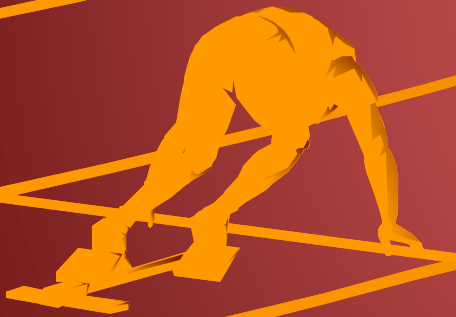


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Umpiring Track & Field



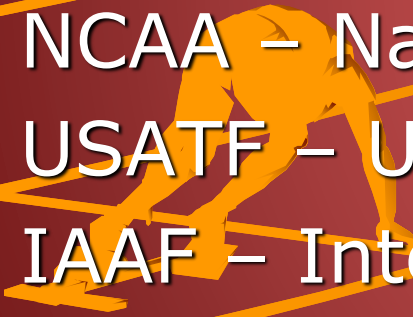
Know Which Rule Book to Use

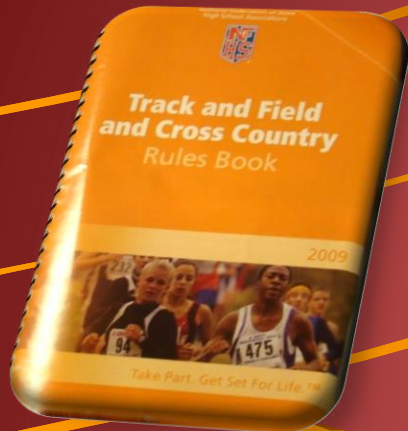
NFHS – National Federation of State High School Associations

NCAA – National College Athletic Ass'n

USATF – USA Track & Field

IAAF – International Amateur Athletic Ass'n





“In the United States there are four different rule books we have to deal with as officials, one for each of the above organizations.”

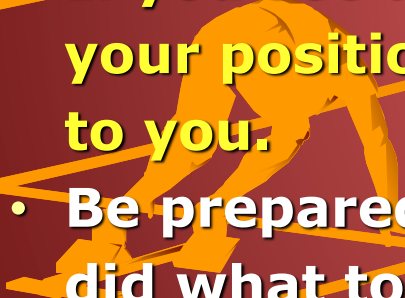
Umpiring . . .



**Umpiring is the
most
Neglected area of
Officiating in all of
Track and Field**

Umpires

- **“The eyes and ears of the Referee” Observe & report.**
- **Umpires do not disqualify athletes; they report what they see to the Referee (and the Referee makes the decision).**
- **If you see an infraction, raise the yellow flag and stay at your position until the Referee (or Chief Umpire) comes to you.**
- **Be prepared to give a full (written) description of who did what to whom and when.**
- **If you're not sure, don't make the call.**
- **If you see a situation you know is not a foul, but there may be a question, write a report to pass on to the Referee.**



