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1. Definition of Race Walking

"Race Walking is a progression of steps so taken that the walker makes contact with the ground, so that no visible (to the human eye) loss of contact occurs. The advancing leg must be straightened (i.e. not bent at the knee) from the moment of first contact with the ground until the vertical upright position."

TR Rule 54.2



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So this means:

- Performances are not only measured (timed)
- Judging the form is also key
- 2 parts to the form
- For that, we need to have Race Walking Judges.

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How does it work at a World Athletics event?

We will look at how it is done at the highest level and see how it could be adapted at lower level of competitions.

The first part of the presentation is generally based on the World Championships 2019 in Doha, Qatar



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List of key Race Walking Judges (appointed by)

- 1 Chief Judge (WA)
- 5-8 Judges (WA)
 - 5 for an event on track (World Juniors and Youth Olympic Games)
 - 8 for an event on the road
- 1-2 Chief Judge's Assistant(s) (WA or LOC)
- 1-2 Recorders (WA)

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Note: "The Chief Judge's Assistant(s) are to assist with the notification of disqualifications only and shall not act as Race Walking Judges" TR Rule 54.4.2b

They are there to notify athletes of their disqualification faster (within 2 minutes on average).



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Other key officials directly related to Race waking

- 2-3 Posting Board Officials
- 2-3 Penalty Zone Officials

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Other officials for the events

- Call room officials (as many as needed)
- Lap scorers officials (as many as needed)
- Umpires (including for the refreshment stations)
- 1-2 referee(s)



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Definition of different International Events

In the COMPETITION AND TECHNICAL RULES, 2020 Edition

Section "Definition" (pp 27-28)

"International Competitions"

Defines CR Rules 1.1 to 1.10

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2. Judges and Judging

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World Athletics judging levels:

- World Athletics level International Race Walking Judges (controlled by World Athletics).
- Area level International Race Walking Judges (controlled by the Area, in our case NACAC Athletics).

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World Athletics Events

For World Athletics events held under paragraph CR Rule 1.1 of the International Competition definition (World Championships and Olympic Games), the judges come from different Members/Countries and are from World Athletics level International Race Walking Judges only.

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International Events

For events held under paragraph CR Rules 1.2, 1,3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 and 1.10 of the International Competition definition (a Grand Prix event, the Pan Am Games), the judges are Area level or World Athletics level International Race Walking Judges. However, for practical reasons, two judges from the same Member could be appointed in certain circumstances.

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International Events

"In competitions under paragraphs CR Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 or 1.5 of the International Competition definition, in no circumstances shall the Red Cards of two Judges affiliated with the same Member have the power to disqualify." TR Rule 54.7.2 (or sending the athlete to the Penalty Zone).

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Dual meets between Members

For Dual meets between two Members like Canada vs USA (CR Rule 1.4 of the International Competition definition), this restriction does not apply.

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Duties of a judge

- The judge is there to ensure the conformity to the 2 parts to the rule (no loss of contact and no bent knee)
- The judge acts alone in the area assigned to them and impartially
- Judge should arrive at least one hour before the event and report to the Chief Judge
- Never conversing with other, except the Chief Judge
- Does not leave post without permission



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Duties of a judge (continued)

- After the completion of the race, Judges hand their completed records to the Chief Judge.
- All Judges must attend the post-race meeting conducted by the Chief Judge.





Yellow Paddle:

"When a judge is not completely satisfied that an athlete is fully complying with TR Rule 54.2 of the Technical Rules, he should, where possible, show the athlete a yellow paddle with the symbol of the offence on each side. An athlete cannot be shown a second yellow paddle by the same Judge for the same offence. Having shown a yellow paddle to an athlete, the Judge shall inform the Chief Judge of his action after the competition."

