LEVEL 4 QUESTIONS ON WORLD ATHLETICS, UKA AND WPA RULES – FIELD JUDGES (2022)

In order to answer these questions you will require UKA/ WA and WPA rulebooks. Please give the relevant rule numbers in your answers along with your explanations.

In some of the “scenario” style, the rules may not be entirely definitive as to the correct course of action. In those cases, explain what options might be available to you and the factors that you would take into account in reaching your decision.

The guidance previously given in “The Referee” is now incorporated into the rulebook and you should find this helpful.

Please read the current version of the Guidelines for Assessing Level 4, which can be found on the UKA website, carefully and follow the instructions given.

The latest date for answers to be submitted to your TRNG Officials’ Secretary is September 1st. Early submission is advised.

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| General Questions |

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| 1 | You are writing a report on a Level 3 Official for upgrading to Level 4. What would be the six main qualities you would be looking for in order to recommend upgrading? |  |  |
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| 2 | You have been assigned as a Clerk of Course at a National Championships. You have been asked to prepare the horizontal jump runway and pit for the Men’s Long Jump final. Electronic Distance Measurement is going to be used. | | |
| a | List all the possible duties you may be expected to perform to prepare the event site for competition. |  |  | |
| b | Using the drawing template below, show where you would position equipment that you have laid out for use of officials and competitors | |  | |
|  | Fence and Spectator Line  (Drawing not to scale)   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  | |  |   Track Lane 8 | | | |

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| 3 | As the Field Referee you have been asked to produce the duties for your Regional Championships. You have seven judges for the Triple Jump, in which EDM is being used. Write a duty sheet for the judges on this event. |  |  |

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| 4 | You have been appointed as Field Referee at a Regional / Celtic Nation Championship. It is a venue at which you have not officiated for some years. Explain your approach to the task and meeting planning in the lead up to the event. | |
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| 5 | You are the field referee at a local UKA league competition. Only seven officials have arrived for the meeting –  4 qualified field officials and 3 qualified track officials. The first event is a senior women’s hammer, with 12  athletes. There are no other events occurring at the same time. How would you deploy your officials, explain  how you came to your decisions and in particular what instructions would you give to your officials to ensure  the health and safety of everyone. | |
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| 6 | Complete the following table, stating the maximum time allowance  Rule No: | | | |  |
|  | | High Jump (mins) | Pole Vault (mins) | Other (mins) | |
| More the than 3 athletes *(or the very first trial of each athlete)* | |  |  |  | |
| 2 or 3 athletes | |  |  |  | |
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| Consecutive trials | |  |  |  | |
| There is only one athlete left in the competition and that athlete has won the competition. The athlete asks to attempt a world record height.  What additional time would you allow that athlete for the world record attempts. | |  | | | |

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| Horizontal Jumps |

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| 7 | This question relates to Wind Gauges. | | |
| a | Explain the procedure for setting up and using a wind gauge in long jump and triple jump events |  |  |
| b | Include the maximum permissible wind speed for record purposes. |  |  |
| c | Under World Athletics rules, how would this differ for Combined Events competition |  |  |

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| Triple Jump |

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| 8 | You have been asked to mark out the Triple Jump landing area at a stadium where there is a dual landing area as illustrated |

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| a | With the aid of a diagram above, show how you would do this. Include the dimensions of the landing area. |  |  |
| b | Prior to the start of her trial an athlete places a check mark at the point ‘x’. Explain if this is permissible. |  |  |
| c | You are the lead judge in the Triple Jump competition in which there are more than eight athletes. At the end of the third round the athlete in eighth place decides to retire from the competition. The athlete in 9th place asks if he can take his place in the final three rounds instead. Would you allow this. |  |  |

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| Long Jump |

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| 9 | During a long jump competition | | |
| a | Describe what you would do / where you would measure from in a competition held under WPA rules in the event that the athlete’s prosthesis falls off during the course of jumping.  Would your decision be different if the prosthesis lands outside the landing area? |  |  |
| b | During a long jump competition held under World Athletics rules, the wig worn by an athlete falls off as the athlete lands in the landing area.  What would you do / where would you measure from? |  |  |
| c | Explain when a trial has been completed in Long Jump under World Athletics rules |  |  |
| d | You are officiating at a competition where there is no plasticine indicator being used. You have been given the duty of – Take-off board, flags, valididty of Jump. Explain what you would be looking for in repects of a foul jump. |  |  |

