						
6	Bobbie Brown	15' 5	15' 3.75	15' 1						
7	Rosey Red	X	14' 11	15' 5						
8	Steel Grey	X	17' 10	—						
9	Lemon Yellow	16' 0.5	16' 4	16' 7						
10	Mocha Brownie	—	18' 1.5	—						
11	Turquoise Bluey	14' 9	X	16' 10.5						
12	Lavender Purpley	17' 10.25	16' 7	X						

Long Jump - FINALS Jumping Order

	Name	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	6th	Best	PI
1	Billie Blue									
2	Olive Orange	X	15' 3	15' 5	1					
3	Gary Green	16' 7	—	X	3					
4	Becky Black	12' 9	13' 4	17' 10	7					
5	Paullette Purple	X	X	X						
6	Bobbie Brown	15' 5	15' 3.75	15' 1	2					
7	Rosey Red	X	14' 11	15' 5						
8	Steel Grey	X	17' 10	—	6					
9	Lemon Yellow	16' 0.5	16' 4	16' 7	4					
10	Mocha Brownie	—	18' 1.5	—	9					
11	Turquoise Bluey	14' 9	X	16' 10.5	5					
12	Lavender Purpley	17' 10.25	16' 7	X	8					

Long Jump - FINALS

	Name	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	6th	Best	PI
1	Billie Blue								D.N.S.	
2	Olive Orange	X	15' 3	15' 5	1	15' 1	14' 6	—		
3	Gary Green	16' 7	—	X	3	14' 5	16' 10	15' 2.5		
4	Becky Black	12' 9	13' 4	17' 10	7	17' 10.25	X	X		
5	Paullette Purple	X	X	X					N.M.	
6	Bobbie Brown	15' 5	15' 3.75	15' 1	2	15' 9	15' 11	15' 5		
7	Rosey Red	X	14' 11	15' 5					15' 5	
8	Steel Grey	X	17' 10	—	6	16' 10	17' 6	X		
9	Lemon Yellow	16' 0.5	16' 4	16' 7	4	16' 10	15' 11	16' 8.25		
10	Mocha Brownie	—	18' 1.5	—	9	—	—	—		
11	Turquoise Bluey	14' 9	X	16' 10.5	5	X	—	16' 8		
12	Lavender Purpley	17' 10.25	16' 7	X	8	17' 6	X	16' 10		

Long Jump - Best Mark

	Name	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	6th	Best	PI
1	Billie Blue								D.N.S.	
2	Olive Orange	X	15' 3	15' 5	1	15' 1	14' 6	—	15' 5	
3	Gary Green	16' 7	—	X	3	14' 5	16' 10	15' 2.5	16' 10	
4	Becky Black	12' 9	13' 4	17' 10	7	17' 10.25	X	X	17' 10.25	
5	Paullette Purple	X	X	X					N.M.	
6	Bobbie Brown	15' 5	15' 3.75	15' 1	2	15' 9	15' 11	15' 5	15' 11	
7	Rosey Red	X	14' 11	15' 5					15' 5	
8	Steel Grey	X	17' 10	—	6	16' 10	17' 6	X	17' 10	
9	Lemon Yellow	16' 0.5	16' 4	16' 7	4	16' 10	15' 11	16' 8.25	16' 8.25	
10	Mocha Brownie	—	18' 1.5	—	9	—	—	—	18' 1.5	
11	Turquoise Bluey	14' 9	X	16' 10.5	5	X	—	16' 8	16' 10.5	
12	Lavender Purpley	17' 10.25	16' 7	X	8	17' 6	X	16' 10	17' 10.25	

Long Jump - FINALS

	Name	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	5th	6th	Best	PI
1	Billie Blue								D.N.S.	
2	Olive Orange	X	15' 3	15' 5	9	15" 1	14' 6	—	15" 5	9
3	Gary Green	16' 7	—	X	7	14' 5	16' 10	15' 2.5	16' 10	6
4	Becky Black	12' 9	13' 4	17' 10	3	17' 10.25	X	X	17' 10.25	2
5	Paullette Purple	X	X	X					N.M.	
6	Bobbie Brown	15' 5	15' 3.75	15" 1	8	15' 9	15' 11	15' 5	15' 11	8
7	Rosey Red	X	14' 11	15' 5					15' 5	
8	Steel Grey	X	17' 10	—	4	16' 10	17' 6	X	17' 10	4
9	Lemon Yellow	16' 0.5	16' 4	16' 7	6	16' 10	15' 11	16' 8.25	16' 8.25	7
10	Mocha Brownie	—	18' 1.5	—	1	—	—	—	18' 1.5	1
11	Turquoise Bluey	14' 9	X	16' 10.5	5	X	—	16' 8"	16' 10.5	5
12	Lavender Purpley	17' 10.25	16' 7	X	2	17' 6	X	16' 10"	17' 10.25	3



What About The W.I.A.A. Tournament Series?

