

9) Judge in charge of athletes.

10) Judge in charge of the implement stand.

Note (i): This is the traditional setting-up of the officials. In major competitions, where a data system and electronic scoreboards are available, specialised personnel are certainly required. To be clear in these cases, the progress and scoring of a Field Event is followed by both the recorder and by the data system.

Note (ii): Officials and equipment must be placed in such a way as not to obstruct the athlete's way nor impede the view of the spectators.

Note (iii): As a safety precaution it is recommended to delay handing the implement to the athlete until the landing area is clear.

Note (iv): The clock should be positioned such that the athlete can easily see it. It may therefore need to be moved for each athlete.

Rule 37: Club Throw

The Competition

1. The club shall be held at its neck and/or head with one hand only. It may be thrown either from a position facing the landing sector or from a position facing backward and throwing overhead.

The Club

2. Construction. The Club shall consist of four main parts: a head, a neck, a body and an end. The head, neck and body shall be solid and made of wood so as to constitute a fixed and integrated whole. The body shall have fixed it to a cylindrical end constructed of metal without indentations, projections or sharp edges.
3. The surface of the head, neck and body shall be smooth and have no dimples or pimples, grooves or ridges, holes or roughness.

4. The head shall be spherical or cylindrical in shape and immediately taper towards the neck.
The diameter of the widest part of the body shall not exceed 60mm and may be cylindrical.
The club shall taper regularly towards the neck and slightly towards the metal end.
5. It shall conform to the following specifications:

Club	
Minimum weight for admission to competition and acceptance of a Record	397g
Information for manufacturers	
Range for supply of implement for competition	402g 422g
Overall length (including metal end)	
Min.	350mm
Max.	390mm
Diameter of neck	
Min.	18mm
Max.	20mm
Diameter of widest part of the body	
Min.	50mm
Max.	60mm
Diameter of metal end	
Min.	38mm
Max.	39mm
Thickness of metal end	
Min.	12.5mm
Max.	13mm

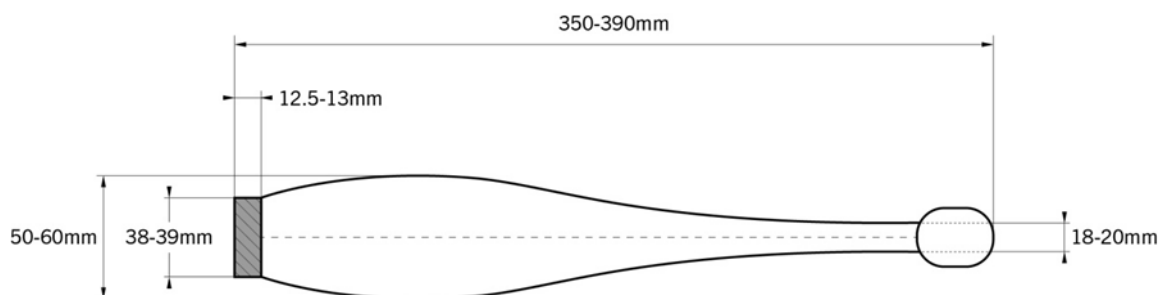


Figure 24 – Club

COMMENT: The Club Throw is one of the more dangerous events for Officials and therefore special care must be taken to ensure the safety of all Officials, other athletes and their assistants as well as media and spectators. Announcing that the implement is being handed to the athlete may improve safety for all concerned. In addition, advising the athlete that it is now safe to throw will increase the safety for all concerned, as indicated in the commentary under Note (i) on Rule 24.17.