

MAJOR UKA RULE CHANGES 2010

GENERAL

Rule 17.3 CLOTHING

To clarify the position regarding suitable vests which can be legitimately worn in Championships the list has been expanded to include English County, Scottish District, Welsh Regional and **any other Representative vests approved by UKA** – which would include, therefore, English Territorial vests which have been the apparent cause of some disputes.

Rule 21.2 Note ASSISTANCE

The Competition Area has been defined as 'the area where the competition is being staged and which has access restricted to the competing athletes and appropriate officials'

Rule 22.2 MISCONDUCT

A change in the rule which previously allowed a competitor who was disqualified during a competition for foul or abusive language to have his/her performances achieved up to the point of disqualification recognised and included in the result. This is now not acceptable and all performances in the competition from which the athlete is disqualified shall be deleted.

Additionally the rule relating to the use of foul and abusive language has been strengthened insofar that 'the use of foul or offensive language audible to others should normally attract a warning from the Referee **but if targeted at an official should immediately attract a disqualification**'.

TRACK EVENTS

Rule 108.2 TRACKS AND MEASUREMENTS

Note that the requirement for tracks to have kerbing down the inside in the straight has been removed.

Rule 113.2 FINISH POSTS

With so many tracks not having provision for the placing of finish posts – or photo finish requiring their removal anyway – the **mandatory** requirement for posts to be in place has been deleted.

Rule 111.14/15 STARTING RULES

In line with the change in IAAF Rules the UKA rules have been amended. In all competitions for **Seniors** (including those which might include younger athletes according to the rules – but excluding open graded meetings) any athlete deemed responsible for a false start shall be disqualified. In all other competitions, including **Masters'** events, the old UKA start rules will continue to operate.

Rule 114.2 PROVISION FOR RUN-OFF FOR FIRST PLACE

In the case of a dead-heat in a final of a track event the result shall stand.

FIELD EVENTS

Rule 121.7 TIES IN VERTICAL JUMPS

In line with the change in IAAF Rules where the requirement to have a jump-off for first place has been placed at the discretion of the Technical Delegate, reference to a jump-off in UKA Rules has been removed. In the case of a perfect tie then the athletes shall share first place.

Rule 124.9 POLE VAULT: TAPING OF POLES

'The pole may have protective layers of tape at the grip and of tape or any other suitable material at the bottom end.'

Rule 130.6 TAPING OF FINGERS

'If taping is used on the hands and fingers it may be continuous provided that as a result no two or more fingers are taped together in such a way that the fingers cannot be moved individually.'

COMBINED EVENTS

Rule 140.11 COMBINED EVENTS – START RULES

In **Senior** Combined Events competitions the 'old IAAF start rule will be used' i.e. only one false start in total shall be allowed per race before athletes are disqualified.

In **competitions for all other age groups, including Masters**, the old UKA rule still applies i.e. a third false start attributed to the same competitor would result in disqualification.

Rule 141.14 COMBINED EVENTS – INVALID PERFORMANCES FOR RECORDS

The previous requirement that if a performance in any of the appropriate events showed a following wind in excess of 4m per second then the record claim would not be acceptable has been removed. As long as the average wind speed of all relevant events is no greater than 2 m/s following the record can be accepted.

ROAD RUNNING RULES

Note that the Road Running rules have been reorganised and re-numbered although the content remains the same.

Rule 207.3 ROAD RUNNING DISTANCES

The maximum distance allowed for athletes in the **Under 13** age group has been raised to **5000m**.

Trail Running Rules have been considerably amended and large parts deleted.

A number of other rules have had the wording amended or added to in order to clarify circumstances where the rule may apply.