

Roles of the Officials as per 2012 – 2013 IAAF Rulebook:

Competition Director (RULE 121, page 119)

The Competition Director shall plan the technical organisation of a competition in cooperation with the Technical Delegate(s), where applicable, ensure that this plan is accomplished and resolve any technical problems together with the Technical Delegate(s). He shall direct the interaction between the participants in the competition and, through the communication system, shall be in contact with all key officials.

Meeting Manager (RULE 122, page 119-120)

The Meeting Manager shall be responsible for the correct conduct of the Competition. He shall check that all officials have reported for duty, appoint substitutes when necessary and have authority to remove from duty any official who is not abiding by the Rules. In cooperation with the appointed Marshal, he shall arrange that only authorised persons are allowed in the centre of the arena.

Note: For competitions of longer than four hours or over more than one day, it is recommended that the Meeting Manager has an adequate number of Assistant Meeting Managers.

Technical Manager (RULE 123, page 120)

The Technical Manager shall be responsible for:

- a) ensuring that the track, runways, circles, arcs, sectors, landing areas for Field Events and all equipment and implements are in accordance with the Rules.
- b) the placement and removal of equipment and implements according to the technical organisational plan for the competition as approved by the Technical Delegates.
- c) ensuring the technical presentation of the competition areas is in accordance with such plan.
- d) checking and marking any personal implements permitted for the competition according to Rule 187.2.
- e) ensuring that he has received the necessary certification under Rule 135 before the competition.

Event Presentation Manager (RULE 124, page 120)

The Event Presentation Manager shall plan, in conjunction with the Competition Director, the event presentation arrangements for a competition, in cooperation with the Organisational and Technical Delegate(s), as and where applicable. He shall ensure that the plan is accomplished, resolving any relevant problems together with the Competition Director and the relevant Delegate(s). He shall also direct the interaction between the members of the event presentation team, using the communication system to be in contact with each of them.

Referees (RULE 125, page 120-122)

1. One (or more) Referee(s), as appropriate, shall be appointed for the Call Room, for Track Events, for Field Events, for Combined Events and for Running and Race Walking Events outside the stadium.

The Referees for Track Events and for events outside the stadium shall have no jurisdiction over matters within the responsibilities of the Chief Judge of Race Walking events.

2. Referees shall ensure that the Rules (and applicable Technical Regulations) are observed and shall decide upon any matters which arise during the competition (including in the Warm-up Area, Call Room and, after the competition, up to and including the Victory Ceremony) and for which provision has not been made in these Rules (or any applicable Technical Regulations).

In case of a disciplinary matter, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition site. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.

The respective Referees for Track Events and for events outside the stadium shall have jurisdiction to decide placings in a race only when the Judges of the disputed place(s) are unable to arrive at a decision.

The relevant Track Referee has the power to decide on any facts related to the starts if he does not agree with the decisions made by the start team except in the cases when it regards a false start detected by an IAAF approved false start control apparatus, unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the apparatus is obviously inaccurate.

A Track Referee appointed to oversee the starts is designated the Start Referee. The Referee shall not act as a Judge or Umpire but may take any action or decision according to the Rules based on his own observations.

3. The appropriate Referee shall check all final results, shall deal with any disputed points and, in conjunction with the Measurement Judge (Scientific) where appointed, shall supervise the measurements of Record performances. At the conclusion of each event, the result card shall be completed immediately, signed by the appropriate Referee and conveyed to the Competition Secretary.

4. The appropriate Referee shall rule on any protest or objection regarding the conduct of the competition, including any matter arising in the Call Room.

5. He shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper manner. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card and communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.

6. The Referee may reconsider a decision (whether made in the first instance or in considering a protest) on the basis of any available evidence, provided the new decision is still applicable. Normally, such re-consideration may be undertaken only prior to the Victory Ceremony for the relevant event or any applicable decision by the Jury of Appeal.

7. If, in the opinion of the appropriate Referee, circumstances arise at any competition such that justice demands that any event or any part of an event should be contested again, he shall have authority to declare the event void and it shall be held again, either on the same day or on some future occasion, as he shall decide.

8. The Combined Events Referee shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of the Combined Events competition. He shall also have jurisdiction over the conduct of the respective individual events within the Combined Events competition.

9. The Road Race Referee shall, wherever practicable (e.g. under Rules 144 or 240.8), give a warning prior to disqualification. If contested, Rule 146 will apply.

Judges (RULE 126, page 122-123)

General

1. The Chief Judge for Track Events and the Chief Judge for each Field Event shall coordinate the work of the judges in their respective events. When the relevant body has not already allocated the duties of the Judges, they shall allocate the duties.

Track Events and Road Events

2. The Judges, who must all operate from the same side of the track or course, shall decide the order in which the athletes have finished and, in any case where they cannot arrive at a decision, shall refer the matter to the Referee, who shall decide.

Note: The Judges should be placed at least 5m from, and in line with, the finish and should be provided with an elevated platform.