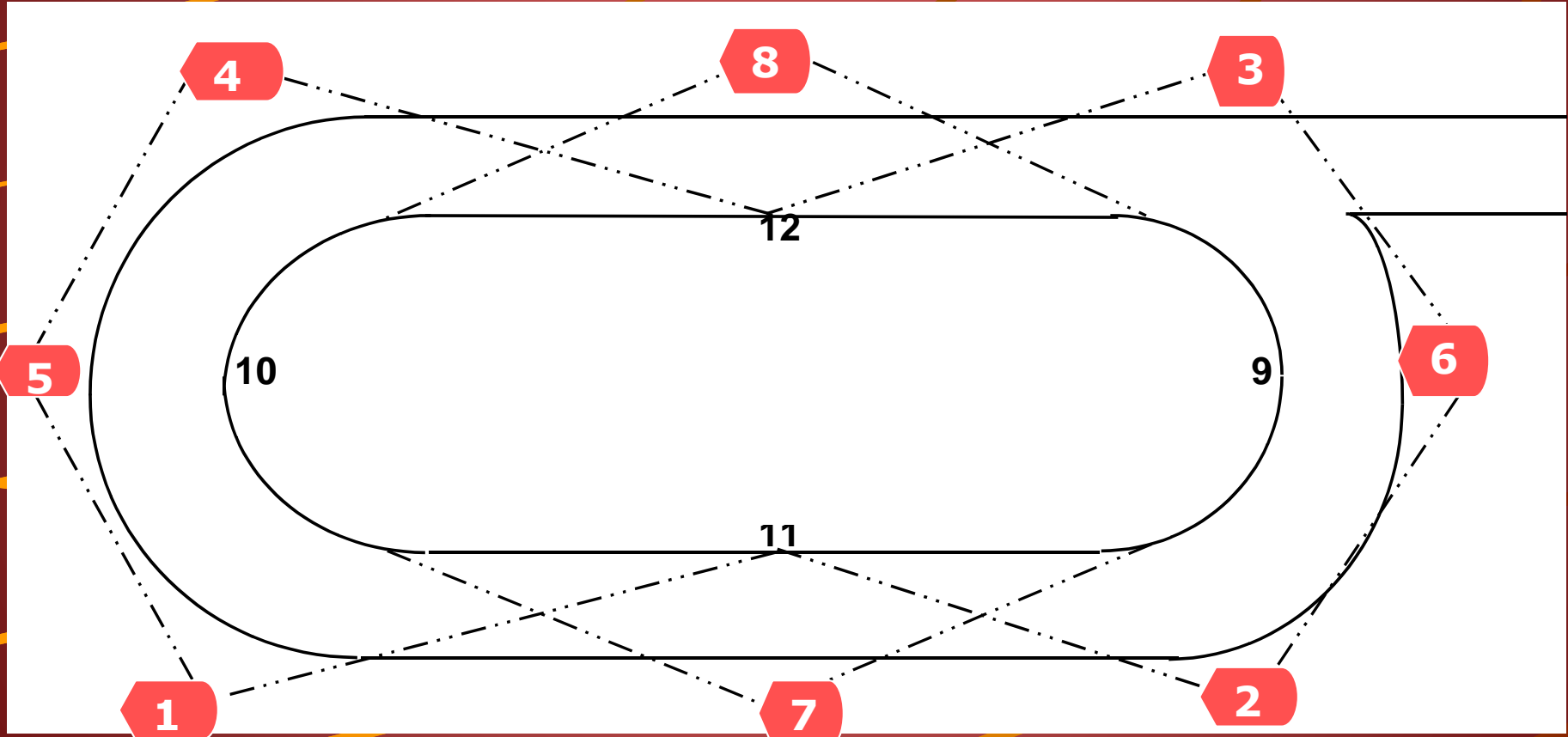
Track Events Frequent Violations

What to watch for. . .

- Impeding, jostling, veering
- Assisting
- Hurdle violations
- Relay team uniforms
- Unacceptable conduct
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Uniforms and jewelry
- Lane Violations
- Relay zone violations



Umpiring . . . Positions / Prioritized



Umpiring . . . How many

What is the "fewest" number you "need" at a track meet?

4

How many will give you the best results?

8

How many do you want at a Major Track Meet?

12

16

20



◆ Equipment For Umpires



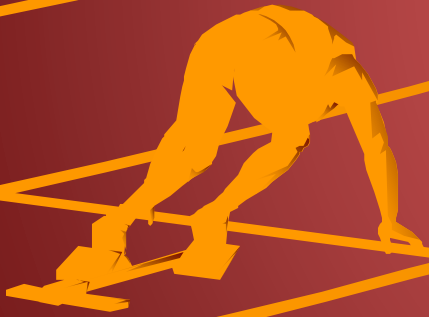
Umpire Clinic

Equipment Needs !

- . . . Clip board or weather writer
- . . . Pencils
- . . . Flags and Rubber bands
- . . . Meet Credentials and holder
- . . . Sun Block/Chap Stick
- . . . Hat or Visor
- . . . Necessary Paper
- . . . Water and Holder
- . . . Rule Book
- . . . Incident Cards



A Chair helps





When reporting an incident, keep your flag held up until the Chief Umpire or Referee comes to you for a report. If an umpire near you has a flag up, take his/her flag and hold it up so that he/she may begin to write up the incident.

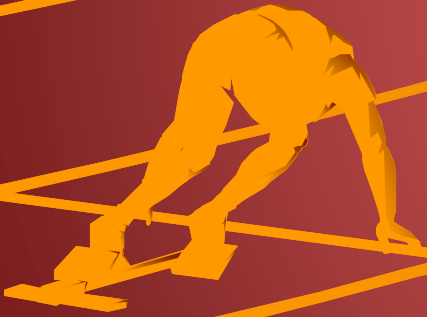
◆ Is something wrong with this picture?

