
FieldLynx for the Palm Operating System Release Notes



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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

This document describes the new features now available in FieldLynx 2.50 for the Palm™ Operating System since the release of FieldLynx 2.00.

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Obtaining Lynx products and information

There are three ways to obtain Lynx products and information:

- Go to the *Lynx website* (<http://www.finishlynx.com/>) and click the **Products** link
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Palm Operating System requirements

FieldLynx version 2.50 requires that your handheld run the Palm™ Operating System version 3.30 or higher.

Database compatibility

Important: Databases created with earlier versions of FieldLynx are *not* compatible with FieldLynx 2.30 and higher. If you are using an earlier database with a newer version of FieldLynx, you may be prompted to delete current athlete and event databases.

Plug-in requirements

FieldLynx 2.30 and greater requires the following versions (or higher) of each plug-in:

- **Scoreboard Plug-in:** 1.50
- **Wind Gauge Plug-in:** 1.30
- **LaserLynx Plug-in:** 1.30

If you want to purchase a plug-in, please *contact our sales department* (see "Obtaining Lynx products and information").

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Updates to the FieldLynx Operator's Manual

Several items in the *FieldLynx Operator's Manual* have changed since the release of FieldLynx 2.50. This chapter describes these updates.

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Exchange Multi not required

If you are connecting FieldLynx directly to your competition management computer using a HotSync® cable, you no longer need to run Exchange Multi™. Instead, you need:

- Hy-Tek Meet Manager software, and
- the Hy-Tek Meet Manager FieldLynx module

...running on your competition management computer.

Serialynx not required

If you are connecting FieldLynx wirelessly to your competition management computer, you no longer need to attach a FieldLynx unit to a Serialynx™ unit. Instead, you need the following:

- FieldLynx 2.50 running on the Palm® TX
- NetExchange Server running on a computer on your competition LAN, and
- LynxPad™ or Hy-Tek Meet Manager running on your competition management computer.

NetExchange Server has changed

If you are using NetExchange Server on your FieldLynx network, please follow the instructions in the *NetExchange Server User's Guide*. Since the release of the *FieldLynx Operator's Manual*, the installation and operation instructions as well as the user interface for NetExchange Server have changed, making the NetExchange instructions and pictures in the *FieldLynx Operator's Manual* incorrect.

CHAPTER 3

FieldLynx 2.50

This section describes the new features available in FieldLynx for the Palm Operating System, Version 2.50, since the release of FieldLynx 2.40.

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FieldLynx result file (.LFF) format

FieldLynx, when used with NetExchange™, generates a comma-separated file on the NetExchange computer. This comma-separated file, known as a .LFF file, contains the results information for a FieldLynx administered field event.

This section describes the contents of the results (.LFF) file.

Note: For English, the feet separator (') is a hyphen (-). When the inches are less than 10 (0-9, inclusive), there is a leading 0, so the inches will always be 2 digits. Fraction of inches is expressed in decimal (.25, .50, .75).

.LFF file for horizontal jump or throw

```
event #,round #,flight #,event name,measurement system<CR><LF>
flight place,athlete ID,compete position,event place,last name,first
name,affiliation,mark,wind,mark,wind, ...<CR><LF>
flight place,athlete ID,compete position,event place,last name,first
name,affiliation,mark,wind,mark,wind, ...<CR><LF>
```

➤ **Metric sample:**

```
5,1,1,Long Jump Women,Metric
1,1250,1,1,Barnes,Megan,Virginia Tech,2.20,-2.1
2,1073,2,2,Knight,Takiyah,Saint John's University,F,-0.0
```

➤ **English sample:**

```
5,1,1,Long Jump Women,English
1,1250,1,1,Barnes,Megan,Virginia Tech,19-11,-2.1
2,1073,2,2,Knight,Takiyah,Saint John's University,19-05.75,-0.0
```

.LFF file for high jump or pole vault

```
event,round,flight,event name,measurement system,SH,<comma separated
bar height progression>,EH<CR><LF>
flight place,athlete ID,compete position,event place,last name,first
name,affiliation,marks for height #1,marks for height #2,...<CR><LF>
flight place,athlete ID,compete position,event place,last name,first
name,affiliation,marks for height #1,marks for height #2,...<CR><LF>
```

