



WPA Rule Changes

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Abbreviations

- Advanced to the next round - qD
- Lane Infringement – L
- Competing under Protest – P
- Reserve for vacant places - Res

Simultaneous Entries Rule 5.2

- Athlete is entered into either a track and field event at the same time or two field events.
- Referee may change the order of one round of trials at a time or each trial in High Jump from the start list except for the last round.
- If the athlete isn't present for that trial, then it is deemed they have passed once the time allowed has passed.

Simultaneous Entries Rule 5.2



- This possibility exists **only for that particular round/trial** allowed for by the Referee.
- If the athlete is then not present for **a subsequent round/trial** when their competing order will be again according to the start list
- **It will be counted as a failure** once the time allowed has elapsed

Call Room Rule 5.5



- This has been re written to ensure that the rule is correctly interpreted
- Athlete's responsibility to be at the Call Room at the published time
- Referee to determine if athlete on time
- Justifiable reasons :-
 1. Problems with the official transport system
 2. Error(s) with the Call Room Schedule
 3. Illness or Injury which a medical certificate is provided signed by the Medical Delegate

Call Room Rule 5.5



- Referee can allow athlete to compete if the athlete was on time or had a justifiable reason
- If the Referee determines they were not present on time, then the athlete will be listed as DNS and this reference made on the official results.
- If the athlete is listed as DNS they will be excluded from all future events in the Competition

Bib Allocation

	Track Events	Throwing Events	Jumping Events
Ambulant Athletes	1 bib on back <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	1 bib on back <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	1 bib on breast <u>or</u> 1 bib on back
Seated Throws		1 bib on back of throwing frame <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	
Wheelchair Racing	1 bib on back of the racing chair Optional - 1 helmet number and/or 1 bib on side of the frame		
Frame Running	1 bib on back of the athlete Optional - 1 helmet number and/or 1 bib on side of the frame		

Prosthesis Rule 6.12 & 25.7



- In Field Events Athletes in Sport Classes T61-64 **shall** compete with lower limb prosthetic device(s).
- They shall compete all trials with the prosthetic device
- If they don't then the trial shall be a failure.

Rule 25.7 & 27.14

- Athletes in Jumping events in Sport Class T61-64 **must** compete with their lower limb prosthetic device(s)
- The relevant Official shall ensure Rule 6.12 is observed.

Clarification

- Rounds – what do they mean?
- Round of Trials in Field Events e.g., 1 to 6
- Round of Event/Competition e.g., a Qualification round or a final (Rule 8.3 & 8.4)

Assistance to Athletes Rule 7.4



- Athletes when viewing previous trials that have been recorded by somewhere not in the FOP
 - The viewing device or images can't be taken into the FOP **beyond the immediate area in which those providing the images are placed.**
 - To ensure a better view of the images the athlete may hold the device while communicating with the persons who have taken the images.

Warnings and Disqualification Rule 8



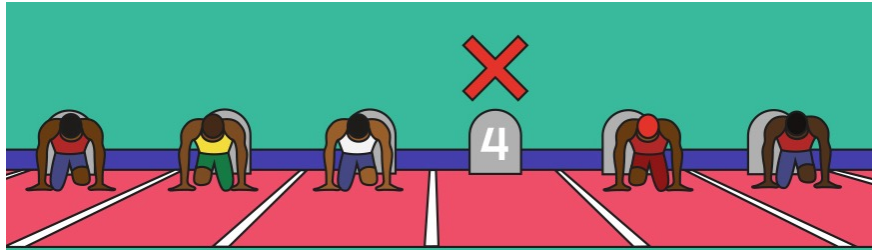
- Warnings and Disqualifications that were under Rule 2.13.5 previously are now found under Rule 8
- This rule also includes Bona Fide Participation

Wheelchair Requirements Rule 14



- Addition to the frame requirements the following has been added
- (a)..... **no part of the athlete's lower body including legs, ankles and feet** shall extend either forward beyond the hub of the front wheel nor backwards beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels.
- (d)the athlete must ensure that their lower limbs are supported by a seat, a sling or foot tray
- *14.6 Note (ii): For safety, no part of the athlete's lower body (including legs, ankles, and feet) shall extend beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres).*

No more Empty Spots in Finals Rule 21.2



For finals and semi finals in all track events, including relays

The next best ranked athlete(s) or team (maximum of two for each replacement) will be listed as a reserve

There will be no re-draw of lanes

This will be set out in the relevant Technical Regulations

No more Empty Spots in Finals Rule 21.2



Note: The applicable regulations may specify how vacant positions due to withdrawals in semi-finals and finals may be filled in by athletes ranked next following the previous round after those qualified.

- This note has been added to allow for the application of regulations for the substitution of replacement athletes where there are withdrawals among those who have qualified for semi finals and finals.

Procedures

For races –

- the next two athletes by time will be listed as Reserves on the Result sheet and are to report to the Call Room at the correct Call Room time, for either the semi-final or final.
- If an athlete on the Start list either Does Not Show (DNS), is a medical withdrawal or their equipment fails, then the next athlete that qualifies by time will be elevated to the race in the same lane/position as the absent/withdrawn athlete.

