

## WORLD PARA ATHLETICS APPROVED AMENDMENTS MARCH 2024

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			<b>THROUGHOUT RULE BOOK</b>	<b>THROUGHOUT RULE BOOK</b>	
All		Amend	All references to “he”, “she”, “his”, “her”, “himself” and “herself”	Changed to “they”, “their” and “themselves” throughout.	In order to maintain the text gender neutral.
			<b>PART A – GENERAL</b>	<b>PART A – GENERAL</b>	
8		Amend (Delete and add)	IPC Competitions: World Para Athletics Championships and World Para Athletics Regional Championships.	<del>IPC Competitions</del> <b>WPA Championships:</b> World Para Athletics Championships and World Para Athletics Regional Championships.	Aligned with the steps towards the transfer of governance.
8		Amend (Delete)	IPC Games: the Paralympic Games and the Parapan American Games.	<del>IPC Games: the Paralympic Games and the Parapan American Games.</del>	As the Americas Paralympic committee has become independent from IPC, remove the “IPC Games” definition.
9		Amend (Add New Definition)		<b>Raza Points System:</b> the scoring system in Para athletics events used to compare performances in the same event by athletes in different Sports Classes, as published on the WPA website from time to time.	To clarify where the current points system to be used can be found.
9		Amend (Add)	<b>Sport Class Status:</b> a designation applied to a Sport Class to indicate the extent to which an athlete may be required to undertake athlete evaluation and/or be subject to a classification protest.	<b>Sport Class Status:</b> a designation applied to a Sport Class to indicate the extent to which an athlete may be required to undertake athlete evaluation and/or be subject to a classification protest. <b>Further detail in relation to Sport Class Statuses can be found in the World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations.</b>	To clarify where additional information on Sport Class Status can be found.
10	2.1.6	Amend (Add)	<b>2 General Provisions</b>  2.1.6 Any matter not addressed in these Rules shall be determined by the IPC, in its sole discretion.	<b>2 General Provisions</b>  2.1.6 Any matter not addressed in these Rules shall be determined by <b>WPA</b> <del>the IPC</del> , in its sole discretion.	Aligned with the steps towards the transfer of governance.
13	3.1.2	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>3 World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions</b>  3.1.2 World Para Athletics Recognised Competition levels are as follows:	<b>3 World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions</b>  3.1.2 World Para Athletics Recognised Competition levels are as follows:	As the Americas Paralympic committee has become

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			<p>a) IPC Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paralympic Games</li> <li>• Parapan American Games</li> </ul> <p>b) IPC Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Para Athletics Championships</li> <li>• World Para Athletics Regional Championships</li> </ul> <p>[...]</p>	<p>a) <del>IPC Games</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paralympic Games</li> <li>• <del>Parapan American Games</del></li> </ul> <p>b) <del>IPC Competitions</del> <b>WPA Championships:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Para Athletics Championships</li> <li>• World Para Athletics Regional Championships</li> </ul> <p>[...]</p>	<p><i>independent from IPC, the wording "IPC Games" will be Changed to Paralympic Games across the Rulebook.</i></p> <p><i>Aligned with the steps towards the transfer of governance, the wording "IPC Competitions" Changed to "WPA Championships" across the Rulebook.</i></p>
			<b>PART B – WPA REGULATIONS</b>	<b>PART B – WPA REGULATIONS</b>	
19	5	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Anti-Doping</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Anti-Doping requirements</b></p> <p>5.1.1 The IPC Anti-Doping Code (located on the IPC website) applies to all IPC Games, IPC Competitions and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions.</p> <p>5.1.2 World Para Athletics Approved Competitions must be conducted in accordance with the anti-doping rules of the relevant governing body and the WADC International Standards.</p> <p><i>In order for a World Record to be recognised by World Para Athletics, doping control must occur at the competition that the record is set, and, the testing must have been arranged in advance of the start of the first day of competition. It is not a requirement that an athlete that has broken a world record is selected for testing.</i></p> <p><i>In the case where a record is broken at a competition that has not arranged for doping control in advance, the record shall not be recognised.</i></p>	<p><b>Anti-Doping</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Anti-Doping Code requirements</b></p> <p>5.1.1 The IPC Anti-Doping Code (located on the IPC website) applies to <b>the Paralympic Games, all IPC Games, IPC Competitions all WPA Championships</b> and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions.</p> <p>5.1.2 World Para Athletics Approved Competitions must be conducted in accordance with the anti-doping rules of the relevant governing body and the WADC International Standards.</p> <p><b>5.2. World Record Recognition</b></p> <p><b>5.2.1</b> <i>In order for a World Record to be recognised by World Para Athletics, doping control <b>conducted in accordance with the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations</b> must occur at the competition that the record is set, <del>and, the t</del>Testing must have been arranged in advance of the start of the first day of competition. It is not a requirement that an athlete that has broken a world record is selected for testing.</i></p> <p><b>5.2.2</b> <i>In the case where a record is broken at a competition that has not arranged for doping control in <del>advance</del> <b>accordance with Regulation 5.2.1</b>, the record shall not be recognised.</i></p>	<p><i>To provide clarity.</i></p>

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22	6.5.1	Amend (delete and add)	<p><b>Medical and safety services at IPC Games, IPC Competitions and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions</b></p> <p>6.5.1 The LOC shall be responsible for implementing the medical and safety services for IPC Games in accordance with the relevant host agreement.</p>	<p><b>Medical and safety services at <del>IPC</del> the Paralympic Games, <del>IPC Competitions</del> WPA Championships and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions</b></p> <p>6.5.1 The LOC shall be responsible for implementing the medical and safety services for <del>IPC</del> the Paralympic Games in accordance with the relevant host agreement, <i>as well as the WPA scope of event medical services.</i></p>	To clarify that during the Games the IFs define their own venue specific medical needs through their IF medical guidelines/rules.
23	6.9	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>6.9 Heat</b></p> <p>The IPC Heat Policy (located on the IPC website) applies to all World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions.</p>	<p><b>6.9 Heat</b></p> <p>The <del>IPC</del> WPA Heat <i>Countermeasure</i> Policy (located on the <del>IPC</del> WPA website) applies to <del>all World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions.</del> <i>the Paralympic Games and WPA Championships. For all other WPA sanctioned and approved competitions, WPA expects the LOC to implement reasonable measures that are aligned with this policy.</i></p>	To reflect the updated title of the document.
			<b>PART C – WORLD PARA ATHLETICS COMPETITION RULES</b>	<b>PART C – WORLD PARA ATHLETICS COMPETITION RULES</b>	
			<b>Rule 1: Appointment of Officials</b>	<b>Rule 1: Appointment of Officials</b>	
27	1	Amend (Add)	<p>1. Appointment of Officials for IPC Games and IPC Competitions:</p> <p><del>a)</del> At IPC Games and IPC Competitions the following international officials should be appointed by the IPC based on recommendations from the WPA Sports Technical Committee;</p> <p>b) WPA Technical Delegate(s);</p> <p>c) WPA International Technical Officials;</p> <p>d) Medical Delegate;</p> <p>e) Doping Control Delegate;</p> <p>f) Chief Classifier;</p> <p>g) International Classifiers;</p> <p>h) International Starter</p> <p>i) International Photo Finish Judge;</p> <p>j) Jury of Appeal.</p>	<p>1. Appointment of Officials for <del>IPC</del> the Paralympic Games and <del>IPC Competitions</del> WPA Championships:</p> <p><del>a)</del> At <del>IPC</del> the Paralympic Games and <del>IPC Competitions</del> WPA Championships the following international officials should be appointed by <del>the IPC</del> <i>(for the Paralympic Games)</i> and <del>WPA</del> <i>(for WPA Championships)</i> based on recommendations from the WPA. Sports Technical Committee;</p> <p>a) WPA Technical Delegate(s);</p> <p>b) WPA International Technical Officials;</p> <p>c) Medical Delegate;</p> <p>d) Doping Control Delegate;</p> <p>e) Chief Classifier;</p> <p>f) International Classifiers;</p> <p>g) International Starter</p> <p>h) International Photo Finish Judge;</p> <p>i) Jury of Appeal.</p>	Aligned with the steps towards the transfer of governance and to correct typographical error.

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			<b>Rule 2: Description of Officials and Their Duties</b>	<b>Rule 2: Description of Officials and Their Duties</b>	
29	2.2	Amend	<p><b>2.2 Medical Delegate</b></p> <p>The Medical Delegate shall:</p> <p>a) Have ultimate authority on all medical matters.</p> <p>b) Ensure that adequate facilities for medical examination, treatment and emergency care will be available at the venue(s) of the competition, training and Warm-up Areas and that medical attention can be provided where athletes are accommodated and for provision of and compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.1.</p>	<p><b>2.2 Medical Delegate</b></p> <p>The Medical Delegate shall:</p> <p>a) Have ultimate authority on all medical matters. <i>They shall be given full access to the available medical information and communicate with the LOC chief medical officer.</i></p> <p>b) Ensure that adequate facilities for medical examination, treatment and emergency care will be available at the venue(s) of the competition, training and Warm-up Areas and that medical attention can be provided where athletes are accommodated and for provision of and compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.1.</p>	To clarify the scope of access to medical information.
36	2.8	Amend (Delete)	<p><b>2.8 Officials of the Competition</b></p> <p>[...] COMMENT: [...] Referees and competition officials at athletics events have many important functions, but none is more important than their roles in ensuring the safety of all concerned.</p>	<p><b>2.8 Officials of the Competition</b></p> <p>[...] COMMENT: [...] <del>Referees and</del> Competition officials at athletics events have many important functions, but none is more important than their roles in ensuring the safety of all concerned.</p>	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
36	2.9	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>2.9 Competition Director</b></p> <p>The Competition Director shall plan and implement the technical organisation of a competition in cooperation with the Technical Delegate(s). He shall direct the interaction between the participants in the competition and, through the communication system, shall be in contact with all the officials.</p>	<p><b>2.9 Competition Director</b></p> <p><del>The Competition Director shall plan and implement the technical organisation of a competition in cooperation with the Technical Delegate(s). He shall direct the interaction between the participants in the competition and, through the communication system, shall be in contact with all the officials.</del></p> <p><i>The Competition Director shall, where applicable with the Technical, and other relevant, Delegate(s):</i></p> <p><i>1. plan the technical organisation of a competition, including the integration of Event Presentation and Victory Ceremonies;</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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				<p>2. ensure that this plan is executed before and during the competition;</p> <p>3. ensure that any technical problems are resolved or an alternate solution put in place;</p> <p>4. direct the interaction between the participants in the competition; and</p> <p>5. through the communication system, be in contact with all key officials and other relevant stakeholders involved in the delivery and broadcast of the competition;</p> <p>6. engage fully with the Event Presentation Manager to ensure compliance with Rule 2.12;</p> <p>7. ensure the accurate preparation and publication of the Call Room schedule in accordance with Rule 2.24;</p> <p>8. communicate with the Start Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of Rule 2.17.1(a);</p> <p>9. be fully aware of the applicable regulations for the competition and the functioning of the planned technological and IT systems; and</p> <p>10. manage any matters arising under Rule 8.5.</p> <p>COMMENT: During the competition, to ensure an efficient operation, the Competition Director should be located with an optimal view of the competition area, close to the Event Presentation team and with satisfactory and reliable availability of technological connections and supporting monitors.</p>	
42	2.13	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>2.13 Referees</b></p> <p>3. The appropriate Referee shall check all final results, shall deal with any disputed points and, in conjunction with the Measurement Judge (Scientific) where appointed, shall supervise the measurements of Record performances. At the conclusion of each event, the result card shall be completed immediately, signed by the appropriate Referee and handed to the Competition Secretary.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>5. A Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete or relay team guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper manner or under Rules 6, 7, 17.5, 18.17, 18.18, 24.2, 24.5, 24.19 or 49.8(h)). In case of</p>	<p><b>2.13 Referees</b></p> <p>3. The appropriate Referee shall check all final results, shall deal with any disputed points and, in conjunction with the Measurement Judge (Scientific) where appointed, shall supervise the measurements of Record performances. At the conclusion of each round of an event, the result card shall be completed immediately, signed (or otherwise approved) by the appropriate Referee or the Chief Photo Finish Judge and handed to the Competition Secretary.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>5. A Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete or relay team in accordance with Rule 8.1. <del>guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper</del></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<p>a disciplinary matter, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition area. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.</p> <p>The applicable Referee (where practicable after consulting the Competition Director) may warn or remove any other person from the competition area (or other area related to the competition including the Warm-up Area, Call Room and coaches seating) who is acting in an unsporting or improper manner or who is providing assistance to athletes that is not permitted by the Rules. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</p> <p>Note (i): The Referee may, where the circumstances justify it; exclude an athlete or relay team without a warning having been given (See also Note to Rule 7.2);</p> <p>Note (ii): When excluding an athlete or relay team from competition under this Rule, if the Referee is aware that a yellow card has already been given, should show a second yellow card followed immediately by a red card.</p> <p>Note (iii): If a yellow card is given and the Referee is not aware that there is a previous yellow card, it shall, once this is known, have the same consequence as if it was given in association with a red card. The relevant Referee shall take immediate action to advise the athlete or relay team or his/its team of his/its exclusion.</p> <p>COMMENT: Six key points are made to provide guidance and clarity in relation to the way in which cards are shown and recorded:</p> <p>(1) Yellow and red cards can be given either for disciplinary reasons (refer mostly to Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2) or for technical infringements in case they are serious enough to</p>	<p><del>manner or under Rules 6, 7, 17.5, 18.17, 18.18, 24.2, 24.5, 24.19 or 49.8(h)). In case of a disciplinary matter, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition area. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.</del></p> <p><del>The applicable Referee (where practicable after consulting the Competition Director) may warn or remove any other person from the competition area (or other area related to the competition including the Warm up Area, Call Room and coaches seating) who is acting in an unsporting or improper manner or who is providing assistance to athletes that is not permitted by the Rules. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</del></p> <p><del>Note (i): The Referee may, where the circumstances justify it; exclude an athlete or relay team without a warning having been given (See also Note to Rule 7.2);</del></p> <p><del>Note (ii): When excluding an athlete or relay team from competition under this Rule, if the Referee is aware that a yellow card has already been given, should show a second yellow card followed immediately by a red card.</del></p> <p><del>Note (iii): If a yellow card is given and the Referee is not aware that there is a previous yellow card, it shall, once this is known, have the same consequence as if it was given in association with a red card. The relevant Referee shall take immediate action to advise the athlete or relay team or his/its team of his/its exclusion.</del></p> <p><del>COMMENT: Six key points are made to provide guidance and clarity in relation to the way in which cards are shown and recorded:</del></p> <p><del>(1) Yellow and red cards can be given either for disciplinary</del></p>	<p>Relevant text removed from Rule 2.13.5. and brought under WPA Rule 8.1.</p>

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			<p><i>be considered unsporting manners (e.g. a serious and clear deliberate obstruction in a race).</i></p> <p><i>(2) Whilst it is normal and usually expected that a yellow card would have been given before a red card, it is envisaged that in the cases of particularly bad unsporting or improper behaviour a red card can be given immediately. It should be noted that the athlete has in any case the opportunity to appeal such a decision to the Jury of Appeal.</i></p> <p><i>(3) There will be also some cases in which it is not practical or even logical for a yellow card to have been issued. For example, the note to Rule 7.2 specifically allows for an immediate red card if justified in cases covered by Rule 7.3 (a) such as pacing in races.</i></p> <p><i>(4) A similar situation might also follow when a Referee issues a yellow card and the athlete responds in such an inappropriate manner that it is justified to then immediately give a red card. It is not essential for there to be two completely different and distinct in time instances of inappropriate behaviour.</i></p> <p><i>(5) As per Note (iii), in cases where a Referee is aware that the athlete in question has already received a yellow card during the competition and he proposes to issue a red card, the Referee should first show a second yellow card and then the red card. However, if a Referee does not show the second yellow card, it will not invalidate the issuing of the red card.</i></p>	<p><del><i>reasons (refer mostly to Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2) or for technical infringements in case they are serious enough to be considered unsporting manners (e.g. a serious and clear deliberate obstruction in a race).</i></del></p> <p><del><i>(2) Whilst it is normal and usually expected that a yellow card would have been given before a red card, it is envisaged that in the cases of particularly bad unsporting or improper behaviour a red card can be given immediately. It should be noted that the athlete has in any case the opportunity to appeal such a decision to the Jury of Appeal.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>(3) There will be also some cases in which it is not practical or even logical for a yellow card to have been issued. For example, the note to Rule 7.2 specifically allows for an immediate red card if justified in cases covered by Rule 7.3 (a) such as pacing in races.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>(4) A similar situation might also follow when a Referee issues a yellow card and the athlete responds in such an inappropriate manner that it is justified to then immediately give a red card. It is not essential for there to be two completely different and distinct in time instances of inappropriate behaviour.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>(5) As per Note (iii), in cases where a Referee is aware that the athlete in question has already received a yellow card during the competition and he proposes to issue a red card, the Referee should first show a second yellow card and then the red card. However, if a Referee does not show the second yellow card, it will not invalidate the issuing of the red card.</i></del></p>	
49	2.18.1	Amend (Add)	<p><b>2.18 Starter's Assistants</b></p> <p>1. The Starter's Assistants shall check that the athletes are competing in the correct heat or race and that their number bibs are worn correctly.</p>	<p><b>2.18 Starter's Assistants</b></p> <p>1. The Starter's Assistants shall check that the athletes are competing in the correct heat or race and that their number bibs are worn correctly <b>and, where applicable, other equipment is worn and used correctly.</b></p>	Clarify the additional duties of the Starter's Assistants in Para-Athletics.

