

# S-P-L

## Discus Procedures

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### Equipment Needed by Schools Running the Discus Event

#### **EQUIPMENT TO BE BROUGHT BY THE SCHOOL RUNNING THIS EVENT ON ANY GIVEN WEEK:**

1. Have 2-3 JR-HS official size discus available for use (3 is recommended). 1 Kg weight (2-lb 3.274 oz). 7-1/8" to 7-1/4" diameter. Thickness at center is 1-1/2". Rubber only.
2. Two - 150' foot measuring tapes to mark outside line sectors, if not marked.
3. One - 150' foot measuring tape. Optional measuring stick at end of tape to mark throw.
4. Broom for keeping circle free of sand.
5. Cones – For marking sector boundaries or a distance marker. Optional for keeping contestants waiting to throw and spectators in a safe and secure area.
6. Rake if the throwing area is dirt or gravel. Rakers should bring gloves.
7. Towels to clean off discus.

**SUPPLIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MEET HOST SCHOOL:** Clipboard, Scoring Forms, Pen, Award Ribbons

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### **PROCEDURES:**

- 1) Sign Up Competitors By Group (Grade and Gender) :
  - a. Record first and last name, and school,...CLEARLY!

- b. Inform competitors that they will compete in the SAME SEQUENCE in which they are signed-up,... for practice AND official attempts. Line up athletes, as that will reduce confusion (and quicken the day).
- c. As competitors are signed up, start running the two (2) allowable practice attempts.
- d. Clarifications & Exceptions:
  - i. Competitor does NOT have to personally sign-in for event; coach or teammate may arrange it.
  - ii. Field event participants may NOT be added or changed after FIRST competitor begins event "official" tries.
  - iii. Ask whether anyone has a conflicting event: (ie, are they competing in another field event that is being run at this same time?) If so, explain procedure that allows the athlete to perform any or all official attempts out-of-sequence:

For conflicting field events OTHER THAN HIGH JUMP: The athlete should register at both field events. They should then compete in one of those events in its entirety. After finishing their throws/jumps in the first event, they should return to the second event and complete their throws/jumps in that event. Officials in both events should note the conflict on their score sheets and not close the scoring until all competitors have had a chance to complete their throws/jumps.

For conflicting field events where HIGH JUMP is one of the events:

1. Athletes competing in HIGH JUMP and another field event at the same time should register in both events so the officials are aware they are competing. The athlete/designee should inform the nonHigh Jump official that they are a High Jump competitor and have a conflict.
2. The HJ athlete will then return to the High Jump area and compete for the ENTIRETY of their event, as long as he/she is still an active competitor. Once the athlete is eliminated from competition, he/she can return to the non-High Jump event. (The High Jump crossbar will NOT be lowered for a late- arriving competitor).
3. No athlete is allowed to compete in an event AFTER all other competitors have finished unless he/she is physically present as the last other competitor finishes.

- e. To assist in running each event more timely, a volunteer working at each event should begin the sign-up process for the next scheduled group of competitors once the current competitors have begun their 3rd or final round of throws.

## 2) Discus Rules

- a. Taping of any part of the hand or fingers shall not be permitted unless there is an open wound and must be protected by tape. Taping of the wrist is permissible. Gloves are not permitted.
- b. The lines that mark the sector are out-of-bounds.
- c. The competitor is allowed to enter the circle from any area.
- d. The competitor can exit the back half of the ring or circle after the discus has landed and before the throw is marked or measured.
- e. It is a "FOUL" or "SCRATCH" if the competitor:
  - 1. fails to initiate a trial after one minute after the competitor's name is called,
  - 2. after stepping into the circle, fails to pause before starting the throw,
  - 3. fails to throw the discus from inside the circle,
  - 4. after starting the attempt, touches any surface outside the circle during a throw with any part of the body or clothes,
  - 5. the discus does not fall within sector lines. If the discus lands on the sector line, it is a foul,
  - 6. leaves the circle before the implement (discus) has landed,
  - 7. fails to exit the back half of the circle.

PENALTY: The throw is not measured, but counts as a trial.

- 8. It is no longer a foul if the competitor is not under control when legally exiting the competition area (ie - back half of discus circle) and the implement (discus) has landed.
- 9. Head Judge (who also records measured throws) observes the throw, to ensure compliance with rules, and loudly announces "Scratch" for an illegal throw; scratches are NOT measured.

## 4. Measuring

- a. "Zero" end of tape is placed at point of discus impact into pit; use impact mark nearest the point of throw.
- b. "Reading" of tape is made at inside edge of the circle at a point in line with center of throwing circle.

- c. Measure to NEAREST LESSER one inch.
- d. During process of measuring, judges shall keep all persons other than officials away from measuring area.
- e. Throws landing outside clearly-marked throwing sector are fouls.
- f. Announce each measured throw. Scratched-attempt counts as one of the three (3) allowed throws.
- g. TIE for longest throw is broken by the second-best (or third best, if necessary) legal attempt.

#### 5) General Safety Tips:

- a. CAUTION must be taken to locate safe throwing area---that will **not** allow errant discus to insure anyone.
- b. "Throwing Circle" measurements: 8-ft 2-1/2" diameter. Circumference should be marked with metal, wood, or plastic band which should not rise more than 3/4" above level of throwing circle; or, a painted line 2" wide may be substituted.
- c. Do **NOT** allow competitors to practice throws in an unsafe manner, or away from the throwing area.
- d. Discus should be handed to next thrower; not tossed.

#### Change Brief

- 2022-04-24 Updated conflicting field event guidelines
- 2015-04-21 Updated Section 2 – Discus Rules to provide clarification and up-to-date rules.
- 2013-04-11 Added cover sheet with recommended equipment.