TR Rule 54.5

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Paddles:

- One paddle for bent knee
- One paddle for loss of contact
- The red paddle is only for the Chief Judge or Chief Judge's Assistant(s) to show disqualification



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"When a Judge observes an athlete failing to comply with TR Rule 54.2 of the Technical Rules by exhibiting visible loss of contact or a bent knee during any part of the competition, the Judge shall send a Red Card to the Chief Judge." TR Rule 54.6

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It should also be made clear that a Judge must give a competitor a caution by showing a yellow paddle with the symbol of the offence on each side before issuing a Red Card, with the following exceptions:

- 1. An athlete obviously and absolutely breaking the rules and gaining an unfair advantage
- 2. An athlete breaking the rule in the last part of the race where it is too late to show a yellow paddle
- 3. The circumstances in which the Chief Judge can use his special power to disqualify an athlete in the last 100m of a race

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Red Card:

To be filled when the judge is convinced that the athlete fails to comply with the rules



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Judge Record

- The judge will keep track of all their actions (time of issuing yellow paddles and Red Cards).
- At the end of the event, the judge will complete the paperwork and turn it in to the Recorder



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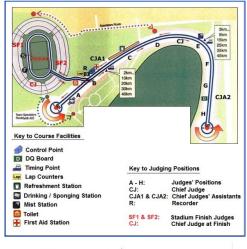
Location of judges:

- On track: 80 m apart
- On the road: depends on the course:
 - 2 km out-and-back course: 8 sections of 125 m each
 - 1 km out-and-back course with 8 judges: 8 sections of 62.5 m each
 - 1 km out-and-back course with 6 judges: 6 sections of 83.3 m each
 - Other types: depends on the length of the loop



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Recording:

- The Red Cards get to the Recorder.
- The Recorder keeps track of all the Red Cards for each athlete.
- The Recorder informs the Posting Board official of a Red Card to post.

Recording (continued):

- The Recorder informs the Penalty Zone official when 3 Red Cards (from judges of different Members) are received for an athlete.
- The Recorder informs the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge's Assistant(s) when 4 Red Cards (from judges of different Members) are received for an athlete.

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Posting Board:

"One or more Posting Boards shall be placed on the course and near the finish to keep athletes informed about the number of Red Cards that have been sent to the Chief Judge for each athlete. The symbol of each offence should also be indicated on the Posting Board." TR *Rule 54.7.7*

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Posting Board:

- The Posting Board officials must ensure that the information they received from the Recorder is posted A.S.A.P. on the board.
- The Posting Board should preferably be visible from both sides of the course, so athletes should be able to see the board on their way in and their way out of an out-and-back course.

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History of the Posting Board:

- In use since the late 1980s (mostly in Europe first)
- Recommended in the rules between 1990-1993
- Mandatory since 1994

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Penalty Zone:

"A Penalty Zone shall be used for any race where the applicable regulations for the competition so provide and may be used for other races as determined by the relevant governing body or Organisers. In such cases, an athlete will be required to enter the Penalty Zone and remain there for the applicable period once they have received three Red Cards and are so advised by the Chief Judge or someone delegated by them.

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Penalty Zone (continued):

The applicable period in the Penalty Zone shall be as follows:

-	Races up to and including	Time
-	5000m/5km	0.5min
-	10,000m/10km	1min
-	20,000m/20km	2min
-	30,000m/30km	3min
-	40,000m/40km	4min
-	50,000m/50km	5min

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Penalty Zone (continued):

An athlete who fails to enter the Penalty Zone when required to do so, or remain there for the appropriate period, shall be disqualified by the Referee." TR *Rule 54.7.3*

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Penalty Zone (continued):

If, under TR rule 54.7.3 of the Technical Rules, an athlete receives a third Red Card and is no longer practicable to direct them to enter the Penalty Zone before the end of the race, the Referee shall add the time they would have been required to spend in the Penalty Zone to their finishing time and adjuste the finishing order as may be necessary. TR *Rule 54.7.4*





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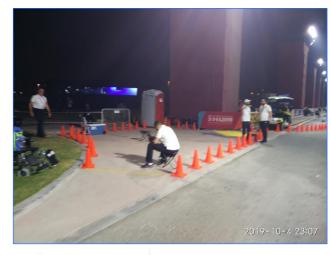
History Penalty Zone:

- The Penalty Zone, originally called Pit Lane, was instituted firstly for Youth and Junior competitions in 2014.
- The first international event was the Youth Olympic Games.
- The Team competition adopted the format because more teams could score.
- Now it is widely adopted within the international community for almost all International competitions
- Now it is widely adopted by Member federations

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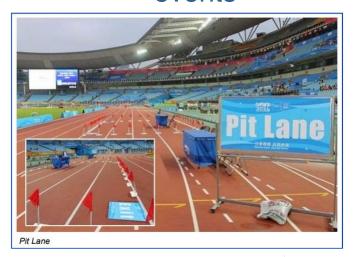


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Disqualification

"If, at any time, the athlete receives an additional Red Card from a Judge other than one of the three who had previously sent a Red Card, he shall be disqualified." TR *Rule 54.7.5*

"... An athlete who fails to enter the Penalty Zone when required to do so, or remain there for the applicable period, shall be disqualified by the Referee." TR *Rule 54.7.3b*

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Disqualification

The Recorder informs the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge's Assistant(s) when 4 Red Cards (from judges of different Members) are received for an athlete.