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51	2.20.3	Amend (Delete and Add)	<p><b>2.20 Competition Secretary, Technical Information Centre (TIC)</b></p> <p>3. The following standard abbreviations should be used in the preparation of start lists and results where applicable: ...</p> <p>Lane infringement (Rules 18.6.(c) and 18.6.(d)) – L</p>	<p><b>2.20 Competition Secretary, Technical Information Centre (TIC)</b></p> <p>3. The following standard abbreviations should be used in the preparation of start lists and results where applicable: ...</p> <p><i>Advanced to next round by draw qD</i> Lane infringement (Rules <del>18.6.(c)</del> <b>18.5.(c)</b> and <del>18.6.(d)</del> <b>18.5.(d)</b>) – L</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
51	2.20.3	Amend (Add)	<p>3. The following standard abbreviations should be used in the preparation of start lists and results where applicable: [...]</p>	<p>3. The following standard abbreviations should be used in the preparation of start lists and results where applicable: [...]</p> <p><i>Competing under protest – P</i></p>	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
51	2.20.4	Amend (Add)	<p>4. A Technical Information Centre (TIC) will be established for WPA Recognised Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2) and is recommended for other competitions held over more than one day. The main function of the TIC is to ensure smooth communication between each team delegation, the LOC, the Technical Delegates and the competition administration regarding technical and other matters relating to the competition.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: An effectively managed Technical Information Centre will significantly assist in the delivery of a high quality competition organisation. The TIC Manager should have excellent knowledge of the Rules and equally importantly of the specific Regulations for the particular competition. The hours of operation of the TIC should reflect the hours of the competition plus some periods of time before and after when there will need to be interaction between the various parties, particularly between the team delegations and the LOC. It is common, although not essential, for larger events to have “branches” of the TIC (sometimes called Sport Information desks) in the main athlete accommodation locations. If this is the case, there must be excellent communication between the SID(s) and the TIC. Because the hours of operation of the TIC and SID(s) may be long, it will be</i></p>	<p>4. A Technical Information Centre (TIC) will be established for WPA Recognised Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2) and is recommended for other competitions held over more than one day. <i>It may be a virtual or physical operation, or a combination of both.</i> The main function of the TIC is to ensure smooth communication between each team delegation, the LOC, the Technical Delegates and the competition administration regarding technical and other matters relating to the competition.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: An effectively managed Technical Information Centre will significantly assist in the delivery of a high quality competition organisation. The TIC Manager should have excellent knowledge of the Rules and equally importantly of the specific Regulations for the particular competition. The hours of operation of the TIC should reflect the hours of the competition plus some periods of time before and after when there will need to be interaction between the various parties, particularly between the team delegations and the LOC. It is common, although not essential, for larger events to have “branches” of the TIC (sometimes called Sport Information desks) in the main athlete accommodation locations. If this is the case, there must be excellent communication between the SID(s) and the TIC. Because the hours of</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.



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			<i>necessary for the TIC Manager to have several assistants and for them to work in shifts. Whilst some duties of the TIC are covered in the Competition Rules (see for example Rules 2.20, 50.3 and Rule 50.7), others will be set out in the Regulations for each competition and in competition documents such as team handbooks etc.</i>	<i>operation of the TIC and SID(s) may be long, it will be necessary for the TIC Manager to have several assistants and for them to work in shifts. <b>Where a virtual TIC is fully or partially in operation, the hours of operation may more easily be extended, but it is important to make clear the hours during which the virtual operation will be monitored.</b> Whilst some duties of the TIC are covered in the <del>Competition</del> Rules (see for example Rules 2.20, 50.3 and Rule 50.7), others will be set out in the Regulations for each competition and in competition documents such as team handbooks etc.</i>	
55	2.24	Amend (Add)	<p><b>2.24 Call Room Judges</b></p> <p><i>COMMENT: A well planned, and efficiently managed Call Room is fundamental to the success of a competition. Planning to ensure sufficient space at the point when the Call Room will be at its fullest capacity, how many Call Rooms (and sections within each) are required and a reliable communication system with the other Officials and to notify the athletes when to report from the Warm-up Area are constants. It is important that in the planning process it is determined which checks will be made and preferably these should be communicated to the athletes and teams in advance to avoid stress or confusion immediately before competition. Most important of all is that the Call Room Judges ensure the athletes are in the correct heat, race or group and that they leave for the competition area in a timely manner in accordance with the Call Room schedule. Ideally the Call Room schedule, indicating such key times as entry to and departure from the Call Room and arrival at the event site, as well as the start time of the event.</i></p>	<p><b>2.24 Call Room Judges</b></p> <p><i>COMMENT: A well planned, and efficiently managed Call Room is fundamental to the success of a competition. Planning to ensure sufficient space at the point when the Call Room will be at its fullest capacity, how many Call Rooms (and sections within each) are required and a reliable communication system with the other Officials and to notify the athletes when to report from the Warm-up Area are constants. It is important that in the planning process it is determined which checks will be made and preferably these should be communicated to the athletes and teams in advance to avoid stress or confusion immediately before competition. Most important of all is that the Call Room Judges ensure the athletes are in the correct heat, race or group and that they leave for the competition area in a timely manner in accordance with the Call Room schedule. Ideally the Call Room schedule, indicating such key times as entry to and departure from the Call Room and arrival at the event site, as well as the start time of the event <b>will be published in advance of the competition and an accurate clock showing the correct time will be situated outside the Call Room.</b></i></p>	To highlight Call Room best practice.
			<b>Rule 5: Entries</b>	<b>Rule 5: Entries</b>	
60	5.2	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Simultaneous Entries</b></p> <p><i>2. If an athlete is entered in both a Track Event and a Field Event, or in more than one Field Event taking place simultaneously, the appropriate Referee may, for one</i></p>	<p><b>Simultaneous Entries</b></p> <p><i>2. If an athlete is entered in both a Track Event and a Field Event, or in more than one Field Event taking place simultaneously, the appropriate Referee may, for one</i></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments

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			round of trials at a time, or for each trial in the High Jump, allow an athlete to take his trial in an order different from that decided upon by the draw prior to the start of the competition. However, if an athlete subsequently is not present for any trial, it shall be deemed that he is passing once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed.	round of trials at a time, or for each trial in the High Jump, allow an athlete to take <del>his</del> <b>their</b> trial in an order different from <del>that decided upon by the draw prior to the start of the competition.</del> <b>the start list (or as determined in accordance with Rule 24.6.(a)).</b> However, if an athlete subsequently is not present for <del>any</del> <b>that particular</b> trial, it shall be deemed that he is passing once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed. <b>As this possibility exists only for that particular round / trial allowed by the Referee, if the athlete is then not present for a subsequent round / trial, when their competing order will be again according to the start list (or as determined in accordance with Rule 24.6.(a)), it will be counted as a failure once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed.</b>	
60	5.2	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Simultaneous Entries</b></p> <p>[...] COMMENT: [...] If an athlete is not present in the final round and has not previously indicated that he will pass, then the time allowed for his trial will run and if he does not return before it expires, then he will be recorded as passing.</p>	<p><b>Simultaneous Entries</b></p> <p>[...] COMMENT: [...] If an athlete is not present in the final round and has not previously indicated that he will pass, then the time allowed for his trial will run and if he does not return before it expires, then he will be recorded as <del>passing a</del> <b>failure.</b></p>	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
61	5.3	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Re-entry after Changes in Sport Class</b></p> <p>3. [...]</p> <p>COMMENT: The following criteria should be considered when determining re-entry after changes in Sport Class: The minimum eligibility criteria for the newly allocated sport class have been met; The event(s) is/are offered in the newly allocated sport class; The maximum entries per team have not been reached; The competition of the concerned event(s) has not started; The competition schedule is not affected.</p>	<p><b>Re-entry after Changes in Sport Class</b></p> <p>3. [...]</p> <p>COMMENT: The following criteria should be considered when determining re-entry after changes in Sport Class: The <del>minimum eligibility criteria</del> <b>Minimum Entry Standard</b> for the newly allocated sport class <del>have been met</del>; The event(s) is/are offered in the newly allocated sport class; The maximum entries per team have not been reached; The competition of the concerned event(s) has not started; The competition schedule is not affected.</p>	To reflect correct terminology.

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63	5.4	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Failure to Participate</b></p> <p>4. [...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT: The relevant Referee, once aware of such a situation and is satisfied that the athlete who abandoned the race was not competing with a bona fide effort, must make a reference to this in the relevant results as “DNF Rule 5.4.(c)”. Either in the process of the Referee making such a decision or the Jury of the Appeal considering any protest arising from it reasons for the withdrawal or non-participation proposed by or on behalf of the athlete can be considered. The Rule sets out the process that should explicitly be followed in the case of a medical reason</i></p>	<p><b>Failure to Participate</b></p> <p>4. [...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT: If <del>the</del> relevant Referee, <del>once aware of such a situation and</del> is satisfied that <del>the</del><u>an</u> athlete who abandoned <del>the</del> a race was not competing with a bona fide effort, <del>they</del> must make a reference to this in the relevant results as “DNF Rule 5.4.(c)”. Either in the process of the <del>Referee</del> <b>Technical Delegate(s)</b> making such a decision or the Jury of the Appeal considering any protest arising from it reasons for the withdrawal or non-participation proposed by or on behalf of the athlete can be considered.</i></p> <p><i>If the appropriate Referee is in any doubt that an athlete and/or guide-runner has made a bona fide effort in a specific event, available video evidence shall be considered. If the available video evidence is conclusive, then the athlete shall be disqualified in accordance with Rule 8.1 and will not be permitted to take part in any further events in that Competition.</i></p>	<p>To add clarity.</p> <p>Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p> <p>Relevant comment moved from Rule 7.8 and brought under the comment in Rule 5.4 as it relates solely to bona fide effort.</p>
63	5.5	Amend (delete and add)	<p><b>Failure to Report to the Call Room(s)</b></p> <p>5. Except as provided below, an athlete shall be excluded from participation in any event in which he is not present in the Call Room(s) at the relevant time as published in the Call Room schedule. He shall be shown in the results as DNS. The relevant Referee will decide on this (including whether the athlete may compete under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately) and the corresponding reference must be made in the official results.</p> <p>Justifiable reasons (e.g. factors independent of the athlete’s own actions, such as problems with the official transport system or an error in the published Call Room schedule) may, after confirmation, be accepted by the Referee and the athlete may then be allowed to take part.</p>	<p><b>Failure to Report to the Call Room(s)</b></p> <p><i>5.5.1. It is each athlete's responsibility to ensure that they are present in the Call Room(s) on time. Except as provided in this Rule, an athlete shall be excluded from participation in any event in which they are not present in the Call Room(s) at the relevant time as published in the Call Room schedule.</i></p> <p><i>5.5.2 The relevant Referee shall determine if the athlete was present in the Call Room(s) on time, and if not, whether there was a justifiable reason for the athlete not being present on time. For this purpose, the following justifiable reasons may be considered by the Referee if the athlete can provide evidence that this led to them not being present on time:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Problems with the official transport system;</i></li> <li><i>2. Error(s) in the published Call Room Schedule;</i></li> </ol>	<p>Redrafted to add clarity and to ensure the correct interpretation of the rule.</p>

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			<p><i>COMMENT: As the rule states, the athlete must be present in the Call Room(s) at the appropriate time. This does not mean standing outside the Call Room. The Technical Regulations for the Competition will outline the Call Room procedures which must be followed. The Relevant Referee shall decide if the athlete has attended the Call Room(s) on time or if there is a Justifiable reason for not being present on time. The Referee may allow an athlete to compete under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately. It is important to note that if the athlete has been listed as "DNS" on the results sheet, he shall be excluded from all further events of the competition (save where the "DNS" is as a result of Rule 6.16).</i></p>	<p><i>3. Illness or injury, for which a medical certificate must be provided as evidence and signed by the Medical Delegate.</i></p> <p><i>5.5.3 The relevant Referee may, at their discretion, allow the athlete to compete in the event under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately in respect of 5.5.2.</i></p> <p><i>5.5.4 If the Referee determines that the athlete was present in the Call Room(s) on time or had a justifiable reason for not being present on time, they shall be permitted to compete in the event.</i></p> <p><i>5.5.5 If the Referee determines that the athlete was not present in the Call Room(s) on time and had no justifiable reason for not being present on time, the athlete shall be listed as "DNS", and a corresponding reference shall be made in the official results.</i></p> <p><i>5.5.6 At Paralympic Games, WPA Championships and WPA Sanctioned Competitions, if the athlete is listed as "DNS" as a result of this Rule, they shall also be excluded from all further events in which they are entered at that Competition.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: As the rule states, the athlete must be present in the Call Room(s) at the appropriate time, as determined by the relevant Referee. Being present in the Call Room does not mean standing outside the Call Room. The technical regulations for the Competition may outline any Call Room procedures which must be followed.</i></p> <p><i>For the avoidance of doubt, a "DNS" designation as a result of this Rule shall not affect any results obtained by the athlete at the same Competition in events prior to the event in which they received the "DNS" designation.</i></p>	
			<b>Rule 6: Clothing, Shoes, Athlete Bibs, ...</b>	<b>Rule 6: Clothing, Shoes, Athlete Bibs, ...</b>	
64	6.1.2	Amend	<p><b>6.1 Clothing</b> [...]</p> <p>6.1.2 Any athlete who removes an article of clothing</p>	<p><b>6.1 Clothing</b> [...]</p> <p>6.1.2 Any athlete who removes an article of clothing</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<i>inappropriately, such as taking off his top after the finish of an event to expose his torso, shall, for a first offence in that Competition, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule 2.13.5. For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule 2.13.5.</i>	<i>inappropriately, such as taking off his top after the finish of an event to expose his torso, shall, for a first offence in that Competition, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule <del>2-13-5</del> 8.1. For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule <del>2-13-5</del> 8.1.</i>	
65	6.4	Amend (add)	<p><b>6.4 Shoes - Dimensions of Spikes</b></p> <p><i>That part of each spike which projects from the sole or the heel shall not exceed 9mm except in the High Jump and Javelin Throw, where it shall not exceed 12mm. The spike must be so constructed that it will, at least for the half of its length closest to the tip, fit through a square sided 4mm gauge. If the track manufacturer or the stadium operator mandates a lesser maximum, or prohibits the use of certain shaped spikes, this shall be applied and the athletes notified accordingly.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The surface must be suitable for accepting the spikes permitted under this rule.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: The revised spike length requirement would normally be outlined in the Team Manual or technical requirements for the competition.</i></p>	<p><b>6.4 Shoes - Dimensions of Spikes</b></p> <p><i>That part of each spike which projects from the sole or the heel shall not exceed 9mm except in the High Jump and Javelin Throw, where it shall not exceed 12mm. The spike must be so constructed that it will, at least for the half of its length closest to the tip, fit through a square sided 4mm gauge. If the track manufacturer or the stadium operator mandates a lesser maximum, or prohibits the use of certain shaped spikes, this shall be applied and the athletes notified accordingly.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The surface must be suitable for accepting the spikes permitted under this rule.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: The revised spike length requirement would normally be outlined in the Team Manual or technical requirements for the competition and athletes should be aware that due to modern track construction, the maximum spike length is likely to be shorter than the maximum permitted by these rules.</i></p>	<i>To clarify that, whilst the maximum spike length permitted by the rules is 9mm, on modern tracks, 6mm or 7mm are more likely to be the permitted maximum. The special needs to be borne in mind by athletes at major championships.</i>
69	6.8.1	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>6.8 Athlete Bibs</b></p> <p><i>6.8.1. Every athlete shall be provided with two bibs, which during the competition, shall be worn visibly on the breast, back and/or on his competition equipment (i.e., racing chairs, running frames and throwing frames), as set out in the table below. Either the athletes' names or other suitable identification will be allowed instead of numbers on any or all of the bibs. If numbers are used, they shall correspond with the number allocated to the athlete on the start list or in the programme. If track suits are worn during the competition, bibs shall be worn on the track suit in a similar manner.</i></p>	<p><b>6.8 Athlete Bibs</b></p> <p><i>6.8.1. Every athlete shall be provided with two bibs, which during the competition, shall be worn visibly on the breast, back and/or on <del>his</del> <b>their</b> competition equipment (i.e., racing chairs, <del>R</del>unning frames and throwing frames), as set out in the table below. Either the athletes' names or other suitable identification will be allowed instead of numbers on any or all of the bibs. If <del>numbers</del> <b>numerals</b> are used, they shall correspond with the number allocated to the athlete on the start list or in the programme. If track suits are worn during the competition, bibs shall be worn on the track suit in a similar manner.</i></p>	<p><i>To add clarity.</i></p> <p><i>The amended version of the Bib allocation table reflects the</i></p>

