

USATF National Officials Committee

Master Level Rules Review

Race Walk Judges and Race Walking Officials

2009-2012 Olympiad Edition



Instructions: The questions below are divided into four sections. Section I contains questions taken out of the *USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rules* and IAAF Rule Books. Section II contains multiple choice questions from the USATF 2008 Competition Rules. Section III contains questions involving specific meet situations at meets conducted under the USATF rules which you will be required present the steps that you will take to resolve the situation. Section IV requires you to explain your philosophy of officiating and the role of the Master Race Walk official. The USATF review questions in Section I and II have been taken from the *2008 Competition Rules*. *The IAAF rules can also be answered using the 2008 IAAF Competitions Rule Book*). Although the statements are not quoted identically as quoted in the rulebook they are drawn from the listed rulebooks. Please **PRINT** your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided and return it to your Association Certification Chair for their review.

Purpose: As a Master Certified Race Walk Official you may be selected to be a Chief official or Referee of your event or another event at major meets because of your expertise. Therefore, it is important that you are familiar with the rules of other rulebooks so that you can make the proper decision when applying the rules that will be enforced at the meet. As a Master Race Walk official you are the expert and will be expected to show leadership ability. This review is not an exam; rather, our goal is that a Master Race Walk certified official becomes familiar with the *current* content and location of the rules applied to USATF and IAAF 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 Race Walking competitions. Effective Master Race Walk competition officials do not rely on memory alone in making decisions--when in doubt they look it up.

Note: *This is a 2009-2012 Olympiad Rules Review and requires the USA Track & Field 2008 and IAAF 2008 Competition Rulebooks. The USATF rules are available on the USATF.org website. The IAAF rules are available on the IAAF.org website if you go to "Inside IAAF".*

SECTION I - This portion of the test requires a True or False response. The questions are applicable to USATF and IAAF rules. If the question is partially false the entire question is to be considered false.

A. USATF Rules.

- T F 1. In addition to the water and refreshment stations provided at the beginning and end of the race, for all events of 5 km or longer refreshment stations shall be every lap.
- T F 2. A disqualified competitor who fails to leave the track or road course is subject to USATF Rule 145.
- T F 3. The Secretary/Recorder shall record all race walking calls, Cautions and DQ Proposals and make this Summary Sheet available for posting.
- T F 4. A Race Walker that is not notified of his/her disqualification by the Chief Race Walk Judge may appeal the disqualification to the event Referee, who may reinstate them, if appropriate.
- T F 5. Where appropriate equipment is available, judges in communicating proposals for disqualification to the Recorder and D Q Proposal Board may use computer devices with transmission capabilities.
- T F 6. A Race Walk must have a minimum of five Race Walk Judges.
- T F 7. Athletes may use cassette players or radio receivers with earphones during road event competitions.
- T F 8. A false start in a Road Race Walk should not be recalled.
- T F 9. Hand times of a road race walk shall be converted and recorded next longer full second.

T F 10. A race walk course may be designated as “USATF Certified” only if it has been certified in accordance USATF Operating Regulation 6 and the Race Walk Committee.

B. IAAF Rules

T F 1. A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event is not considered assistance.

T F 2. In competitions held under Rule 1.1 (a-d & f), the Chief Judge may disqualify an athlete under specific circumstances regardless of his/her having received previous warnings.

T F 3. In events of 10 km or more, a competitor may leave the road or track with the permission and under the supervision of a judge, provided that by going off course he does not lessen the distance to be covered.

T F 4. For all IAAF Rule 1.1 (a) competitions, hand held computer devices with transmission capability may be used by the judges to communicate warnings to the Recorder.

T F 5. In all competitions directly or indirectly controlled by the IAAF, in no circumstances shall two judges of the same nationality have the power to disqualify race walkers.

T F 6. For competitions held under IAAF rule 1.1 (a-c), the circuit for a road course shall be no longer than 2.0 km, and no shorter than 1.25 km.

T F 7. Competitors may not use his/her own personal refreshments during an event.

T F 8. The IAAF does not formally recognize a world race walking records for road courses.

T F 9. The referee can warn and or disqualify an athlete for improper conduct.

T F 10. Verbal or other communication from a person not in the competition area without the use of any technical device is not considered assistance.

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.

