

2019 Track and Field Rules Interpretations

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SITUATION 1: An athlete notifies the head event judge that he or she will be using the 12-foot foul line or takeoff board prior to jumping. The official informs the athlete that he or she must use the 10-foot board. **RULING:** Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** A competitor may change which foul line or takeoff board he or she uses during competition with prior notification and confirmation of the event judge. (6-9-5 NOTE)

SITUATION 2: A cross country invitational is using shoe chip transponders in both shoes and an image-based timing system at the finish line. The official order of finish for the race is when the torso of each runner breaks the plane of the finish line when using an image-based timing system. Following the conclusion of the race, the meet referee reviews the top 25 finishers and reverses two of the transponder times reported by the chip system based on the image-based timing system camera review. In the process, the meet referee reverses the times of these two runners to reflect the change in order. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** The official order of finish for the race is when the torso of each runner breaks the plane of the finish line when using an image-based timing system or combination of image-based and chip timing systems. (8-3-2, 8-3-4b)

SITUATION 3: A relay team appears in the clerk's tent prior to the 4x100 relay. The team is in identical red tanks and red shorts. Two team members are wearing long black tights under their red shorts and one has long red tights under his or her red shorts. The fourth runner is just wearing shorts. The clerk rules the runners legal. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** A relay team must wear uniforms clearly indicating through predominant color, school logo and color combination of all outer garments worn as a uniform that its runners are from the same team. Additionally, the visible garments worn underneath the uniform top and/or bottom are considered foundation garments. Foundation garments are not subject to logo/trademark reference or color restrictions. [4-3-1b(7), 4-3-2]