That thing hanging on her pocket is not track equipment for umpires.



Umpire Tasks

Races on
The
Straightway



Umpire Tasks



Track Events Frequent Violations

- **Unstable starting and/or improper block holding . . .**





What to watch for . . .

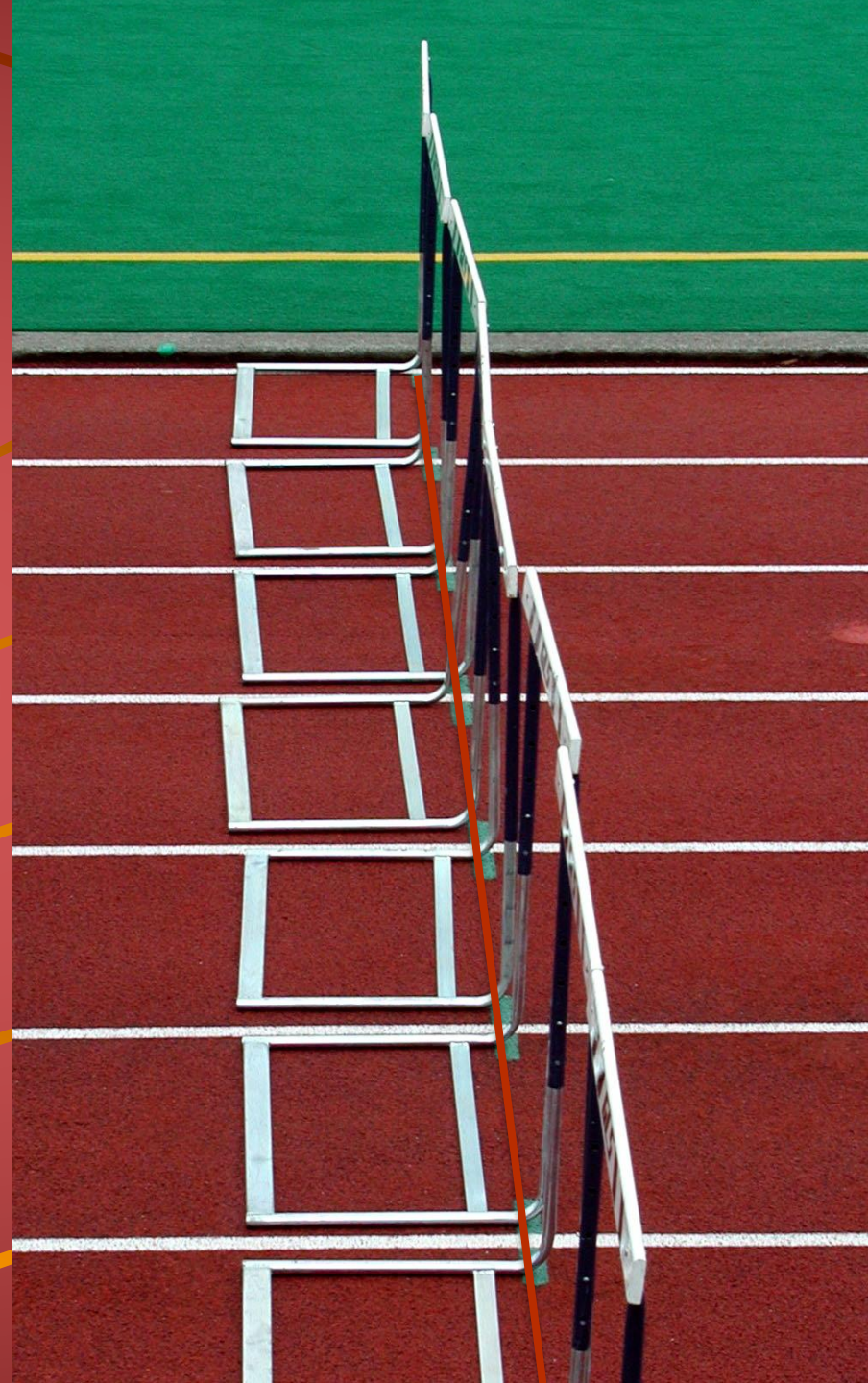


Umpire Tasks

Check
height and
placement
of the
hurdles



Getting a little
seasick??