➤ **Metric sample:**

```
10,1,1,High Jump
Women,Metric,SH,1.00,1.06,1.12,1.18,1.24,1.30,1.36,1.42,1.48,1.54,1.60,
1.66,1.72,1.78,1.84,1.90,1.96,EH
1,462,1,1,Gyorffy,Dora,Harvard University,PPP,PPP
2,783,14,2,Regan,Jennifer,New Hampshire,DNS
```

➤ **English sample:**

```
10,1,1,High Jump Women,Metric,SH,5-00,5-02,5-04,5-06,5-07.75,5-09,5-
10,EH
1,462,1,1,Gyorffy,Dora,Harvard University,PPP,XO
2,783,14,2,Regan,Jennifer,New Hampshire,DNS
```

Support for USATF, IAAF, and NCAA rule changes

FieldLynx now supports recent USATF, IAAF, and NCAA rule changes.

Support for reordering competition after five rounds

FieldLynx has been modified to support:

- **USATF Rule 180 (4)e**, and
- **IAAF Rule 180(5)**.



This means that if you have FieldLynx's **Rulebook** set to *USATF* or *IAAF*, FieldLynx notifies you that after five complete rounds of horizontal jumps, then the competition order is modified in the final round. The reordered competition order is based on the first five rounds of jumps.

Support for allowing six trials when eight or fewer competitors

FieldLynx has been modified to support **NCAA Rule 6, Section 2, Article 1**.

This means that if you have FieldLynx's **Rulebook** set to *NCAA*, when there are eight or fewer competitors, each competitor is allowed six trials if one of the first three is attempted. When there are eight or fewer competitors, a competitor is advanced to the final, even if that competitor has no valid mark.

Setting the Rulebook

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 Tap to select the rulebook you want to use to govern the competition from the **Rulebook** pick list and then tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen..

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FieldLynx 2.40 and FieldLynx 2.30

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A word about FieldLynx 2.40

FieldLynx 2.40 is a minor bug fix release. Specifically in this release, the display of tie-breaker information in vertical jumping event standings has been changed. Also, in previous versions of FieldLynx, athletes with bettered heights in a jump-off for first place were not awarded the better height. This has been fixed in FieldLynx 2.40.


New features in FieldLynx 2.30

This section describes the new features available in FieldLynx 2.30 since the release of FieldLynx 2.20.

Suspended athlete time display added

FieldLynx now displays the length of time an athlete is suspended.

➤ **To suspend an athlete:**

- 1 Start at the flight sheet and tap the column next to the athlete's name you want to suspend.
- 2 Tap  to suspend the athlete. An hourglass appears next to the athlete's name in the flight sheet, as shown here. The hourglass indicates that the athlete has been suspended.



➤ **To view the length of time an athlete has been suspended:**

- 1 Tap the hourglass next to the suspended athlete's name. The time the athlete has been suspended appears.




- 2 From here, tap **Yes** to un-suspend the athlete and return to the flight sheet, or tap **No** to return to the flight sheet, leaving the athlete suspended.

Board setup information added

In the long jump and triple jump events you can now name up to two boards and select and save which board each athlete uses. You can change the board selection at any time, including during check-in.

➤ **To name two boards:**

Note: By default, the boards are named "Board 1" and "Board 2."

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap to select the event for which you want to set up the boards.
- 2 Tap . The event setup wizard appears.
- 3 Tap **Next** until you arrive at the **Board Setup** screen.

Note: Tapping **Finish** before arriving at the Board Setup screen ensures the boards are named their default "Board 1" and "Board 2."



- 4 Use Graffiti® or the keyboard call-ups to write a new board name for each. Then, tap **Finish**.

➤ **To select and save which board the athlete is using:**

- 1 Start at the flight sheet for the event for which you want to select a board.
- 2 Tap the symbol to the left of an athlete's name, as though you were going to check-in that athlete. A check-in screen appears for that athlete.



- 3 Tap the **Select Jump Board** icon at the bottom of the screen. The Select Jump Board screen appears.
- 4 Tap to select the board from which you want the athlete to jump, and then tap **OK**. When you tap the athlete's name to record his or her jump, the board you just selected is listed at the bottom left side of the screen.




