Timekeeping Level 4 questions (2022)

* In order to answer these questions you will require UKA/World Athletics and WPA rulebooks. Please give the relevant rule numbers in your answers along with your explanations. You must demonstrate that you understand and can apply the rules – and not simply quote them.
* The guidance previously given in “The Referee” is now incorporated into the rulebook and you should find this helpful.
* Please read the current Guidelines carefully for Presenting Applications for Level 4, which can be found on the UKA website, 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.

**1**. How long before a Regional Championship Meeting should the Chief Timekeeper arrive at the venue and to whom should they report / with whom should they liaise? Photo Finish will be in use. (1,3)

**2**. What specific actions / checks on the day should you as Chief Timekeeper make prior to start of a major meeting? (4)

**3**. When briefing the timekeeping team before the meeting, what Health and Safety advice should the Chief Timekeeper give? (2)

**4**. Under UKA rules, how many timekeepers are required for a national record to be set on hand times? (2)

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**5**. For which events under WA rules would world records **not** be accepted on hand times? (5)

**6**. Under WA rules, how many timekeepers should time the winner? Is this any different under UKA rules? (1,1)

**7**. Under WA rules when are the additional timekeepers consulted? (2)

**8**. In addition to finish times, what other times should be recorded, and in which races? (1,1)

**9**. In the 3,000m Steeplechase what might the potential problems be in recording the split times at 1k and 2k? (2)

**10**. a) After level 3 meetings and some level 2 meetings the Chief Timekeeper has to complete a confidential meeting report. What aspects might the Chief Timekeeper be expected to cover within this report? (4)

b) Within what timescale has this report to be completed and sent to the National Technical Delegate? (1)

**11**. Under WPA rules, when an athlete is running with a guide what might prevent the taking of an accurate time? (2)

**12**. Under WPA rules, in Wheelchair races and Race Running, what part of the athlete or wheelchair do you time? (1)

**13**. What possible effect might the following conditions have on timing?

a) A large noisy audience. (2)

b) A team of 3 starters. (2)

**14**. a) At a meeting under UKA rules with photo finish not in operation, there are 7 entries in a Senior Women’s Heptathlon. If one heat is arranged for the 100mH how many timekeepers should there be and why? (1,1)

b) What does the WA/UKA Rule book say about the minimum number of athletes that can compete in a Combined Events 100m Hurdles heat? (1)

**16**. You are Chief Timekeeper at a meeting without electronic timing. You are told there will be about 25 in the 2k Walk. List any actions you could take to ensure a time for each athlete. (4)

**17**. As Chief Timekeeper, what ancillary duties would you plan for the 3,000m Steeplechase? (4)

**18**. Ideally, at what points should intermediate times be called to athletes in the following races?

a) 800m indoors (2) b) 1 mile outdoor (2)

**19**. You are Chief Timekeeper at a meeting which is running late. There is a 3K Walk to be followed by 800m races, for which athletes have already reported. What arrangements could you make to avoid delaying the meeting any more than necessary? (4)

**20**. Why might it be necessary to send timekeepers to the 3,000m point in a 2-mile race? How many would you send and why? (2,2)

**21**. As Chief Timekeeper, your ‘picture’ of the finish of a 100m is that the first 3 were together with the fourth slightly back. Times on watches were as below.

a) What times would you return? (1) Why? (1)

b) Would the presence or absence of photo-finish affect your decision? (1)

1st 10.66 10.65 10.70

2nd 10.67 10.73

3rd 10.70 10.69

4th 10.79 10.63

22. At a Technical Meeting, prior to a level 2 meeting, the Chief Race-Walking Judge asks you as the Chief Timekeeper, for the use of two timekeepers during Race Walking events. How does the Chief Race-Walking Judge intend to use these timekeepers? (1)

23. **This question is on the production of a duty sheet prior to a level 2 meeting and is worth 30% of the marks for this assessment. Production of duty sheets are a very important element in being the Chief Timekeeper at any International, National or Regional meeting. Although there is no one perfect solution, there are general guidelines for its production. You should involve your mentor in a discussion with this question. The question has been split into easily managed sections so that the allocation of marks will allow for a more consistent assessment by those marking the question.**

You are the Chief Timekeeper at an outdoor Regional Age Group Championship Meeting and have been allocated 15 Timekeepers including yourself and a level 4 Timekeeper as your Steward.

You have placed the timekeepers in what you believe is their level of accuracy and experience. You are timekeeper A. B is who you consider to be your most experienced Timekeeper, C is next and so on.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I , J are all level 4 Timekeepers

K, L, M, N, O are all level 3 timekeepers with little experience of timekeeping at this level.

The track has 8 lanes

**Section A (dealing with the initial allocation of positions).**

A1) Why is it necessary to have a level 4 timekeeper as your steward as opposed to one at level 3? (2)

A2) **There are 12 marks awarded for this section.**

Below is a partially constructed duty sheet. Use it to complete each of the following:-

a. Which Timekeeper you would allocate to which initial position one to eight?

b. Add to this duty sheet which alternative positions each Timekeeper would time if there are less than 8 runners and they do not have a time to take.

c. Assuming a maximum of 22 athletes in any one race, add the secondary time for each Timekeeper for races greater than 400m.

d. By placing an asterisk next to their letter, indicate who is responsible for giving the Chief Timekeeper the time for each team.

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| Timekeeper | Position for races less than or equal to 400m | Position for races greater than 400m |
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| Steward | Alt 1 | Alt 1 |

**Section B (dealing with timekeeping duties).**

B1. The Timekeepers’ code of practice (found on the UKA website) mentions calling intermediate times to the athletes and WA / UKA Technical Rule 17.14 says it could be done with ‘the prior approval of the appropriate Chief’. Why is it important for a Chief Timekeeper to allocate calling duties in a meeting where no trackside clock is present? (2)

B2. Which Timekeeper from your duty sheet would you allocate the duty of calling a 3,000m race at the start? (1)

B3. Which Timekeeper from your duty sheet would you allocate to give the times to announcer for a 5,000m race? (1)

B4. Which Timekeeper from your duty sheet would you allocate to record the Leader’s time and number in a series of 800m races? (1)

B5. Which Timekeepers would you allocate to carry out a lap chart and multi-timekeeping duty in the 5,000m race mentioned in part B3? (2)

B6. How many timekeepers would you allocate to calling duties in a 3,000m steeplechase race? (1)

B7. Given your answers to B3 and B5, which timekeeper would you allocate to calling the bell time in the 5,000m race? (1)

B8. a) Why is it necessary to record intermediate times in races of 800m or more? (1)

b) Who would you assign the duty to, given your answers to B2 to B7? (1).

**Section C (dealing with problems).**

C1. Explain how you would rearrange your duty sheet if the timekeeper you have assigned to position 7 did not turn up. (2)

C2. On the day of the meeting you are informed that Timekeeper M requires a report completing in order to upgrade from level 3. What would you need to do to facilitate this, given the sheet that you have done and the answers that you have given in Section A and B? (3)

Total mark 100