



International Race Walking Judges Evaluation Seminar

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IAAF Rule 230

The Role of the Race Walking Judge

International Race Walking Judge

- Rule 116
- Panel established by the IAAF Race Walking Committee using criteria approved by the IAAF Council
- Competitions 1.1 (a) – all the Race Walking Judges will be members of the panel of International Race Walking Judges
- Other international competitions – Race Walking Judges shall be members either of the panel of International Race Walking Judges or one of the panels of Area Race Walking Judges
- Number of Race Walking Judges varies depending of the type of the competition

Competition programme 2011-2014

- **14** competitions that IAAF will appointed Chief Judge and International Race Walking Judges
- New procedures for Assistant Chief Judges and Recorders (they should be International Race Walking Judges or Area Race Walking Judges)
- **79** possible appointments in the four year period (only Chief Judge and International Race Walking Judges)
 - 2011 16
 - 2012 25
 - 2013 16
 - 2014 22
- **Each Race Walking Judge in the new panel should have at least two assignments in the four year period**

Competitions 2011-2012

- World Youth Championships 1 CJ + 5 J Lille, FRA 2011
- World Championships 1 CJ + 8 J Daegu, KOR 2011
- Race Walking Challenge Final 1 CJ La Coruña, ESP 2011

- Race Walking World Cup 1 CJ + 8 CJ Saransk, RUS 2012
- World Junior Championships 1 CJ + 5 CJ Barcelona, ESP 2012
- Olympic Games 1 CJ + 8 CJ London, GBR 2012
- Race Walking Challenge Final 1 CJ tbc, CHN 2012

Competitions 2013-2014

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| • World Youth Championships | 1 CJ + 5 J | tbd | 2013 |
| • World Championships | 1 CJ + 8 J | Moscow, RUS | 2013 |
| • Race Walking Challenge Final | 1 CJ | tbd | 2013 |
| • Race Walking World Cup | 1 CJ + 8 J | Taicang, CHN | 2014 |
| • World Junior Championships | 1 CJ + 5 J | tbd | 2014 |
| • Youth Olympic Games | 1 CJ + 5 J | Nanjing, CHN | 2014 |
| • Race Walking Challenge Final | 1 CJ | tbd | 2014 |

Changes... After Metz Seminar and Race Walking Committee Meeting.... Approved by the IAAF Council in August 2010

- Rule 230 – Definition

Change **shall** to **must** as follows:

“The advancing leg **must** be straightened (i.e. not bent at the knee) from the moment of the first contact with the ground until the vertical upright position”

- Rule 230.3 (a) – Chief Judge

Change in the first paragraph as follows:

“In competition held under Rules 1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f), the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify an athlete **in the last 100m** when their mode of progression obviously fails to comply...”

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- Rule 230.4 – Caution

Change **caution** by **Yellow Paddle** and the text as follows:

“When a judge is not completely satisfied that the walker is fully to comply with the definition, where possible, he should show the walker a yellow paddle indicating whatever offence has been infringed.

An Athlete cannot be given a second **yellow paddle** by the same judge for the same offence. Having cautioned an athlete, the Judge shall inform the Chief Judge of his action after the competition”

Procedures Changes... After Metz Seminar and Race Walking Committee Meeting....

- Yellow Paddle

Yellow Paddle will be used always before giving a Red Card to an athlete with the following exceptions:

- An athlete obviously breaks the rule thus clearly gaining an unfair advantage compared to his opponents
- An athlete breaks the rule in the last part of the race where it is too late to caution him/her
- The circumstances in which the Chief Judge can use his/her special powers

In all the other cases, a judge **MUST** give a yellow paddle to an athlete before giving a Red Card.

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- Final Proposal
- We need one or two Chief Judge's Assistants and one or two Recorders for the World Championships, Olympic Games and Race Walking World Cup. The number will depend of the length of the circuit and/or the number of participants
- If the host country has qualified personnel to fulfil these roles, the LOC can propose them to the IAAF for their approved. If not, the IAAF shall appoint those persons and the LOC shall bear the expenses as follows:
 - World Championships and Olympic Games – Two Recorders and two Chief Judge's Assistants for a period of not more than one day before the first Race Walking event until one day after the last Race Walking event
 - Race Walking World Cup – One Recorder and one Chief Judge Assistant for a period of not more than two days before the competition until one day after the competition

Code of Ethics for Race Walking Judges



- Officiate in a consistent manner with the objects of IAAF (IAAF Constitution, Rule 3) and in total respect of the IAAF Code of Ethics adopted by the IAAF Council in November 2003... But more specifically:
- No discrimination by gender, race, religion, nationality or financial status
- Keep their technical and officiating knowledge updated and at the highest level
- To have personal behaviour consistent with IAAF standards and the responsibilities of representing IAAF
- To act and judge impartially without any prejudice, knowing that, when officiating, you no longer represent your national Member Federation
- Not work as coaches of your national team or international athletes
- No contact with spectators or team officials or other athletes
- Don't use a mobile phone, radio transmitter or device on the arena or course
- Refer to or copy any information from the Posting Board

What we can expected from you?



- Act as judge according IAAF Rules and Regulations
- Keep your technical and officiating knowledge updated and at the highest level
- Participate in your Area's Competition as Race Walking Judge
- Participate in your National Competitions as a Race Walking Judge
- To have personal behaviour consistent with IAAF (or Area) standards and the responsibilities of representing IAAF
- To be able to communicate with athletes and coaches
- **RWJ must act as judges and make decisions !!!**

Race Walking Judges Evaluation



- Not yet finished... but for the future...
- We're working in to find a fair evaluation for the International Race Walking Judges, based in their judging made at each competition and in a evaluation made by the Chief Judge.
- Also... We're working in a consistent education programme in the Level II Race Walking Judges Courses in order to prepare people for working at Area's competitions and preparations for attending Level III Evaluation Seminars in due time.



Thank you!