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			Bib allocation table [...]	Bib Allocation Table <i>[insert amended Bib allocation table from Appendix 1.]</i>	current practice.
70	6.8.2	Amend (Delete)	6.8.2 One of the bibs shall be visibly displayed on the back of the racing chair and the throwing frame and on the side of the Running frame in accordance with the bib allocation table above.	6.8.2 <del>One of the</del> The bibs shall be visibly displayed <del>on the back of the racing chair and the throwing frame and on the side of the Running frame</del> in accordance with the bib allocation table above.	To add clarity.
72-73	6.12.3.b	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>6.12 Prostheses</b></p> <p>6.12.1 [...]</p> <p>b) In Field Events, athletes in Sports Classes T/F61-64, the use of lower limb prosthetic device(s) is optional. Prior to the start of the Event, the athlete shall notify the relevant Official of his intention. If an athlete decides to compete with the prosthetic device(s), he shall complete all trials from start to finish with such device(s). If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be considered a failure.</p> <p>COMMENT: In the case that the athlete decides to use the lower limb prosthetic device(s) (i.e., in High Jump or Long Jump), the relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 25.7 and Rule 27.14 are observed.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>6.12.3 a)... Once the race starts, athletes running with upper limb prosthetic device(s) must reach the leading edge of the finish line with such device(s).</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>b) In Field Events, athletes in Sport Classes T45-47 and F45-46, the use of upper limb prosthetic device(s) is optional. Prior to the start of the Event, the athlete shall notify the relevant Official of his intention. If an athlete decides to compete with the prosthetic device(s), he shall complete all trials from start to finish with such device(s). If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be considered a failure.</p>	<p><b>6.12 Prostheses</b></p> <p>6.12.1 [...]</p> <p>b) In Field Events, athletes in Sports Classes T/F61-64, <i>shall compete with the use of</i> lower limb prosthetic device(s) <i>is optional.</i> <del>Prior to the start of the Event, the athlete shall notify the relevant Official of his intention. If an athlete decides to compete with the prosthetic device(s), he</del> <i>They</i> shall complete all trials from start to finish with such device(s). If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be considered a failure.</p> <p>COMMENT: In the case that the athlete decides to use the lower limb prosthetic device(s) (i.e., in High Jump or Long Jump), the relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 25.7 and Rule 27.14 are observed.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>6.12.3 a)... Once the race starts, athletes running with upper limb prosthetic device(s) must reach the <del>leading</del> <i>nearer</i> edge of the finish line with such device(s).</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>b) In Field Events, athletes in Sport Classes T45-47 and F45-46, the use of upper limb prosthetic device(s) is optional. Prior to the start of <i>each round of</i> the Event, the athlete shall notify the relevant Official of <del>his</del> <i>their</i> intention. If an athlete decides to compete with the prosthetic device(s), <del>he</del> <i>they</i> shall complete all trials from start to finish with such device(s). If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be considered a failure.</p> <p>COMMENT: <i>The phrase "round of trials" instead of "rounds" is designed to ensure a clear difference between a "round of trials" within a Field Event competition and a</i></p>	<p>for consistency with the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations (regarding sports class allocation).</p> <p>Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p> <p>To add clarity.</p>

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				<i>"round of the competition" (i.e., a Qualification Round or a final).</i>	
74	6.14.3	Amend	6.14.3 ... any athlete who removes his eye patches and/or eye mask/opaque glasses before the end of the event or before retiring from an event shall, for a first offence, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule 2.13.5. For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule 2.13.5.	6.14.3 ... any athlete who removes his eye patches and/or eye mask/opaque glasses before the end of the event or before retiring from an event shall, for a first offence, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule <del>2.13.5</del> <b>8.1</b> . For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule <del>2.13.5</del> <b>8.1</b> .	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
75	6.15.4	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>6.15 Tether</b>  [...]  6.15.4 The tether shall be made from non-elastic material and shall not store energy and/or offer a performance gain to an athlete. It shall consist of two closed holding loops and a middle section with two fixed spherical stoppers at each end.	<b>6.15 Tether</b>  [...]  6.15.4 The tether shall be made from non-elastic material and shall not store energy and/or offer a performance gain to an athlete. It shall consist of two closed holding loops and a middle section with <del>two a fixed spherical stoppers of</del> <b>1cm length</b> at each end.	To make clear that it is the length of the stopper rather than the shape that is important.
77	6.16.2	Amend (Add)	<b>6.16 Non-compliance on equipment</b>  6.16.2 If the athlete is able to make the necessary adjustments to ensure compliance with the rules or is able to obtain the missing equipment (e.g. borrowing a tether from the LOC), prior to the scheduled exit from the Call Room, he shall be permitted to compete. No event shall be delayed while an athlete makes adjustments to their equipment.	<b>6.16 Non-compliance on equipment</b>  6.16.2 If the athlete is able to make the necessary adjustments to ensure compliance with the rules or is able to obtain the missing equipment (e.g. borrowing a tether from the LOC), prior to the scheduled exit from the Call Room, <del>he</del> <b>they</b> shall be permitted to compete, <b>but the yellow card awarded will stand</b> . No event shall be delayed while an athlete makes adjustments to their equipment.	To add clarity and to ensure correct interpretation of the rule.
77	6.17	Amend (Add)	<b>6.17 Helmets</b>  Helmets for Sport Classes T31-34, T51-54.  6.17.1 The wearing of helmets is compulsory in all track and road wheelchair races and Frame Running races. The helmet shall be a hard-protective shell that has a recognised international safety standard e.g.: Snell b-84/90/95, BSI 6863, EN 1078.	<b>6.17 Helmets</b>  Helmets for Sport Classes T31-34, T51-54 <b>and T71-72</b> .  6.17.1 The wearing of helmets is compulsory in all track and road wheelchair races and Frame Running races. The helmet shall be a hard-protective shell that has a recognised international safety standard e.g.: Snell b-84/90/95, BSI 6863, EN 1078.	To reflect sports classes T71 and T72.
78	6.17.3	Amend	6.17.3 ... Any athlete who removes their helmet during this time, shall, for a first offence in that Competition, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule 2.13.5. For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall	6.17.3 ... Any athlete who removes their helmet during this time, shall, for a first offence in that Competition, be warned by the Referee in accordance with Rule <del>2.13.5</del> <b>8.1</b> . For a second offence in that Competition, the Referee shall	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<i>disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule 2.13.5.</i>	<i>disqualify the athlete in accordance with Rule <del>2.13.5</del> 8.1.</i>	
			<b>Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes</b>	<b>Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes</b>	
79	7.2	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Medical Examinations and Assistance</b></p> <p>2. Any athlete giving or receiving assistance shall be warned by the Referee and advised that, if there is any repetition, he will be disqualified from that event. If an athlete is subsequently disqualified from the event, any performance accomplished up to that time in the same round of that event shall not be considered valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall be considered valid.</p>	<p><b>Medical Examinations and Assistance</b></p> <p>2. Any athlete giving or receiving assistance <i>(including under Rules 18.17, 18.18.(b), and 49.8.(h))</i> shall be warned by the Referee and advised that, if there is any repetition, <del>he</del> <i>they</i> will be disqualified from that event. If an athlete is subsequently disqualified from the event, any performance accomplished up to that time in the same round of that event shall not be considered valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall be considered valid.</p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
81	7.4(e)	Amend (Add)	<p>4. The following should not be considered assistance:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) Viewing by athletes competing in Field Events, of images of previous trial(s), recorded on their behalf by persons not placed in the competition area (see Rule 7.1 Note). The viewing device or images taken from it must not be taken into the competition area.</p>	<p>4. The following should not be considered assistance:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) Viewing by athletes competing in Field Events, of images of previous trial(s), recorded on their behalf by persons not placed in the competition area (see Rule 7.1 Note). The viewing device or images taken from it must not be taken into the competition area- <i>beyond the immediate area in which those providing the recording are placed. To ensure a better view of the images, the athlete may hold the device whilst communicating with the persons who have taken the images.</i></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
82	7.8	Amend (Delete)	<p>8. When a T11-12 athlete starts the event with a guide-runner, the athlete and guide-runner(s) must both finish the event with bona fide effort in accord with these rules for the performance to be recognised</p> <p><i>COMMENT: If the appropriate Referee is in any doubt that an athlete and/or guide-runner have made a bona fide effort in a specific event, available video evidence shall be considered. If the available video evidence is conclusive, then the athlete must be disqualified under Rule 8.2.</i></p>	<p>8. When a T11-12 athlete starts the event with a guide-runner, the athlete and guide-runner(s) must both finish the event with bona fide effort in accord with these rules for the performance to be recognised</p> <p><i>COMMENT: If the appropriate Referee is in any doubt that an athlete and/or guide-runner have made a bona fide effort in a specific event, available video evidence shall be considered. If the available video evidence is conclusive, then the athlete must be disqualified under Rule 8.2.</i></p>	Relevant comment removed from this section and brought under the comment in Rule 5.4 as it relates solely to bona fide effort.
84	7.13	Amend	13. Some athletes in Sports Classes T12, T20, T71-72	13. Some athletes in Sports Classes T12, T20, T71-72	To align with the Classification



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		(Delete and add)	(Frame Running), T35-38, T42-47 and T61-64 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the Starter's Assistant. The Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which to show their requirements.	(Frame Running), T35-38, <del>T42-40</del> -47 and T61-64 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the Starter's Assistant. The Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which to show their requirements.	Hierarchy Table.
88	7.22	Amend (Delete and add)	7.22 Some athletes in Sports Classes T/F20, T/F35-38 and T/F42-47 may require their runway markers to be at a pre-set distance from the take-off board.  <i>COMMENT: A request for information form is required to be completed by a responsible NPC official to outline their requirements prior to assistance being granted by the Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate may approve assistance by the specified assistant of an athlete or, but by a Field Judge. The determination will be made by the Technical Delegate to ensure there are no more people on the field of play than is absolutely necessary.</i>	7.22 Some athletes in Sports Classes T/F20, T/F35-38, <del>and T/F42-47</del> <b>and T/F61-64</b> may require their runway markers to be at a pre-set distance from the take-off board.  <i>COMMENT: A request for information form is required to be completed by a responsible NPC official to outline their requirements prior to assistance being granted by the Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate may approve assistance by the specified assistant of an athlete or, <del>but</del> by a Field Judge. The determination will be made by the Technical Delegate to ensure there are no more people on the field of play than is absolutely necessary.</i>	To correct typographical error and include reference to Sport Classes T/F61-64.
88	7.23	Replace	Guide Animals  23. No guide animal shall be permitted in the competition area.	<del>Guide Animals</del>  23. No <del>guide animals shall be permitted</del> <b>shall be brought into the competition area, including guide, medical assistance, emotional support or any other animals subject to special certification.</b>	To clarify that no animals are to be brought into the competition area.
			<b>Rule 8: Effect of Disqualification</b>	<b>Rule 8: <del>Effect of</del> Warnings and Disqualification</b>	
89	8	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>Disqualification resulting from an infringement of a Technical Rule (other than Rules 2.13.5 or 17.5)</b>  1. If an athlete is disqualified in an event for an infringement of a Technical Rule (except under Rules 2.13.5 or 17.5) any performance accomplished in the same round of that event up to the time of the disqualification shall not be valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall remain valid. Such disqualification from an event shall not prevent an athlete from taking part in any further event in that competition.  <b>Disqualification resulting from exclusion under Rule</b>	<b>Bona Fide Participation, Unsporting and Improper Conduct</b>  1. Athletes and relay teams shall participate in competitions in a bona fide manner and shall not engage in unsporting or improper conduct. Any athlete or relay team failing to comply with this Rule may be warned or disqualified.  <i>The applicable Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete or relay team guilty of <del>acting in an unsporting or improper manner</del> breaches of this Rule or <del>under</del> Rules 5.4, 6, 7, 17.5, 18.17, 18.18, 24.2, 24.5, 24.19 or 49.8(h)). Warnings may be indicated to the</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.  Relevant text removed from Rule 2.13.5. and brought under WPA Rule 8.1.

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			<p><b>2.13.5 (including under Rule 17.5)</b></p> <p>2. If an athlete is excluded from competition under Rule 2.13.5, he shall be disqualified from that event. If the athlete's second warning occurs in a different event, he shall be disqualified only from the second event. Any performance accomplished in the same round of that event up to the time of the disqualification shall not be valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event or other previous events shall remain valid. Such disqualification shall prevent an athlete from taking part in all further events or rounds of events (including other events in which they are simultaneously participating and relays) in that competition.</p> <p>3. If a relay team is excluded from competition under Rule 2.13.5, it shall be disqualified from that event. Performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall remain valid. Such disqualification shall not prevent any athlete or relay from that team taking part in all further events, (including other events in which he is simultaneously participating and relays) in that competition. Nothing shall prohibit the Referee taking action against an individual in accordance with Rule 2.13.5 and also taking action against that athlete's relay team in accordance with the same Rule, in relation to the same or a linked incident.</p> <p>4. If the offence is considered serious, the Competition Director shall report it to WPA for consideration of further disciplinary action.</p>	<p><i>athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card and communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</i></p> <p><i>In respect of the application of this Rule 8, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition area. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.</i></p> <p><i>The applicable Referee (where practicable after consulting the Competition Director) may warn or remove any other person from the competition area (or other area related to the competition including the Warm-up Area, Call Room and coaches seating) who is acting in an unsporting or improper manner or who is providing assistance to athletes that is not permitted by the Rules. <del>Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</del></i></p> <p><i>Note (i): The Referee may, where the circumstances justify it; exclude an athlete or relay team without a warning having been given (See also Note to Rule 7.2).</i></p> <p><i>Note (ii): When excluding an athlete or relay team from competition under this Rule, if the Referee is aware that a yellow card has already been given, should show a second yellow card followed immediately by a red card.</i></p> <p><i>Note (iii): If a yellow card is given and the Referee is not aware that a previous yellow card was issued to that athlete or relay team at the competition, it shall, once this is known, have the same consequence as if it was a red card. The relevant Referee shall take immediate action to advise the athlete or relay team or their team of their exclusion.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: The below <del>Six</del> key points are made to provide</i></p>	

