



Track & Field (General info to officials)

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General

Many of you already have a long experience and some are new, possibly doing competitions for the first time, so let's help others if necessary and maintain a good team spirit, consistent and happy action, it is visible to both the athletes and the field. Sometimes the situations are hectic, but it's not worth rushing, there is always help on the field, who knows the situation and can help.

...and for those who don't know me except by name, when you come across a face like this on the field, it's me

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General observations

- This guideline is not intended to be a WA rule book, but rather a summary of tasks, operations in the field, and general matters to consider, i.e. the aim is to provide a general description of the activities of officials, regardless of the task.
- The volunteer handbook contains basic information and instructions for the competitions.
- The operating models in these competitions differ slightly from what we are used to in Finland, i.e. EA has made separate requirements that we have not implemented before, so here are a few comments about them. However, the operation itself is strictly based on the World Athletics rulebook, it is just a matter of how we implement the rules.
- Changes and clarifications to operations will also occur during the competitions and will be communicated separately to those necessary, mainly the Chief Judge, who will take them into account on the field before the next competition.
- Certain tasks require training, such as Data Entry, and training will be provided by the supplier who supplies the equipment (we will provide separate information about these when the dates are known).

Leadership on the field

- The Chief Judge leads the activities on the field and track and distributes tasks when necessary, meaning that officials primarily communicate with her or him about unclear matters
- The Chief Judge does not have final decision-making authority on the field, all decisions are made by an EA-appointed 'Referee'. He or she makes final decisions if necessary and also handles protests.
- The Chief Judge runs the practice and collaborates with the Referee.
- Depending on the task, some officials use a radiotelephone, e.g. the secretary, Chief Judge, Referee, Athletics Judge.
- The Athletics Judge is on the field for the athletes, meaning he generally assists the athletes within the WA rules and also communicates, for example, at altitude, to the secretary about the athlete's omissions. The Athletics Judge's duties therefore include assisting the athletes and answering all kinds of random questions. These include, for example, taking them to the toilet from the competition site. Depending on the sport, the content varies slightly

Field operations (basic rules) 1/3

- Please follow the schedules given to you ! ! ! (if for some reason you are late or unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can find a replacement)
- When you do not have official duties, you will not be on the indoor field. However, we hope that you will be available if we need to quickly replace officials in some sports
- We will go to the court together and leave together, meaning that after the race we will not run around the performance area but will make sure that our place is clean and sit down to wait for the sports director's instructions to leave the court.
- Remember that the competition is televised, so any unnecessary fuss should be avoided
- Leave the venue clean, but do not start carrying equipment away
- As a rule, we always sit during the athlete's performance and otherwise if there is no task to do
- No filming or otherwise socializing with the athletes on the field unless it is related to the task
- Everyone is in official competition uniforms and always has an accreditation card with them
- The rules for assisting competitors during the competition are clear: it is prohibited.

Field operations (basic rules) 2/3

- **ALL** athletes exit through the mixed zone ! ! !
- In field competition, official team picks up the athletes from the call room and takes them to the mixed zone after the competition.
- In running events, athletes are brought onto the field
- If the competition management has allowed coaches on the field, they will also be guided through the Callroom.
- Those who have been eliminated from the competition also those who have qualified will also be taken to the mixed zone, meaning they will not remain on the field to wait for the end of the competition.
- The athlete may only leave the field with an escort, the 'Athletics Judge' (e.g. to use the toilet).
- Remember to bring something to drink and something to snack on to the field, especially if the weather is hot.
- Depending on the weather, we will also ensure that water is available for the athletes, e.g. in a water canister.
- Medical care is only permitted by the organizers' medical staff, either on or off the field.

Field operations (basic rules) 3/3

- Coaches will be in the stands in their designated areas, the only exception being the front straight long jumps, where coaches may be under the stands in their designated area. (This may change)
- We have 'Marshalls' in the field to ensure safe operations and provide general assistance.
- There is a varying number of media representatives, or photographers (max. 14) on the field. They are allowed to be anywhere on the field, but their actions must not prevent or hinder the performances. Also, if we believe that a photographer is exposing himself or herself to danger, it is a good idea to mention it either to the person or to the Marshall.
- If it happens that an official misses out or has to leave in the middle of the competition, the 'athletes judge' is the fastest way to replace the official if a replacement official cannot be found elsewhere. The Meeting Manager will try to find a replacement person as quickly as possible, but the competition will not be interrupted because of this.

