

13. *NEW* IN 2024 Checking Out of Field Events – District & Regional

13.1. The head field judge should identify any conflicts with athletes in field events and other events. They should speak with each head field event official to notify them of the conflict. Communication should also be made to the clerking team.

13.2. The athlete may check out of the field event:

13.2.1. A) No sooner than 5 minutes before the start of their race, when time schedule used. B) 3rd call when no time schedule is used.

13.2.2. The athlete may leave to check in sooner, with the permission of the head event official, as long as they immediately return to the field event after checking in at their other event. They then can return to that event: A) At the final call when no time schedule is used. B) 5 minutes before when time schedule used.

13.3. The athlete MUST return to the field event immediately upon the completion of their running event, no more than 5 minutes after the race.

13.3.1. When athletes are being taken to the podium, the officials MUST make reasonable accommodations related to the return time and allow more than 5 minutes if needed. The Head Field Judge must help coordinate the time needed at the podium to ensure minimal interruption to the event.

13.4. The athlete will be given a minimum 5-minute rest period upon return to the event before being called up or added back to the rotation. The rest period can be extended at the discretion of the head event official but cannot be shortened unless the athlete and/or coach requests or agrees to a shorter time.

13.5. If the athlete is in two field events at the same time, the head field judge will coordinate with both events and determine the best course of action to accommodate both events. Subject to approval from the referee. This may include the use of consecutive attempts.

Note: Officials should work with the athlete's coach to identify if going out of order or changing flights is a better solution.

*The games committee has the authority to modify these rules based on site specific logistical needs after receiving approval from the OHSAA Office

Use of Video: All videotaping should be done from the designated spectator and/or coaching areas and shall not impede the view of others. Coaches and athletes may watch play-back in between trials and races in designated areas of competition, however, once the athlete is called up in a field event they must stop viewing the video. If in doubt about this rule, please ask one of the officials working at the specific event. The use of video to make officiating decisions outside of the authorized FAT system to determine the order of finish is strictly prohibited by NFHS regulations. Coaches may not attempt to show a video to a contest official or ask them to view it.