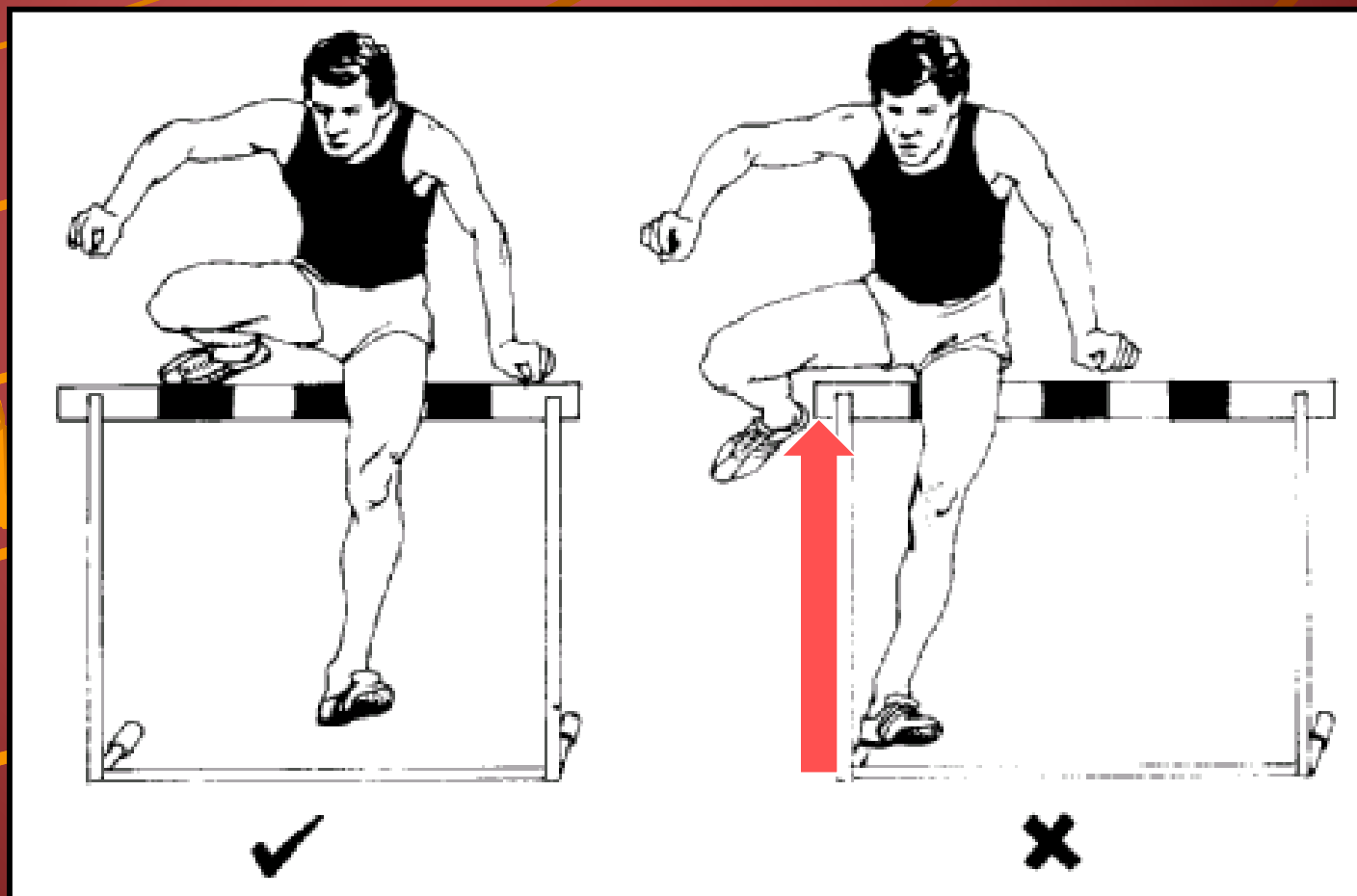
Umpire Tasks

Observe for and report if competitor fails to clear the horizontal plane of a hurdle or intentionally knocking down a hurdle



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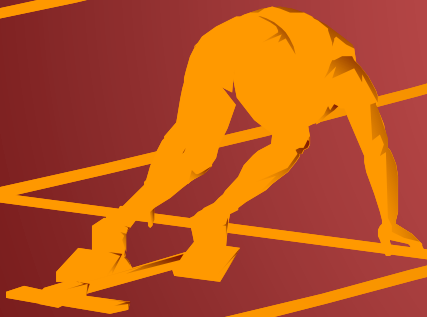


What would you call . . .