General notes track and field

Running in general

- Mika Vuori and Tuomo Eskola (Chief Judge & Chief Umpire) will distribute the tasks on the field and also clarify for everyone what needs to be considered in the task.
- Some tasks in the runs have already been agreed upon in advance.
- Keep a pen and paper handy so you can record more detailed information about the track violations
- As a track umpire, you can also take photos with your phone if you wish (not mandatory).
- We have a few running events that require quite a lot of officials at the moment, so in these situations, the field event officials who are available will assist the running officials. (These will be announced separately)
- Lap counting is one of the most demanding running tasks because it requires concentration for the entire run/walk, so please be careful about what you track. Mika and Tuomo will guide you on how to perform the counting.
- Transponders are in use, but lap counting is still needed for verification
- On long distances, i.e. 5000m or more, a watering point is available on the back straight.
- There is a 'Pit Lane (penalty zone)' in use during the walk.

Highjump

- Recorder and Data Entry are sitting behind the field advertising fence, unlike normal
 - Recorder (Secretary) takes care of the paper protocol
 - Data Entry takes care of the results in real time and controls the display board on the field
- During the competition, the 'Athletics Judge' represents the athletes, i.e. communicates with the Secretary/Data Entry by radio on matters concerning the athletes and vice versa
- It is advisable to have the starting heights of the athletes collected by the Secretary on the field side
- Athletes take care of when it is their turn, i.e. follow the field board, which always shows the name of the athlete whose turn it is
- If the qualification is jumped on two places, it is good to note that the raises go at the same pace, this is taken care of by the Chief Judge/Referee
- The user of the performance clock must have a yellow flag, which he raises to inform the athlete that there is 15 seconds left in the performance time (holding it up for 15 seconds) and when 15 seconds have passed and the athlete has not yet start a red flag will be raised.

Longjump & triplejump

- Recorder and Data Entry sit on the field
 - Recorder takes care of the paper protocol
 - Data Entry takes care of the results in real time and controls the display board on the field
- There are no officials near the take-off board, only the official take-off board camera and possibly the TV's own camera, as well as a 'light pole' that indicates whether the performance has been approved.
- 'The 'Virtual Flag' user is outside the field in the stands
- The 'Virtual Flag' also controls the take-off board camera on the field and monitors whether the athlete leaves the landing area according to the rules.
- The field has its own screen for jumpers to see their performance.
- For overstepped jumps, the levelling officials must be careful when the landing point is covered, because the jumper may file a protest ! !
- The Chief Judge is responsible for the time clock and the yellow flag.

Shot put

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- During the competition, the 'Athletics Judge' represents the athletes, i.e. communicates with the Secretary/Data Entry by radio on matters concerning the athletes and vice versa
- A return chute is used
- The user of the performance clock also monitors the validity of the performance
- The user of the performance clock must have a yellow flag, which he raises to inform the athlete that there is 15 seconds left in the performance time (holding it up for 15 seconds) and when 15 seconds have passed and the athlete has not yet start a red flag will be raised
- 'The 'Implement stand' receives the balls from the return chute, ensures their cleanliness and keeps records of the implement/athlete (using the same papers as the secretary)

Hammer & Discus

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 - Data Entry takes care of the results in real time and controls the display board on the field
- Return truck used for return
- During the competition, the 'Athletics Judge' represents the athletes, i.e. communicates by radio with the Secretary/Data Entry on matters concerning the athletes and vice versa.
- Prisma users are located in different sub-sectors
- The user of the performance clock also monitors the validity of the performance and adjusts the network in the hammer.

Javelin

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Pole vault

- here is no abnormal activity in pole vault
- In the qualifiers, care is taken that both places progress at approximately the same pace
- To be agreed upon who will ensure that the time clock always shows the correct time (Time, Recorder or Chief Judge)
- Once the time clock has been started, the distances will no longer be changed!



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