

# St. Louis Senior Olympics

## Track & Field Rules

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. USA Track & Field Rules will govern all events, except as noted below.
2. In order to set an official masters record; the participant must be a member of USATF.
3. Age divisions may be grouped for the convenience of running the meet, but award will be given for place within your own age group.
4. If any participant is physically aided by another person during an event he/she shall be disqualified.
5. All races will be run as timed finals. Those requiring heats will be run in randomly drawn heats.
6. In case of a tie, USATF rules governing ties shall apply.
7. Two false starts by an individual disqualify him/her from that competition.
8. Maximum spike length shall be 1/4".

### FIELD EVENTS

1. Each contestant gets three attempts (trials) in each event. Only one fair trial is required to place.
2. Trials shall be taken in order listed on sheet. Failure to take trial when called, results in pass (failure). Only exceptions are those who request to be excused for 10 minutes only to participate in another event.
3. Competitors shall use the implements provided by the meet officials. Said implements will be certified.
4. Fouls and Weights: 1K= 2.2 pounds & 100 grams = 3.5 ounces
5. In case of a tie, the participant with the 2<sup>nd</sup> best result will be declared the winner. If a tie still persists, the 3<sup>rd</sup> best result will be determined the winner.

Shot Put: Touching ground outside of circle or top of toe board outside of circle or failure to leave by back half of circle.

- 3k for women and men 80+
- 4k for men 70-79
- 5k for men 60-69
- 6k for men 50-59

Discus: Touching ground outside of circle or failure to leave by back half of circle.

- 1K for women and men 60+
- 1.5K for men 50-59

Javelin: Any part of body breaks plane of scratch ring. Throwing javelin side arm or with spin.

- 400g for women 60+ and men 80+
- 500g for women 50-59 and men 70-79

- 600g for men 60-69
- 700g for men 50-59

Running Long Jump/Standing Long Jump: Any part of takeoff foot/feet extending beyond scratch line.

### Triple Jump

- Each contestant gets three attempts (trials) in each event. Only one fair trial is required to place.
- Trials shall be taken in order listed on sheet. Failure to take trial when called, results in pass (failure). Only exceptions are those who request to be excused for 10 minutes only to participate in another event.
- Competitors shall use the implements provided by the meet officials. Said implements will be certified.
- Foul: Any part of takeoff foot/feet extending beyond scratch line.
- Measure each trial.
- In case of a tie, the second best jump will determine the winner as per USA Track & Field Rules.

5. Measure each trial in running/standing long jump. In shot discus and javelin mark throws with flag and measure in groups as determined by officials.

6. If javelin point does not stick in the ground, the throw will be measured from the handle.

7. In case of a tie, the second best throw or jump will determine the winner as per USA Track & Field Rules.

## TRACK EVENTS

### RELAY (4x100M)

- Senior Olympic track officials will assemble teams. 100m times, when available, will be used to assemble teams.
- Teams may consist of any combination of age groups.
- Teams may consist of any combination of men and women.
- Baton exchanges will be judged, USATF rules apply.

### RACE WALKING:

No electronic devices (headphones) can be worn. Race walking is a progression of rapid steps. These rapid steps must meet the following rules.

- One foot must be on the ground at all times. This means that the lead foot must be in contact with the ground before the back foot can leave the ground. When a person loses contact with the ground, both feet off the ground at the same time, this is called lifting.
- Each leg must be straightened at least momentarily when the body passes over the supporting leg during each stride taken by the race walker. If a race walker fails to straighten his/her leg momentarily on each stride, this is called creeping.
- If a race walker fails to abide by one of these rules, then he or she may be given a caution by one of the judges. Upon the second caution during the race, the athlete will be disqualified and must leave the competition. Disqualification can also occur after the competition if assembled judges agree. Flagrant violations will result in disqualification without any cautions.

### POWER WALKING:

No electronic devices (headphones) can be worn. Power walking is a progression of rapid steps. These rapidsteps must meet the following rule:

One foot must be on the ground at all times. This means that the lead foot must be in contact with the ground before the back foot can leave the ground. When a person loses contact with the ground, both feet off the ground at the same time, this is called lifting and can

disqualify a walker.