Track Events Frequent Violations

- Hurdle Violations . . .



Umpire Tasks in Oval Events



Track Events Frequent Violations

- **Other normal calls . . .**
 - Impeding, jostling, veering
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Track Events Frequent Violations

- Lane Violations – Sprinters AND Distance . . .



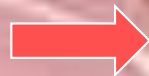
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High School
3

NCAA
2

USATF
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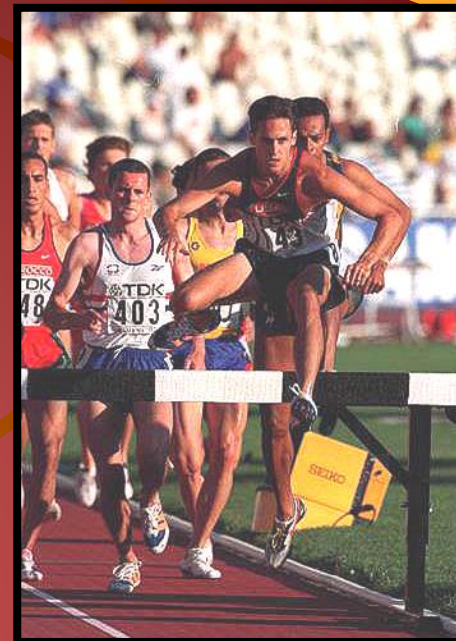


Steeplechase . . .

- Start and finish
- Place barriers on track
(Check Height)
- Observe athlete barrier clearance
- Water jump and barrier
- Other normal distance situations



Steeplechase Barrier Clearance Methods . . .





Interference

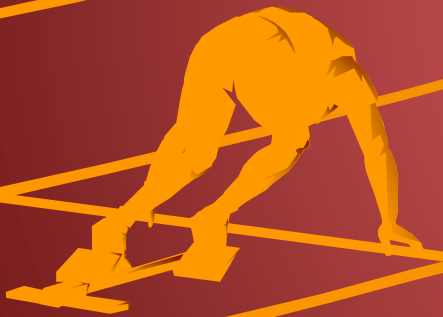


NITM ORAL ROB | MARYLAND on ESPN2

What would you call . . .