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Disqualification

When an athlete receives 4 Red Cards for an athlete, "the athlete is disqualified and they shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by being shown a red paddle. The failure to give notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified athlete." TR Rule 54.4.2b

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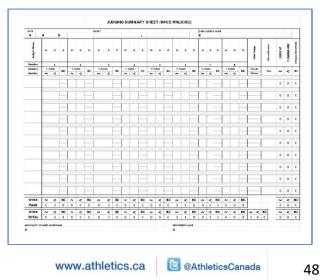


Judging Summary Sheet

- The Recorder fills the red cards as they arrive.
- At the end of the race, the individual judges' record sheets are collected and the information about the given yellow paddles is added o the summary sheet
- Each judge should receive a copy of the summary sheet.

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4. Duties of the Chief Judge

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"In competitions held under paragraphs CR Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 of the International Competition definition, the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify an athlete in the last 100m, when their mode of progression obviously fails to comply with Rule 54.2 of the Technical Rules regardless of the number of previous Red Cards the Chief Judge has received on that athlete." TR *Rule 54.4.1a*

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"The Chief Judge shall act as the supervising official for the competition, and act as a Judge only in the special situation noted in TR Rule 54.4.1." TR Rule 54.4.2a

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Duties before the event

- Study the layout of the course to see all aspects.
- Assign all the positions to the judges according to the layout.
- Distribute all the paperwork to the judges (more than enough for the number of athletes).
- Brief the judges of any other instructions.

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Duties before the event (continued)

- Ensure the Posting Board is functional and that the communication between the Recorder, the Chief Judge, Chief Judge's Assistant(s), the Posting Board official and the Penalty Zone official is working well.
- Confirm with the Referee, check that the Penalty Zone is functional.

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Chief Judge (Special Power)

"In competitions held under paragraphs CR Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 of the International Competition definition, the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify an athlete in the last 100m, when their mode of progression obviously fails to comply with TR Rule 54.2 of the Technical Rules regardless of the number of previous Red Cards the Chief Judge has received on that athlete. An athlete who is disqualified by the Chief Judge under these circumstances shall be allowed to finish the race. They shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by showing the athlete a red paddle at the earliest opportunity after the athlete has finished the race."

TR Rule 54.4.1

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Duties after the event

"The Chief Judge, immediately after the end of the event, shall report to the Referee the identification of all athletes disqualified under TR Rules 54.4.1, 54.7.1 or 54.7.3 of the Technical Rules by indicating the bib identification, the time of the notification and the offences; the same shall be done for all the athletes who received Red Cards." TR Rule 54.7.8b

(Summary Sheet done in conjunction with the Recorder)





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Duties after the event

The chief judge will lead the post-event meeting with all the judges

- Debrief all the judges after the event.
- Give summary sheets to all of the judges.
- Discuss any difficult aspect of the event
- Address any issues or judging discrepancies.

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5. Communication

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How do Red Cards get to the Recorder?

"For all competitions falling under paragraph CR Rule 1.1 of the International Competition definition, hand held computer devices with transmission capability must be used by the Judges to communicate all Red Cards to the Recorder and the Posting Board(s)." TR Rule 54.7.8a

This is for WA world championships (SEIKO), Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games (Omega).

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How do Red Cards get to the Recorder?

Principle behind this method:

- The judge needs an assistant.
- The judge fills the Red Card.
- The judge gives the filled Red Card to the assistant.
- The assistant uses the terminal. Only a confirmation comes back.
- The judge never hears anything from anyone. Remains Independent.

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How do Red Cards get to the Recorder?

For other competitions:

- Mobile phone app
- Walky-talky
- Cyclists
- Runners (track events)



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How do Red Cards get to the Recorder?

