



USATF National Officials Committee

New Officials Rules Review

Race Walk Judges and Race Walking Officials

2011-2012 Olympiad Edition

Instructions: Fill in the missing word(s) from the following rule statements taken from the *USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rules and the Race Walk Officiating Handbook (Rev Aug 2008)*. Although some statements provide a contact reference (e.g., “[]”) or do not complete the entire sentence (as indicated by “...”), the statements are quotes drawn from the *USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rules* in a sequential 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 Judge and Race Walk Official be familiar with and understand 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 Race Walk competitions. Effective Race Walk Judges and Race Walk Officials do not rely on memory alone in making decisions—when in doubt they look it up. Note this review is intended for Race Walk Judges and Race Walk Officials certification only. This is a supplemental review and you need to also complete the general Association T&F review to be certified.

Note: This is a 2011-2012 Olympiad Rules Review and requires the *USA Track & Field 2010 Competition Rules Book and Race Walk Officiating Handbook* to complete. The rulebook can also be found on line under [USATF.org](http://www.usatf.org) under Officials or usatfofficials.com under Rules and the ‘Handbook’ can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/resources/race-walking/>.

ARTICLE I---Championship Events and Olympic Selection

1. (Association) An athlete who has competed in the Championship of one Association shall not be (1)_____ to compete in the same Championship of any other Association. Rule 3.2 p18.
2. (Non-Championships) So far as possible, the rules for the conduct of championships shall apply to all other competitions conducted or sanctioned by USA Track & Field or any of its (2)_____.
Rule 9.1, p24.

ARTICLE II----Officials

3. (Meet Personnel-Road Events) It is recommended that there be 6 to 9 Race Walking Judges, plus a sufficient number of Race Walking (3)_____. Rule 110.7, p46.
4. (Umpires) In walking events, the assigned Umpires shall perform their duties as in any other events, but shall not be responsible for (4)_____ rules, which are the responsibility of the Judges of Race Walking. Rule 127.6, p52.
5. (Lap Scorers) No Lap Scorer shall be responsible for more than four competitors (5)_____ in the case of walking events.....). Rule 131.1, p55.

ARTICLE III RULES OF COMPETITION - SECTION 1 GENERAL

6. (Athletic Attire) The competitors must not wear clothing that could (6)_____ the view of the judges. Rule 143.1, p61.
7. (Numbers) The number bibs are to be worn as (7)_____ (cutting or folding numbers is not permitted). Rule 143.4, p62.

8. (Numbers) When two number bibs are provided they shall be worn on the (8)_____, front and back. Rule 143.5, p62.
9. (Assistance to Athletes) “Assistance”...includes pacing in...walking events by persons not participating in the event, by competitors (9)_____ or about to be lapped, or by any kind of technical device. Rule 144.3(g), p63.
10. (Assistance to Athletes) Medical personnel authorized by the Games committee or Referee to do so may (10)_____ any athlete who appears in distress. Rule 144.3c, p63.

SECTION II TRACK EVENTS

11. (The Competition) In any track event of 20,000 meters or more or in any road race, a competitor may leave the road or track with the permission and under the control of a judge or other authorized official, provided that by going off or returning to the course the athlete does not (11)_____ the distance to be covered. Rule 163.6(c), p75.
12. (Timing) The times for races partly or entirely outside the stadium shall be converted and recorded to the next longer (20)_____ second. Rule 165.7(a), p78.

SECTION V RACE WALKING

13. (Judges of Race Walking) The Judges of Race Walking shall have the sole (21)_____ to determine the fairness or unfairness of walking... Rule 230.1(a), p143.
14. (Judges of Race Walking) The Judges.... rulings thereon shall be final and without (22)_____. Rule 230.1(a), p143.
15. (Judges of Race Walking) All judges shall act in an (15)_____ capacity. Rule 230.1(f), p143.
16. (Judges of Race Walking) The Judges will serve as (16)_____ if none are assigned. Rule 230.1(g), p143.
17. (Judges of Race Walking) In road races, depending on the size and layout of the course there should be a minimum of (17)_____...Judges, including the Chief Judge. Rule 230.1(h), p143.
18. (Judges of Race Walking) Competitors must be (18)_____ by any judge when, by their mode of progression, they are in danger of ceasing to comply with the definition of race walking. Rule 230.2(a), p144.
19. (Judges of Race Walking) Each Judge shall use a (19)_____ paddle for signaling cautions. Rule 230.2(b), p144.
20. (Judges of Race Walking) When in the opinion of a Judge, a competitor fails to comply with Rule 232.2, the Judge should issue a red card. A red card is that Judge’s proposal for (20)_____ of a competitor. Rule 230.3(a), p144.
21. (Judges of Race Walking) A Judge shall record all proposals for disqualification on the Judge’s (21)_____ Rule 230.3(b), p144.
22. (Judges of Race Walking) When red cards from three different judges have been sent to the Recorder of Chief Judge on the same competitor, that competitor (22)_____ disqualified and shall be notified...by the Chief Judge. Rule 230.3(c), p144.
23. (Judges of Race Walking) The failure to give prompt notification shall not result in the (23)_____ of a disqualified competitor. Rule 230.3(d), p144.
24. (Definition) Race Walking is a progression of steps so taken that the walker makes contact with the ground so that no (24)_____ loss of contact occurs. Rule 232.2, p145.
25. (Definition) The advancing leg must be (25)_____ from the moment of first contact with the ground until the leg is in the vertical upright position. Rule 232.2, p145.

