**LEVEL 4 QUESTIONS ON WORLD ATHLETICS, UKA AND WPA RULES – TRACK JUDGES (2024)**

* In order to answer these questions you will require UKA/World Athletics and WPA rulebooks. Please give the relevant rule numbers in your answers along with your explanations. You must demonstrate that you understand and can apply the rules – and not simply quote them.
* The guidance previously given in “The Referee” is now incorporated into the rulebook and you should find this helpful.
* Please read the current Guidelines carefully for Presenting Applications for Level 4, which can be found on the UKA website, and follow the instructions given. The latest date for answers to be submitted to your TRNG Officials’ Secretary is September 1st. Early submission is advised.

1. An umpire reports to the Referee that an athlete’s shoe touches the lane line once on the inside of their lane in a 200m race.
   1. What action does the referee take under World Athletics rules? Would this be the same under UKA rules?
   2. In the same competition with qualifying rounds of the 200m the same athlete touches the lane line once in the inside of their lane in the semi-final. What action can the Referee take under each set of rules?
   3. If a similar incident took place on the straight part of the track, what action would the umpire take?
   4. The track in question does not have a kerb. What are the requirements for marking the inside of lane 1?
2. An athlete is disqualified in the 400 metre race for running over the lane line on the inside of the lane on the bend and decides to protest.

How does the athlete make their protest and to whom?

* 1. Under World Athletics Rules?
  2. Under UKA rules?

When must the athlete make the protest?

* 1. Under World Athletics Rules
  2. Under UKA Rules?

What action can the referee take?

* 1. Under World Athletics Rules
  2. Under UKA Rules

1. You are an umpire looking up the track during a sprint hurdles race.

a) List all possible infringements you consider necessary to report to the Track Referee?

b) What considerations would the Track Referee take into account if an athlete persistently ran on the inside lane line?

1. During a semi-final of a 200m race, an athlete does not appear to be competing with full commitment compared with that shown during the first round.
   1. What information would you as Track Referee need to have before deciding what action to take?
   2. If this situation arose during the 200m element of a heptathlon, what action would you take?

In both cases, fully explain your reasoning.

1. You are appointed Clerk of Course for a meeting such as your National Age-Group Championships.
   1. What preparations would you make in advance of the meeting?
   2. And what actions would you take on your arrival at the meeting?
2. In the heats of the 100m there is a malfunction in the electronic timing equipment and there is no result available for one heat. What subsequent use can be made of the electronic times for other heats in that event?
3. There is a tie for the last qualifying position in a 100m race for a subsequent round.
   1. What action is taken to decide which athlete qualifies?
   2. If they cannot be separated by time what action is taken to decide who shall be placed in the next round?
   3. Is this the same under World Athletics and UKA Rules?

1. a) How is the takeover zone for a 4x300m race marked and what is the length of each box? What other markings relating to the changeover would exist in the takeover zone?

b) You have been given the duty of Incoming Umpire in 4 x100m relay. What are you specifically looking for?

c) You have been given the duty of Outgoing Umpire in 4 x100m relay. What are you specifically looking for?

d) You have been given the duty of Take Over In for a 4 x 400m relay. Explain the duties you would perform in this role and any infringement(s) you would be looking out for?

1. You are an umpire on a bend in a 3000 metres race with the packed still bunched there was some jostling whereby one athlete was knocked off balance and in so doing left the track. After regaining his composure the athlete returned to the track and regained his original position in the pack.
   1. What report would you make to the Track Referee (if any)?
   2. What action can the Track Referee take and why?
2. You are an umpire at an event under WPA rules. When umpiring on a bend during the 200 metres race for classification group T11, what do you need to be aware regarding the use of lanes? How would you recognise a lane infringement?
3. Outline what you would be watching for in a 1500 metre race for T54 athletes when overtaking is taking place.
4. When judging a race in which athletes have guide runners, what do you need to be looking for at the finish? Who has the final decision in the potential disqualification of any athlete? Is this always the case?
5. When judging the finish of a race for athletes competing in wheelchairs, how do you determine the finishing positions?
6. In a 10,000 metre race, you notice an athlete has stumbled to the ground and they are struggling to get back up due to fatigue. Another athlete in the race picks the athlete up before continuing with their own race.
   1. What report would you make to the Track Referee (if any)?
   2. What action can the Track Referee take and why?
7. You are acting as a Track Referee at a league meeting under UKA rules and an athlete comes to you to complain about the start of the race in which they have just competed and demanding a rerun.

