



## USATF National Officials Committee

### National Level Rules Review

#### Race Walk Judges and Race Walking Officials

##### 2011-2012 Olympiad Edition

**I**nstructions: The following review questions are divided into True and False and Multiple Choice. The rule statements have been taken from *USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rules and the Race Walk Officiating Handbook (Rev Aug 2008)*. The statements are not quoted identically from the *USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rules or the Race Walk Officiating Handbook* and are in a random order. Please **PRINT** your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided and return it to your Association Certification Chair for his/her review.

**Purpose:** This is not an exam. Rather, our goal is that every certified Race Walk official be familiar with the *current* content and location of the rules applied to USATF Race Walk competitions. This review, a part of the Committee's three-step training program (clinic, formal rules review and supervised practice), emphasizes those rules, which are basic to USA Track & Field competitions. Effective competition officials do not rely on memory alone in making decisions, when in doubt they look it up.

**Note:** This is a **2011-2012 Olympiad Rules Review** and requires the **USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rulebook and Race Walk Officiating Handbook (HB)** to complete. An online copy of the rulebook is available at [www.USATF.org](http://www.USATF.org) under Officials or from [www.usatfofficials.com](http://www.usatfofficials.com) under Rules and the 'Handbook' can be found at [usatf.org/sports/RaceWalking/officials/](http://usatf.org/sports/RaceWalking/officials/).

**SECTION I - This portion of this review requires a True or False response. If the question is partially false the entire question should be considered false. The answers are applicable only to USATF Rules.**

- T F 1. Separate Referees may be named for the Track Events and Field Events and out of stadium events.
- T F 2. The Umpire has the authority to disqualify an athlete who has violated the definition of walking.
- T F 3. For Road Records, only three judges care necessary.
- T F 4. The Starter has complete control of the competitors at their marks on the Starting Line.
- T F 5. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final and can be appealed only if new conclusive evidence is presented.
- T F 6. (HB) Look for straightening of the leg at the knee before contact has been made.
- T F 7. (HB) Proof of a good judge is evidenced by how many competitors the Judge has given red cards.
- T F 8. In Association Championships Resident aliens cannot compete.
- T F 9. When Scoring by Time, walkers of incomplete teams may have their times added for scoring purposes.
- T F 10. 5 Km Road records may be set on a course of 2,000m per circuit.
- T F 11. Judges are not required to caution competitors if they are getting in danger of not complying with the rules of race walking.
- T F 12. Photos cannot be used by a judge to assist in judging race walk violations.
- T F 13. No race walk lap scorer shall be responsible for more than four competitors.
- T F 14. In Championships, the circuit for races less that 10km shall not exceed 1250m.
- T F 15. An athlete may set and obtain credit for any number of records in the same race.

T F 16. In International Selection Competitions, the Chief Judge can disqualify a competitor in the last 100m regardless of the number of red cards the competitor has received.

T F 17. In certain circumstances, the Chief Judge may override the decision of a race walk judge.

**SECTION II - This portion of the test requires that you select the most correct answer from the multiple choices listed. The answers are applicable only to USATF Rules.**

18. The Referee of an Association 20 km Road Championships is selected by or subject to the approval of:

- a. The Games Committee
- b. The Officials Selection Committee
- c. Neither of the above

19. A race walker that has received three disqualification proposals

- a. Shall be disqualified by the chief judge
- b. Is disqualified and shall be notified by the Chief Judge of his/her disqualification
- c. May continue race walking until the race is finished

20. For track records:

- a. Five judges are required.
- b. At least half of these judges shall have National or higher certification, and at least one must have Master or IAAF certification.
- c. Both of above.