Tip: To select a different board for the athlete currently up, tap the board name at the bottom left of the athlete screen. Then, tap to select a new board name and tap **OK**. The new board is listed on the athlete screen.

Ability to check-in entire round

FieldLynx now allows you to check in all of the athletes in an entire round at once, instead of checking them in flight-by-flight.

➤ **To check in an entire round of athletes:**

- 1 Start at the FieldLynx main screen and tap to select the round you want to check in.



- 2 Tap **FieldLynx** in the upper left corner *or* tap the handheld device's menu button. The **Options** screen appears.
- 3 Tap . The **Athlete Check-In** screen appears.

Athlete Check-In		
Name	Affil	Flight
X Dillon, Dana	WYO - W	1
X Ezeh, Florence	SMU - SM	1
X Goldsberry, Chant	UTAH - Ut	2
X Gremillet, Anne-La	UTEP - Te	2
X Guillen, Nancy	SMU - SM	2
X Hart, Bethany	CONN - Co	2
X Howard, Beth	MINN - Mi	1
X Joyce, Jennifer	CAL - Calif	2

- 4 An X next to an athlete's name indicates the athlete has not been checked in. Tap **All** to check in all of the athletes in the round. The X next to each athlete's name disappears, indicating all of the athletes are checked in. Tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen.

Note: Tap **Clear** to return all of the athletes in the round to a non-checked in status.

➤ **More about the Athlete Check-In screen:**

- When you get to the Athlete Check-In screen, you can also check in athletes one at a time by tapping on an athlete's name. Tapping on an athlete's name who has already been checked in returns the athlete to non-checked in status.
- When using the Athlete Check-In screen for vertical jumping events, tap on an athlete's name and then tap  to select the opening bar height for the athlete.
- When using the Athlete Check-In screen for horizontal jumping events, tap on an athlete's name and then tap  to select a board for the athlete.

Athlete jump timer added

Now, when entering an athlete's mark in the horizontal jumping events, a timer automatically starts as soon as you open the athlete menu. Notice the timer in the upper right corner of the athlete menu pictured here.



The timer continues to run until you return to the flight sheet screen.

➤ *Resetting the timer*


- 1 Tap the timer in the upper right corner of the screen.
- 2 Tap **Yes** when asked if you are sure you want to reset the athlete timer. The timer starts over from 0.

Mark conversion utility added


Now you can enter either an English or metric mark and then convert it according to specific field event conversions using the mark conversion utility.

➤ *To use the mark conversion utility:*

- 1 Start at the athlete screen.

- 2 Tap the handheld device's menu button. The **Options** screen appears.
- 3 Tap , the mark conversion utility icon. The **Convert Mark** screen appears.




- 4 Tap to select an event from the **Select Event** box.
- 5 Using Graffiti® or the numbers keyboard call-up, enter a value on the **Mark** text line.
- 6 Tap . The converted value appears on the **Conversion** text line.
Note: Tapping on the English box toggles it so you can enter a mark in metric and convert it to English.
- 7 Tap **OK** to return to the athlete screen.

Alive scoring enhancement

FieldLynx now gives you the option while setting up a vertical jumping event to stop the x-alive groups when the number of athletes drops below 10.

➤ **To enable this option:**

- 1 Start by opening the first flight sheet for the event from the FieldLynx main screen.
- 2 Tap  to begin the event setup. The Measure dialog appears.

- 3 Select a measurement mode and then tap **Next**. The Alive Group dialog appears.
- 4 Tap to check the "**Stop alive groups when there are 10 or fewer athletes remaining**" box.




- 5 Continue setting up the event. This feature is now enabled when you administer the event.

Jump-offs enabled in vertical jumps

FieldLynx now allows you to settle a tie in a vertical jumping event using a jump-off.

Note: FieldLynx administers a jump-off according to USATF, IAAF, NCAA, and high school rules.

➤ **Setting up a jump-off:**

- 1 Start with a flight sheet open for a vertical jumping event.
- 2 Tap , the standings icon. The list of standings for the vertical jumping event appear.