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				<p><i>guidance and clarity in relation to the way in which cards are shown and recorded:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Yellow and red cards can be given either for disciplinary reasons (refer mostly to <del>Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2</del> this Rule) or for certain technical infringements that are disciplinary in nature. <del>in case they are serious enough to be considered unsporting manners (e.g. a serious and clear deliberate obstruction in a race).</del></i></p> <p><i>(2) Whilst it is normal and usually expected that a yellow card would have been given before a red card, it is envisaged that in the cases of particularly bad unsporting or improper behaviour or failing to participate in a bona fide manner, a red card can be given immediately. It should be noted that the athlete has in any case the opportunity to appeal such a decision to the Jury of Appeal.</i></p> <p><i>(3) There will be also some cases in which it is not practical or logical for a yellow card to have been issued. For example, the Note to Rule 7.2 specifically allows for an immediate red card if justified in cases covered by Rule 7.3(a) such as pacing in races.</i></p> <p><i>(4) A similar situation might also follow when a Referee issues a yellow card and the athlete or relay team responds in such an inappropriate manner that it is justified to then immediately give a red card. It is not essential for there to be two completely different and distinct in time instances of inappropriate behaviour.</i></p> <p><i>(5) As per Note (iii), in cases where a Referee is aware that the athlete or relay team in question has already received a yellow card during the competition and he proposes to issue a red card, the Referee should first show a second yellow card and then the red card. However, if a Referee does not show the second yellow card, it will not invalidate the issuing of the red card.</i></p> <p><i>(6) In cases where a Referee is not aware of a pre-existing yellow card, and they show only a yellow card, once this becomes known, the appropriate steps should be taken to</i></p>	<p><i>Relevant Comment removed from Rule 2.13.5. and brought under WPA Rule 8.1.</i></p>

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				<p><i>disqualify the athlete as soon as possible. Normally, this would be done by the Referee advising the athlete directly or through their team.</i></p> <p><i>(7) In cases of relay events, cards received by one or more members of the team during any round of the event shall count against the team. Therefore, if one athlete receives two cards or two different athletes receive a yellow card in any round of the particular event, the team shall be regarded as having received a red card and shall be disqualified.</i></p> <p><b>Disqualification resulting from an infringement of a Technical Rule (other than Rules <del>2-13.5</del> or <del>17-5 8.1</del>)</b></p> <p><del>1-2</del> If an athlete is disqualified in an event for an infringement of a Technical Rule (except under Rules <del>2-13.5</del> or <del>17-5 8.1</del>) any performance accomplished in the same round of that event up to the time of the disqualification shall not be valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event or other previous events shall remain valid. Such disqualification from an event shall not prevent an athlete from taking part in any further event in that competition.</p> <p><b>Disqualification resulting from exclusion under Rule <del>2-13.5 (including under Rule 17-5 8.1)</del></b></p> <p><del>2-3</del> If an athlete is excluded from competition under Rule <del>2-13.5 8.1</del>, he shall be disqualified from that event. If the athlete's second warning occurs in a different event, he shall be disqualified only from the second event. Any performance accomplished in the same round of that event up to the time of the disqualification shall not be valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event or other previous events shall remain valid. Such disqualification shall prevent an athlete from taking part in all further events or rounds of events (including other events in which they are simultaneously participating and relays) in that competition.</p> <p><del>3-4</del> If <i>When</i> a relay team is excluded from competition</p>	

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				<p>under Rule <del>2-13.5</del> 8.1, it shall be disqualified from that event. Performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall remain valid. <i>If the disqualification of the relay team was the consequence of (an) athlete(s) acting in a manner that would lead to a disqualification under Rule 8.1 if competing in an individual event, Rule 8.3 will be applicable to such athlete(s). Otherwise, such</i> disqualification shall not prevent any athlete or relay <del>from</del> <i>of that team taking part in all further events, (including other events in which he is simultaneously participating and relays) in any other event(s) in that competition.</i> Nothing shall prohibit the Referee taking action against an individual in accordance with Rule <del>2-13.5</del> 8.1 and also taking action against that athlete's relay team in accordance with the same Rule, in relation to the same or a linked incident.</p> <p><i>4-5 If the offence is considered serious, the Competition Director shall report it to WPA for consideration of further disciplinary action.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: Rule 8.3 shall be applied to an athlete whose second warning in the competition incurred in the relay race, or who had a direct exclusion in the relay race that led to the disqualification of the team.</i></p>	
			<b>Rule 10: Surveying and Measurements</b>	<b>Rule 10: Surveying and Measurements</b>	
90	10	Amend (Add)	1. The accuracy of the markings and installations for athletics facilities under Rule 3 and Rule 11.2 shall be checked by an appropriately qualified surveyor [...]	1. The accuracy of the markings and installations for athletics facilities under Rules 3, <del>and Rule</del> 11.2, 11.3 and 39 shall be checked by an appropriately qualified surveyor [...]	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 14: Wheelchair and Frame Running Requirements</b>	<b>Rule 14: Wheelchair and Frame Running Requirements</b>	
94	14.1.(e)	Amend (Add)	<p><b>1. General Wheelchair Requirements:</b></p> <p>e) In all races the athlete must be able to turn the front wheel(s) manually left and right for steering purposes. Only hand operated mechanical steering devices are allowed.</p>	<p><b>1. General Wheelchair Requirements:</b></p> <p>e) In all races the athlete must be able to turn the front wheel(s) manually left and right <i>from straight-ahead tracking</i> for steering purposes. Only hand operated mechanical steering devices are allowed.</p>	Clarifying that the front wheel must be able to be manually steered left and right from straight-ahead tracking, or when the front wheel is positioned to move forward in a straight line and not solely steered with a compensator.

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94	14.2.(a)	Amend (Add)	<p><b>2. Wheelchair Frame Requirements:</b> a) No part of the frame of the wheelchair, or any attachments to it, shall extend forward beyond the hub of the front wheel nor backwards beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres). Additionally, the width of the frame, and any of its attachments, shall not be wider than the inclined plane of the pushing rims.</p>	<p><b>2. Wheelchair Frame Requirements:</b> a) No part of the frame of the wheelchair, or any attachments to it, <i>(nor any part of the athlete's lower body including legs, ankles, and feet)</i> shall extend forward beyond the hub of the front wheel nor backwards beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres). Additionally, the width of the frame, and any of its attachments, shall not be wider than the inclined plane of the pushing rims.</p>	For safety of the athlete and other competitors.
95	14.2.(d)	Amend (Add)	d) For the purpose of seat positioning, the frame structure shall incorporate a seat.	d) For the purpose of seat positioning, <del>the frame structure shall incorporate a seat</del> <i>the athlete must ensure that their lower limb(s) are supported by a seat, a sling or foot tray.</i>	To reflect the current standard practices used by athletes.
96	14.6	Amend (Add Note(ii))	<p>6. If the Relevant Referee believes that a wheelchair and/or the athlete using it represents a safety risk they shall be authorised to exclude the athlete and/or wheelchair from an event. Note: For safety, athletes should secure their lower limb(s) so they don't fall to the ground and cause injury.</p>	<p>6. If the Relevant Referee believes that a wheelchair and/or the athlete using it represents a safety risk they shall be authorised to exclude the athlete and/or wheelchair from an event. Note (i): For safety, athletes should secure their lower limb(s) so they <del>don't</del> <i>do not</i> fall to the ground and cause injury.  Note (ii): For safety, no part of the athlete's lower body (including legs, ankles, and feet) shall extend beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres).</p>	For safety of the athlete and other competitors.
			<b>Rule 16: Starting Blocks</b>	<b>Rule 16: Starting Blocks</b>	
102	16.1	Amend (Delete and add)	1. Starting blocks may be used for sports classes T71-72 (Frame Running), T35-38, T42-47 and T61-64 in all races up to and including 400m [...]	1. Starting blocks may be used for sports classes T71-72 (Frame Running), T35-38, <del>T42-47</del> and T61-64 in all races up to and including 400m [...]	To align with the Classification Hierarchy Table.
103	16.2 Note	Amend (Delete and add)	<p>2. Starting blocks shall comply with the following general specifications:  [...]  Note: It is not a requirement for athletes in Sport Classes T35-38, T42-44 and T61-64 to use both foot plates when using a starting block.</p>	<p>2. Starting blocks shall comply with the following general specifications:  [...]  Note: It is not a requirement for athletes in Sport Classes T35-38, <del>T42-44</del> and T61-64 to use both foot plates when using a starting block.</p>	To align with the Classification Hierarchy Table.

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103	16.4 Note(i)	Amend (Delete and add)	Note (i): Some athletes in Sports Classes T20, T71-72 (Frame Running), T35-38, T42-47 and T61-64 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the Starter's Assistant. Upon request, the Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which they will be able to indicate their requirements (as per Rule 7.13).	Note (i): Some athletes in Sports Classes <b>T12</b> , T20, T71-72 (Frame Running), T35-38, <b>T42-40-47</b> and T61-64 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the Starter's Assistant. Upon request, the Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which they will be able to indicate their requirements (as per Rule 7.13).	To align with the Classification Hierarchy Table.
			<b>Rule 17: The Start</b>	<b>Rule 17: The Start</b>	
104	17.1 Note(ii)	Amend (Delete and add)	Note (ii): A crouch start stance is not required by athletes in Sport Classes T35-38, T42-47 and T61-64.	Note (ii): A crouch start stance is not required by athletes in Sport Classes T35-38, <b>T42-40-47</b> and T61-64.	To align with the Classification Hierarchy Table.
106	17.4	Amend (Delete and add)	4. In races up to and including 400m after the "On your marks" command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position completely within his allocated lane and behind the start line. For Sport Classes T11-13 and T20, both hands and at least one knee shall be in contact with the ground and both feet in contact with the foot plates of the starting blocks. At the "Set" command, an athlete shall immediately rise to his final starting position retaining the contact of the hands with the ground and of the feet with the foot plates of the blocks. In case of wheelchair races (classes T33-34 and T51-54), including Frame Running Events (classes T71-72) the following commands and positions are required. After the 'On Your marks' command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position entirely within his allocated lane and behind the start line. At the 'Set' command, an athlete should immediately take up his final starting position retaining the contact of the front wheel with the ground behind the line".	4. In races up to and including 400m after the "On your marks" command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position completely within <del>his</del> <b>their</b> allocated lane and behind the start line. For Sport Classes T11-13 and T20, both hands and at least one knee shall be in contact with the ground and both feet in contact with the foot plates of the starting blocks. At the "Set" command, an athlete shall immediately rise to <del>his</del> <b>their</b> final starting position retaining the contact of the hands with the ground and of the feet with the foot plates of the blocks. In case of <del>w</del> <b>Wheelchair</b> <del>R</del> <b>Races</b> (classes T33-34 and T51-54) <b>and</b> Frame Running <del>e</del> <b>Events</b> (classes T71-72) the following commands and positions are required. After the 'On Your marks' command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position entirely within <del>his</del> <b>their</b> allocated lane and behind the start line. At the 'Set' command, an athlete should immediately take up <del>his</del> <b>their</b> final starting position retaining the contact of the front wheel with the ground behind the line".	To add Clarity.
107	17.5	Amend (Add)	5. [...]  c) After the command "On your marks" or "Set" disturbs other athletes in the race through sound, movement or otherwise, the Starter shall abort the start.	5. [...]  c) After the command "On your marks" or "Set" disturbs <b>(an)</b> other athlete(s) in the race through sound, movement or otherwise, <b>resulting in such athlete(s) committing what would otherwise be a false start</b> , the Starter shall abort the	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<i>The Referee may warn the athlete for improper conduct in relation to the required start procedure and may disqualify an athlete in case of a second infringement of this Rule during the same competition.</i>	start.  <i>The Referee may warn the athlete for improper conduct <del>in relation to the required start procedure and may (disqualify an athlete in case of a second infringement of this</del> the Rule during the same competition), according to Rules 8.1 and 8.3.</i>	
107	17.5	Amend (Delete)	<i>COMMENT: ... It is important in order to maintain the integrity of the intention of this division and that Starters and Referees are as diligent in the application of Rule 17.2 and Rule 17.5 as well as in detecting false starts.</i> ...	<i>COMMENT: ... It is important in order to maintain the integrity of the intention of this division and that Starters and Referees are as diligent in the application of Rule 17.2 and Rule 17.5 <del>as well as in detecting false starts.</del></i> ...	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
107	17.5 Note	Amend (Delete)	[...] <i>Note: It is acceptable for arm amputee athletes or those with short arms to use pads on which to rest stumps at the start or to improve balance. Pads must be completely behind the start line and not interfere with any other athlete. The pads should be a similar colour to the track or of a neutral colour.</i>  <i>COMMENT: This is always difficult to deal with, the colour of the pads that arm amputee athletes use. It is recommended that tape the same colour of the track be available in the Call Room to modify any pads which do not conform to this requirement.</i>	[...] <i>Note: It is acceptable for arm amputee athletes or those with short arms to use pads on which to rest stumps at the start or to improve balance. Pads must be completely behind the start line and not interfere with any other athlete. <del>The pads should be a similar colour to the track or of a neutral colour.</del></i>  <i>COMMENT: This is always difficult to deal with, the colour of the pads that arm amputee athletes use. It is recommended that tape the same colour of the track be available in the Call Room to modify any pads which do not conform to this requirement.</i>	To recognise that modern tracks are of different colours and to reflect common practice.
			<b>Rule 18: The Race</b>	<b>Rule 18: The Race</b>	
111	18.1 18.2 18.3 18.4	Amend (Delete and add)	1. In races including at least one bend, the direction of running shall be left-hand inside. The lanes shall be numbered with the left-hand inside lane numbered 1.  <i>COMMENT: Where conditions permit and the track is properly surveyed, straight events can be conducted in the opposite direction, i.e., right-hand inside.</i>  <b>Obstruction</b>	<del>1. In races including at least one bend, the direction of running shall be left-hand inside. The lanes shall be numbered with the left-hand inside lane numbered 1.</del>  <i>COMMENT: Where conditions permit and the track is properly surveyed, straight events can be conducted in the opposite direction, i.e., right-hand inside.</i>  <b>Obstruction</b>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.



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			<p>2. If an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner is jostled or obstructed during an event so as to impede his progress:</p> <p>a) If the jostling or obstruction is considered unintentional or is caused otherwise than by an athlete or their guide-runner, the Referee may, if he is of the opinion that an athlete (or his team) was seriously affected in accordance with Rule 2.13.7, order that the race (for one, some or all of the athletes) be re-held or allow the affected athlete (or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event;</p> <p>b) If another athlete or his guide-runner is found responsible for the intentional jostling or obstruction by the Referee, such athlete or his team shall be liable to disqualification from that event. The Referee may, if he is of the opinion that an athlete was seriously affected in accordance with Rule 2.13.7, order that the race (for one, some or all of the athletes) be re-held excluding any disqualified athlete or team or allow any affected athlete (or team) (other than any disqualified athlete or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event.</p> <p>In order for (a) and (b) to apply, the Referee must deem that the athlete (or team) affected (or whose guide-runner was affected) by the jostling or obstruction would likely have completed the race were it not for the jostling or obstruction.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: For the purposes of these Rules, "jostling" shall mean an athlete or guide-runner making physical contact on one or more occasions with another athlete or guide-runner.</i></p> <p>3. During wheelchair races propulsion by any other method except the athlete pushing on the wheels or push-rims will result in disqualification.</p> <p>4. During wheelchair and Frame Running races an athlete coming from behind in an attempt to overtake carries the responsibility of ensuring full clearance of the chair being overtaken before cutting across. The athlete being overtaken has the responsibility not to obstruct or impede</p>	<p><del>2.</del> <b>1</b> If an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner is jostled or obstructed during an event so as to impede their progress, then:</p> <p>a) If the jostling or obstruction is considered unintentional or is caused otherwise than by an athlete or their guide-runner, the Referee may, if they are of the opinion that an athlete (or their team) was seriously affected in accordance with Rule 2.13.7, order that the race (for one, some or all of the athletes) be re-held or allow the affected athlete (or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event;</p> <p>b) If another athlete or their guide-runner is found responsible for the intentional jostling or obstruction by the Referee, such athlete or their team shall be liable to disqualification from that event. The Referee may, if they are of the opinion that an athlete was seriously affected in accordance with Rule 2.13.7, order that the race (for one, some or all of the athletes) be re-held excluding any disqualified athlete or team or allow any affected athlete (or team) (other than any disqualified athlete or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event.</p> <p>In order for (a) and (b) to apply, the Referee must deem that the athlete (or team) affected (or whose guide-runner was affected) by the jostling or obstruction would likely have completed the race were it not for the jostling or obstruction.</p> <p><i>Note: In cases considered serious enough Rules 8.1 and 8.3 may also be applied. In both cases of Rules 18.1(a) and 18.1.(b), such athlete (or team) should normally have completed the event with bona fide effort.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: Jostling should be understood as physical contact on one or more occasions with another athlete or athletes and/or guide runner(s) that results in an unfair advantage or causes injury or harm to them or, consequently, to another athlete or athletes.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: For the purposes of these Rules, "jostling" shall</i></p>	