Procedures

- The next two Athletes by time after round one will be listed on the Results as Reserves (annotation Res).
- Athletes will report to the Call Room as per the schedule for the event they are Reserves for.
- Athletes will remain in the Call Room until the athletes leave for the FOP in case they are required to fill a place.
- There will be no redraw of lanes, the athletes will fill the vacant places.
- The replacement athletes will not incur any penalty if they don't show at the Call Room.

Procedure

- Once athletes have left for the FOP they will be released if not required.
- If they are required, then ATOS will update start sheet and all stakeholders will be informed.
- Reserve team declaration for the Universal Relay deadline to replicate that for those teams who qualify through round 1. There will be only one replacement team
- Where, a tie exists, having gone to thousands of a second, between the last Reserve place, to be determined by a draw.

Draw for Lanes



TOP RANKED



NEXT RANKED



LAST RANKED

STRAIGHT

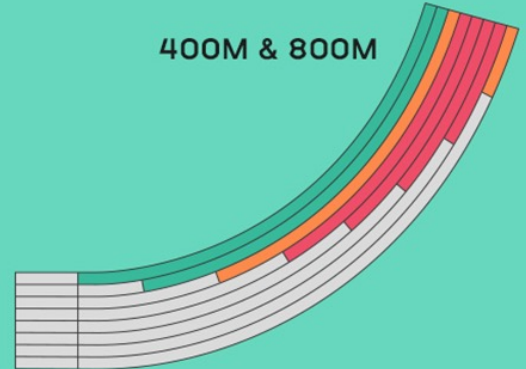


200M



Where the 800m is started in lanes

400M & 800M



Lane Draws

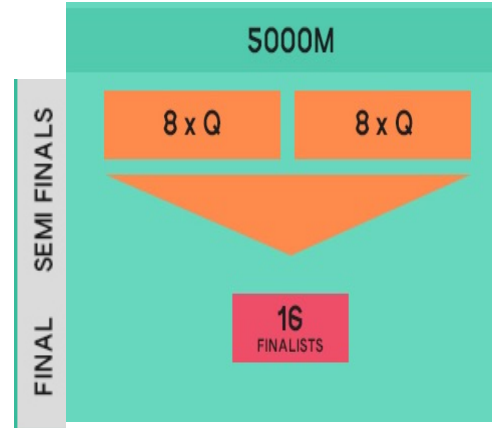
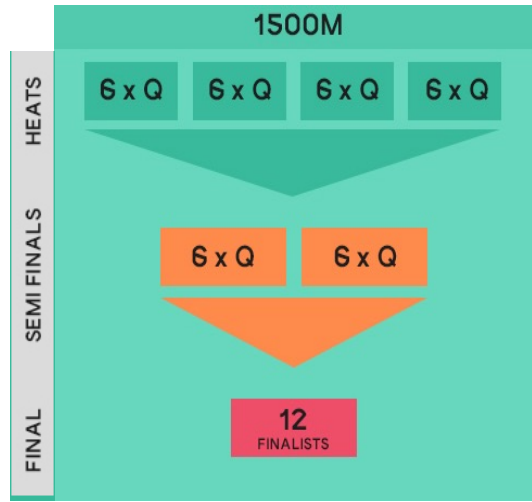
Lane Draw	1 st Draw	2 nd Draw	3 rd Draw
Straight Races	3, 4, 5, & 6	2 & 7	1 & 8
200m	5, 6, & 7	3, 4 & 8	1 & 2
400m, Relays (up to & 4 x 400m) & 800m	4, 5, 6 & 7	3 & 8	1 & 2

Lane Draws

VI Lane Draw	1 st Draw	2 nd Draw	3 rd Draw
Based on ranking procedure	3/ 4, & 5/ 6	7/8	1 /2

Qualifiers

In events of distances of 1500m or more there will now be **ONLY** automatic qualifiers



Long Jump 27.14



If the prosthetic device(s) lands outside the landing area no matter if closer or further from the take-off line then

- It is a failure

Long Jump Rule 28.1



- It's a failure if while they are taking off, **(at any time prior to the instant at which they cease contact with the take-off board or ground)** they break the vertical plane of the take-off line.....
- To clarify that including at any time prior to the instant of take off the vertical plane is broken by any front part of the planted foot/shoe/prothesis it is a failure.
- Not a failure if the plane is broken by a shoelace or something falling from the athlete eg: cap

Throwing Implements Rule 30.3



- Athletes can now present two personal implements per event
- Must be World Athletic certified
- Doesn't matter if already on the official implement list
- Is available for all athletes to use during the whole event.

Implements Rule 30.4

- No modifications shall be made to implements during the competition
- No spitting or application by any other means of human bodily fluid is allowed

Throwing Events Rule 30.14 & Comment



- It isn't a failure if a touch occurs during the first rotation at a point behind the white line running through the center of the circle.
- Nor at any time if the touch including the top of the stopboard is made by a shoelace, loose clothing, cap etc.

Seated Throws Rule 35

Vertical Bar

- The tape must be uniform except for incidental overlapping
- It can't have a sudden change in diameter eg: creation of a ring
- Rings, loops and the like aren't permitted.

Any Questions



Thank you!

