

2003 - ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA RULES – WALKING EVENTS

20.4 Walking Rules - Generally walking events are to be conducted in accordance with 1AAF Rule 230 except as amended hereunder.

20.4.1 Australian Records - Notwithstanding Rule 260.25, a minimum of four AA graded judges, of whom at least two judges shall be from the IAAF Panel of International or Area Judges and/or Graded Level 'A' Walk Judge by Athletics Australia, shall be officiating during the competition at which an Australian record is claimed and shall sign the application form.

20.4.2 Chief Judge - Notwithstanding Rule 230.3(b), the Chief Judge shall be allowed to act as a Race Walking Judge at all events in Australia.

The Chief Judge, provided he/she is a member of the IAAF or Area Walk Judge Panels, may exercise the power under Rule 230.3(b), at any competition held in Australia.

20.4.3 Posting Board - In conformity with Rule 230.6(d) a Posting Board shall be used at all Australian Race Walk Championships 5km and longer. For all other levels of competition, the use of a Posting Board is optional.

Whilst the use of a Posting Board is strongly recommended, the failure to provide same will not invalidate an event or the action of the judges.

20.4.4 Cautions - Add to Rule 230.4. If a competitor, who is to receive a red card has not received a prior caution from a judge, the judge may issue a caution to the competitor. The judge shall then advise the Chief Judge that a caution has been issued as well as submitting the disqualification proposal.

20.4.5 Red Cards and Disqualification - Notwithstanding Rule 230.6 (a), at lesser level competitions (eg interclub and club meets), where there are less than the number of walk judges required by the 1AAF Rules available, the following disqualification arrangements will apply:

- a. where one judge available - one red card for disqualification
- b. where two judges available - two red cards for disqualification
- c. where three to seven judges available - three red cards for disqualification

20.4.6 Clothing in Walk Events - For walk events, 1AAF Rules 143.1 should be interpreted to mean that competitors should not wear tights or other legwear that could impede the walk judges' clear view of the walkers knees.

20.4.7 Rule 230.4 - Whilst the use of signs complying with this rule is strongly recommended, the use of differently designed or coloured signs will not invalidate the actions of the judge