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			<p>the incoming athlete once the front wheel(s) of the athlete are in sight.</p>	<p><del>mean an athlete or guide runner making physical contact on one or more occasions with another athlete or guide runner.</del></p> <p><b>1-2 In all races:</b></p> <p>a) <del>In races</del> including at least one bend, the direction of <del>running</del> <b>the race</b> shall be left-hand inside. The lanes shall be numbered with the left-hand inside lane numbered 1;</p> <p>b) run entirely on the straight, the direction of the race may be either left-hand or right-hand inside, according to the available conditions;</p> <p>c) run in lanes (or any part of a race run in lanes), each athlete or the athlete's guide runner shall keep within their allocated lane from start to finish and, when running on a bend, shall not step or run on or inside the left-hand lane line or in the case of the inside lane, the kerb or line marking the border of the inside of the track;</p> <p>d) not run in lanes (or any part of races), an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner running on a bend, on the outer half of the track as per Rule 17.11, shall not step, run or wheel on or inside the kerb or line marking the applicable border (the inside of the track or the outer half of the track).</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> The requirement for an athlete or an athlete's guide-runner to keep within their allocated lane from start to finish pursuant to Rule 18.2(c) does not require the athlete to finish the race in the same lane in which they started (subject to no other rules being broken).</p> <p>3. During wheelchair races propulsion by any other method except the athlete pushing on the wheels or push-rims will result in disqualification.</p> <p>4. During wheelchair and Frame Running races an athlete coming from behind in an attempt to overtake carries the responsibility of ensuring full clearance of the chair being overtaken before cutting across. The athlete being overtaken has the responsibility not to obstruct or impede the incoming athlete once the front wheel(s) of the athlete</p>	

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113	18.5 18.6	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Lane Infringement</b></p> <p>5.</p> <p>a) In all races run in lanes, each athlete or the athlete's guide-runner shall keep within his allocated lane from start to finish. This shall also apply to any portion of a race where there is a requirement to run in lanes.</p> <p>b) In all races (or any part of races) not run in lanes, an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner running on a bend, on the outer half of the track as per Rule 17.11, shall not step, run or wheel on or inside the kerb or line marking the applicable border (the inside of the track or the outer half of the track).</p> <p>Except as stated in Rule 18.6, if the Referee is satisfied, on the report of a Judge or Umpire or otherwise, that an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner has infringed this Rule, they or in the case of a relay race, their team shall be disqualified.</p> <p>6. An athlete or the athlete's guide-runner or in the case of a relay race, his team, shall not be disqualified for running or wheeling out of his lane if he:</p> <p>a) is pushed or forced by another person or object to step, run or wheel outside his lane or on or inside the kerb or line marking the applicable border, or;</p> <p>b) steps, runs or wheels outside his lane in the straight or outside the outer line of his lane on the bend,</p> <p>c) in all races run in lanes, touches once the line on their left, or the kerb or line marking the applicable border (as defined in Rule 18.5(b)) on a bend; provided that:</p> <p>In the case of wheelchair races, the duration for which the wheel of the racing chair making contact with the line remains in contact with the line does not exceed the time that it takes the athlete to make [two] further pushes on</p>	<p><b>Lane Infringement</b></p> <p>5. <i>in all races</i></p> <p><del>a) In all races run in lanes, each athlete or the athlete's guide-runner shall keep within his allocated lane from start to finish. This shall also apply to any portion of a race where there is a requirement to run in lanes.</del></p> <p><del>b) In all races (or any part of races) not run in lanes, an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner running on a bend, on the outer half of the track as per Rule 17.11, shall not step, run or wheel on or inside the kerb or line marking the applicable border (the inside of the track or the outer half of the track).</del></p> <p><del>Except as stated in Rule 18.6, if the Referee is satisfied, on the report of a Judge or Umpire or otherwise, that an athlete or the athlete's guide-runner has infringed this Rule</del> <i>18.2(c) or 18.2(d)</i> <del>they or in the case of a relay race, their team shall be disqualified</del> <i>unless the athlete:</i></p> <p><del>6. An athlete or the athlete's guide-runner or in the case of a relay race, his team, shall not be disqualified for running or wheeling out of his lane if he:</del></p> <p>a) is pushed or forced by another person or object to step, run or wheel outside his lane or on or inside the kerb or line marking the applicable border, or;</p> <p>b) steps, runs or wheels outside his lane in the straight or outside the outer line of his lane on the bend, <i>; or</i></p> <p>c) in all races run in lanes <i>(or any part of races run in lanes)</i>, touches once the line on their left, or the kerb or line marking the <del>applicable border (as defined in Rule 18.5(b))</del> <i>of the inside of the track</i> on a bend; provided that:</p> <p>In the case of wheelchair races, <del>the duration for which the wheel of the racing chair making contact with the line remains in contact with the line does not exceed</del> <i>remain in</i></p>	<p>Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p> <p>To add clarity and to ensure correct interpretation of the rule.</p>

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			<p>the push-rim of the racing chair from the point at which the wheel of the racing chair first made contact with the line ;</p> <p>In the case of Frame Running races, the duration for which the wheel of the Frame Runner making contact with the line remains in contact with the line does not exceed the time that it takes the athlete to make [two] further steps from the point at which the wheel of the Frame Runner first made contact with the line.</p> <p>(d) in all races (or any part of races) not run in lanes, steps/wheels once on or completely over the kerb or line marking the applicable border (as defined in Rule 18.5(b)) on a bend.</p> <p>and no material advantage is gained and no other athlete being jostled or obstructed so as to impede the other athlete's progress (see Rule 18.2). If material advantage is gained, the athlete (or team) shall be disqualified.</p> <p>In races with multiple rounds, an infringement defined in Rules 18.6.(c) and 18.6.(d) may be made only once during all rounds of an event by a particular athlete without the disqualification of that athlete. A second infringement will result in the disqualification of that athlete whether it was made in the same round or in another round of the same event.</p> <p>In the case of Relay Races, any second step (as described in this Rule 18.6.(c) and 18.6.(d) by an athlete who is a member of a team, regardless of whether committed by the same or different athletes, will result in the disqualification of the team whether it happens in the same round or in another round of the same event.</p> <p>For the ratification of records, see Rule 51.17(d)</p> <p>Note: Material advantage includes improving his position by any means, including removing himself from a "boxed" position in the race by having stepped or run inside the inside edge of the track.</p> <p>COMMENT: This Rule specifically outlaws the practice of an athlete seeking to improve his position in races by moving onto the inside of the track (whether intentionally or after being pushed or jostled there by another athlete) to get</p>	<p><del>contact with the line for longer than</del> the time that it takes the athlete to make {two} further pushes on the push-rim of the racing chair from the point at which the wheel of the racing chair first made contact with the line ;</p> <p>In the case of Frame Running races, <del>the duration for which the wheel of the Frame Runner making contact with the line remains in contact with the line does not exceed</del> <del>remain in contact with the line for longer than</del> the time that it takes the athlete to make {two} further steps from the point at which the wheel of the Frame Runner first made contact with the line.</p> <p>(d) in all races <del>not run in lanes</del> (or any part of races) <del>not run in lanes</del>), steps/wheels once on or completely over the kerb or line marking the applicable border (as defined in Rule <del>18.5(b)</del> <b>18.2(d)</b>) on a bend;</p> <p><del>and no material advantage is gained</del> and no other athlete being jostled or obstructed so as to impede the other athlete's progress (see Rule <del>18.2</del> <b>18.1</b>) <del>and no material advantage is gained</del> (see Rule 18.6). <del>If material advantage is gained, the athlete (or team) shall be disqualified.</del></p> <p>In races with multiple rounds, <del>an infringement</del> <b>any action</b> defined in Rules <del>18.6.(c) 18.5.(c) and 18.6.(d) 18.5.(d)</del> <b>18.5.(c) and 18.5.(d)</b> may be made only once during all rounds of an event by a particular athlete without the disqualification of that athlete. A second <del>infringement</del> <b>action</b> will result in the disqualification of that athlete whether it was made in the same round or in another round of the same event.</p> <p>In the case of Relay Races, any second <del>step</del> <b>action</b> (as described in this Rule <del>18.6.(c) 18.5.(c) and 18.6.(d) 18.5.(d)</del> <b>18.5.(c) and 18.5.(d)</b>) by an athlete who is a member of a team, regardless of whether <del>made committed</del> <b>made</b> by the same or different athletes, will result in the disqualification of the team whether it happens in the same round or in another round of the same event.</p> <p>For the ratification of records, see Rule 51.17(d).</p> <p>Note: Material advantage includes improving his position</p>	

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			<p><i>out of a boxed position by running on the inside until clear. Whilst normally running on the inside of lane 1 in the straight (as distinct from doing so on the bend) would not lead to mandatory disqualification, the Referee has the power to disqualify in his discretion if this occurs and the athlete is advantaged even if the initial reason for being there was the result of being pushed or jostled. In such cases the athlete should take immediate steps to return to the track without seeking or gaining any advantage.</i></p> <p><i>Where a race is started in lanes and then continues not using separate lanes, Rules 18.5 and 18.6 apply accordingly to each such part of the race. When determining whether the exception in Rule 18.6.(c) applies in cases where some part of the shoe/foot/prosthesis or wheel is also to the left of the line, there is a requirement for at least some part of the outline of athlete's shoe/foot/prosthesis or wheel to be touching the line, i.e. some contact with the line (depicted by the outline of the relevant part of the shoe/foot/ prosthesis or wheel) is required for this exception to apply. If this is not the case, then the exception does not apply. All lane infringements should be tracked in the competition data systems and shown in the start lists and results.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to the exception in Rule 18.6(c) for wheelchair racers, it is understood that, whilst there may only be a single contact, the duration of the contact of the wheel of the racing chair with the line may be for a prolonged period that might afford the athlete a material advantage. That being the case the athlete shall be permitted [two] pushes on the push rim of the racing chair from the point at which the racing chair first touched the line to bring himself back within the lane (so as not to be touching the line) to the effect that, if the athlete makes a [third] push on the push rim of the racing chair whilst the racing chair is in contact with the line, the athlete shall be disqualified.</i></p>	<p><del>by any means, including removing himself from a "boxed" position in the race by having stepped or run inside the inside edge of the track.</del></p> <p><i>6. If material advantage is gained by an athlete by improving their position by any means including under the exceptions in Rule 18.5 or by removing themselves from a "boxed" position in the race by having stepped/wheeled or run inside the inside edge of the track at any point, the athlete (or team) shall be disqualified.</i></p> <p><del>COMMENT: This Rule 18.6 specifically outlaws the practice of an athlete seeking to improve his position in races by moving onto the inside of the track (whether intentionally or after being pushed or jostled there by another athlete) to get out of a boxed position by running on the inside until clear. Whilst normally running on the inside of lane 1 in the straight (as distinct from doing so on the bend) would not lead to mandatory disqualification, the Referee has the power to disqualify in his discretion if this occurs and the athlete is advantaged even if the initial reason for being there was the result of being pushed or jostled. In such cases the athlete should take immediate steps to return to the track without seeking or gaining any advantage.</del></p> <p><i>Where a race is started in lanes and then continues not using separate lanes, Rules <del>18.5 and 18.6</del> 18.1 and 18.5 apply accordingly to each such part of the race. Therefore, only one infringement according to Rules 18.5.(c) and 18.5.(d) is allowed. A second infringement in the same race will result in disqualification. When determining whether the exception in Rule <del>18.6.(c)</del> 18.5.(c) applies in cases where some part of the shoe/foot/prosthesis or wheel is also to the left of the line, there is a requirement for at least some part of the outline of athlete's shoe/foot/prosthesis or wheel to be touching the line, i.e. some contact with the line (depicted by the outline of the relevant part of the shoe/foot/ prosthesis or wheel) is required for this exception to apply. If this is not the case, then the exception does not apply. All lane infringements should be tracked in the competition data systems and shown in the start lists and results.</i></p>	

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				<p><i>In relation to the exception in Rule <del>18.6(e)</del> 18.5(c) for wheelchair racers, it is understood that, whilst there may only be a single contact, the duration of the contact of the wheel of the racing chair with the line may be for a prolonged period that might afford the athlete a material advantage. That being the case the athlete shall be permitted {two} pushes on the push rim of the racing chair from the point at which the racing chair first touched the line to bring himself back within the lane (so as not to be touching the line) to the effect that, if the athlete makes a [third] push on the push rim of the racing chair whilst the racing chair is in contact with the line, the athlete shall be disqualified.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to the exception in Rule 18.5(c) for Frame Running races, it is understood that, whilst there may only be a single contact, the duration of the contact of the wheel of the Frame Runner with the line may be for a prolonged period that might afford the athlete a material advantage. That being the case the athlete shall be permitted two further steps from the point at which the wheel of the Frame Runner first touched the line to bring themselves back within the lane (so as not to be touching the line) to the effect that, if the athlete makes a third step whilst the wheel of the Frame Runner is in contact with the line, the athlete shall be disqualified.</i></p>	<p><i>To add clarity and to ensure correct interpretation of the rule for Frame Running races.</i></p>
115	18.7	Amend (Delete and add)	<p>7. In IPC Games and IPC Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2 (a) and (b)) the start of the 800m event shall be run in lanes for as far as the nearer edge of the break line where athletes may leave their respective lanes. The break line shall be an arced line marked after the first bend, 50mm wide, across all lanes other than lane 1. To assist athletes in identifying the break line, small cones or prisms, 50mmx50mm no more than 0.15m high, and preferably of different colour from the break line and the lane lines, shall be placed on the lane lines immediately before the intersection of the lane lines and the break line. If an athlete or his accompanying guide-runner does not follow this Rule he, or in case of a relay team his team, shall be disqualified.</p>	<p>7. In <del>IPC</del> the Paralympic Games and WPA Championships <del>IPC Competitions</del> (see Part B - 3.1.2 (a) and (b)) the start of the 800m event shall be run in lanes for as far as the nearer edge of the <del>break line</del> <b>breakline</b> where athletes may leave their respective lanes. The <del>break line</del> <b>breakline</b> shall be an arced line marked after the first bend, 50mm wide, across all lanes other than lane 1. To assist <b>ambulant</b> athletes in identifying the <del>break line</del> <b>breakline</b>, small cones or prisms, 50mmx50mm no more than 0.15m high, and preferably of different colour from the <del>break line</del> <b>breakline</b> and the lane lines, shall be placed on the lane lines immediately before the intersection of the lane lines and the <del>break line</del> <b>breakline</b> for ambulant races. If an athlete or <del>his</del> <b>their</b> accompanying guide-runner does not follow this Rule <del>he</del> <b>they</b>, or in case of a relay team <del>his</del></p>	<p>Aligned with the World Athletics language and to clarify that prisms are only to be used for ambulant races.</p>