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| Vertical Jumps |

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| High Jump |

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| 10 | A men’s high jump competition has progressed throughout the competition in increments of 5cm. The final 2 athletes are both eliminated at 2.10m, both having cleared a best height of 2.05m. They cannot be separated on count back and a jump-off for first place is to be conducted. | | |
| a | At what height would the jump-off start? |  |  |
| b | How many attempts do they have at that height? |  |  |
| c | To what height would the bar be subsequently set if:-   1. they both fail to clear the jump off opening height? 2. they both clear the jump off opening height? |  |  |
| d | Explain if either athlete is permitted to pass a height in the jump off. |  |  |
| e | Explain if the winner can keep on jumping? |  |  |
| f | What eventual height would be recorded in the final results? |  |  |
| g | If a record were broken during a jump off, would it be valid? |  |  |
| h | What would the position be in the event that the athletes agree between themselves not to continue the jump-off? |  |  |

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| Pole Vault |

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| 11 | In a Pole Vault competition, operating under World Athletics rules there are 3 athletes left in the competition. You are the official in charge of the clock. | | |
| a | Competitor Jones is about to enter the competition, what time allowance would you put on the clock? |  |  |
| b | As it is a windy day he does not immediately start his attempt and the clock continues to run down. What would you do next? |  |  |
| c | He is the only athlete attempting this height. He fails his first attempt and is called for his second – what time would you put on the clock? |  |  |
| d | He fails his second attempt, the uprights are reset to his original request (as he used in his first and second attempts) and you have started the clock. He then asks for the upright settings to be changed. What would you do? |  |  |

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| 12 | Work out the final positions on the enclosed Pole Vault card |  |  |

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| Throws |

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| 13 | If an athlete steps into the circle, has begun to take his throw and then touches the top of the rim or the ground outside of the circle with any part of his body, what decision would you make? |  |  |

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| Discus |

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| 14 | You are the chief judge of a Female Discus competition with 11 competitors at a National Championships.  Explain the rule in regard to the positioning of markers that the athlete is permitted to use in this competition. |  |  |

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| 15 | Competition rules dictate that each competitor will have 3 trials, with the best 8 performances getting 3 further trials. Two athletes have the same best performance and are tied for 8th position. | | |
| a | How is it decided who shall take the 3 further trials (please list the rule) |  |  |
| b | What do you do if they still cannot be separated? |  |  |
| c | You call up the last athlete to throw in a discus competition under World Athletics rules and the clock is running. As he has already won the competition he tells you that he doesn’t want to take his last throw. How would you judge and record that trial? |  |  |
| d | In a discus competition a left handed thrower’s discus hits:-   1. The left hand gate 2. The right hand gate   Explain if they are valid or invalid trails? |  |  |

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| 16 | An athlete is adjudged to have fouled at the front of the circle in the second round of a shot putt event, but the athlete protests and challenges the decision. | | |
| a | Who would decide on the protest under UKA rules? Is there a right of appeal? |  |  |
| b | Who would decide on the protest under World Athletics rules? Is there a right of appeal? |  |  |
| c | In either case, what is it important that is done to ensure that the athlete’s position is protected in the event that the protest is successful? |  |  |
| d | At the end of the 3rd round, there is an on-going protest involving the athlete in 9th place. If the protest was successful, the athlete would be in 6th place. What should you do in relation to the final 3 rounds until the protest has been determined? |  |  |
| e | In a BAL shot competition one of the athletes, who is in the top eight and qualified to receive three additional throws, injures himself in the third round. His team manager asks if another athlete from the club can replace him. What is your decision? |  |  |

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| Javelin |

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| 17 | What is the purpose of the 4m marks on the runway? |  |  |
| 18 | If your duty is runway control and arm action what 4 things would you be looking for. |  |  |

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| Hammer |

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| 19 | You are operating EDM at a World Athletics meeting. When would you signal for the spiker to remove the spike? Explain your answers. |  |  |
| a | In the course of throwing an athlete’s hammer wire hits the cage and lands in the sector. Would this be a valid or invalid throw. |  |  |
| b | In a Hammer competition a right handed thrower’s Hammer head hits:-   1. The left hand gate 2. The right hand gate   Would these be valid or invalid throws? Explain your answers. |  |  |

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| 20 Para Events |

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| a | List six requirements for a throwing frame to meet WPA specifications for acceptance in a competition. |  |  |
| b | Describe the take-off area used in disability events by  T11 & T12 long jumpers and explain how the  measurement of a jump would be calculated |  |  | |
| c | You are the Referee at an WPA meeting, when the chief judge at a seated throws event informs you that one of the athletes is wearing loose clothing, making it impossible to judge whether the athlete is ‘Lifting’. What would you do? |  |  | |
| d | Explain when a trial has been completed in Ambulant Shot under WPA rules |  |  | |
| e | Explain when a trial has been completed in Seated Discus under WPA rules |  |  | |

