

5. Track Referee

5.1 Appointment

A separate Referee shall be appointed for the track.

5.2 Responsibilities

- i. It shall be the responsibility of the Referee:
 - a. See that the rules are observed and explained to the competitors.
 - b. Decide any technical points which arise during the meeting, and for which provision has not been made in the rules.
 - c. Order re-runs of track events (involving only those athletes whose positions are in dispute).
 - d. Check the final result.
 - e. Deal with any disputes/protests.
 - f. Verify records.
- ii. They should be satisfied as to the markings on the track (stagers, take-over zones etc). It is not part of the Referee's duty to check these personally (this will be done by the Carnival Manager) but they should ensure that it has been done.
- iii. To confer with the Chief Walk Judge and indicate any athletes who are to be disqualified for track infringements before walk results are finalised.
- iv. They shall have jurisdiction to decide placing's in a race only when the Judges of the disputed place or places are unable to arrive at a decision (IAAF 124.2).

Note

- i. They should be in a position to watch the whole race in case of obstruction, infringement or interference on the part of any competitor.
- ii. They should ensure that photographers or other unauthorised persons do not hamper the work of the Place Judges and Timekeepers at the finish. If possible the area should be roped off.

Further Reading - IAAF 124, 146, 163, 167.

6. Umpires

6.1 Duties

- i They are assistants to the Track Referee without the power to make any final decisions (IAAF 126.1).
- ii The Track Referee positions them so that they can watch the competition clearly to observe a foul or violation of the rules by any competitor or other person, other than walking rules (IAAF 126.2).
- iii They should not speak to competitors.
(Refer photograph 'Umpires')

6.2 Responsibilities

- i The Umpires will be responsible for detecting:
 - a. Deliberate impedance or interference.
 - b. Competitors who leave their lane, the track or the course.
 - c. Athletes who merge prior to the break-out line.
 - d. Competitors who cut corners.
- ii Should they observe any violation of the rules, they must immediately signal (with a yellow flag) and make a report to the Track Referee. This includes the supervision of take-over points in relay races (IAAF 126.4 & 162.3).
- iii If they observe that a runner has run in a different lane from their own, the Umpire should immediately mark the track with suitable material where the runner ran outside their lane (IAAF 126.4).
- iv If the Track Referee is satisfied, on the report of an Umpire that a competitor has deliberately run outside their lane, the Referee shall disqualify the competitor. If, however, the Track Referee considers such action was unintentional they may at their discretion, not disqualify the competitor if in their opinion no material advantage was obtained or interference caused.
- v In relay races they will indicate to the Referee that the baton changes were correct with a white flag or incorrect with a yellow flag.

Further Reading IAAF 126, 163