Note: The two numbers to the right of the screen indicate the number of attempts for best height and the total number of misses, respectively. The number of attempts is the first tie-breaker, and the total number of misses is the second tie-breaker.

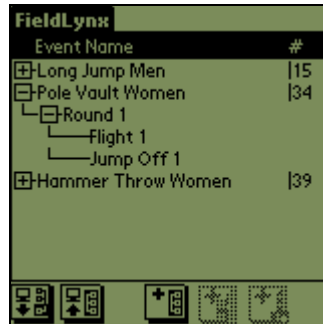
Pole Vault Women(1)			
Q	9'00.25"	Clarke	1/0
Q	9'00.25"	Dial	1/0
Q	9'00"	Lankard	1/0
Q	9'00"	Ashcroft	1/0
Q	9'00"	Krings	1/0
NH		Jackson	0/0
NH		Neary	0/0
NH		Lopez	0/0
NH		Sickler	0/0
NH		O'Hara	0/0

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- 3 *Either* tap the handheld device's menu button *or* tap the event name tab from the upper left corner of the screen. An **Options** screen appears.



- 4 Tap , the **Setup jump off** icon. Follow the instructions on the FieldLynx screen to continue setting up the jump-off. The jump-off is added as a flight to the FieldLynx main screen.




Event Name	#
Long Jump Men	15
Pole Vault Women	34
Round 1	
Flight 1	
Jump Off 1	
Hammer Throw Women	39

- 5 Tap to open the **Jump Off** flight. Then, follow the instructions on the screen to administer the jump-off.
- Note:** If an athlete in a jump-off for first place betters a height from the initial competition, the athlete is awarded the better height in the standings.
- 6 You are notified when the jump-off has concluded, and you are given options to continue with the remaining athletes, or to return to the original flight to incorporate the resolved ties.

Scoreboard Plug-in 1.50

FieldLynx is now able to send data to the Daktronics LED scoreboard.

You can send data to a scoreboard by tapping  from screens where it exists.

Note: Scoreboard Plug-in 1.50 requires FieldLynx 2.30 and higher. It is *not* compatible with earlier versions of FieldLynx.

CHAPTER 5

FieldLynx 2.20

This section describes the new features in available in FieldLynx 2.20 since the release of FieldLynx 2.10.



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Auto-off timeout option

You can now set FieldLynx to turn itself off automatically after a certain period of time. This helps conserve the batteries of your handheld device.

➤ **To access the auto-off setting:**

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 At the bottom of the screen it says, "**Auto-off after 10 Minutes.**" Change the setting to a new value by tapping the numbered text line and entering a new number using Graffiti® or the number keyboard call-up. To disable the auto-off setting, enter 0 (zero).
- 4 Tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen.



Faster measurement with LaserLynx

Now when you are using FieldLynx with LaserLynx to measure a throw or horizontal jump, you can press one of the hard scroll buttons on the handheld device to automatically take a LaserLynx measurement (see page 26 in the *FieldLynx Operator's Manual* for a diagram labeling the scroll buttons).

Note: For more information about operating LaserLynx, please refer to the *LaserLynx/LaserLynx Lite Operator's Manual*.

Ability to send results before the final round



You can now send results from FieldLynx to a scoreboard or a competition management computer after each round is completed, instead of waiting until after the final round.

- To send results to a scoreboard, tap .
- To send results to a competition management computer, tap  from an open event screen.

New USATF and IAAF rule support

According to the current USATF and IAAF rulebooks, when there are 8 or fewer competitors in horizontal jumps and throws events, valid marks in preliminary rounds are not required for advancement to the final. FieldLynx now supports this rule.



➤ **To set the Rulebook:**

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 Tap to select the rulebook you want to use to govern the competition from the **Rulebook** pick list and then tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen.

Reminder to update the remote database

By default, FieldLynx is now set to remind its users to update the remote database upon completion of every round or after a bar height has changed.



➤ ***If you want to turn this reminder OFF:***

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 From the pick list in the upper right corner, select **Database**.
- 4 Tap to uncheck the box, "**Notify the user to update the remote database after each round of throws or jumps, or a bar height change**" and then tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen. The reminder is now disabled.