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| Combined Events |

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| 21 | In Pentathlon, Heptathlon and Decathlon, the winner is the athlete who has obtained the highest total number of points in their respective competition | | |
| a | In the event of a points total tie, how is the winner determined? |  |  |
| b | Under what circumstances would an athlete be disqualified from taking further part in the competition? |  |  |
| c | How many trials is an athlete permitted in the long jump and throwing events? |  |  |
| d | The Heptathlon is held over 2 days of competition. List the events in order for both days |  |  |
| e | A Decathlon High Jump competition has two pools competing simultaneously. The athletes in pool A have completed all their trials while the athletes in the pool B are still jumping at that height. Can the bar be raised to a new height for the pool A while the pool B is still at the lower height? |  |  |

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| 22 Scenarios |

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| a | A women’s High Jump is in progress and the constant rain is beginning to flood part of the run up area. Half way through a round, one of the athletes asks you to move the uprights and bed to a drier area.  Would you agree to her request?  Explain your decision. |  |  |
| b | You are the Referee at a UK league match in which it has been decided that there will be two pools in the pole vault. After the first pool has finished athletes in the second pool ask if they could vault in the opposite direction, as the wind has changed direction. Explain your decision. |  |  |
| c | Under World Athletics rules, explain when the period allowed for an athlete’s trial begins (i.e. the trial clock starts to run) |  |  |
| d | If the time allowed elapses after an athlete has started  his trial – is this allowable or not? |  |  |
| e | You are judge on a high jump in still conditions. The athlete jumps and after clearing the bar you raise a white flag. Subsequently the bar falls off. What can / would you do. |  |  |
| f | In which events is the wearing of gloves either explicitly permitted or forbidden under the rules? |  |  |
| g | In which circumstances can a personal throwing implement be used in a competition held under World Athletics rules? |  |  |
| h | 25 athletes have qualified for the England Athletics combined events championships in the women’s heptathlon. How will the groups for each of the field events be organised for the competition? |  |  |
| i | You are the field referee at the British Championships. During the final of the men’s discus, you are informed after the third round of trials that there is an additional implement in the implement pool for the competition – there is one more implement than on the list that came from the technical room. What do you do? What are your options? |  |  |
| j | In a throwing competition, you allow an athlete to compete “under protest” in the final three rounds of trials. The video evidence subsequently confirms that the protested trial was indeed valid. What are the implications of your decision on the performances of the other athletes in the competition? |  |  |
| k | You are the field referee at the British Championships. During the final round of the men’s pole vault, you are informed by the chief judge that an athlete is using a mobile phone during warm up. What do you do?  At the end of the competition, it comes to your attention that the same athlete had received a yellow card conduct warning in the call room for exactly the same infraction. Would that change your decision? If so. What would the revised decision be? |  |  |
| l | At the BUCS Championships (under British Athletics rules), two qualification pools are run for the women’s high jump. The automatic qualification standard is 1.75m.  The height progressions are:-  1.40m, 1.45m, 1.50m, 1.55m, 1.60m, 1.65m, 1.70m and 1.75m.  At the end of the third round of attempts at 1.70m, 14 athletes remain in the competition across the two qualifying pools. What options are there for the continuation of the competition or otherwise? Who would take the final decision? |  |  |
| m | During a javelin competition utilising EDM, you are the chief judge. The judge spiking the attempt removes the prism prior to the reading being taken.  No performance is therefore registered and the point of landing has been lost.  The coach of the athlete calls you over and informs you that the throw was probably a national record.  What do you do? |  |  |
| n | In what circumstances can the throwing order for a shot competition at the British Championships be changed?  During the second round of attempts, an athlete takes their trial before it is their turn in the throwing order.  What would you do in the following circumstances: -   1. The putt is invalid 2. The putt is a valid trial 3. The putt is a British record   Can the athlete be sanctioned? |  |  |
| o | In a discus competition a right handed thrower’s discus hits the left hand side of the cage and lands in the sector at about 15mtrs. Would this be a valid or invalid trial? |  |  |
| p | In a Hammer competition a left handed thrower’s hammer head hits the right hand side of the cage and lands in the sector within the cage. Would you measure this throw? |  |  |

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| **13** |  | **S. Malcolm** | |  | **3.6** | **X** | **O** |  | **X** | **X** | **O** | **O** |  |  | **X** | **O** |  | **O** |  |  | **X** | **O** |  | **O** |  |  | **X** | **X** | **O** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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