Where Do You Break Ties in Horizontal Jumps, and Throws?

How Do You Break Ties in Horizontal Jumps, and Throws?

What if a TIE still remains after applying all “Tie Breaking Procedures”?



WIAA Track & Field Regional and Sectional Tournament Information

There shall be no ties in any field event relating to qualifiers at a given Regional or Sectional.

- Ties in field events must be broken by using the procedure stipulated in the NFHS Rule Book to break first place ties.**
- *These procedures will also be applied to the last qualifying place.***



- **QUALIFYING for Sectionals**

- The first 4 finishers in each field event.

NOTE: 4th place ties must be broken.

- **QUALIFYING for State**

- The first 3 finishers Division 1.
- The first 4 finishers Division 2 & 3.

NOTE: 3rd place (Division 1) ties and 4th place (Division 2 & 3) ties must be broken.



QUESTION: *What if there is a tie in a Horizontal Jump or Throw, for the last qualifying place, after all "tie breakers" are applied?*

ANSWER: *At the conclusion of the event, each competitor will receive an additional attempt to break the tie. If the tie remains, a second attempt would be awarded, third attempt, etc, until the higher place can be determined.*



For Places Determined By HEIGHT:

The competitor with the fewest number of TRIALS for the height at which the tie occurs, *(the last height successfully cleared)*,

- shall be awarded the higher place.**

If the tie still remains,

- The competitor with the FEWEST total of UNSUCCESSFUL trials throughout the competition**



- up to and including the height last cleared.
- shall be awarded the higher place.

NOTE: Passed trials do NOT count as a miss.

If the tie still remains after applying the 2 procedures and it concerns any place other than 1st:

- the competitors shall be awarded the same place.



If the tie still remains after applying the 2 procedures and it concerns 1st place:

- **the competitors tying shall make one more attempt at the height at which they failed.**

If NO DECISION is reached:

- **the the bar shall be raised/lowered in increments of 1 inch (*high jump*) & 3 inches (*pole vault*).**
- **Each competitor shall attempt 1-trial at each height until a winner is determined.**



NOTE #1: If the height the tied competitors last attempted is NOT the same, because of a passed height by one or more of the competitors,

- The bar shall be lowered to the lowest height attempt last attempted by any of the remaining competitors, to begin the jump-off.

NOTE #1: NO passed heights shall be permitted in the jump-offs.



Art 3....In the vertical jumping events, a competitor shall be credited with his/her best achievement

- **Including performances made in a jump-off of a 1st place tie.**

NOTE: *WIAA Tournament Regulations - Item J.2, page 53, Item J.2 - the best original performance will be recorded and used for seeding or determining extra qualifiers, when a jump off is conducted.*



Now let us take a look at a practical application of this “Tie Breaking Rule” as it is applied in the Vertical Jumps.



High Jump - FINALS

4' 4" 4' 6" 4' 8" 4' 10" 5' 0" 5' 2" 5' 3" 5' 4" 5' 5" 5' 6"

	Name																															
1	Billie Blue	O			O			X	O			X	X	X																		
2	Olive Orange	X	X	X																												
3	Gary Green	X	O		X	X	O	O				X	X	O	X	X	X															
4	Becky Black																															
5	Paullette Purple	-	-	-	O			O				X	O		O			X	O				X	X	O	X	X	X				
6	Bobbie Brown	O			X	O		X	O			X	X	X																		
7	Rosey Red	-	-	-	O	-	-	O				X	O		O			X	X	O			X	X	O	X	X	X				
8	Steel Grey	-	-	-	-	-	-	O				O			X	O		X	X	O			X	X	O	X	X	X				
9	Lemon Yellow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		O			-	-	-	O				X	O		X	X	O	X	X	X		
10	Mocha Brownie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		O			O			O				X	O		X	X	O	X	X	X		
11	Turquoise Bluey	-	-	-	-	-	-	O				-	-	-	X	O		O				O		O		X	O		X	X	X	
12	Lavender Purpley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	O			X	O			O		X	O		X	O		X	X	X

High Jump - Best Mark

4' 4" 4' 6" 4' 8" 4' 10" 5' 0" 5' 2" 5' 3" 5' 4" 5' 5" 5' 6"

	Name																																						
1	Billie Blue	O				O				X	O			X	X	X														2	1	4' 8"							
2	Olive Orange	X	X	X																												N.M.							
3	Gary Green	X	O			X	X	O	O					X	X	O	X	X	X											3	5	4' 10"							
4	Becky Black																															D.N.S.							
5	Paullette Purple	-	-	-		O				O				X	O		O			X	O		X	O		X	X	O	X	X	X		3	5	5' 4"				
6	Bobbie Brown	O				X	O			X	O			X	X	X															2	2	4' 8"						
7	Rosey Red	-	-	-		O	-	-		O				X	O		O			X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X					3	5	5' 3"				
8	Steel Grey	-	-	-		-	-	-		O				X	O		X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X					3	5	5' 3"				
9	Lemon Yellow	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-		O			-	-	-	O			X	O		X	X	O	X	X	X		3	3	5' 4"				
10	Mocha Brownie	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-		O			O			O			X	O		X	X	O	X	X	X		3	5	5' 5"				
11	Turquoise Bluey	-	-	-		-	-	-		O				-	-	-	X	O		O			O			O			X	O		X	X	X		2	2	5' 5"	
12	Lavender Purpley	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	O			X	O		O			X	O		X	O		X	X	X		2	3	5' 5"	

