

NFHS/NJSIAA 2010 Hurdle Infractions 2009 Rule Book 5-13 (pages 40-41)

2009 Case Book 5-13-2a-f (pages 61-62)

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Article 1 – Hurdling is a technique in which the competitor attempts to clear each hurdle by jumping or striding over the hurdle.

Article 2 – It is an infraction if the competitor

- a) Does not attempt to clear each hurdle
- b) Knocks down any hurdle by hand
- c) Advances or trails a leg or foot along the side of and below the height(horizontal plane) of the hurdle. (See Note 1)
- d) Runs over a hurdle not in the assigned lane
- e) Runs around a hurdle
- f) Impedes another runner

If a) thru f) above, does not take place (NO DQ), the knocking down of one or more hurdles does not disqualify the athlete. Competitors must attempt to clear each hurdle, PENALTY: Disqualification from the event

Note 1 – Rule 6 NCAA T&F Rules 2008 (page 75) and Rule 168 USATF 2009 Competition Rules (Page 89)

Note 2 – NJSIAA: 5-2-a, b, c In an attempt to be consistent in the application of the above hurdle infractions, Officials/Umpires who observe the infraction must have confirmation from another official who observes the same infraction, before recommendation to the meet referee for disqualification of the competitor. The meet referee, alone, when they observe an infraction can disqualify a competitor without confirmation from another official.

Note 3 – hurdle Infractions Case Book 5.13.2A Comment: Officials/Umpires may sometimes give the benefit of the doubt to a competitor if it is not clearly evident that they are not attempting to clear the hurdle. However, when the competitor consistently places their foot on the hurdle gate so as to push it over in advance of an attempt to clear the hurdle, they shall be disqualified. (Diagrams by Jim McMillan)

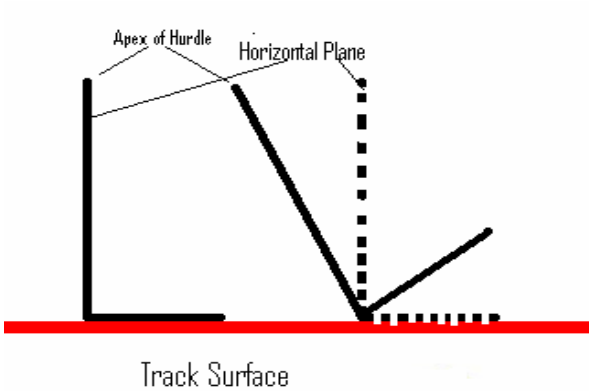


Diagram 1 (Left Hurdle)
 Hurdle at 90degree to track surface. Horizontal Plane
 at apex of hurdle.

Diagram 2 (Right Hurdle)
 Hurdle at 45degree angle to surface. Horizontal plane
 is located at same point as in Diagram 1



No Infraction - the ball of the foot is above the horizontal plane of the hurdle



Infraction - the ball of the foot is below the horizontal place of the hurdle