

# EXCUSED TIME EXPLAINED

## 2018 HIGH SCHOOL RULES

### BASIC RULES

1. Changing order is only for accommodating those in other events (i.e. not for bathroom, injury, etc.) 6.2.3
2. All changes fall under the “head event judge may” concept. It is optional. It is your call. 6.2.3
3. We can’t force the departing athlete to take jumps out of order. We can only offer. CASE 6.2.3.A.
4. In vertical jumps, or prelims of throws/horizontal jumps, you may rearrange the order by any method. 6.2.3
5. In finals of throws/horizontal jumps, you may rearrange the order by any method where competitor being excused goes earlier than the spot at which he/she qualified. 6.2.3
6. Excused time limit is set by games committee 6.2.4
7. Athlete must check out. Official records check out time. CASE 6.2.2.A.a/b
8. While excused, athlete is exempt from being called up or time fouled, or having crossbar raised. 6.2.3
9. While checked out, an athlete is not called up. 6.2.3.A/B CASE 6.2..2.ACOMMENT1/COMMENT2.e CASE 6.2.2./B
10. When excused time expires, mark all deferred jumps as passes. Realistically, you will do this when they check back in and you see if they made it back in time. CASE 6.2..2.ACOMMENT1/COMMENT2.e CASE 6.2.2./B
11. The athlete with the best qualifying mark in prelims has the right to take the last trial in the event (i.e. they may choose to wait until after any excused competitors have taken all their trials.) 6.2.3
12. Coaches must take into account the limited time available CASE 6.2.2.A.f
13. Head judge may use judgment in extending the time excused under special circumstances CASE 6.2.2.A.g

	<b>HJ PV</b>	<b>PRELIMS LJ TJ Throws</b>	<b>FINALS LJ TJ Throws</b>
Checks back in with <u>excused</u> time remaining	Allow all deferred attempts. Fit them in where it works best for you		Allow all deferred attempts. Fit them in soon to minimize deviation from “reverse order”
Checks back in after time is <u>expired</u>	Mark all deferred attempts as passes...or... Reorder to move them later (reorder is recommended unless there is abuse of excused time)		Mark all deferred attempts as passes
<u>Top qualifier due up in last round</u> with another athlete still excused	N/A		Give choice of “jump now” or “wait until after others return and complete all attempts”
All attempts are finished except an athlete who has not returned still has <u>excused time remaining</u>	Wait. Hold the bar. Allow all deferred attempts if they return before excused time expires	Wait. Hold the event. Allow all deferred attempts if they return before excused time expires	
All attempts are finished except an athlete who has not returned has had their excused time <u>expire</u>	Mark all deferred attempts as passes. Proceed to next height/flight.		

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### ADDITIONAL PHILOSOPHY and TECHNIQUE

- A. You have 4 tools to choose from when changing the order:
  - 1) change flights (may be prohibited by meet mgmt)
  - 2) reorder earlier (always an option)
  - 3) reorder later (prohibited in finals of throws/hizontals)
  - 4) use excused time to defer jumps for a limited time
- B. The critical skill is researching who needs to rearrange/check out and having options in mind early on.
- C. EXCUSED TIME is to be fair to the multiple event athlete.
- D. EXCUSED TIME LIMIT is to be fair to the rest of the athletes.
- E. There can be different time limits prescribed for certain events.
- F. Officials should use their authority to rearrange the order with the goals that:
  - 1) No one misses trials
  - 2) Event is not delayed by waiting for an excused athlete
  - 3) Disruption to remaining athletes is minimized
  - 4) Violation of reverse order privilege is minimized
- G. Changing the order proactively is a separate concept from fitting them in after returning within excused time limit.
- H. While excused, attempts are basically deferred until excused time expires.
- I. A height or flight ends when all athletes present have taken all trials or passed AND all excused time has expired.
- J. Do not confuse HS and College rules. In HS, when waiting on expired athlete at end of height/flight we do not call them up and start the clock. Simply mark all deferred jumps as passes.
- K. Examples of abuse of excused time which may cause you to NOT reorder again when an athlete expires during prelims are: athlete observed goofing off when they could have easily checked back in; two athletes in same race... "A" checked back in on time and jumped while tired but "B" expired and checked back in near end of prelims.
- L. In the finals of throws/horizontal jumps an athlete may only be moved earlier in the order. However, changing the order cannot always eliminate all excused time situations. When this happens, excused time often forces an exception to "reverse order". Upon return from excused time, the official should fit in the skipped trial(s) reasonably quickly to minimize the deviation from "reverse order".
- M. The "most handcuffed" situation for an athlete is needing to leave prior to 4th round. There is no opportunity to reorder them to later and if excused time expires they lose all three jumps in finals.
- N. The "most handcuffed" situation for officials (and rest of the field) is athlete who does not speak up early and checks out prior to 3rd or 6th attempt. This will cause a delay that could have been easily avoided by changing the order.
- O. We don't grant extra time for changing shoes and catching breath if they make it back just in time. Once they check back in, they are available to be called up. If they return with a few minutes to spare, you can let them use that time to recover and not consider them checked in until expiration time.
- P. An injury to the excused athlete is not considered a special circumstance regarding extending the time excused. An injury to someone else which, for example, blocks the track while aid is rendered, would be a special circumstance due to delaying start of all races.
- Q. In general, give vertical jumpers "head of line privilege" when they check back in.
- R. In general, if someone needs to "jump now", don't pull someone off the runway. Put the urgent jumper on-deck.