Faster network disconnect



Now you can disconnect from the network quickly from within FieldLynx.

➤ ***To disconnect from the network:***

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 Tap **Network** from the pick list in the upper right corner. The Network Preferences screen appears.
- 4 Tap the **Disconnect** button to disconnect from the network.
- 5 Tap **Done** to return to the FieldLynx main screen.

Support for unicode data

Now you can set FieldLynx to support unicode data. To do this:

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 Tap the pick list in the upper right corner, and then select **Database**.
- 4 Tap to check the **Unicode** box, and then tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen. FieldLynx is now configured to work with unicode data.

Note: If you are using the Scoreboard Plug-in with unicode data, you must also *manually configure the code set* (see "Scoreboard Plug-in support for unicode data").

Serial number not required for network data transfer



You no longer need a serial number to run FieldLynx with NetExchange™ Server over a TCP/IP network.

Note: For serial database transfers, such as through a HotSync® cable or cradle, a serial number is still required. Please contact the *Lynx sales department* (see "Obtaining Lynx products and information") to obtain a serial number.

New Polish language file available

The Polish language file has been added to the FieldLynx installer.

➤ **To change languages in FieldLynx:**

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.

- 3 Select the language file you want to use from the **Language** pick list at the top of the screen.
- 4 Tap **OK** twice and then exit FieldLynx.
- 5 Run FieldLynx again. FieldLynx now operates using the new language you have chosen.

Support of Japanese Palm Operating System

FieldLynx can now run on a handheld device running a Japanese Palm™ Operating System.

Note: FieldLynx requires the Japanese Palm™ Operating System version 4.0 or higher.

New Features: FieldLynx Plug-ins

Following is a description of the new features added to FieldLynx Plug-ins now compatible with FieldLynx Version 2.20. Each description contains instructions for using each feature, where applicable.

Plug-in requirements

If you are using FieldLynx Plug-ins with FieldLynx Version 2.20, you must use the following versions (or higher) of each:

- **Scoreboard Plug-in:** 1.40
- **Wind Gauge Plug-in:** 1.30
- **LaserLynx Plug-in:** 1.30

If you want to purchase a plug-in, please *contact our sales department* (see "Obtaining Lynx products and information").

Scoreboard Plug-in 1.40

Scoreboard Plug-in 1.40 is now compatible with FieldLynx 2.20.

Foul designator added

You can now specify in the language file how you would like a foul displayed on the scoreboard. Usually, a foul is displayed with the character "F" or "X," but you can use any single character.

➤ **To learn how to edit the language file:**

- 1 Please refer to the *Language Files* quick start guide available on the *Lynx website* (<http://www.finishlynx.com/>), under **Support | Tech Notes | FieldLynx Language Files**.
- 2 While you are editing the language file, notice that the third line from the bottom reads "1, F ."
- 3 Change the "F" to an "X" or any character you want the scoreboard to display to indicate a foul.
- 4 Save the changed language file and continue following the quick start guide instructions to convert the LNG file to a PDB file and to perform a HotSync® operation to transfer the file to the handheld device. The next time you send a fouled mark to a scoreboard, it reflects your customized change.



Support for the Sony Clie handheld device

The FieldLynx Scoreboard Plug-in now supports the Sony Clie handheld device.

Scoreboard Plug-in support for unicode data

The FieldLynx Scoreboard Plug-in now supports unicode data.

➤ **To change the code set to support unicode data:**

- 1 From the FieldLynx main screen, tap the handheld device's menu button or tap . The Options screen appears.
- 2 Tap . The Preferences screen appears.
- 3 Tap the pick list in the upper right corner and then select **Scoreboard**.
- 4 Tap to check the **Unicode** box, and then tap **OK** twice to return to the FieldLynx main screen. The Scoreboard Plug-in now works with unicode data.

Note: You must also make sure you have set FieldLynx to *support unicode data* (see "Support for unicode data").

Wind Gauge Plug-in 1.30

Wind Gauge Plug-in 1.30 is now compatible with FieldLynx 2.20 and higher.

LaserLynx Plug-in 1.30

LaserLynx Plug-in 1.30 is now compatible with FieldLynx 2.20 and higher.

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