Principle behind the first 2 methods (mobile phone app or walky-talky):

- The judge needs an assistant.
- The judge fills the Red Card.
- The judge gives the filled Red Card to the assistant
- The assistant uses the mobile phone app. Only a confirmation comes back
- The assistant uses the walky-talky with earphone. Only a confirmation comes back
- The judge never hears anything from anyone. Remains Independent.
- Walky-talky method was used in Moncton 2010 (World Junior)

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How do Red Cards get to the Recorder?

Principle behind if the last 2 methods (cyclist/runner):

- The judge fills the Red Card.
- The judge gives the filled Red Card to the cyclist/runner
- The cyclist/runner comes back to the Recorder A.S.A.P.
- The judge never hears anything from anyone. Remains Independent.



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Communication between Recorder and Chief Judge

- The Recorder, the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge's Assistant(s), the Posting Board Official, the Penalty Zone Official are in constant communication via Walky-talky (or other live communication device).
- Nobody else is on the channel
- The judges are not in communication. Remain independent.

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Communication between Recorder and Chief Judge

- The Recorder informs the Penalty Zone when an athlete has 3 Red Cards.
- The Penalty Zone Official must ask the athlete to enter the Penalty Zone for the appropriate amount of time.



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Communication between Recorder and Chief Judge

- The Recorder informs the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge's Assistant(s) when an athlete has 4 Red Cards.
- The first amongst the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge's Assistant(s) who sees the athlete first will show the red paddle to inform the athlete of the disqualification.

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6. Other officials

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Umpires:

- Like any off-road duties.
- Plus make sure that the refreshment rules are respected (TR Rule 54.10)
- See rules 54.10.4 to 54.10.8
- In particular TR Rule 54.10.5: Not permitted for team officials to be in front of the tables.

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Lap Scorers:

- Like any off-road duties with laps
- As many as the number of athletes require.
- Even if athletes are wearing timing chips on their shoes, they
 need to be told the correct number of laps since the recording
 only applies when the athletes walk on the carpet at the finish
 line.



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Call Room officials:

- Like any off-road check-in.
- As many as the number of athletes require.
- The athletes have a set amount of time to check in before.
- Need to be efficient and thorough

Referee:

- Like any off-road duties.
- Plus make sure that the refreshment rules are respected (TR Rule 54.10)
- Now (since November 2019) disqualify athletes for infractions related to the Penalty Zone (not the Chief Judge anymore): "An athlete who fails to enter the Penalty zone when required to do so, or remain there for the applicable period, shall be disqualified by the Referee." TR Rule 54.7.3b
- Any disciplinary ruling falls under the Referee



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7. Important Note

The Penalty Zone is optional.

It means that a relevant governing body could decide not to have a Penalty Zone. At the International level, this does not happen very frequently. In such a case, TR Rules 54.7.3, 54.7.4 and 54.7.5 do not apply. Then TR Rule 54.7.1 applies.





What does this mean:

"A Penalty zone shall be used for any race where the applicable regulations for the competition so provide and may be used for other races as determined by the relevant governing body or Organisers." TR Rule 54.7.3a

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<u>Disqualifications (when no Penalty Zone used)</u>:

"Except as provided in TR Rule 54.7.3 of the Technical Rules, when three Red Cards from three different Judges have been sent to the Chief Judge on the same athlete, the athlete is disqualified and they shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by being shown a red paddle. The failure to give notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified athlete." TR Rule 54.7.1

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What does this mean:

Governing Body does want a Penalty Zone	Governing Body does not want a Penalty Zone
TR Rule 54.7.1 does not apply	TR Rules 54.7.1, 54.7.2, 54.7.6 to 54.7.8 apply
TR Rules 54.7.2 to 54.7.8 apply	TR Rules 54.7.3 to 54.7.5 does not apply

This is be important to know if the Governing Body does or does not want to apply a Penalty Zone for their competitions.



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Disqualification (revised):

Governing Body does want a Penalty Zone	Governing Body does not want a Penalty Zone
TR Rule 54.4.1 (chief judge last 100 m)	TR Rule 54.4.1 (chief judge last 100 m)
TR Rule 54.7.5 (4 different judges)	TR Rule 54.7.1 (3 different judges)



Examples since the inception of the Penalty Zone (2014):

With a Penalty Zone	Without a Penalty Zone
World Championships 2019	World Championships 2015, 2017
World Team Championships 2016	Rio Olympic games 2016
Youth Olympics (2014 & 2018)	



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National (provincial) competitions:

The first thing to know is if the governing body desire to have a Penalty Zone. This is important since this determines the number of judges needed to disqualify an athlete and if we need to set up a Penalty Zone of not. In other words, does TR Rule 54.7.1 apply (no Penalty Zone) or does TR Rule 54.7.3 apply (Penalty Zone).

