

Race Walk Officials Sub-Committee Report

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Re-certification of Master Level Judges. Out of approximately 150 Master level judges, only 20 submitted their participation resume. Of these, 17 met the participation criteria that are spelled out in the "Race Walk Officiating Handbook".

For the next Olympiad, a participation table will be included with the exam for all levels of judges.

IAAF Level I Training. On March 28, McAllen, TX at the site of the Americas Cup Trial, ten judges attended and passed the training to become IAAF Level I judges. Those judges are: Jim Bean, Janis Bluhm, Jo Burrows, Sandy DeNoon, Ray Funkhouser, Diane Graham-Henry, Dave Gwyn, Ginger Mulanax, Bill Pollinger, and Richard Robert. Congratulation once again to them. And many thanks to A.C. Jaime for providing the facility and materials.

The seminar material came from: IAAF Rule Book, IAAF Hand Book, USATF Hand Book, USATF Rule Book and race videos. Topics covered were: Rules, Race Walking Technique, What does a judge do? and Competition Management. Written, oral and video testing followed the seminar.

The seminar and testing was conducted on one day. Unfortunately, this didn't allow any study time. Future seminars will be conducted over two days. Also, I had planned on having the participants shadow judge the trials races but because some were staff members for the upcoming Americas Cup and one was a participant that wasn't possible.

IAAF International Race Walking Judges Refreshment Seminar. May 24 through May 26, all Level III judges participated in a refreshment seminar in Metz, France. The seminar was conducted by three members of the IAAF race walking committee plus the chairman.

On Sunday afternoon, the judges shadow judged the men's and women's 20km European Cup races. The seminar began that evening. Over the next two days, the discussion topics included: History of Race Walking, Rule 230, Code of Ethics, Duties of the Technical Delegate, Condition and regulations for examination of Level II and Level III, Judging consistency and "B-Rule": non-judging of knees. Judging consistency was the main topic through out the meeting. On each day, the group of judges was divided into four working groups followed by discussion. The working groups agreed on the following two ideas: Rule 230 can use some language modification and that judge education will be best served by the IAAF creating a judge's training video.