◆ Alley Starts and Break Line Cones





**ATHLETE
CHECK-IN**

**WEIGH
IN**

UCS
U.S. COACHES ASSOCIATION

MILE
3rd Split
1320 Y

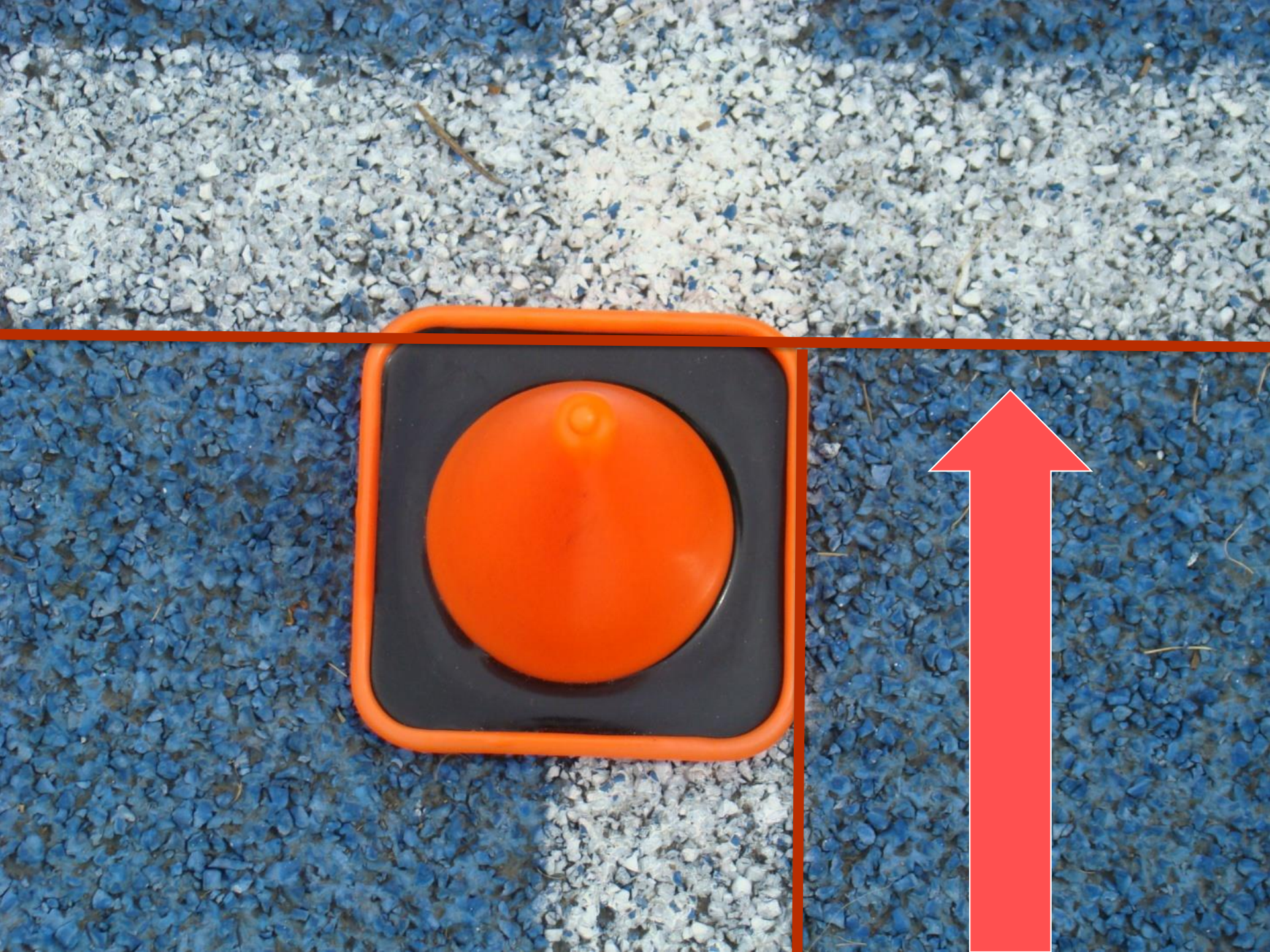




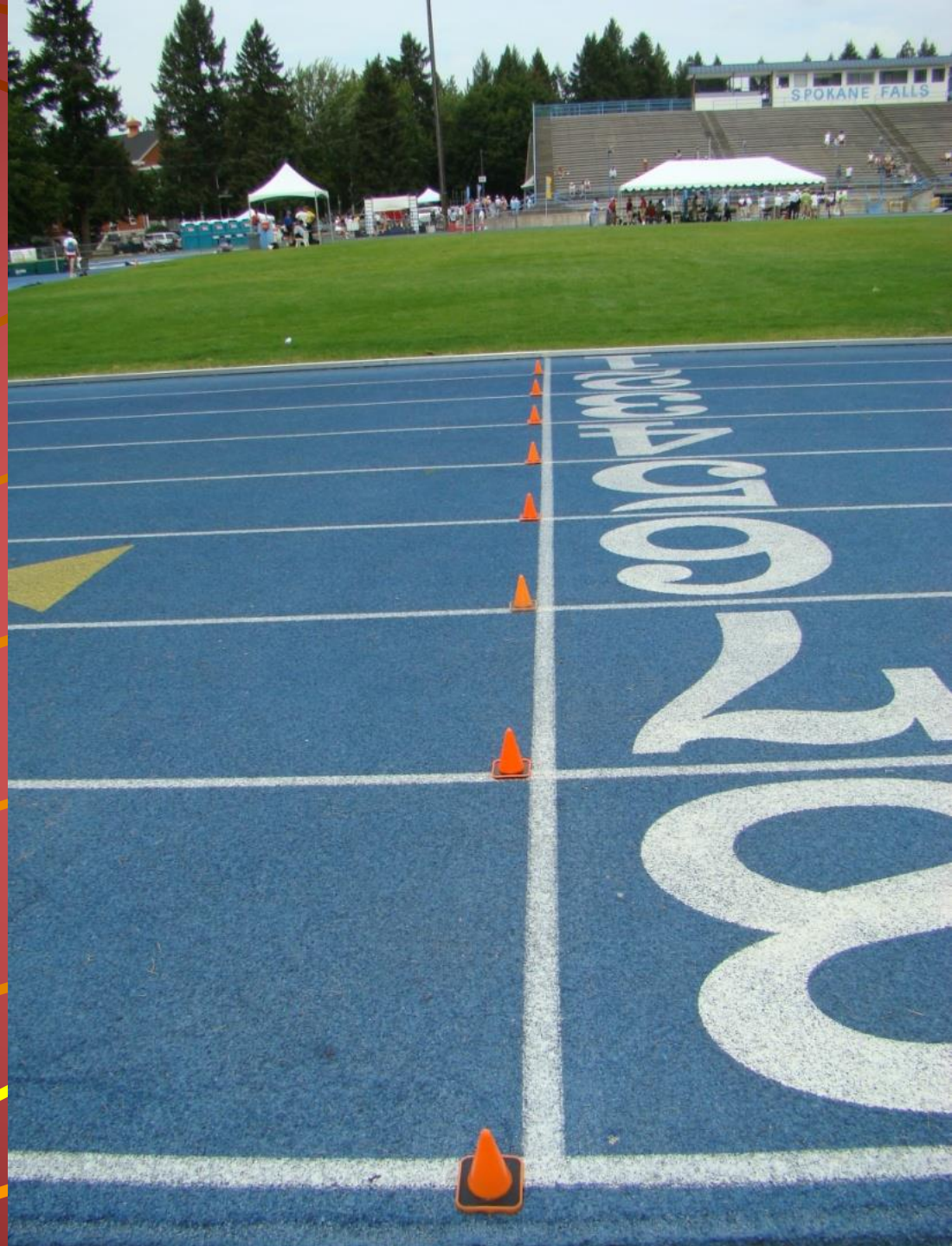
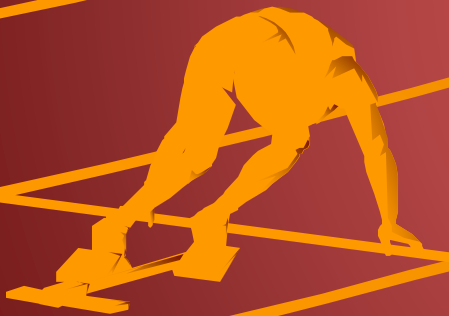


