

3. Place Judges

3.1 Positioning

- i. The Place Judges must always operate from the same side of the track, preferably from the inside.
- ii. They should be placed on elevated platform at least 5m away from, and in line with, the finish line.

(See photograph 'Place Judges')

3.2 Judging

- i. A Chief Judge will be appointed and will be responsible for allocating Place Judges for all placings.
- ii. Sufficient judges shall be appointed for the number of competitors entered. E.g. 9 athletes 10 judges.
- iii. Place Judges shall:
 - a. Decide the order in which the competitors finish.
 - b. Write down the lane number of the competitor they are placing. These numbers must be written down without the Judge taking their eyes off the finishers.
 - c. Act independently from one another i.e. not discuss placing.
- iv. The competitors shall be placed in the order in which any part of the torso (ie. "Torso", as distinct from the head, neck, arms, legs, hands or feet) reaches the line across the track. Many competitors employ the "dip" finish in which the body is dipped forward just before reaching the tape. They must be sure that in this case the torso has reached the line, not merely the head (IAAF 164.3).

3.3 The Chief Judge

- i. The Chief Judge will ensure that all competitors have been placed prior to advising the competitors' of their placing.
- ii. In any case where they cannot arrive at a decision the Chief Judge shall refer the matter to the Track Referee for decision (IAAF 125.2).

The Chief Judge will notify the Chief Timekeeper when all Judges are ready for the next event.