Field Events

3. The Judges shall judge and record each trial and measure each valid trial of athletes in all Field Events. In the High Jump and Pole Vault, precise measurements should be made when the bar is raised, particularly if Records are being attempted. At least two Judges should keep a record of all trials, checking their recordings at the end of each round of trials. The appropriate Judge shall indicate the validity or non-validity of a trial by raising a white or red flag, as appropriate.

Umpires (Running & Race Walking Events) (RULE 127, page 123)

1. Umpires are assistants to the Referee, without authority to make final decisions.
2. The Umpires shall be placed by the Referee in such a position that they may observe the competition closely and, in the case of a failure or violation of the Rules (other than Rule 230.1) by an athlete or other person, make an immediate written report of the incident to the Referee.
3. Any such breach of the Rules should be communicated to the relevant Referee by the raising of a yellow flag or any other reliable means approved by the Technical Delegate(s).
4. A sufficient number of Umpires shall also be appointed to supervise the takeover zones in Relay Races.

Note (i): When an Umpire observes that an athlete has run in a different lane from his own, or that a relay takeover has taken place outside the takeover zone, he should immediately mark on the track with suitable material the place where the infringement took place.

Note (ii): The Umpire(s) shall report to the Referee any breach of the Rules, even if the athlete (or team, for Relay Races) does not finish the race.

Timekeepers, Photo Finish Judges and Transponder Timing Judges (RULE 128, page 123-124)

1. In the case of hand timing, a sufficient number of timekeepers for the number of athletes entered shall be appointed. One of them shall be designated the Chief Timekeeper. He shall allocate duties to the Timekeepers. These Timekeepers shall act as back-up Timekeepers when Fully Automatic Photo Finish or Transponder Timing Systems are in use.
2. Timekeepers, Photo Finish and Transponder Timing Judges shall act in accordance with Rule 165.
3. When a Fully Automatic Photo Finish System is used, a Chief Photo Finish Judge and an adequate number of assistants shall be appointed.
4. When a Transponder Timing System is used, a Chief Transponder Timing Judge and an adequate number of assistants shall be appointed.

Start Coordinator, Starter and Recalls (RULE 129, page 124-125)

1. The Start Coordinator shall:
 - a) Allocate the duties of the start team judges. In the case of competitions under 1.1(a) and Area Championships and Games, the determination of which events will be assigned to the International Starters will be the responsibility of the Technical Delegates.
 - b) Supervise the duties to be fulfilled by each member of the team.
 - c) Inform the Starter, after receiving the relevant order from the Competition Director, that everything is in order to initiate the start procedure (e.g. that the Timekeepers, the Judges and, when applicable, the Chief Photo Finish Judge and the Wind Gauge Operator are ready).
 - d) Act as an interlocutor between the technical staff of the timing equipment company and the Judges.
 - e) Keep all papers produced during the start procedure including all documents showing the reaction times and/or false start waveform images if available.
 - f) Ensure that what is ruled under Rule 162.8 is fulfilled.
2. The Starter shall have entire control of the athletes on their marks.
When a false start control apparatus is used, the Starter and/or an assigned Recaller shall wear headphones in order to hear clearly any acoustic signal emitted in the case of a false start (see Rule 161.2).
3. The Starter shall position himself so that he has full visual control over all athletes during the start procedure.

It is recommended, especially for staggered starts, that loudspeakers in the individual lanes be used for relaying the commands and the start and any recall signals to all athletes at the same time.

Note: The Starter shall place himself so that the whole field of athletes falls into a narrow visual angle. For races using crouch starts it is necessary that he is so placed that he can ascertain that all athletes are currently steady in their set positions before the gun is fired or approved

starting apparatus is activated. (All such starting apparatus is termed "gun" for the purpose of the Rules.) Where loudspeakers are not used in races with a staggered start, the Starter shall so place himself that the distance between him and each of the athletes is approximately the same. Where, however, the Starter cannot place himself in such a position, the gun shall be placed there and discharged by electric contact.

4. One or more Recalls shall be provided to assist the Starter.

Note: For events of 200m, 400m, 400m Hurdles, 4x100m, 4x200m, the Medley Relay and 4x400m Relays, there shall be at least two Recalls.

5. Each Recaller shall place himself so that he can see each athlete assigned to him.

6. The warning and disqualification under Rule 162.7 may be made only by the Starter.

7. The Start Coordinator shall assign a specific task and position to each Recaller, who is obliged to recall the race if any infringement of the Rules is observed. After a recalled or aborted start the Recaller shall report his observations to the Starter who decides whether and to whom a warning or disqualification shall be issued. (See also Rules 161.2 and 162.9.)

8. To assist in races using crouch starts, an IAAF approved false start control apparatus as described in Rule 161.2 should be used.

Starter's Assistants (RULE 130, page 125)

1. The Starter's Assistants shall check that the athletes are competing in the correct heat or race and that their bibs are worn correctly.

