ART. 3 . . . When any apparent place winner is disqualified in an event, lower place winners in that event shall be advanced to fill vacant places, unless the disqualification occurs after the event results have become official.

ART. 4 . . . Event points will be awarded to the opposing team(s) upon the determination by the referee, that the venue is unacceptable for competition. Points will be totaled and divided equally among visiting teams. The host team will receive no points.

ART. 5 . . . The score of a forfeited dual meet shall be 9-0.
ART. 6 . . . In the absence of prior mutual agreement, if in a track meet normally contested under the standard order of events (excluding "specialty" meets), the host school does not provide one or more of the events, points for each non-contested event shall be totaled and divided equally among the visiting teams. The host team shall receive no points.

SECTION 2 SCORING OF TIES

ART. 1 . . . A tie in a running event occurs when two or more competitors cross the finish line simultaneously, or when two or more competitors or relay teams running in separate sections, finish with identical times.
ART. 2 . . . A tie in the field events occurs when two or more competitors finish with the same distance or height.
ART. 3 . . . In the vertical jumping events, a competitor shall be credited with his/her best achievement if it occurs in a jump-off for first place.
ART. 4 . . . If there is a tie by any number of competitors for any scoring places, the points for tied places shall be added together and divided by the number of competitors who are involved in the tie.

SECTION 3 CORRECTION OF ERRORS

ART. 1 . . . Clerical or team scoring errors may be corrected up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the meet, unless another time period is specified in advance by the games committee or meet director.
ART. 2 . . . Correction of meet results involving a contestant who has been disqualified from further participation in the meet may be made at any time.

ART. 3 . . . Appeals regarding misapplication of the rules shall be filed within 30 minutes after the results have been announced or made official in that event. The head coach first protests to the referee. The decision of the referee is appealable if the coach still feels that the terms and conditions of competition or the application of the rules have been misapplied or misinterpreted. A written appeal shall be made to the jury of appeals, if one has been appointed. See Appendix IX in the NFHS Officials' Manual for a sample appeal form.

NOTE: See Rule 3-5 for the duties, procedures and responsibilities of the jury of appeals.

Rule 3 Meet Officials and Their Duties

SECTION 1 MEET OFFICIALS

ART. 1 . . . The listed officials for a meet may be supplemented by the games committee. All officials work under the direction of the games committee and the meet director.

a. General officials:
   - games committee
   - meet director
   - referee
   - assistant referees
   - announcers
   - custodian of awards
b. Track-event officials:
   - chief finish evaluator - (FAT)
   - clerks of the course
   - finish judges
   - finish-line recorder
   - hurdle crew and block crew
   - lap counter
   - umpires
   - hand-timers
   - timing-device operator(s) - (FAT)
   - wind-gauge operator
c. Field-event officials:
   - head field judge
   - inspector of implements
   - event judges
   - wind-gauge operator

NOTE: No official or meet personnel shall use any form of tobacco product beginning with arrival at the site of competition until departure from the site following completion of the meet.

SECTION 2 THE GAMES COMMITTEE

ART. 1 . . . The administrative body is the games committee. The games committee is responsible for the proper conduct of a track and field or cross country meet. The games committee may consist of:

a. An individual (meet director or referee) in dual meets.
b. State association appointed individuals for qualifying and final state meets.
c. Selected individuals for large invitational meets.

This committee also may serve as the jury of appeals.