26. (General Rules) ...for all events 10 km or longer...In addition to refreshments provided by the Organizing Committee, athletes shall be permitted to provide their (26)_____ refreshments at refreshment stations. Rule 232.4, p146.
27. (General Rules) In Championships, the circuit for events 10 kilometers and longer shall be a (27)_____ of 2500m. Rule 232.5(a), p146.
28. (Courses and Conditions for Walking Events) In Championships.... The circuit for events of less than 10 kilometers shall be a (28)_____ of 1250m. Rule 232.5(a), p146.
29. (Qualifying Race Walks) All walking events that qualify or advance a competitor to subsequent events must be competitive, race walk (29)_____, events that comply fully with race walk Competition Rules. Rule 232.6, p146.

SECTION VI LONG DISTANCE AND ROAD EVENTS (Running and Walking)

30. (Course Certification) The course used for a competition must be certified (30)_____ to the running of the event in accordance with USATF Operating Regulation 6... Rule 240, p147.
31. (Finish Line Recording and Timing) False starts in road races should not be (31)_____. Rule 245.2, p151.

ARTICLE IV---Records

32. (Rules Applicable to Race Walking Events) Race Walking performances may be accepted as records only if made in competitions (32)_____ to race walkers. Rule 266.1, p164.
33. (Rules Applicable to Race Walking Events) For records.... At least half of these judges shall have (33)_____ or higher certification, and at least one of these judges must have Master or IAAF certification. Rule 266.3, p165.

ARTICLE VI SPECIAL PROGRAMS SECTION II-A Masters Track & Field and Race Walking

34. (General Rules) In all National, Regional and Association Masters Championships, there must be a full compliment of individual events, by (34)_____ -year age divisions, for both men and women. Rule 330.3, p191.
35. (Masters Race Walking Championships) Masters race walking Championships may be held at any distance 1500 m or longer and may be (35)_____ with the Open Championships. Rule 333.1, p198.

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36. (JUDGING RACE WALK EVENTS) Race Walking Judges (36)_____ for all walkers by disqualifying competitors who are not race walking within the definition (no visible loss of contact and straightened leg). P
37. (JUDGING RACE WALK EVENTS) The (37)_____ of judging remain the same at the international, national and local levels of competition.
38. (JUDGING RACE WALK EVENTS) Judging (38)_____ should be made based only on observations of lack of continuous contact and straightened knee, disregarding any other motion.
39. (JUDGING RACE WALK EVENTS) The Judge issues a caution or a red card based on a (39)_____ for a progression of strides. A decision made for just one stride is poor judging.
40. (HOW TO MAKE RACE WALK JUDGING DECISIONS) To make a judgment, look for straightening of the leg at the knee after (40)_____ has been determined.
41. (HOW TO MAKE RACE WALK JUDGING DECISIONS) A signal with the yellow paddle and the posting of red cards in championship races gives the competitor a chance to (41) _____ before disqualification.

42. (RECOMMENDED JUDGING POSITIONS) A Judge should position himself to allow a (42)_____ of the legs of the competitors.
43. (RECOMMENDED JUDGING POSITIONS) It may be necessary to move to the opposite side of the track or road to get a better viewing angle to (43)_____ a bent knee before making a call.
44. (PROCEDURES FOR MAKING RACE WALK CALLS) The primary method of cautioning is to use the yellow paddle. The Judge should: (44) 1. Make eye contact with the athlete. 2. Show the paddle so the athlete sees the infraction. 3. _____
45. (Philosophy of Good Judging) If in doubt, a Judge gives the (45)_____ the competitor.
46. (Philosophy of Good Judging) Judging is based only on the competitor's (46)_____ at that particular race.
47. (Good Judging Practices) A Judge ensures that when a competitor is cautioned, the athlete (47)_____ the paddle and/or hears the caution.
48. (Good Judging Practices) A Judge makes calls from a (48)_____ position and outside any vehicle.
49. (Good Judging Practices) A Judge does not convey any (49)_____ to the competitors about the progress of the race.
50. (Good Judging Practices) A Judge should confirm a questionable bent knee call from the (50)_____ of the body of the suspect knee.



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