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				<i>their</i> team, shall be disqualified.	
116	18.7	Amend	Note (i): For wheelchair and Frame Running races, cones should not be placed on the track. Coloured flat markers 50mmx50mm may be placed at the intersection of the lane lines at the break-line.	Note (i): For wheelchair and Frame Running races, cones should not be placed on the track. Coloured flat markers 50mmx50mm may be placed <del>at</del> <i>immediately before</i> the intersection of the lane lines at the <del>break-line</del> <i>breakline</i> .	Aligned with the use of cones. The flat marks must be set immediately before the intersection and not at the intersection.
117	18.10	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>Check-Marks</b>  10. [...]  Note: Serious cases may further be dealt with under Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2.	<b>Check-Marks</b>  10. [...]  Note: Serious cases may further be dealt with under <del>Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2.</del> <i>Rule 8.1 and Rule 8.3.</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
118	18.15	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>Wind Measurement</b>  15. The periods for which the wind velocity shall be measured are as follows:  In the 100m event – for 10 seconds immediately following the start. In the 200m event – the wind velocity shall be measured for a period of 10 seconds commencing when the first athlete enters the straight.	<b>Wind Measurement</b>  15. The periods for which the wind velocity shall be measured are as follows:  In the 100m event – for 10 seconds immediately following the start. In the 200m event – the wind velocity shall be measured for a period of 10 seconds commencing when the <del>first</del> <i>leading</i> athlete enters the straight.	To add Clarity.
119	18.18	Amend (Title)	<b>Drinking / Sponging</b>	<b>Drinking / Sponging and Refreshments</b>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 20: Timing and Photo Finish</b>	<b>Rule 20: Timing and Photo Finish</b>	
122	20.12	Amend (Delete and add)	12. If, after converting as indicated above, two of the three watches agree and the third disagrees, the time recorded by the two shall be the official time. If all three watches disagree, the middle time shall be official. If only two times are available and they disagree, the longer time shall be official.	12. If, after converting as indicated above, two of the three watches agree and the third disagrees, the time recorded by the two shall be the official time. If all three watches disagree, the middle time shall be official. If only <del>two</del> <i>from two watches</i> are available and they disagree, the longer time shall be official.	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
123	20.15	Amend (Delete and add)	15. [...] Any such design must be solely confined to the intersection, for no more than 20mm beyond, and not extended before, the leading edge of the finish line.	15. [...] Any such design must be solely confined to the intersection, for no more than 20mm beyond, and not extended before, the <del>leading</del> <i>nearer</i> edge of the finish line.	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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124	20.20	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Operation of the System</b></p> <p>20. ... In cooperation with the Track Referee and the Starter, he shall initiate a zero control test, before the beginning of each session, to ensure that the equipment is started automatically by the Starter's signal within the limit of 0.001 second. He shall supervise the testing of the equipment and ensure that the camera(s) is correctly aligned.</p>	<p><b>Operation of the System</b></p> <p>20. ... In cooperation with the <i>Start Referee (or if one is not appointed, the relevant Track Referee)</i> and the Starter, <del>he</del> <i>they</i> shall initiate a zero control test, before the beginning of each session, to ensure that the equipment is started automatically by the Starter's signal within the limit of 0.001 second. He shall supervise the testing of the equipment and ensure that the camera(s) is correctly aligned.</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
125	20.24	Amend (Add Note)		<i>Note: Events held according to Rule 11.2 shall be considered to be conducted inside the stadium for timing and recording of performance.</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 21: Seedings, Draws and Qualification in Track Events</b>	<b>Rule 21: Seedings, Draws and Qualification in Track Events</b>	
127	21.2	Amend (Add New Note)	<p><b>Rounds and Heats</b></p> <p>2. The Qualification Rounds shall be arranged by the appointed Technical Delegates. If no Technical Delegates have been appointed, they shall be arranged by the LOC.</p> <p><i>The following tables shall, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, be used to determine the number of rounds, and the number of heats in each round, to be held and the qualification procedure, i.e., those to advance by place (P) and time (T), for each round of Track Events.</i></p>	<p><b>Rounds and Heats</b></p> <p>2. The Qualification Rounds shall be arranged by the appointed Technical Delegates. If no Technical Delegates have been appointed, they shall be arranged by the LOC.</p> <p><i>The following tables shall, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, be used to determine the number of rounds, and the number of heats in each round, to be held and the qualification procedure, i.e., those to advance by place (P) and time (T), for each round of Track Events.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The applicable regulations may specify, following consultation with the Technical Delegate(s) where appointed, how vacant positions due to withdrawals in semi-finals and finals may be filled by the next ranked athlete(s) following the previous round after those qualified.</i></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
127	21.2.a	Amend (Delete and add)	a) Whenever possible, representatives of each nation or team and the best-performed athletes shall be placed in different heats in all Qualification Rounds of the competition.	a) Whenever possible, <del>representatives</del> <i>athletes</i> of each nation or team and the best-performed athletes shall be placed in different heats in all Qualification Rounds of the competition.	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.



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135	21.4(b)	Amend (Replace)	<p><b>Draw for Lanes</b></p> <p>4. For events 100m to 800m inclusive, and relays up to and including 4x400m, where there are several successive rounds of a race, lanes will be drawn as follows: [...]</p> <p>b) For the following rounds, athletes shall be ranked after each round in accordance with the procedure shown above.</p> <p>Three draws will then be made:</p> <p>i) One for the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6; ii) Another for the fifth and sixth ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 7 and 8, and; iii) Another for the two lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2.</p> <p>Note (i): When there are fewer than 8 lanes, the above system with the necessary modifications should be followed.</p>	<p><b>Draw for Lanes</b></p> <p>4. For events 100m to 800m inclusive, and relays up to and including 4x400m, where there are several successive rounds of a race, lanes will be drawn as follows: [...]</p> <p>b) For the following rounds, athletes shall be ranked after each round in accordance with the procedure shown above.</p> <p><i>For an eight-lane track, three draws will then be made. When there are fewer or more than eight lanes, the principles in the following system with the necessary modifications should be used:</i></p> <p><del>i) One for the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6; ii) Another for the fifth and sixth ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 7 and 8, and; iii) Another for the two lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2.</del></p> <p><i>[insert New Lane Allocations Table from appendix 2]</i></p> <p><del>Note (i): When there are fewer than 8 lanes, the above system with the necessary modifications should be followed.</del></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments
			<b>Rule 23: Relay Races</b>	<b>Rule 23: Relay Races</b>	
140	23.2	Amend (Delete and add)	In ambulant relay races of 4x100m, 4x200m relays and for the first and second take-overs in the 4x100m universal relays, each take-over zone shall be 30m long, of which the scratch line is 20m from the start of the zone. For wheelchair relay races of 4x100m and 4x400m and for the third take-over in the 4x100m universal relay, the take-over zone shall be 40m long of which the scratch line is 30m from the start of the zone.	In ambulant relay races of 4x100m, 4x200m relays and for the first and second take-overs in the 4x100m universal relays, each take-over zone shall be 30m long, of which the scratch line is 20m from the <del>start</del> <b>beginning</b> of the zone. For wheelchair relay races of 4x100m and 4x400m and for the third take-over in the 4x100m universal relay, the take-over zone shall be 40m long of which the scratch line is 30m from the <del>start</del> <b>beginning</b> of the zone.	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
140	23.3	Amend (Add)	3. When all or the first portion of a relay race is being run in lanes, an athlete or guide-runner may place one check-	3. When all or the first portion of a relay race is being run in lanes, an athlete or guide-runner may place one check-	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved

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			<p>mark on the track within his own lane, by using adhesive tape, maximum 5cmx40cm, of a distinctive colour which cannot be confused with other permanent markings. No other check-mark may be used.</p>	<p>mark on the track within his own lane, by using adhesive tape, maximum 5cmx40cm, of a distinctive colour which cannot be confused with other permanent markings. No other check-mark may be used. <i>The Judges shall direct the relevant athlete(s) to adapt or remove any marks not complying with this Rule. If they do not, the Judges shall remove them.</i></p> <p><i>Note (i): Serious cases may further be dealt with under Rule 8.1 and Rule 8.3.</i></p> <p>[...]</p>	Amendments.
142	23.6	Amend (Add)	<p>6. The baton shall be passed within the take-over zone. The passing of the baton commences when it is first touched by the receiving athlete or guide-runner and is completed the moment it is in the hand of only the receiving athlete or guide-runner. In relation to the take-over zone, it is only the position of the baton that is decisive, and not the position of the bodies of the athletes. Passing of the baton outside the take-over zone shall result in disqualification.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: In determining the position of the baton, it is the whole baton which must be considered. Umpires must be diligent to ensure that they observe any contact by the outgoing runner with the baton prior to the baton entering the takeover zone, particularly in 4x400m ambulant relays. If the outgoing runner even touches the baton prior to the baton being inside the zone, the team will be subject to disqualification. They must also ensure that the baton is only in the hand of the receiving athlete before it "leaves" the takeover zone.</i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>7. ... Rule 18.5 and Rule 18.6 shall not apply to those athletes and guide-runners. If an athlete or guide-runner impedes a member of another team by running out of position or lane at the finish of his leg, Rule 18.2 shall be applied.</p>	<p>6. The baton shall be passed within the take-over zone. The passing of the baton commences when it is first touched by the receiving athlete or guide-runner and is completed the moment it is in the hand of only the receiving athlete or guide-runner. In relation to the take-over zone, it is only the position of the baton that is decisive, and not the position of the bodies of the athletes. Passing of the baton outside the take-over zone shall result in disqualification. <i>Rule 18.5(b) shall apply when relevant.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: The application of Rule 18.5(b) may be necessary when an athlete, during the takeover, steps outside the allocated lane inside the takeover zone without material advantage gained and other athletes obstructed.</i></p> <p><i>In determining the position of the baton, it is the whole baton which must be considered. Umpires must be diligent to ensure that they observe any contact by the outgoing runner with the baton prior to the baton entering the takeover zone, particularly in 4x400m ambulant relays. If the outgoing runner even touches the baton prior to the baton being inside the zone, the team will be subject to disqualification. They must also ensure that the baton is only in the hand of the receiving athlete before it "leaves" the takeover zone.</i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>7. ... <del>Rule 18.5</del> <b>18.2</b> and <del>Rule 18.6</del> <b>18.5</b> shall not apply to those athletes and guide-runners. If an athlete or guide-runner</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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				<i>impedes a member of another team by running out of position or lane at the finish of his leg, Rule <del>18.2</del> 18.1 shall be applied.</i>	
			<b>Rule 24: General Conditions</b>	<b>Rule 24: General Conditions</b>	
148	24.2	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Practice Trials at the Competition Area</b> [...]</p> <p>2. Once a competition has begun, athletes are not permitted to use, for practice purposes,</p> <p>a) The runway or take-off area; b) Implements; c) The circles or the ground within the sector with or without implements.</p>	<p><b>Practice Trials at the Competition Area</b> [...]</p> <p>2. Once a competition has begun, athletes are not permitted to use, for practice purposes,</p> <p>a) The runway or take-off area; b) Implements; c) The circles <b>or runway</b> or the ground within the sector with or without implements.</p> <p><i>The use of implements outside the circle or runway is prohibited at any time.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
149	24.3	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Markers</b></p> <p>a) In Field Events where a runway is used, markers shall be placed alongside it, except for High Jump where the markers can be placed on the runway. An athlete may use one or two markers (supplied or approved by the LOC) to assist him in his run-up and take-off...</p> <p>b) [...]</p>	<p><b>Markers</b></p> <p>a) In Field Events where a runway is used, markers shall be placed alongside it, except for High Jump where the markers can be placed on the runway. An athlete may use one or two markers (supplied or approved by the LOC) to assist him in his run-up and take-off...</p> <p>b) [...]</p> <p><i>c) The Judges shall direct the relevant athlete to adapt or remove any marks not complying with this Rule. If they do not, the Judges shall remove them.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Serious cases may further be dealt with under Rule 8.1 and Rule 8.3.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
150	24.5	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Competing Order and Trials</b></p> <p>5. Except where Rule 24.6 applies, the athletes shall</p>	<p><b>Competing Order and Trials</b></p> <p>5. Except where Rule 24.6 applies, <b>or the applicable</b></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023

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			<p>compete in an order drawn by lot. If an athlete by his own decision makes a trial in an order different from that previously determined, Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2 shall be applied. In the case of a warning the result of the trial (valid or failure) will stand. If there is a Qualification Round, there shall be a fresh drawing of lot for the final.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: If an athlete, by his own decision, makes a trial in an order different from that previously determined, he shall be warned (or disqualified in case of a second infringement) according to Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2, but the result of the trial (valid or failure) will be considered in the case of a warning.</i></p>	<p><i>regulations provide otherwise, the athletes shall compete in an order drawn by lot. If an athlete by <del>his</del> their own decision makes a trial in an order different from that previously determined, Rule <del>2-13-5</del> 8.1 and Rule <del>8-2</del> 8.3 shall be applied. In the case of a warning the result of the trial (valid or failure) will stand. If there is a Qualification Round, there shall be a fresh drawing of lot for the final.</i></p> <p><i>COMMENT: If an athlete, by his own decision, makes a trial in an order different from that previously determined, he shall be warned (or disqualified in case of a second infringement) according to Rule <del>2-13-5</del> 8.1 and Rule <del>8-2</del> 8.3, but the result of the trial (valid or failure) will be considered in the case of a warning.</i></p>	<p>World Athletics Approved Amendments</p> <p>Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p>
153	24.10	Amend (Delete and add)	10. The athletes shall normally be divided into two or more groups at random, but wherever possible representatives of each nation or team shall be placed in different groups.	10. The athletes shall normally be divided into two or more groups at random, but wherever possible <del>representatives</del> athletes of each nation or team shall be placed in different groups.	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
153	24.12	Amend (Add new Note)	<p><b>Qualification Rounds</b></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>12. The conditions for qualifying, the qualifying standard and the number of athletes in the final, shall be decided by the Technical Delegate(s). If no Technical Delegate(s) have been appointed the conditions shall be decided by the LOC. It is desirable that there should be at least 12 athletes in the final unless otherwise provided in the Regulations for the competition.</p>	<p><b>Qualification Rounds</b></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>12. The conditions for qualifying, the qualifying standard and the number of athletes in the final, shall be decided by the Technical Delegate(s). If no Technical Delegate(s) have been appointed the conditions shall be decided by the LOC. It is desirable that there should be at least 12 athletes in the final unless otherwise provided in the Regulations for the competition.</p> <p><i>Note: The applicable regulations may specify how vacant positions due to withdrawals in finals may be filled in by athletes ranked next following the qualification round after those qualified.</i></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments

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				<p>[...]</p> <p><i>Note (x): The time for consecutive trials will be applied for any consecutive trial regardless of it being in the same round for a replacement trial, at the same height or consecutive heights in High Jump or when the order is changed at the end of a round of trials. The time for consecutive trials will be applied if it is longer than the time allowed for the trial based on the calculation of the number of athletes remaining in the competition. However, when an athlete, based on the calculation of the number of athletes remaining in the competition, is entitled to a longer time, then that will be applied.</i></p>	
158	24.19	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Absence during Competition</b></p> <p>19. An athlete may not leave the immediate area of the event during the progress of the competition, unless he has the permission of, and is accompanied by, an official. If possible, a warning should be given first, but for subsequent instances or in serious cases the athlete shall be disqualified.</p>	<p><b>Absence during Competition</b></p> <p>19. An athlete may not leave the immediate area of the event during the progress of the competition, unless he has the permission of, and is accompanied by, an official. If possible, a warning should be given first, but for subsequent instances or in serious cases the athlete shall be disqualified. <i>If an athlete subsequently is not present for a particular trial, it will be counted as a failure once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
159	24.23	Amend (Delete)	<p><b>Hopping Technique</b></p> <p>23. For athletes in Classes T42-44 and T61-64 the hopping technique is permitted during the approach in Jumping Events.</p>	<p><b>Hopping Technique</b></p> <p>23. For athletes in Classes T42-44 <del>and T61-64</del> the hopping technique is permitted during the approach in Jumping Events.</p>	Aligned with the amendments made to Rules 6.12.1.(b), 25.7 and 27.14.
161	25.7	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Prosthetic Device(s)</b></p> <p>7. For athletes competing in High Jump Events in sport classes T61-64, the use of prosthetic device(s) is optional. The relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 6.12.1(b) is observed.</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p><b>Prosthetic Device(s)</b></p> <p>7. For athletes competing in High Jump Events in sport classes T61-64, the use of prosthetic device(s) is <del>optional</del> <b>mandatory</b>. The relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 6.12.1(b) is observed.</p> <p>[...]</p>	for consistency with the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations (regarding sports class allocation).

