

IMPLEMENT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR USATF SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION MEET

NOTE: ALL IMPLEMENTS MUST BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO USE!

WHEN? No less than 1.5 hours **PRIOR TO POSTED START** of event competition. See posted schedule for times, however, be aware that the 1.5-hour deadline for each event will be observed.

Implements for Friday may be checked in between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm.

Implements for Saturday may be checked in on Friday afternoon between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm as well as on Saturday morning after 6:30 am.

Implements for Sunday may be checked in on Saturday between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm as well as on Sunday morning after 6:30 am.

WHERE? Designated Implement Weigh-In Area will be in one of the metal storage buildings between the track and the throws areas.

WHAT IMPLEMENTS? Any privately-owned Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, 300-g Mini-Javelin, or 450-g Aero-Javelin that athletes want to have available for use in competition must be certified by Implement Inspectors.

Implements that meet all legal specifications will be marked as legal and delivered to the event venue in time for warm-ups.

All implements so certified will become available for use by any athlete in the competition per USATF Rule 187.10, **EXCEPT** for the Javelin, which is not susceptible to the "loss-of-identity" clause, as stated in USATF Rule 302.5(g).

Alternatively, "House Implements" should be provided for use by any athlete, especially in the case that the athlete's personal implement is impounded and not available for use.

Any implements that are **NOT** determined to meet legal specifications will be **IMPOUNDED** until the end of the competition and must be retrieved from the Implement Weigh-In Area beginning 60 minutes after the completion of the event.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES? Athletes or coaches shall submit the implement for inspection according to the stated times.

1. Prior to submitting it, the person submitting the implement **MUST** clearly identify ownership **ON THE IMPLEMENT** by initials or name of the owner and/or club; markers will be available at the check-in if this has not been done before presenting the implement.
2. The athlete or coach must fill in the appropriate Implement Inspection Sheet, writing **ONLY ONE IMPLEMENT PER LINE**. Please double-check that the correct sheet is being used!
3. An Implement Inspector will assign an Implement Number, which will be painted on the implement and recorded on the Implement Inspection Sheet **AND** on the Pick-Up Receipt that will be given to the athlete/coach.
4. The Pick-Up Receipt **MUST** be kept in a safe location because it will be required to be presented at the Implement Inspection Area in order for the implement to be picked up after the event. Pick-up will begin 60 minutes after the completion of the event.
5. All implements that have been checked-in will remain with the Implement Inspectors until **AFTER** the completion of the events for which they have been submitted.
6. In the case that more than one athlete will be using the same implement, the names and ages of all athletes will be provided upon check-in and the implement will be held until **ALL** age groups' competitions have been completed. This is necessary to avoid unnecessarily overloading the Implement Inspectors, because once an implement is returned, it must be recertified before it can be used in any subsequent competition.
7. **NO IMPLEMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM AN EVENT VENUE BY AN ATHLETE OR COACH.** At the completion of the specific event competition, all implements will be **RETURNED TO THE IMPLEMENT INSPECTION AREA** by the event officials, and the implements will be available for pick-up 60 minutes after the event. The athlete or coach who picks up the implement must present the Pick-Up Receipt in order to have the implement returned to him or her.

Thank you for reading these procedures and adhering to them. P. Frye

BE SURE TO RETRIEVE ALL IMPLEMENTS BEFORE LEAVING THE MEET!