High Jump - FINALS

4' 4" 4' 6" 4' 8" 4' 10" 5' 0" 5' 2" 5' 3" 5' 4" 5' 5" 5' 6"

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What About The W.I.A.A. Tournament Series?

Where Do You Break Ties in Vertical Jumps?

When Do You Break Ties in Vertical Jumps?

What if one of the competitors refuses or due to injury cannot participate in the jump-off?

What if both competitors refuse to participate in the Jump-Off?



QUESTION: *At the Regional & Sectional Level, concerning a tie for the last qualifying place, when do we proceed with the jump off in the vertical jumps?*

ANSWER: *Tie breaking procedures for all qualifying places, for advancement to the next level, will be implemented at the conclusion of the event.*



SITUATION 1: *In the verticals events, competitor “A” and competitor “B” are going to participate in a jump off. What if competitor “A” refuses to take an attempt or participate in the jump off?*

ANSWER: *NFHS Rule 6.3.2b note, page 43 - NO passed heights shall be permitted in the jump offs.*

.....Competitor “B” is awarded the higher place finish.



SITUATION 2: *What if competitor “A” and competitor “B” are in a jump of in a vertical event and competitor “B” cannot make an attempt due to injury?*

ANSWER: *NFHS Case Book 6.3.2
Situation 1, page 69*

.....Competitor “B” forfeits the higher place finish.



SITUATION 3: *In the verticals events, competitor “A” and competitor “B” are going to participate in a jump off for the last qualifying place. What if both competitors refuse to take an attempt or participate in the jump off?*

ANSWER: *If all tied competitors refuse to participate in the jump off or tie breaking procedure, for the LAST Qualifying Place, the final advancement place is VACATED.*

NOTE: *This doesn’t have any effect on the points for team scoring.*



SITUATION 4: *In the verticals events, competitor “A” and competitor “B” are going to participate in a jump off for **1st place**. What if both competitors refuse to take an attempt or participate in the jump off?*

ANSWER: *The final results will indicate **a TIE for 1st place**.*

- Award points per the NFHS Rule Book.



NOTE: Ensure that the correct number of qualifiers have been determined.

- 3 qualifiers in Division 1
- 4 qualifiers in Divisions 2 & 3.

NOTE: Due to this 1st place situational tie, the next places awarded are 3rd and 4th.



REMINDERS - W.I.A.A. Tournament Series

The best original performance will be recorded and used for seeding or determining extra qualifiers when a jump-off/run-off is conducted.

Tie Breaking for the last qualifying places is does not effect the team scoring procedure.



W.I.A.A. - Guidelines for a Competitor Who Has Been Excused From a Field Event to Compete in Another Event

- 1. The competitor must receive permission from the Head Event Judge.**



2. The Event Judge must make note of the “check out” and record the TIME when the competitor’s name is called for their next attempt.

(This begins the allowed check out time determined by the Games Committee)

3. The Head Event Judge may allow the competitor to take a trial/attempt out of turn before being excused.



4. In the **THROWS** and **HORIZONTAL JUMPS**, if a competitor has failed to return in the allowed check out time and all other competitors have either passed, failed, or recorded a mark:

- The Head Event Judge will call the excused competitor up.
- *Once the allowable time for the attempt has elapsed, the Head Event Judge will record a Failed Attempt.*



((The process is repeated if the competitor has multiple attempts remaining))

Note: Consecutive attempts are governed by a 2-minute time limit



5. In the HIGH JUMP and POLE VAULT, if the competitor has failed to return in the allowed check out time and all the remaining competitors have passed, failed, or cleared the existing height:

- The crossbar will be raised to the next height.
- The judge will automatically pass the excused competitor to the new height.



6. In the **HIGH JUMP** and **POLE VAULT**, if the competitor has failed to return in the allowed check out time and the competition continues at the existing height:

- The Head Event Judge will call the excused competitor up, in the proper competition order.
- Once the allowable time for the attempt has elapsed, the Head Event Judge will record a Failed Attempt.



(The process will continue until all competitors have completed their attempts at that height)

Note: Consecutive attempts are governed by a 2-minute time limit

- **2-minute time limit in the High Jump**
- **3-minute time limit in the Pole Vault**



QUESTIONS?

Comments?

Concerns?



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