1. 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

2. 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

3. Walking judge’s calls may be over ridden the by the:

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

4. In the case of a false start in a race walk 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

5. 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

6. 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
7. 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
8. 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
9. All competitors are responsible for
 - a. Helping other competitors at water stops
 - b. Alerting the Chief Judge if competitors run between the Judges
 - c. Knowing the check-in method
10. 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 Road Running Information Center in Santa Barbara

SECTION III - This portion of the test requires that you select 2 of the 4 questions listed below and present the steps you will take to resolving the situation. Your answers should reflect rules applicable to a Race Walking event conducted under the USATF rules.

Race Walking Event Situations

1. At the 20 km Race Walk Championships an Umpire completes a Violation Card that is handed over to the Chief Umpire. The Umpire has written that athlete #23 intentionally ran around the traffic cones set up at the far turn of the 2 km course. The Umpire writes that no Race Walk Judges observed this obvious violation of the definition of race walking. Furthermore, the Umpire reports that race walkers in the same pack as #23 complained to the Umpire when #23 ran around the turn. As Referee, what will you do?
2. During your association's Men's 10,000 meter Senior Championships on the track, three different Race Walk Judges submitted Disqualification Proposals on walker #16. You are the Chief Judge. You notified the walker of his disqualification with 300 meters to go in the race. Number 16 refused to stop. What actions do you take?
3. You are a Race Walk Judge during the Men's 50 km Championships, conducted on a 2 km out and back loop. There are no assigned Umpires. You see walker #54 receive refreshments from his coach at a place 100m after the officially designated refreshment table. What actions do you take?
4. You are the Event Director of your Association Race Walk 10 km Road Championship. A possible national record has been set. What steps would you take to determine if there was a record, and if it is determined that it is a record, what steps would you take to submit it as a record?

SECTION IV - This portion of the test requires that you briefly answer the each question listed below (use attached answer sheet):

1. What is your philosophy of officiating Race Walk events?
2. Why do you want to be a Master Race Walk Official and what does it mean to you to be a Master Race Walk Official?
3. What do you consider to be the role of the Master Race Walk Official within your Association's officiating program?



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Master Level Answer Sheet

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

Year of Rulebook Used: _____

Section I: USATF/NCAA/IAAF COMPETITION RULES (95% on Section 1)

USATF RULES

True And False Answers

IAAF RULES

True And False Answers

Table with 8 columns: #, Answer, Pg, Rule No. for USATF and IAAF rules.

Section II: USATF Rules

Multiple Choice Answers (90% on Section 2)

Table with 4 columns: #, Answer, Pg, Rule No. for multiple choice answers.

SECTION III: SITUATIONAL SHORT ESSAY ANSWERS

The official should list a few basic steps that he/she would take to resolve the situations selected. It is important that the official provides you the necessary steps to resolve the problem and his/her decision. Use back if needed.

Event Situation #1

At the 20 km Race Walk Championships an Umpire completes a Violation Card that is handed over to the Chief Umpire. The Umpire has written that athlete #23 intentionally ran around the traffic cones set up at the far turn of the 2 km course. The Umpire writes that no Race Walk Judges observed this obvious violation of the definition of race walking. Furthermore, the Umpire reports that race walkers in the same pack as #23 complained to the Umpire when #23 ran around the turn. As Referee, what will you do?

Event Situation #2

During your association's Men's 10,000 meter Senior Championships on the track, three different Race Walk Judges submitted Disqualification Proposals on walker #16. You are the Chief Judge. You notified the walker of his disqualification with 300 meters to go in the race. Number 16 refused to stop. What actions do you take?

Event Situation #3:

You are a Race Walk Judge during the Men's 50 km Championships, conducted on a 2 km out and back loop. There are no assigned Umpires. You see walker #54 receive refreshments from his coach at a place 100m after the officially designated refreshment table. What actions do you take?

Event Situation #4:

You are the Event Director of your Association Race Walk 10 km Road Championship. A possible national record has been set. What steps would you take to determine if there was a record, and if it is determined that it is a record, what steps would you take to submit it as a record?

Section III: Officiating Philosophy And Role Of Master Official

Officiating Philosophy (The Official Should Include Some Basic Reasons For Wanting To Be An Official.)

Why Do You Want To Be A Master Official?

What Would Your Role Be As A Master Official In Your Association?