



Chief Judge Procedures

- Ensure that all members of your team are present before entering the arena.
- Officials shall enter and leave the Field of Play in an orderly fashion and walk around the outside of the track until directly opposite the event site of officiating where they will walk directly across the track.
- Time frame for entering Field of Play prior to athletes arriving to ensure facilities are correct are
 - Field Officials 20 minutes
- Ensure competition area (Track, Throwing Circles, Take-off Runways, Landing Areas, and Implements etc) meets IAAF Rules & Regulations paying close attention to landing mats (Vertical Jumps), Take-off Boards (Horizontal Jumps) and Implements (Throws). If alterations are required, advise the Referee & Technical Manager.
- The Chief Judge shall ensure all officiating positions have been appointed and that all officials are comfortable with their duties and are competent with the equipment being used (Measuring Bar, EDM etc).
- Ensure that all officials agree on hand signals being used in the landing area and the use of coloured cards or hand signals at the take off area, runway or circle. Yelling of calls is unacceptable.
- If any Electronic Distance Measuring device is being used, ensure that it is calibrated and checked both before and end of the competition in conjunction with the Referee.
- Ensure that the Landing Area Measuring Judge understands not to remove the marker too soon so that in the event of a verbal protest, the athletes' rights are preserved and a distance can be recorded.
- Ensure that the Recorder Judge repeats the distance or height made by the athlete back to the Measuring Judge to ensure it is correct. In loud, busy environments, it is beneficial to announce the distance or height two different ways (e.g. *Twenty, Ninety One. Two Zero, Nine One. Followed by the recorder repeating the distance or height once*).
- Make note of any records or qualification makes which are applicable and ensure the correct procedure is followed, including identifying which implement (if applicable) was used, however this implement must remain in the pool of implements for the duration of the event.
- In the absence of an Athlete Control Judge, the Chief Judge shall assist the Referee in collecting athletes from the Call Room.
- The Chief Judge shall provide the athletes with a briefing outlining the guidelines of the event.
- The Chief Judge is required to inspect and approve all Hammer Gloves, Taping and Pole Vault pole taping. If any questions arise, refer these to the Referee of the event.
- Ensure that safety standards are adhered to throughout both warm up and competition periods especially, but not limited to, the correct setting of Hammer Cage Gates.
- The Chief Judge shall use a White or Red Flag to indicate the validity of the throw. Flags shall be raised straight above the head and held there for the count of three.
- Ensure that the Recorder and Indicator Board Judges are able to hear the distance or height made by the athlete. In the absence of an Indicator Board, ensure Coaches and Spectators close to the event site are able to hear the distance or height made by the athlete.
- The Chief Judge shall ensure that Circle/Take-Off Board and Pit officials do not move until the athlete has left the circle/pit. The Chief Judge shall ensure that the Throws Landing officials measure each landing immediately.
- In the event of a protest or objection, the Chief Judge shall direct the athlete towards the Referee who oversees the conduct of the event including warm ups at the competition area & shall rule on any protest or objection regarding the conduct of the competition.
- The Chief Judge shall, at the conclusion of the third round (excluding Vertical Jumps), appoint the progression of the Top Eight to the final three rounds prior to the Referee confirming and approving the progression of the Top Eight to the final three rounds by initialling the bottom of the Revised Order column.
- At the conclusion of each event, the result sheet shall be completed immediately. Upon checking all final results, they shall be signed by the Recorder followed by the Chief Judge and Referee respectively.
- Once final results have been approved, in the absence of the Athlete Control (if applicable), assist the Referee to escort athletes to Post Event / Event Presentation / Mixed Media Area.
- Ensure that all implements, including athletes' personal implements, are returned to the Technical Manager and advising of any implements requiring checking for record ratification.

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- The Referee shall have authority to warn (Yellow Card) or exclude (Red Card) from competition, any athlete guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper manner (Rule 125.5).

Please adapt the above to the individual competition requirements as necessary.

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