What action would you take and why?

1. What are the rules regarding the 4x400 metres relay takeovers under

* 1. World Athletics Rules?
  2. And WPA rules?

1. How do the World Athletics rules for takeovers in the 4 x 200 metres relay differ between indoor and outdoor events?
2. An athlete is found to be responsible for jostling and obstruction during a race and is disqualified by the Track Referee. Another athlete in the same race claims to have been unfairly disadvantaged by this incident and appeals to the Track Referee to be allowed to compete in a subsequent round of the event.  
   1. What action can the Track Referee take and what commitment to the race will the Referee expect to have observed from the athlete making the appeal?
   2. Is there any difference between the World Athletics and the UKA rules covering this situation?
3. You are Track Referee at a meeting for young athletes. The steeplechase is due to start shortly and it is obvious that the water level for the water jump will still be below the required level by the starting time.

What action would you take and why?

1. Using the following duty sheet from a Local Area Championships for a team consisting of a Track Referee and 8 Judges/Umpires
   1. Please review the duties allocated to each official. What changes might you make? Please explain your reasons for these changes.
   2. On arrival at the event the Track Referee is advised that Judge/Umpire 3 has had to withdraw due to illness. What changes would you make to the duty sheet? Amend the duty sheet and explain your reasons.
   3. Part way through the event Judge/Umpire 6 informs the Track Referee of the need to leave at 14:00 (2pm). What further changes would you make to your duty sheet? Explain your reasons.

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|  | **Time** | **Event** | **Gender** | **Judge**  **1** | **Judge**  **2** | **Judge**  **3** | **Judge**  **4** | **Judge**  **5** | **Judge**  **6** | **Judge**  **7** | **Judge**  **8** |
| 1 | 11.30 | 400m H | SM |  | J | J | FLT 1-2 | 6-7 | FLT 5-6 | FLT 3-4 | FLT 7-8 |
| 2 | 11.40 | 400m H | SW | C | J | J | FLT 1-2 | 6-7 | FLT 5-6 | FLT 3-4 | FLT 7-8 |
| 3 | 11.50 | 400m | SW | H | 21 | 17 | 11 | 13 | J | J | 6-7 |
| 4 | 12.00 | 400m | SM | I | 21 | 17 | 11 | 13 | J | J | 6-7 |
| 5 | 12.15 | 1500m | SW | E | 13 | 9 & 5-6 | 21 | 17 | J | LBB | J |
| 6 | 12.25 | 3000m | SW | F | LBB | 9 & 5-6 | JLS | JLS | 17 | 21 | 13 |
| 7 | 12.45 | 3000m | SM |  | 9 & 5-6 | LBB | JLS | JLS | 17 | 21 | 13 |
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| 8 | 13.30 | 100m H | C/E SW |  | J | J | JL3 | WG | 5-6 | 7-8 | 2-3 |
| 9 | 13.35 | 100mH | SW |  | J | J | JL3 | WG | 5-6 | 7-8 | 2-3 |
| 10 | 13.40 | 110m H | C/E SM | J | 5-6 | WG | 7-8 | 2-3 | J | JL3 | J |
| 11 | 13.50 | 100m | SW | U | 5-6 | WG | 7-8 | 2-3 | J | JL3 | J |
| 12 | 14.00 | 100m | SM | D | 5-6 | WG | 7-8 | 2-3 | J | JL3 | J |
| 13 | 14.05 | 100m WC | SW/SM | G | J | J | WG | JL3 | 7-8 | 2-3 | 5-6 |
| 14 | 14.10 | 100m RR | SW/SM | E | J | J | WG | JL3 | 7-8 | 2-3 | 5-6 |
| 15 | 14.25 | 200m | SM |  | 19 | 21 | J | J | 7-8 | WG | JL3 |
| 16 | 14.30 | 200m | SW |  | 19 | 21 | J | J | 7-8 | WG | JL3 |
| 17 | 14.40 | 800m | SM |  | LBB | B/L & 14 | 10 | 17 | J | J | 21 |
| 18 | 14.50 | 800m | SW |  | LBB | B/L & 14 | 10 | 17 | J | J | 21 |