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			<b>Rule 27: General Conditions</b>	<b>Rule 27: General Conditions</b>	
170	27.3	Amend (Delete)	<p><b>The Take-off Board and Take-off Area</b></p> <p>3. take-off shall be marked by a board sunk level with the runway and the surface of the landing area. The edge of the board which is nearer to the landing area shall be the take-off line. Immediately beyond the take-off line there may be placed a plasticine indicator board for the assistance of the Judges.</p> <p>Note: Where in construction of the runway and/or take-off board there was previously provision for the placement of a plasticine indicator board and such board is not used, this recess should be filled by a blanking board flush with the take-off board.</p>	<p><b>The Take-off Board and Take-off Area</b></p> <p>3. take-off shall be marked by a board sunk level with the runway and the surface of the landing area. The edge of the board which is nearer to the landing area shall be the take-off line. <del>Immediately beyond the take-off line there may be placed a plasticine indicator board for the assistance of the Judges.</del></p> <p><del>Note: Where in construction of the runway and/or take-off board there was previously provision for the placement of a plasticine indicator board and such board is not used, this recess should be filled by a blanking board flush with the take-off board.</del></p> <p>Note: The take-off board can be constructed as a single piece of board 0.30m wide with a 0.20m white section and a 0.10m in a contrasting colour, i.e. the take-off board and blanking board can be one piece.</p>	<p>Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p> <p>Relevant text removed from this section and brought under Rule 27.5. Logical rearrangement.</p> <p>Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.</p>
171	27.5	Amend (Add)	<p>5. The use of video or other technology, to assist the Judges in deciding the application of Rule 28.1, is strongly recommended at all levels of competition. However, if no technology is available, a plasticine indicator board may still be used.</p> <p>... (Figure 9)</p> <p>When mounted in this recess, the whole assembly shall be sufficiently rigid to accept the full force of the athlete's foot.</p> <p>The surface of the board beneath the plasticine shall be of a material in which the spikes of an athlete's shoe will grip and not skid.</p> <p>The plasticine can be smoothed off by means of a roller or suitably shaped scraper for the purposes of removing the footprint of an athlete.</p>	<p>5. The use of video or other technology, to assist the Judges in deciding the application of Rule 28.1, is strongly recommended at all levels of competition. However, if no technology is available, a plasticine indicator board <b>placed immediately beyond the take-off line</b> may still be used.</p> <p>... (Figure 9)</p> <p>When mounted in this recess, the whole assembly shall be sufficiently rigid to accept the full force of the athlete's foot.</p> <p>The surface of the board beneath the plasticine shall be of a material in which the spikes of an athlete's shoe will grip and not skid.</p> <p>The plasticine can be smoothed off by means of a roller or suitably shaped scraper for the purposes of removing the footprint of an athlete.</p>	<p>Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments</p>

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				<i>Note: Where in construction of the runway and/or take-off board there was previously provision for the placement of a plasticine indicator board and such board is not used, this recess should be filled by a blanking board flush with the take-off board.</i>	Relevant text moved from Rule 27.3 and brought under Rule 27.5. Logical rearrangement.
175	27.14. (a)	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>Prosthetic Device(s)</b></p> <p>14. For athletes competing in horizontal Jumping Events in sport classes T61-64, the use of prosthetic device(s) is optional. The relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 6.12.1(b) is observed.</p> <p>a) If the prosthetic device(s) is lost during the run-up then the athlete cannot continue without the prosthetic device(s). The athlete shall fix/adjust the prosthetic devices and recommence the trial provided he is within the time allowed for the trial;</p> <p>b) If the prosthetic devices are lost during the process of jumping and the mark where the prosthetic device(s) lands is the closest mark to the take-off board in the landing area, then that is the mark that the trial will be measured from</p>	<p><b>Prosthetic Device(s)</b></p> <p>14. For athletes competing in horizontal Jumping Events in sport classes T61-64, the use of prosthetic device(s) is <del>optional</del> <b>mandatory</b>. The relevant Official shall ensure that Rule 6.12.1(b) is observed.</p> <p>a) If the prosthetic <del>device(s)</del> <b>device(s)</b> is lost during the run-up then the athlete cannot continue without the prosthetic device(s). The athlete shall fix/adjust the prosthetic device(s) and recommence the trial provided he is within the time allowed for the trial;</p> <p>b) If the prosthetic device(s) are lost during the process of jumping and the mark where the prosthetic device(s) lands is the closest mark to the take-off board in the landing area, then that is the mark that the trial will be measured from</p>	<p>for consistency with the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations (regarding sports class allocation).</p> <p>To correct typographical error.</p>
175	27.14. (c)	Amend (Add)	c) If the prosthetic device(s) lands outside the landing area, it shall be counted as a failure and recorded as such.	c) If the prosthetic device(s) lands outside the landing area <i>(whether closer to or further from the take-off line than the closest mark to the take-off board in the landing area)</i> , it shall be counted as a failure and recorded as such.	To add clarity.
			<b>Rule 28: Long Jump</b>	<b>Rule 28: Long Jump</b>	
175	28.1	Amend (Add)	<p><b>The Competition</b></p> <p>1. An athlete fails if:</p> <p>a) he while taking off (prior to the instant at which he ceases contact with the take-off board or ground), breaks the vertical plane of the take-off line with any part of his take-off foot/shoe or prosthetic device, whether running up without jumping or in the act of jumping, or;</p>	<p><b>The Competition</b></p> <p>1. An athlete fails if:</p> <p>a) he while taking off <i>(at any time)</i> prior to the instant at which he ceases contact with the take-off board or ground), breaks the vertical plane of the take-off line with any <b>front</b> part of his take-off foot/shoe or prosthetic device, whether running up without jumping or in the act of jumping, or;</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.



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				<i>Note: It will not be considered a failure, if the break of the vertical plane is made by a loose part of the shoe (e.g. shoelace).</i>	
			<b>Rule 29: Triple Jump</b>	<b>Rule 29: Triple Jump</b>	
178	29.2	Amend (Delete and add)	2. The hop shall be made so that an athlete lands first on the same foot as that from which he has taken off; in the step he shall land on the other foot, from which, subsequently, the jump is performed. It shall not be considered a failure if an athlete, while jumping, touches the ground with the "sleeping" leg.	2. The hop shall be made so that an athlete lands first on the same foot as that from which he has taken off; in the step he shall land on the other foot, from which, subsequently, the jump is performed. It shall not be considered a failure if, <b>during a trial</b> , an athlete, <del>while jumping</del> , touches the ground with the "sleeping" leg.	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
179	29.4	Amend (Add)	<b>Take-off Line and Scratch Line</b>  4. For WPA Recognised Competitions, there should be a separate take-off board for men and women. For athletes in Sport Classes T45-47 it is recommended that the take-off line will normally be set at 11m for men and 9m for women. For athletes in Sport Classes T11-13 it is recommended that the scratch line shall be the following distances:  a) Sport Class T11 a minimum 9m; b) Sport Classes T12 and T13 a minimum 11m. Note: the exact distance from the scratch line to pit shall be determined for each competition in consultation with the Technical Delegate. For safety purposes, a different scratch line can be used if approved by the Technical Delegate.	<b>Take-off Line and Scratch Line</b>  4. For WPA Recognised Competitions, there should be a separate take-off board for men and women. For athletes in Sport Classes T45-47 it is recommended that the take-off line will normally be set at 11m for men and 9m for women. For athletes in Sport Classes T11-13 it is recommended that the scratch line shall be the following distances:  a) Sport Class T11 a minimum 9m <b>for men and 7m for women</b> ;  b) Sport Classes T12 and T13 a minimum 11m <b>for men and 9m for women</b> .  Note: the exact distance from the scratch line to pit shall be determined for each competition in consultation with the Technical Delegate. For safety purposes, a different scratch line can be used if approved by the Technical Delegate.	Add additional take-off line for women's event.
			<b>Rule 30: General Conditions</b>	<b>Rule 30: General Conditions</b>	
181	30.3	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>Implements</b>  3. Except as provided below, all such implements shall be provided by the LOC. The Technical Delegate(s) may, based on the relevant Technical Regulations of each competition,	<b>Implements</b>  3. Except as provided below, all such implements shall be provided by the LOC. The Technical Delegate(s) may, based on the relevant Technical Regulations of each competition,	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments

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			allow athletes to use their own implements or those provided by a supplier, provided that such implements are World Athletics certified or, those implements that are not on the World Athletics list of certifiable implements which must be measured, verified and marked as approved by the LOC and approved by the Technical Delegate(s) before being made available to all athletes for use in competition. Such implements will not be accepted if the same model is already on the list of those provided by the LOC. Unless the Technical Delegate decides otherwise, not more than two implements may be submitted by any athlete for any throwing event in which he is competing.	allow athletes to use their own <i>personal</i> implements or those provided by a supplier, provided that such implements are World Athletics certified, <i>checked</i> <del>or, those implements that are not on the World Athletics list of certifiable implements which must be measured, verified and marked as approved by the LOC and approved by the Technical Delegate(s) before being</del> <i>before the competition</i> and made available to all athletes. <del>for use in competition. Such implements will not be accepted if the same model is already on the list of those provided by the LOC. Unless the</del> Technical Delegate decides otherwise, not more than two implements may be submitted by any athlete for any throwing event in which he is competing.	
181	30.4	Amend (Add)	4. No modification shall be made to any implements during the competition.	4. No modification shall be made to any implements during the competition. <i>No spitting or application by other means of human body fluids on any implement, is permitted.</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
182	30.5	Amend Note	<b>Assistance</b> 5. [...]  <i>Note: If the Judges are aware, they shall direct any athlete not complying with this rule to correct the situation. If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be a failure. If a trial is completed before the non-compliance is noticed, the Referee shall decide what action shall be taken. In all cases considered serious enough, Rule 2.13.5 and Rule 8.2 may also be applied.</i>	<b>Assistance</b> 5. [...]  <i>Note: If the Judges are aware, they shall direct any athlete not complying with this rule to correct the situation. If the athlete does not, such trial(s) shall be a failure. <del>If a trial is completed before the non-compliance is noticed, the Referee shall decide what action shall be taken.</del> <i>It shall also be judged as a failure, if a trial is completed before the noncompliance is noticed.</i> In all cases considered serious enough, Rule <del>2.13.5 and Rule 8.2</del> <i>8.1</i> may also be applied.</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
187	30.14	Amend (Delete and add)	<b>Trials</b> [...] 14. [...]  <i>b) After he has stepped into the circle and begun to make a throw, touches with any part of his body the top (or the top inside edge) of the rim or the ground outside the circle;</i>	<b>Trials</b> [...] 14. [...]  <i>b) After he has stepped into the circle and begun to make a throw, touches with any part of his body the top (or the top inside edge) of the rim or the ground outside the circle;</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<p><i>Note: However, it will not be considered a failure if the touch is made without providing any propulsion and occurs during any first rotation at a point completely behind the white line which is drawn outside the circle running, theoretically, through the centre of the circle.</i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT</i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>The addition of the Note to Rule 30.14 (b) applies to rotational techniques used by athletes in Shot Put and Discus Throw. It should be interpreted that any “incidental” touch of the top of the rim or the ground outside in respect of the back half of the circle during the first rotation should not of itself be regarded as a failure. However, it is clear that any technique which thereby obtains an advantage through leverage or propulsion would constitute a failure.</i></p>	<p><i>Note: However, it will not be considered a failure if the touch is made without providing any propulsion and occurs during any first rotation at a point completely behind the white line which is drawn outside the circle running, theoretically, through the centre of the circle. <b>Nor will it be considered a failure at any time, if the touch, including of the top of the stopboard, or, in the case of Javelin Throw, the throwing arc or lines marking the runway, is made by a loose part of the shoe (e.g. shoelace) or clothing, or if the touch is made by any other item (e.g. cap) which was attached to the body at the time of the start of throw and became detached during or after the throw.</b></i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT</i></p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>The addition of the Note to Rule 30.14 (b) <b>about the first rotation</b> applies to rotational techniques used by athletes in Shot Put and Discus Throw. It should be interpreted that any “incidental” touch of the top of the rim or the ground outside in respect of the back half of the circle during the first rotation should not of itself be regarded as a failure. However, it is clear that any technique which thereby obtains an advantage through leverage or propulsion would constitute a failure. <del>The other addition confirms that the intent of Rule 30.14 (b) is to respect the purpose of the circle’s or runway’s limits so that the athlete complies by remaining in the circle or runway until they exit correctly. It is, unless they overbalance, only the position of their feet / shoes which is critical. It is not relevant, if the top of the iron band or, in the case of Javelin Throw, the throwing arc or lines marking the runway, the ground outside or the top of the stopboard is touched by a loose shoelace or the like or for example a cap or piece of jewellery falling from the athlete’s body during the trial.</del></i></p>	
188	30.16	Amend (Delete and add)	16. It shall be a failure if the shot, the discus, or the head of the javelin in contacting the ground when it first lands touches the sector line, the ground or any object (other than the cage as provided in the Note to Rule 30.14) outside the sector line.	16. It shall be a failure if the shot, the discus, or the head of the javelin in contacting the ground when it first lands touches the sector line, the ground or any object (other than the cage as provided in <del>the</del> <b>Note(ii)</b> to Rule 30.14) outside the sector line.	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<b>Rule 31: Shot Put</b>	<b>Rule 31: Shot Put</b>	
192	31.4	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Shot</b></p> <p>4. The shot shall be of solid iron, brass or any metal not softer than brass, or a shell of such metal filled with lead or other solid material. It shall be spherical in shape and its surface finish shall be smooth.</p>	<p><b>Shot</b></p> <p>4. The shot shall be of solid iron, brass or any metal not softer than brass, or a shell of such metal filled with lead or other solid material. It shall be spherical in shape and its surface finish shall be smooth. <i>There shall be no loose parts.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
192	31.4	Amend (Add)	<p>4. [..] Information for manufacturers: to be smooth, the surface average height must be less than 1.6µm, i.e., a roughness number N7 or less.</p>	<p>4. [..] Information for manufacturers: to be smooth, the surface average height must be less than <i>or equal to</i> 1.6µm, i.e., a roughness number N7 or less.</p>	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 32: Discus Throw</b>	<b>Rule 32: Discus Throw</b>	
194	32.1	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Discus</b></p> <p>1. The body of the discus may be solid or hollow and shall be made of wood, or other suitable material, with a metal rim, the edge of which shall be circular. The cross section of the edge shall be rounded in a true circle having a radius of approximately 6mm. There may be circular plates set flush into the centre of the sides. Alternatively, the discus may be made without metal plates, provided that the equivalent area is flat and the measurements and total weight of the implement correspond to the specifications.</p>	<p><b>Discus</b></p> <p>1. The body of the discus may be solid or hollow and shall be made of wood, or other suitable material, with a metal rim, the edge of which shall be circular. The cross section of the edge shall be rounded in a true circle having a radius of approximately 6mm. There may be circular plates set flush into the centre of the sides. <i>The plates shall be tightly fixed and not able to be rotated.</i> Alternatively, the discus may be made without metal plates, provided that the equivalent area is flat and the measurements and total weight of the implement correspond to the specifications. <i>There shall be no loose parts.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
199	32.6	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Discus Cage</b> [...]</p> <p>6. The netting for the cage can be made from suitable natural or synthetic fibre cord or, alternatively, from mild or high tensile steel wire. The maximum mesh size shall be 44mm for cord netting and 50mm for steel wire.</p>	<p><b>Discus Cage</b> [...]</p> <p>6. The netting for the cage can be made from suitable natural or synthetic fibre cord or, alternatively, from mild or high tensile steel wire. <del>The maximum mesh size shall be 44mm for cord netting and 50mm for steel wire.</del> <i>The measurement of the mesh cord centres shall be a maximum of 45mm for cord netting and 50mm for steel wire netting.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<b>Rule 33: Javelin Throw</b>	<b>Rule 33: Javelin Throw</b>	
204	33.5	Amend (Add new Note)	<b>Javelin</b> [...] 5. The shaft shall have fixed to it a metal head terminating in a sharp point. The head shall be constructed completely of metal. It may contain a reinforced tip of other metal alloy welded on to the front end of the head provided that the completed head is smooth and uniform along the whole of its surface. The angle of tip shall not exceed 40 degrees.	<b>Javelin</b> [...] 5. The shaft shall have fixed to it a metal head terminating in a sharp point. The head shall be constructed completely of metal. It may contain a reinforced tip of other metal alloy welded on to the front end of the head provided that the completed head is smooth and uniform along the whole of its surface. The angle of tip shall not exceed 40 degrees. <i>Note: The metal head up to 3mm from the tip may be disregarded for the angle of the point, when the construction of the tip is made with safety measures implemented.</i>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
204	33.6	Amend (Add)	6. The cord grip, which shall cover the centre of gravity, shall not exceed the diameter of the shaft by more than 8mm. It may have a regular nonslip pattern surface but without thongs, notches or indentations of any kind. The grip shall be of uniform thickness.	6. The cord grip, which shall cover the centre of gravity, shall not exceed the <b>average</b> diameter of the shaft by more than 8mm. It may have a regular nonslip pattern surface but without thongs, notches or indentations of any kind. The grip shall be of uniform thickness.	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments
204	33.7	Amend (Delete)	7. ... From the grip, the javelin shall taper regularly to the tip at the front and the tail at the rear. The longitudinal profile from the grip to the front tip and to the tail shall be straight or slightly convex (see Note (ii)), and there shall be no abrupt alteration in the overall diameter, except immediately behind the head and at the front and rear of the grip, throughout the length of the javelin. At the rear of the head, the reduction in the diameter may not exceed 2.5mm and this departure from the longitudinal profile requirement may not extend more than 0.3m behind the head.	7. ... From the grip, the javelin shall taper regularly to the tip at the front and the tail at the rear. The longitudinal profile from the grip to the front tip and to the tail shall be straight or slightly convex (see Note (ii)), and there shall be no abrupt alteration in the overall diameter, except immediately behind the head and at the front and rear of the grip, throughout the length of the javelin. At the rear of the head, the reduction in the diameter may not exceed 2.5mm <del>and this departure from the longitudinal profile requirement may not extend more than 0.3m behind the head.</del>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
205	33.8	Amend Table	<b>700g</b> L0: 2300–2400mm L1: 860–1000mm L2: 1300–1540mm L3: 250–330mm L4: 150–160mm D0: 23–28mm	<b>700g</b> L0: <del>2300–2400</del> <b>2500</b> mm L1: <del>860–1000</del> <b>850-990</b> mm L2: <del>1300–1540</del> <b>1410-1650</b> mm L3: 250–330mm L4: 150–160mm D0: 23–28mm	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<b>Rule 35: Seated Throwing Requirements</b>	<b>Rule 35: Seated Throwing Requirements</b>	
214	35.1(e)	Amend (Add)	e) [...]  <i>Note (ii): The vertical bar may have layers of tape and/or any other suitable material to provide a better grip. The thickness of the tape or other alternative material must not result in any unfair advantage exceeding athlete's physical prowess.</i>	e) [...]  <i>Note (ii): The vertical bar may have layers of tape and/or any other suitable material to provide a better grip. The thickness of the tape or other alternative material must not result in any unfair advantage exceeding the athlete's physical prowess. Any tape on the vertical bar must be uniform except for incidental overlapping and must not result in any sudden change in diameter, such as the creation of any ring on the vertical bar. Only regular taping in accordance with the rule is allowed on the vertical bar – rings, loops and the like are not permitted.</i>	To ensure that athletes do not receive an unfair advantage as a result of tape on the vertical bar.
216	35.4	Amend (Add)	4. Positioning of the Throwing Frame <i>When positioning and securing the throwing frame inside the competition area all parts of the throwing frame, vertical bar and footplates must remain inside the vertical plane of the rim of the circle throughout the trial.</i>	4. Positioning of the Throwing Frame <i>When positioning and securing the throwing frame inside the competition area all parts of the throwing frame, vertical bar and footplates must remain inside the vertical plane of the rim of the circle throughout the trial. Personal strapping securing the athlete to the throwing frame is not considered to be part of the throwing frame for the purposes of this rule.</i>	To clarify that an athlete's personal strapping, whilst attached to the throwing frame, may extend beyond the circumference of the circle.
			<b>Rule 36: Seated Throwing Technique, Lifting and Failure</b>	<b>Rule 36: Seated Throwing Technique, Lifting and Failure</b>	
218	36.1b)	Amend (Add)	1. In Seated Throw Events, all athletes (Sport Classes F31-34, F51-57) shall throw implements from a Throwing Frame in a seated position. The seated position is defined as follows: [...]  b) This sitting position must be maintained throughout the throwing action until the implement has landed. Strapping across the upper thighs and or pelvis is encouraged.	1. In Seated Throw Events, all athletes (Sport Classes F31-34, F51-57) shall throw implements from a Throwing Frame in a seated position. The seated position is defined as follows: [...]  b) This sitting position must be maintained throughout the throwing action until the implement has landed. Strapping across the upper thighs and or pelvis is encouraged. Strapping must be only to the frame with non-elastic material.	To add clarity and to ensure correct interpretation of the rule.
			<b>Rule 42: Start and Finish on the Oval Track</b>	<b>Rule 42: Start and Finish on the Oval Track</b>	
229	42.6 Note iii	Amend (delete)	<i>Note (iii) For races running in lanes, athletes in Sport Classes 11 and 12, if accompanied by a guide-runner, shall have two lanes available.</i>	<i>Note (iii) For races running in lanes, athletes in Sport Classes 11 and 12, if accompanied by a guide-runner, shall have two lanes available.</i>	For consistency.

