

## Hurdle infractions

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

Article II – It is an infraction if the competitor

- a) Does not attempt to clear each hurdle
- b) Deliberately knocks down any hurdle by hand or foot
- 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.

**PENALTY:** Disqualification from the event

**Note 1** – Rule 6 NCAA T&F Rules 2008 (page 75) and Rule 168 USATF 2008 Competition Rules (Pages 84-86)

**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.