BREAK
LINE





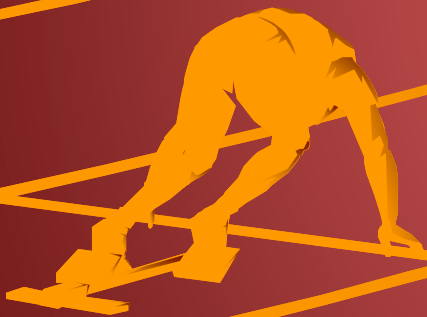
Break Line Cone Placement



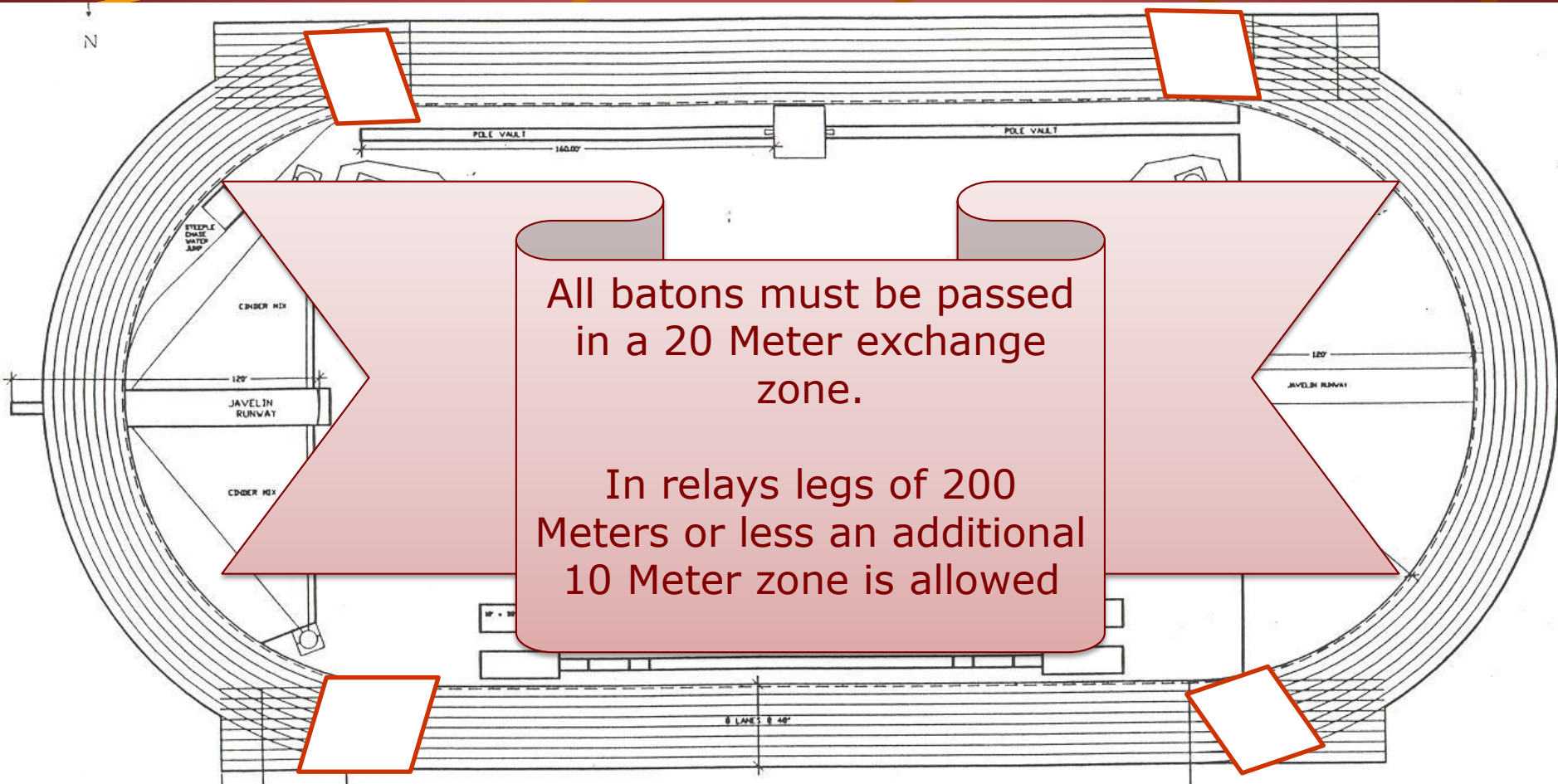
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“Officiating Relay Events” . . .

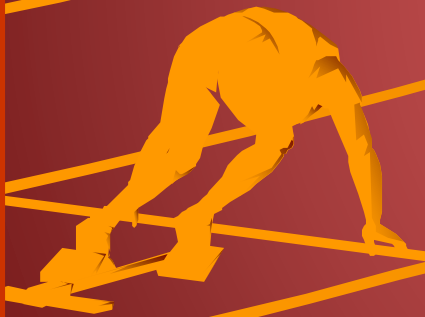


Officiating the Exchange Zones



What to watch for . . .

Fly Zone . . . (acceleration zone)



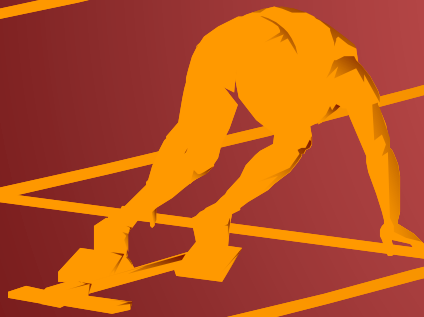




Relay Exchanges (Baton – in the zone). . .



Relay Exchanges (Baton - in the Zone) . . .





Track Events Frequent Violations

- Relay Violations . . .



What to watch for . . .



What to watch for . . .











LEASON INVITATIONAL
1116

LEASON INVITATIONAL
428

59

MARINER

867







Umpires are there to provide a level playing field for all competitors. Be alert.

The Incident Report Form

- Needs to be complete
- What event, heat, lane, hip number
- Who did what and who was affected
- Describe color of uniform, bib number, school name, athlete names
- Where did it happen
- What rule was violated
- Report is given to Chief Umpire or Referee
- Referee makes the decision to disqualify an athlete – not the umpire.