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			<b>Rule 43: Seeding, Draws and Qualification in Track Event</b>	<b>Rule 43: Seeding, Draws and Qualification in Track Event</b>	
230	43.1	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Rounds and Heats</b></p> <p>1. In indoor competitions, the following tables shall, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, be used to determine the number of rounds and the number of heats in each round to be held and the qualification procedure, i.e., those to advance by place (P) and time (T), for each round of Track Events.</p>	<p><b>Rounds and Heats</b></p> <p>1. In indoor competitions, the following tables shall, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, be used to determine the number of rounds and the number of heats in each round to be held and the qualification procedure, i.e., those to advance by place (P) and time (T), for each round of Track Events.</p> <p><i>Note: The applicable regulations may specify, following consultation with the Technical Delegate(s) where appointed, how vacant positions due to withdrawals in semi-finals and finals may be filled by the next ranked athlete(s) following the previous round after those qualified.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 48: Shot Put</b>	<b>Rule 48: Shot Put</b>	
237	48.7	Amend (Add)	<p>7. [...] Information for manufacturers: to be smooth, the surface average height must be less than 1.6µm, i.e., a roughness number N7 or less.</p>	<p>7. [...] Information for manufacturers: to be smooth, the surface average height must be less than <i>or equal to</i> 1.6µm, i.e., a roughness number N7 or less.</p>	Aligned with the December 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 49: Road Races</b>	<b>Rule 49: Road Races</b>	
239	49.4	Amend (Add)	<p><b>Course</b> [...]</p> <p>4. The distance in kilometres on the route shall be displayed to all athletes.</p>	<p><b>Course</b> [...]</p> <p>4. The distance in kilometres on the route shall be displayed to all athletes. <i>The distance in miles may also be displayed in addition to the distance in kilometres. Where wheelchair athletes are competing in a race, the maximum height of the intermediate distance signs shall not exceed 1 metre.</i></p>	To permit distance markers to be displayed in miles as well as (but not instead of) kilometres.
240	49.5 note (iv)	Amend (Add)	Note (iv): The seeding grid for each Sports Class event/division should position the #1 seeded athlete at the centre position in the front row of the grid with #2 and #3 placed on their right and left, #4 and #5 on their right and left and so on (See Figure 25).	Note (iv): The seeding grid for each Sports Class event/division should position the #1 seeded athlete at the centre position in the front row of the grid with #2 and #3 placed on their <i>immediate</i> right and left <i>respectively, and #45 and #54 on their outside</i> right and left <i>respectively and</i>	For clarification.

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				so on (See Figure 25).	
246	49.16	Amend	<p><b>Obstruction</b></p> <p>16. The provisions of Rules 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 shall apply to Road Races.</p>	<p><b>Obstruction</b></p> <p>16. The provisions of Rules <del>18.2</del> 18.1, 18.3 and 18.4 shall apply to Road Races.</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 50: Protests and Appeals</b>	<b>Rule 50: Protests and Appeals</b>	
247	50.3	Amend (Add Note)	<p><b>Protests</b></p> <p>[...]</p>	<p><b>Protests</b></p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>Note: The International Photo Finish Judge, where appointed, should act on behalf of the Road Race Event Referee regarding protests about the placing of athletes.</i></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
248	50.4.(a)	Amend (Delete and add)	<p>4. In a Track Event</p> <p>a) if an athlete makes an immediate oral protest against having been charged with a false start, the Start Referee (or if one is not appointed, the relevant Track Referee) may, if he is in any doubt, allow the athlete to compete “under protest” in order to preserve the rights of all concerned. Competing “under protest” shall not be allowed if the false start was detected by a World Athletics approved Start Information System; unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the system is obviously inaccurate.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT: When the Start Referee decides on an immediate oral protest made by an athlete for being charged with a false start, he has to consider all the available data and in case of only a reasonable possibility that the athlete’s protest may be valid, he should allow the athlete to compete under protest. After the race, a final decision must be taken by the Referee, a decision that may be subject of an appeal to the Jury. But to be clear, the</i></p>	<p>4. In a Track Event</p> <p>a) if an athlete makes an immediate oral protest against having been charged with a false start, the Start Referee (or if one is not appointed, the relevant Track Referee) may, if <del>he is</del> <b>they are</b> in any doubt, allow the athlete to compete “under protest” in order to preserve the rights of all concerned. Competing “under protest” shall not <b>(subject to the Comment below)</b> be allowed if the false start was detected by a World Athletics approved Start Information System; unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the system is obviously inaccurate.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><i>COMMENT: When the Start Referee decides on an immediate oral protest made by an athlete for being charged with a false start, he has to consider all the available data and in case of only a reasonable possibility that the athlete’s protest may be valid, he should allow the athlete to compete under protest. After the race, a final decision must be taken by the Referee, a decision that may be subject of an appeal to the Jury. <del>But to be clear, The</del></i></p>	Aligned with the 22 May 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments



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			<i>Referee should not allow an athlete to compete under protest if the false start has been detected by a Start Information System that appears to be working properly or in cases where it is very clear by visual observation that the athlete has committed a false start and there is no valid reason to allow the protest.</i>	<i>Referee should not <b>normally</b> allow an athlete to compete under protest if the false start has been detected by a Start Information System that appears to be working properly or in cases where it is very clear by visual observation that the athlete has committed a false start and there is no valid reason to allow the protest. However, it is acknowledged that when the reaction time is close to the allowed limit, any movement could be hardly visible. In this case if, in the opinion of the Start Referee, it would require further study of the technological evidence, the Start Referee may decide to allow the athlete to run under protest to preserve the rights of all concerned.</i>	
248	50.4.(a)	Amend (Delete and add)	<p>4. In a Track Event</p> <p>a) ... unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the system is obviously inaccurate.</p> <p>b) a protest may be based on the failure of the Starter to recall a false start or, under Rule 17.5 to abort a start. The protest may be made only by, or on behalf of, an athlete who has completed the race. If such a protest is upheld, [...]</p> <p>Note: This Rule may also be applied by the Referee, the Jury of Appeal in other circumstances where it is deemed appropriate (see Rule 18.2). [...]</p>	<p>4. In a Track Event</p> <p>a) ... unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the system is obviously inaccurate. <b>If an athlete is allowed to compete under protest, a red and white (diagonally halved) card shall be raised in front of the athlete.</b></p> <p>b) a protest may be based on the failure of the Starter to recall a false start or, under Rule 17.5 to abort a start. The protest may be made only by, or on behalf of, an athlete who <b>should normally have</b> <del>has</del> completed the race <b>with bona fide effort</b>. If such a protest is upheld, [...]</p> <p>Note: This Rule may also be applied by the Referee, the Jury of Appeal in other circumstances where it is deemed appropriate (see Rule <del>18.2</del> <b>18.1</b>).</p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.
			<b>Rule 51: World and Regional Records</b>	<b>Rule 51: World and Regional Records</b>	
256	51.17	Amend (Delete and add)	<p><b>17. For Records in Track (Running and Wheelchair Racing) Events</b></p> <p>d) No performance will be ratified where the athlete has infringed Rule 18.5 unless, in cases covered in Rules 18.6(c) and 18.6(d), it is the first infringement in the event.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: The amendment to Rule 18.6 means for World Record ratification that if an athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, that athlete (or any athlete</i></p>	<p><b>17. For Records in Track (Running and Wheelchair Racing) Events</b></p> <p>d) No performance will be ratified where the athlete has infringed Rule 18.5 <del>unless</del> <b>except,</b></p> <p><b>(i) in cases covered in Rule 18.5(b), or</b></p> <p><b>(ii) in cases covered in Rules <del>18.6.(e)</del> 18.5.(c) and <del>18.6.(d)</del> 18.5.(d) if it is the first infringement in the event.</b></p>	Aligned with the August 2023 World Athletics Approved Amendments.

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			<i>in the relay team) made a single infringement under Rules 18.6(c) or 18.6(d), and in the case of an event with more than one round, it was the first infringement in the event, the record may stand. If the athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, an infringement occurred more than once or the athlete or relay team carried over such infringement from a previous round of the same event, the record cannot be ratified.</i>	<i>COMMENT: The amendment to Rule <del>18.6</del> 18.5 means for World Record ratification that if an athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, that athlete (or any athlete in the relay team) made a single infringement under Rules <del>18.6(c)</del> 18.5(c) or <del>18.6(d)</del> 18.5(d), and in the case of an event with more than one round, it was the first infringement in the event, the record may stand. If the athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, an infringement occurred more than once or the athlete or relay team carried over such infringement from a previous round of the same event, the record cannot be ratified.</i>	
258	51.22	Amend (add)	<p><b>Events for which Records are Recognised</b> [...]</p> <p><b>Men</b> [...]</p> <p>Road Races F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T: 10km, Half Marathon, Marathon [...]</p> <p><b>Women</b> [...]</p> <p>Road Races F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T: 10km, Half Marathon, Marathon [...]</p>	<p><b>Events for which Records are Recognised</b> [...]</p> <p><b>Men</b> [...]</p> <p>Road Races F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T: <b>5km</b>, 10km, Half Marathon, Marathon [...]</p> <p><b>Women</b> [...]</p> <p>Road Races F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T: <b>5km</b>, 10km, Half Marathon, Marathon [...]</p>	To recognise 5km as an event on the road for which World Records will be recognised.
			<b>Rule 52: Awarding Medals and Diplomas</b>	<b>Rule 52: Awarding Medals and Diplomas</b>	
260	52.1 52.2	Amend (Delete and add)	<p>1. At WPA Recognised Competitions only finalists are eligible for medals.</p> <p><i>In relay events, the four (4) athletes and guide-runner(s) of each team entitled to a medal who competed in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium. Other athletes and guide-runner(s) in accordance with Rule 23.10 who</i></p>	<p>1. At WPA Recognised Competitions only finalists are eligible for medals.</p> <p><i>In relay events, the four (4) athletes and guide-runner(s) of each team entitled to a medal who competed in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium. Other athletes and guide-runner(s) in accordance with Rule 23.10 who</i></p>	To clarify that all athletes who are eligible to receive a medal, may receive their medal on the Victory Ceremony podium (at WPA and the LOC's discretion).

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			<p><i>competed for any of these teams in the Competition will subsequently receive their medals.</i></p> <p>2. [...]</p> <p><i>b) in relay events, the guide-runner(s) accompanying the medal winning athlete(s) in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium and receive a medal.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The athletes and guide-runners of the winning teams, who competed in any previous rounds of the competition, shall subsequently receive their medals.</i></p>	<p><i>competed for any of these teams in the competition—will subsequently <b>may either</b> receive their medals <b>on the Victory Ceremony podium or subsequently, at the discretion of WPA and the relevant LOC.</b></i></p> <p>2. [...]</p> <p><i>b) in relay events, the guide-runner(s) accompanying the medal winning athlete(s) in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium and receive a medal.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The athletes and guide-runners of the winning teams, who competed in any previous rounds of the competition, <del>shall subsequently receive their medals</del> <b>may receive their medals on the Victory Ceremony podium or subsequently, at the discretion of WPA and the relevant LOC.</b></i></p>	

## Appendix 1

Bib Allocation Table

	Track Events	Field <del>Throwing</del> Events	Jumping Events
Ambulant Athletes	1 bib on back <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	1 bib on back <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	1 bib on breast <u>or</u> back
Seated Throws		1 bib on back of throwing frame <u>and</u> 1 bib on breast	
Wheelchair Racing	1 bib on back of the racing chair <u>Optional:</u> 1 helmet number <u>and/or</u> 1 bib on side of the frame <del>and 1 bib on the athlete's helmet</del>		
Frame Running	1 bib on back of the athlete <u>Optional:</u> 1 helmet number <u>and/or</u> 1 bib on side of the frame <del>and 1 bib on the athlete's helmet</del> helmet or on the side of frame		

## Appendix 2

New Lane Allocations Table

<b><i>LANE DRAW (based on ranking procedure)</i></b>	<b><i>1st DRAW</i></b>	<b><i>2nd DRAW</i></b>	<b><i>3rd DRAW</i></b>
<i>100m</i>	<i>3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</i>	<i>2 &amp; 7</i>	<i>1 &amp; 8</i>
<i>200m</i>	<i>5, 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>3, 4 &amp; 8</i>	<i>1 &amp; 2</i>
<i>400m &amp; Relays (up to / including 4 x 400m) and 800m</i>	<i>4, 5, 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>3 &amp; 8</i>	<i>1 &amp; 2</i>

  

<b><i>VI LANE DRAW (based on ranking procedure)</i></b>	<b><i>1st DRAW</i></b>	<b><i>2nd DRAW</i></b>	<b><i>3rd DRAW</i></b>
<i>ALL RACES</i>	<i>3/4 &amp; 5/6</i>	<i>7/8</i>	<i>1/2</i>