21. Walking judge's calls may be over ridden the by the:

- a. Chief Race Walk Judge
- b. Appeals Committee
- c. Neither of the above

22. In the case of a false start in a road event, the race will:

- a. Be recalled
- b. Not eligible for any road records
- c. Be timed from when the gun or starting device goes off or at the first moment a competitor crosses the start line, whichever happens first

23. In determining the placing of competitors in the finish of a race walk it is the athlete's:

- a. Head position that is considered in relation to the plane of the Finish Line
- b. Torso position that is considered in relation to the plane of the Finish Line
- c. Foot position that is considered in relation to the plane of the Finish Line

24. The Referee may disqualify an athlete from a race walk for:

- a. Violating the definition of Race Walking
- b. Leaving the course under the control of an official
- c. Receiving refreshments at places on a course away from officially designated aid stations

25. A member of the official medical staff may not:

- a. Help an injured athlete to get back on his feet
- b. Remove an athlete from competition for medical reasons
- c. Examine or touch an athlete who appears to be in distress

26. Race bib numbers issued by event organizers:

- a. Must be worn as issued
- b. May be cut to fit the jersey
- c. May be folded to fit the jersey

27. In a championship race walk the Recorder is responsible for:

- a. Keeping count of cautions as they are called out to competitors
- b. Preparing a summary of all calls made during a race walk
- c. Notifying disqualified competitors of their elimination from the event

28. (HB) A good judging practice is when:

- a. The judge has discussions with coaches during the competition.
- b. Is not distracted during the competition
- c. The judge also times the competition.

29. In team scoring for Masters Race Walking, the age group of the team is determined by:
  - a. The age group of the oldest walker
  - b. The age group of the youngest walker
  - c. The equivalent age group of the average age of the team
30. All walking events that are used to qualify athletes for further completion must be
  - a. Competitive race walks only
  - b. Events that fully comply with race walk Competition rules.
  - c. Both a & b
31. (HB) A Race Walk Judge should:
  - a. Convey information about the progress of the race to competitors.
  - b. Act impartially.
  - c. Take active interest in the times of the competitors.
32. In walks where multiple distances are contested simultaneously, such as a 30km, 40km and 50km competition, each competitor must
  - a. Declare the distance they shall compete
  - b. Provide their own personal refreshments
  - c. Limit any records to the longest distance entered.
33. A race walk course shall be certified:
  - a. Before the running of the event
  - b. At anytime
  - c. Before the entry blank is printed
34. For a race walk record set on a road course to be accepted, the course
  - a. Must be re-measured to show that the course was at least as long as the stated distance
  - b. Need not be re-measured if it was measured within two months of the race
  - c. Need not be certified
35. (HB) A judge should:
  - a. Lie down on the track or road to judge.
  - b. Make calls from a moving vehicle.
  - c. Confirm a questionable knee from the side of the body of the suspect knee.
36. When the start area for a road course is not wide enough to accommodate all walkers at the front, walkers shall be placed according to
  - a. Age-group
  - b. Sex
  - c. Seed (expected performance)
37. In Masters Race Walking, competitors should
  - a. Compete in age groups
  - b. Be given consideration by the judges for their age
  - c. Submit to a USATF sponsored physical exam before entering
38. (HB) A judge:
  - a. May not use a camera while judging.
  - b. Make decisions inside his judging area.
  - c. Both of the above.
39. The correct starting command for road races is:
  - a. Five, four, three...
  - b. On your marks, set then fire the gun or starting device
  - c. On your marks and then fire the gun or starting device
40. Road race walk and long distance record applications should be sent to
  - a. The appropriate sports committee chair
  - b. The USATF National Office c/o Records Committee
  - c. The Long Distance Running Record keeper in Atlanta, GA.



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**National Level Answer Sheet**

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Instructions: Fill out complete form. From the attached Rules Review, indicate the appropriate answer.

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NOTE 1: The 2010 USATF Competition Rules Book in conjunction with any updates is on [www.USATFofficials.com](http://www.USATFofficials.com) under Rules.

NOTE 2: The Page and Rule Number columns are for your use to confirm the answer. Only the answers will be graded.

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