

## **Attachment "A"**

### **PROPOSALS FOR IAAF CONGRESS 2001 FROM N.Z.**

#### **Proposed changes to IAAF Competition Rules:**

##### **Rule 182: High Jump. Clauses 4 and 5**

###### **Existing Rule:**

4. The maximum overall inclination of the runway and take-off area shall not exceed 1:250 in the direction of the centre of the crossbar.
5. The take-off area shall be level.

###### **Proposed Rule:**

4. The maximum overall inclination of the runway shall not exceed 1:250 along any radius of the semicircular area centred midway between the uprights and having the minimum radius specified in Clause 3 of this Rule.
5. The take-off area, defined as a rectangle 5 m wide, symmetrical with respect to the uprights and extending 1.5 m towards the runway from the front of the crossbar, shall be level to within a tolerance of 5 mm.

**Purpose:** Although the intention of the existing rule may be apparent, it is poorly and imprecisely worded in that a direction cannot be defined by a point. Furthermore, the inclusion of "take-off area" within this clause results in a possible contradiction with Clause 5 which requires that an undefined take-off area be level. The proposed wording provides appropriate clarification, ensuring that no venue can be constructed to provide any or all competitors with a gradient advantage or disadvantage (Clause 4) and that the vertical lift required to clear the bar is essentially independent of the competitor's take-off point (Clause 5). To be meaningful, the word "level" requires a quantitative measure which is achievable consistently in practice. The suggested 5 mm is 1 part in 1000 over the 5 m width of the rectangle.

**IAAF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DECISION: REFERRED TO STADIA  
WORKING GROUP FOR FURTHER STUDY**