

Completing Record of Experience on ROE Sheets/Logbook Photofinish

Duties Allocated

When giving the events you have judged at within each competition you need to include:

- Meeting Details – this may include type of meeting (League, Championships, Open)
- Venue - Indoors (T&F, Sportshall), Outdoors (Stadium – seated, standing).
- Age Group – Junior/Senior/Masters
- The Name of the Chief Photofinish Judge at each meeting (no need for signature, name is sufficient)
- Duties within each event(s) – as they would appear on the duty sheet.
- Photo Finish system used – FinishLynx./Omega/Timetronics

Accreditation as a Level 1 Photofinish Official

For accreditation as a Level 1 Photofinish official you need to have officiated in at least four (4) different competitions/meetings.

Within those four meetings, officials must have:

- Operated a photofinish picture reading machine
- Assisted with reading of races i.e. positioning the cursor on the correct part of the picture corresponding to the finish of each athlete and identifying athletes by lane and bib number.
- Operating a photofinish capture machine including the capture button if being used

Example(s) of Photofinish Duties

- Duties for each judge would be allocated by the Chief Photofinish judge and communicated verbally or via a formal Duty Sheet. The likelihood is that you will be allocated more than one duty at any meeting with duties changing at times defined by your Chief. Examples of duties are as follows:
- Reader – Responsible for reading the photofinish picture for a race i.e. identifying each athlete (by bib number or lane, as appropriate) and ensuring that the cursor positions are correctly placed on the leading edge of the torso in each case.
- Operator – Operates the reading machine. Works in conjunction with the official allocated the Reader duty. For some meetings, the Reader and Operator duties may be merged and allocated to a single official.
- Button – Operates the capture button, if used.
- Capture – Operates the Capture computer has responsibility for ensuring the correct race is loaded before each start, the correct automatic wind readings are taken (if appropriate) and for saving races once they have been completed and captured. For some meetings, the Button and Capture duties may be merged and allocated to a single official.

- Communications – Can be assigned a range of duties related to ensuring that paperwork flows efficiently in and out of the photofinish team and otherwise assisting with the communication necessary information to other officiating functions within a meeting.

Self Analysis/Reflection

(Only required to be completed by candidates wishing to progress beyond Level 1)

This section of the Logbook is designed to provide opportunities for candidates to critically evaluate their own performance as an official at each meeting/event. Maximum of three (3) self-reflection sentences per meeting.

This should include reference to what have been done well, in addition to identifying areas for further personal development.

Using, as a framework, what would/should be expected from officials in terms of qualities, knowledge and application of rules, to identify how well candidates have performed. These could include:

- Confidence
- Decision making
- Communication skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team, and/or lead a team of officials
- Knowledge of the Technical rules and ability to apply them correctly and effectively
- Ability to accurately interpret photofinish pictures, correctly identify athletes and demonstrate understanding of cursor alignment on the torso
- Ability to use photofinish computers and software
- Ensuring that duties are executed accurately, quickly and efficiently.
- Possible Self Analysis/Reflection Responses

I asked for clarification about from a more experienced official. His/her answer/response confirmed that my understanding of the rule was correct/that I need to re-read the rules on

[race]

I arrived at [competition] ..

in good time to receive a briefing from my Chief, gain an understanding of the setup and my expected duties

before the start of [competition] but with insufficient time to be properly briefed by my Chief, because

after the [competition] had started, because

I worked well as a member of the photofinish team.

When Operating and/or Reading, I was able to confidently locate the correct cursor position for athletes' torsos.

When Operating and/or Reading, I was able to accurately identify athletes and/or their lanes

I don't feel confident working as a Reader and/or Operator yet, because

I had problems / was very slow in identifying athletes' lanes.

My confidence as a team member/operator grew during the day/meeting.

I feel confident finding my way around the photofinish software and could find all the options required of me to execute my duties.

When on Capture machine duty, I correctly loaded the correct races and ensured wind gauge settings were appropriate for each.

When on Capture machine duty, I struggled to remember / needed help with all of the settings that are required for each of the different races.

I feel very nervous / intimidated by the technical side of the photofinish system and don't feel confident using the photofinish software without constant help and supervision.

I communicated well with the other officials.

I am quiet and need to communicate more effectively with [examples as above].

I maintained concentration well throughout the day.

I occasionally lost concentration during the day because

I worked effectively with the other officials on the photofinish team, seeking their advice and input when required.

I was confident in my decision making/in some of my decisions.