

RW WARECS Task Force - Minutes 07/07/2025 - 8:00pm

Attendance:

Present: Faith Hogan & Susan Heiser (CoChairs), Katie Burnett (a) Jordan Crawford (a) Maryanne Daniel (a), Dan Pierce (a), Liz Shepard (a), David Snyder, Ian Whatley (a). [Taskforce members Jo Burrows, Solomiya Login & Michael Roth-RW vice chair, were not present due to candidate conflicts.]

Recap:

The Task Force reviewed the WARWJ candidate process for the bronze and silver levels, discussed the standards and criteria for making decisions, and recommended changes to improve candidate assessments— including establishing training plans for candidates who don't immediately qualify. After evaluating the silver applications, the group selected candidates to be recommended to the WA Technical Officials Subcommittee and the USATF President for advancement for the Silver Level WARWJ exam.

ACTION ITEMS:

By General Agreement:

- 1) Update the application process to include a waiver/consent form for candidates to allow their NOC evaluation information to be shared with the RW WARECS Taskforce.
- 2) Develop different scenario-based questions for future applications.
- 3) Update the evaluation process to include a recorded speech about the duties of the chief judge and/or an athlete briefing, making this a requirement for future silver applicants.
- 4) Build up a large base of WA bronze-level judges across the US and to regulate the progression through the WA levels regionally to help reduce the costs of flying WA judges across the US.
- 5) Create and distribute the bronze level application form with a tentative September 15th deadline.
- 6) Follow up with WA regarding the bronze level exam date for 2025.

By Majority Consent:

- 7) Forward Dan Pierce for automatic retest as provided in the 2022 WARECS guidelines.
- 8) Recommend Jo Burrows and Mike Roth for the 2025 WARWJ silver panel certification.
- 9) Reserve Ed Richardson for the 2027 Silver WARWJ silver panel cohort.

SUMMARY

WA Judge Selection Process Review

The evaluation and selection process for World Athletics (WA) race walk judges was discussed. A tool to handle the applications was presented. The task force agreed on the importance of building up a large base of WA bronze-level judges across the US and recognized that regulating the progression through the WA levels regionally would reduce the costs of flying WA judges around the US. It was noted that the East region currently contains all of 4 of the gold WARWJ and 4 of the 9 bronze WARWJ. The group recognized the need to structure a route for silver applicants to create a second cohort, noting gaps in WA judge availability in the west and midwest and the need to disperse WA RW Judges across the US.

Candidate Evaluation Process Improvements

The need to have access to any NOC evaluations for candidates applying for WA RWJ certification was discussed. These materials would be helpful in determining readiness for advancement to higher levels. The group agreed to add a waiver to the application for privacy regarding NOC evaluation scores. It was also agreed that future applications should be allowed to include recommendations from a crew member or a chief, plus a more detailed format for

judging histories. Additionally, the group decided to provide constructive feedback to applicants and encourage a training plan for those not immediately selected.

Silver Candidates

The group reviewed the application materials from Jo Burrows, Ed Richardson and Michael Roth.

RW Judging Applications and Training Feedback

The group discussed the upcoming WARWJ bronze panel certifications and agreed to set a September 15th deadline for applications to the task force. They noted that while the testing date is typically announced 3 months in advance, it often gets delayed.

The meeting adjourned around 9:30pm

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