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National (provincial) competitions:

Second, we saw in Rule 54.4.1a:

"In competitions held under paragraphs CR Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 of the International Competition definition, the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify an athlete in the last 100m..." We need to know if our governing body desired to have that in our competitions since they are not covered in paragraphs CR Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6.





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National (provincial) competitions:

Third, we also saw:

"The Chief Judge shall act as the supervising official for the competition, and act as a Judge only in the special situation noted in TR Rule 54.4.1." Rule 54.4.2a

We need to know if the chief judge also acts as a regular judge. This might be particularly necessary if the number of judges is low or the judges are inexperienced. In other words, does TR Rule 54.4.2 not apply.

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National (provincial) competitions:

The governing body needs to decide on those three elements. These should be consistent for all the competitions under that governing body.

Note: The bare minimum number of judges needed means that everyone has to have the same opinion.

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National (provincial) competitions:

All the other rules apply at any race walking events:

- Definition of Race Walking (TR Rule 54.2)
- Judging (TR Rule 54.3)
- Yellow Paddle (TR Rule 54.5)
- Red Cards (TR Rule 54.6)
- Start (TR Rule 54.8)

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National (provincial) competitions (continued):

All the other rules apply at any race walking events:

- Safety (TR Rule 54.9)
- Drinking / Sponging and Refreshment Station (TR Rule 54.10)
- Road Courses (TR Rule 54.11)
- Road Conduct (TR Rule 54.12)

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8. How to prepare for a race walking event

Know in advance the answer to the 3 elements mentioned in section 7.

- Penalty Zone (yes or no)
- The Chief Judge is judging during the event (yes or no)
- The Chief Judge can disqualify in the last 100m (yes or no)

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Chief Judge

- Know the number of judges.
- Make sure you have enough Red Cards, Judge Records, Judging Summary Sheets for everyone
- Make sure all the judges have their 2 Yellow Paddles.
- Make sure all the judges have all the necessary equipment (clipboard, pen, etc.)
- Give each judge a unique number



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Chief Judge

- Study the course (road) and place all judges +/- equidistant from one another
- Know where the Chief Judge's Assistant(s) post, the Recorder,
 the Posting Board and the Penalty Zone (if used) are located
- Meet the Chief Judge's Assistant(s), the Recorder, the Posting Board Official, the Penalty Zone Official
- Ensure clear protocol between all parties



Chief Judge

- Conduct a pre-competition meeting with all the judges
- Issue a map of the layout of the course to all the judges
- Make sure everyone know their position
- Make sure the judges act independently
- Communicate the method to collect the Red Cards to all the judges
- Perform your duties during the event

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Chief Judge

- Make sure all the judges have provided their Judge Records at the conclusion of the event
- With the Recorder, complete the Judging Summary Sheet
- Conduct a post-competition meeting with all the judges
- Issue the Judging Summary Sheet to all the judges





Judge

- Make sure you know the location of your post (see the map of the layout of the course for road events)
- Make sure you know the location of the portable toilets (important on a 50km event)
- Make sure you have enough Red Cards and Judge Record
- Make sure you have your 2 Yellow Paddles.
- Make sure you have all the necessary equipment (clipboard, pen, etc.)



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Judge

- Make sure you act independently and impartially
- Inform the Chief Judge if you need to leave your post
- Perform your duties during the event
- If you form an opinion, act on it immediately
- When you caution an athlete, make sure they see the paddle
- Complete your Judge Record and give it to the Recorder
- Attend the post-competition meeting



Judge

- On the track, judge from the outside where possible
- On the road, judge from both side of the road where possible
- Do not use any communication device (mobile phone, camera or video) during the event

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Recorder/Posting Board

 If the number of participant is limited to only a few, you can combine the duties of the Recorder and the Posting Board Official

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Penalty Zone - Here is how to set up a Penalty Zone on the track: Posting Recoder Recoder Chief Judge Course Entry Exit Start / Finish Assistant 10m About 80m

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9. Conclusion

Important references from World Athletics Library (Technical Information)

- COMPETITION AND TECHNICAL RULES, 2020 Edition
- Race Walking (A Guide to Judging and Organising)
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