2. They must place each athlete in his correct lane or position, assembling the athletes approximately 3m behind the start line (in the case of races started in echelon, similarly behind each start line).

When this has been completed, they shall signal to the Starter that all is ready. When a new start is ordered, the Starter's Assistants shall assemble the athletes again.

3. The Starter's Assistants shall be responsible for the readiness of batons for the first athletes in a Relay Race.

4. When the Starter has ordered the athletes to their marks, the Starter's Assistants must ensure that Rules 162.3 and 162.4 are observed.

5. In case of a false start, the Starter's Assistants shall proceed in accordance with Rule 162.8.

Lap Scorers (RULE 131, page 125-126)

1. Lap Scorers shall keep a record of the laps completed by all athletes in races longer than 1500m. Specifically, for races of 5000m and longer, and for Race Walking events, a number of Lap Scorers under the direction of the Referee shall be appointed and provided with lap scoring cards on which they shall record the times over each lap (as given to them by an official Timekeeper) of the athletes for whom they are responsible. When such a system is used, no Lap Scorer should record more than four athletes (six for Race Walking events). Instead of manual lap scoring, a computerised system, which may involve a transponder carried or worn by each athlete, may be used.

2. One Lap Scorer shall be responsible for maintaining, at the finish line, a display of the laps remaining. The display shall be changed each lap when the leader enters the finish straight. In addition, manual indication shall be given, when appropriate, to athletes who have been, or are about to be, lapped. The final lap shall be signalled to each athlete, usually by ringing a bell.

Competition Secretary, Technical Information Centre (TIC) (RULE 132, page 126)

1. The Competition Secretary shall collect the full results of each event, details of which shall be provided by the Referee, the Chief Timekeeper or Chief Photo Finish Judge and the Wind-Gauge Operator. He shall immediately relay these details to the Announcer, record the results and convey the result card to the Competition Director.

Where a computerised results system is used the computer recorder at each Field Event site shall ensure that the full results of each event are entered into the computer system. The track results shall be input under the direction of the Chief Photo Finish Judge. The Announcer and the Competition Director shall have access to the results via a computer.

2. A Technical Information Centre (TIC) will be established for competitions held under 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f), and (g) and is recommended for other competitions held over more than one day. The main function of the TIC is to ensure smooth communication between each team delegation, the organisers, the Technical Delegates and the competition administration regarding technical and other matters relating to the competition.

Marshal (RULE 133, page 127)

The Marshal shall have control of the arena and shall not allow any persons other than the officials and athletes assembled to compete or other authorised persons with valid accreditation to enter and remain therein.

Announcer (RULE 134, page 127)

The Announcer shall inform the public of the names and numbers of the athletes taking part in each event, and all relevant information such as the composition of the heats, lanes or stations drawn, and intermediate times. The result (placings, times, heights, distances and points) of each event should be announced at the earliest possible moment after receipt of the information.

At competitions held under Rule 1.1(a), the English and French language Announcers shall be appointed by the IAAF. In conjunction with the Event Presentation Manager and under the general direction of the Organisational and/or the Technical Delegates, these appointees shall be responsible for all matters of announcing protocol.

Wind Gauge Operator (RULE 136, page 127)

The Wind Gauge Operator shall ensure that the gauge is placed in accordance with Rule 163.10 (Track Events) and 184.11 (Field Events). He shall ascertain the velocity of the wind in the running direction in appropriate events and shall then record and sign the results obtained and communicate them to the Competition Secretary.

Measurement Judge (Scientific/EDM) (RULE 137, page 128)

One (or more) Measurement Judge(s) shall be appointed when Electronic or Video Distance Measurement or other scientific measurement device is to be used.

Before the start of the competition, he will meet the technical staff involved and familiarise himself with the equipment.

Before each event he will supervise the positioning of the measuring instruments, taking account of the technical requirements given by the technical staff.

To ensure that the equipment is operating correctly, he shall, before and after the event, supervise a set of measurements in conjunction with the Judges and under the supervision of the Referee (and if possible, the ITO assigned to the event), to confirm agreement with results achieved using a calibrated certified steel tape. A form of conformity shall be issued and signed by all those involved in the test and attached to the results card. During the competition he shall remain in overall charge of the operation. He will report to the Field Events Referee to certify that the equipment is accurate.

Call Room Judges (RULE 138, page 128)

The Call Room Chief Judge shall supervise the transit between the warm-up area and the competition area to ensure that the athletes, after being checked in the Call Room, be present and ready at the competition site for the scheduled start of their event.

The Call Room Judges shall ensure that athletes are wearing the national or Club uniform clothing officially approved by their national governing body, that the bibs are worn correctly and correspond with start lists, that shoes, number and dimension of spikes, advertising on clothing and athletes' bags comply with the Rules and Regulations and that unauthorised material is not taken into the arena. The Judges shall refer any unresolved issues or matters arising to the Call Room Referee.