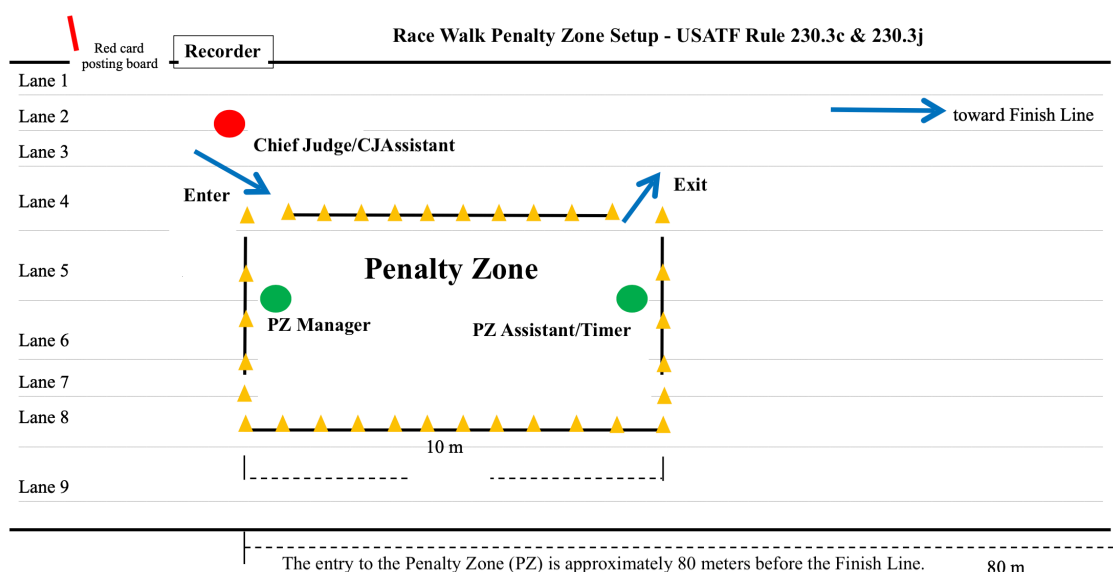


RW BASICS: HOSTING NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Non-Championship RW Set Up

- **Official Coordinator/Meet Management:** Secure certified Race Walk Judges. (3 minimum, 4 minimum recommended for outdoor track)
- Designate a RW Head Official/Chief Judge to coordinate equipment, materials, assign duties and manage the crew. RW Head can be Chief Judge or other assigned RW Judge/Official. The Chief Judge can also act as the RW Referee. (See: *RW Best Practices - How to Host a Race Walk*)
- Secure additional certified RW Officials, other Officials or capable Volunteers (2) to Record and work the Posting Board. Two additional are needed when the Penalty Zone is in use (*Rule 231*).
- Secure officials or volunteers as needed for Red Card Collection (3-5). Optimal - one per RW Judge.
- **Head RW Official:** Secure equipment and paperwork including Posting Board, judging forms, etc. (see *RW Best Practices - Equipment & Prep and Venue Set Up, RW Judging Forms*)
- **Chief Judge(s) & RW Crew:** Follow the relevant protocols in *RW Best Practices - How to Judge; RW Crew Duties; and RW Track Assignments - Non-Championship*.
- **Posting Board/Recorder:** Locate 80-90 meters before the finish line, best inside the curb where visible to athletes and coaches. Move to 50 meters when Chief Judge is serving as Recorder.
- **Penalty Zone:** Locate in lanes 5 to 7 on the final straight, roughly 80 meters from the finish line. (See set up below). Must have at least four (4) Certified RW Judges, Recorder, Chief Judge Assistant, Penalty Zone Timer and Red Card Collectors (See: *RW Crew Duties & Venue Set Up*).



USATF Rules Relevant to Non-Championship Race Walks

Non-Championship Events - Should follow the rules for USATF Championships “so far as possible” (*USATF Rule 9*). Modifications to Championship protocols are permitted as long as they comply with USATF Rules for Race Walking. Such events may not be record eligible and may not be used as a qualifier for a subsequent race walk event (*Rules 232.6 & 266*). Record eligible events must follow rules for National Championships (See *RW Best Practices: Track Assignments - Championship and How to Host a Race Walk*).

Mixed Gender Competitions - Are permitted specifically for race walks (*Rule 147.2*).

Simultaneous Events - Multiple distances may be contested at the same time, however, competitors must declare and compete at one distance (*Rule 232.3b*).

RW BASICS: HOSTING NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS (cont'd)

Race Walk Judges - A minimum of three (3) certified Race Walk Judges are required for a valid event (*Rule 232.3c*). Five (5) judges are recommended for track and a minimum of six (6) judges are recommended for road courses (*Rule 230.1h*). All judges must be currently Certified RW Judges by USATF (*Rule 230.1e*). Judging must be in compliance with the rules for Race Walking (*Rules 230 & 232*).

Chief Judge - Responsible for assigning RW Judges to their judging zones, acts as the supervising official for the race walk competition, and serves as a RW Judge (*Rule 230.1c*); serves as RW Referee and/or Head Umpire when one has not been assigned (*Rule 230.1g*); serves as Recorder when one has not been assigned (*Rule 230.3b*); notifies competitors of any disqualifications (DQ) with a red paddle as soon as practical (*Rule 230.3d, e*); informs competitors when they are required to enter the Penalty Zone (*Rule 230.1j*); may delegate DQ and/or PZ notification duties to a Chief Judge Assistant (*Rule 230.3c, j*).

Race Walk Officials - Roles including Recorder for the Chief Judge, Posting Board Assistant and other support duties may be performed by certified Race Walk Officials (*Rule 231*), however, when personnel is limited, other USATF Certified Officials or capable volunteers may serve in these roles.

Posting Board(s) - Required for National Championships, International Selection and WA events. Recommended for all other events for transparency and as a method to inform athletes when they are in danger of disqualification. Posting Boards are placed on the course and/or near the finish (*Rule 230.1g*).

Red Cards - Shall be given to the Recorder ASAP. If there is no Recorder, Red Cards (RC) are given to the Chief Judge (CJ) (*Rule 230.3b*). Red Card Collectors should be assigned to gather Red Cards from RW Judges and given to the Recorder or CJ.

Disqualification - A competitor receiving three (3) Red Cards from three (3) different Judges shall be disqualified. If a Penalty Zone is in use, a competitor who receives four (4) Red Cards from four (4) different judges shall be disqualified (*Rule 230.3j*). A disqualification under USATF Rule 230.3c or 230.3j is not appealable (*Rule 230.1a*).

DQ Notification - Shall be given as soon as practical after the competitor has finished if it is impractical to notify the competitor during the race (*Rule 230.3d*). A Chief Judge Assistant may be assigned to notify competitors when they are disqualified (*Rule 230.3c, e*).

Last 100 meters - Required for WA Sanctioned events. Can be used for National Championships and International Selections (*Rule 230.1f*). Can not be used for other Non-Championship events.

Penalty Zone - Required for WA sanctioned events, this includes National Championships and International Selection events (*Rule 230.3j*). There should be at least five (5) RW Judges and support crew serving when the PZ is in use. The PZ may also be used when four (4) RW Judges are serving, however, it can never be used when only three (3) RW Judges are available.