

Head Field Judge - Suburban Parochial League

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HEAD FIELD JUDGE

1. Pre-Meet Preparation

- a. The following should be provided by the Meet Director:
 - i. Official Calling Order of Events,
 - ii. Copies of all field event procedures,
 - iii. Walkie-talkies to facilitate communication with the Meet Announcer and the judges working each individual field event.
- b. Prior to the start of the meet, the Head Field Judge should visit each field event site to observe the conditions, determine that all necessary equipment is available and meets defined specifications, and to ensure that there is adequate volunteer worker coverage.

2. Responsibilities and Authority

- a. Following the coaches meeting, the Head Field Judge should make his/her way to each field event site to determine that registrations have started, assist in communicating with the announcer to issue calls for each event, and ensure that the field events start in a timely manner
- b. The Head Field Judge shall have jurisdiction over all judges in the field events, and shall have the authority to make binding decisions with respect to the “application” of all league approved rules pertaining to field events.
- c. In matters involving the “interpretation” of a rule, the Head Field Judge shall be available to provide support and guidance to the individual event judges, but is not empowered to make decisions that overrule the event judge. When a rule interpretation is questioned by the coach of an affected athlete, the Head Field Judge shall call for a meeting of the Games Committee to discuss and resolve the issue. The Games Committee will be comprised of:
 - i. The Meet Director
 - ii. The SPL President (if present)
 - iii. Other members of the SPL Executive Board (Standing Chairs of Rules, Events, and Scheduling Committees, if present), or other knowledgeable persons as appointed by the Meet Director.

Note: In the circumstance where any of the aforementioned members of the Games Committee are affiliated with the athlete in question, either as a coach or parent, that person shall be excluded from the discussion of the issue at hand.
- d. The Head Field Judge shall ensure that the event scoring sheets are completely and accurately filled out, and turned into the Scoring Table as timely as possible.

Change Brief

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Updated formatting to align with other procedure documentation.