



## USATF National Officials Committee

# Race Walk Referee's Examination

## Race Walk Judges and Race Walking Officials

### 2009-2012 Olympiad Edition

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**I**nstructions: This is an open book test but it is required that you take it as an individual. The questions are not in any particular order. You should not discuss your answers with anyone else. You should use the 2008 or later USATF Competition Rules to complete this test. You will need to give the appropriate rule references when completing the questions in Section 3. Section 1 contains true-false or multiple choice questions. Generally each question is worth one point unless otherwise indicated. Section 2 contains various rule applications. The value of each question is shown in the parenthesis. Section 3 contains situations that you might rule on as a referee. To get full credit for these discussion questions, please list as many alternatives as you can think of, indicate your chosen decision, reference the appropriate rule by number and explain why you have made the decision you have chosen. Some questions have no clear right answer. The goal of this examination is to assess your approach to refereeing and your application of the rules when there is no direct answer in the book. The rationale for your answer is the most important element of your answer. This section contains the majority of the points. Please **write or type** your answers clearly on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided and return it to your Certification Chair for review and grading. If you need more room for a particular answer, clearly label any additional sheets with the question number and indicate on the main answer sheet that there is additional discussion on an attached sheet. Generally, this test should not take more than two hours to complete.

**PURPOSE:** This is an examination. The goal is to make sure that every Master Referee is familiar with the current content and location of the rules and their application to the USATF competitions in which he or she will officiate. This test is a part of the Committee's three-step training program (clinic, formal rules review and supervised practice), and emphasizes those rules basic to USATF competitions. Effective competition officials and referees do not rely on memory alone in making decisions- when in doubt they look it up and quote the appropriate rule in rendering their decision.

### Section 1 (20 points)

1. Who can compete in an Association's Race Walking Championship? (1 point)
  - a) All members of USATF
  - b) All members of an association
  - c) Anyone who enters
2. Who is responsible for approving the officials in a Race Walking Championship meet? (1 point)
  - a) Meet Director
  - b) Coordinator of Officials
  - c) Appropriate Sports committee
  - d) Officials committee
3. True False All race walks conducted by or sanctioned by USATF or one of its associations must be conducted under the Championship rules. (1 point)
4. Where do you find the rule for team scoring for the Race Walks? (1 point)
5. True False All the rules pertaining to Race Walk Competitions are contained in Section V, Race Walking. (1 point)
6. True False The Chief RW Judge is appointed by the referee. (1 point)

7. True False The referee has the power to cancel or postpone to a future date any event, even if it is underway, if in the Referee's judgment the competition cannot be conducted or completed in a satisfactory manner and in fairness to the competitors and the officials. (1 point)
8. Which side of the 5 cm line drawn on the track is the finish line? (1 point)
9. Fill in the blanks. (2 points) A team in a National Race Walk Championship, men or women, will consist of a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ walkers and a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ walkers.
10. True False For the most part the rules applicable to running road races are also applicable to race walk competitions. (1 point)
11. True False An umpire at a Race Walk competition has essentially the same responsibilities as for track events but should also report any observed violations in race walking form. (1 point)
12. True False If in the race there is an option for several distances, the athlete must declare a specific distance he plans to finish but does not need to finish that distance in order to get credit for any time or record at a shorter distance. (1 point)
13. What is the minimum number of race walk judges needed for a legal event?  
a) 4      b) 6      c) 2      d) 3
14. True False On a track race, indoor or outdoor there should be 6 judges including the Chief Judge. (1 point)
15. True False It takes three red cards for the same offense to be disqualified. (1 point)
16. How often should refreshment stations be provided for race walks 10 km or longer? (1 point)
17. The maximum distance for the loop for 10 km championship course is: (1 point)  
a) 1000 m   b) 1250 m      c) 2000 m      d) 2500 m      e) 5000 m
18. True False Race walk records can be made in any road race if there is a separate race walk division that competes at the same time. (1 point)
19. True False In order to claim a record, the race walk judges must be certified by USATF or by another IAAF member federation. (1 point)

## **Section 2 (16 points)**

20. What are the recognized methods of timing? (4 points)
21. When is a Red Paddle used and by whom? (2 points)
22. At the National 30 km championship put on by your association, you are the race walk referee. The morning of the race, one of the walkers comes up to you with three bottles of his own drinks that he wants placed at the aid stations at 10 km, 20 km and 25 km. What do you tell him and what is the basis for your decision?
23. You are the Race Walk referee. Under what conditions can you override a call by a Race Walk Judge concerning a question of walking form? (1 point)
24. During the course of a race as referee you observe a race walker leave the course to use the rest room. When he leaves the rest room rather than continuing the way he was going toward a turnaround about 200 feet further down the course, he crosses the street and starts walking in the other direction on the course. The net result is cutting about 400 or so feet from the course. The walker does not pass anyone as a result of this action and finishes in the same place as when he left the course. There is no umpire report concerning the incident, since the umpire was located at the turnaround point beyond the rest room. What action would you take? (2 points)
25. Who normally appoints the race walk referee? (2 points)
26. Indicate the symbols on the yellow paddles and explain what each means. (4 points)

### **Section 3 (18 points)**

27. An athlete arrives late, 10:30 minutes after the gun. He joins the race at that time and completes the full course. His transponder time is 1:35.1. His net time is 1:24.8. The winner's time is 1:25.2. He files a protest claiming he should be given first place. What is your decision and why? (2 points)
28. Following publication of the results of a Sunday morning 10 km Race Walk in the Monday morning paper, a protest is filed on Tuesday concerning an individual who supposedly set an age group record. It is alleged that the athlete shortened the course by changing direction before the turnaround point. The results and possible record were announced at the race site as part of the awards ceremony following the race. The protest is from the previous record holder and there is no other corroborating evidence from either side. Should the record be approved? List the issues and how you would handle each. (4 points)
29. A record 50 km time is set for Age Group 60-64. What is necessary to submit the record. (8 points)
30. The lead walkers miss a critical turn and walked a few hundred feet before they realize their mistake on the first lap. The course is clearly marked with chalk on the ground but not with banners or flags. As the referee what action would you take when you receive a protest from one of the lead walkers who lost by just a second at the finish. (3 points)
31. If you are team scoring in a walk championship by time and the clock stops before all team members have finished, how do you determine the team champion? (1 point)

**Total Points: 53**



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**Section 1                      20 Points**

#	Answer	Rule # and/or comment	Points
1.			<b>1</b>
2.			<b>1</b>
3.			<b>1</b>
4.			<b>1</b>
5.			<b>1</b>
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7.			<b>1</b>
8.			<b>1</b>
9.			<b>2</b>
10.			<b>1</b>
11.			<b>1</b>
12.			<b>1</b>
13.			<b>1</b>
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25.	<p>Who normally appoints the race walk referee? (2 points)</p>	2
26.	<p>Indicate the symbols on the yellow paddles and explain what each means. (4 points)</p>	4
<p><b>Section 3</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>18</b></span></p>		
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**Total Points**

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