

SECTIONAL FIELD REFEREE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES

NFHS RULE 3-10-1; “The field referee...shall have jurisdiction over all judges in the field events, shall oversee the measuring, weighing and inspection of the implements and apparatus, including vault poles; check records, and see that the field events start on time and continue without delay.”

The WIAA added the position of Field Referee in response to requests from officials and meet directors who felt that the widespread field event venues too often required the Meet Referee to be away from the track to attend to field event issues. Quite often this resulted in stoppage of the events on the track when the Meet Referee was needed there as well. The Meet Referee should now be solely focused on the running events, leaving the field events to the Field Referee, unless the Field Referee requests help in situations that are not covered by the rule book.

The Meet Referee continues to be the only official that may disqualify an athlete.

Premeet duties of the Field Referee can be found on the last page of the Tournament Information for Officials.

1. Check each field event site for problems.
2. Meet with field event judges.
3. Facilitate pole vault check-in (weigh-in sheets and pole inspection).

Appeals

A coach may appeal a decision that is not based on a judgment call. If the appeal is for a field event, the appeal is made to the Field Referee, if it's a running event, its made to the Meet Referee. If the coach is not satisfied with the Referee's (Meet or Field) decision, then the Jury of Appeals would be assembled by the Meet Referee. The outline for the Jury can be found in the Information for Officials (located on the WIAA Track Website). In the event the appeal is related to the Field Referee's decision, the Field Referee explains the basis for their decision rather than the Meet Referee. Follow the outlined procedures for appealing to the Jury, found in the Tournament Information for Officials.