



USATF National Officials Committee

National Level Rules Review

Race Walk Judges and Race Walking Officials

2009-2012 Olympiad Edition

Instructions: The following review questions are divided into True and False and Multiple Choice. The rule statements have been taken from *USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rules*. The statements are not quoted identically from the *USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rules* 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 **2009-2012 Olympiad Rules Review** and requires the **USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rulebook** to complete. An online copy of the rulebook is available at www.USATF.org under Officials or from www.usatfofficials.com under Rules.

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. The Referee is responsible for assigning Race Walk Judges to their assignments
- 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. A lapped walker may act as a "pacesetter".
- T F 7. In USATF Championships at any level, only teams consisting of duly accredited representatives of a member club shall be eligible to win a Team Championship.
- 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 than 10km shall not exceed 1250m.
- T F 15. Team Championships in race walking shall be scored by time, not place.

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. The results for fully automatic timing in a road event longer than 10,000 meters shall be recorded in:

- a. Whole seconds
- b. 1/10th of a second
- c. 1/1000th of a second

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. In a long distance race the race walker shall be disqualified if:

- a. The walker gains an advantage by shortening the course
- b. The walker goes to a restroom not on the course
- c. The walker leaves the course but reenters where the competitor left it and continues the race

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. A Race Walk Judge should make calls
 - a. From a moving vehicle
 - b. After consultation with the Chief Race Walk Judge
 - c. Impartially
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 remeasured to show that the course was at least as long as the stated distance
 - b. Need not be remeasured if it was measured within two months of the race
 - c. Need not be certified
35. 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
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. In team Championships, a malfunction of the timing system will require that team scores
 - a. Not be calculated
 - b. Be based on place
 - c. Be optional
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 Road Running Information Center in Santa Barbara



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National Level Answer Sheet

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Name _____

Home Phone _____

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E-mail address _____

<i>Street</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>

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NOTE 1: The 2008 USATF Competition Rules Book in conjunction with any updates is on 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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