



EUROPEAN
ATHLETICS

COACHING SUMMIT SERIES

1st European Race Walking Conference

Judging



Rule 230 – Race Walking Definition (1/2)

Race Walking is a progression of steps so taken that the walker makes contact with the ground, so that no visible (to the human eye) loss of contact occurs.



Rule 230 – Race Walking Definition (2/2)

The advancing leg **must** be straightened (i.e. Not bent at the knee) from the moment of first contact with the ground until the vertical upright position



Rule 230 – Race Walking Definition – Key points

- Visible (or not) to the human eyes
- First contact with the ground



Rule 230 – Chief Judge

In competitions held under Rules 1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f), the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify an athlete **in the last 100m** when their mode of progression obviously fails to comply with the Rule 230.1 regardless of the number of previous Red Cards the Chief Judge has received on that athlete. An athlete who is disqualified by the Chief Judge under these circumstances shall be allowed to finish the race. He shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by showing the athlete a red paddle at the earliest opportunity after the athlete has finished the race.



Rule 230.4 – Yellow paddle

When a judge is not completely satisfied that the walker is complying with the definition, where possible, he should show the walker a yellow paddle indicating whatever offence has been infringed.

An Athlete cannot be given a second **yellow paddle** by the same judge for the same offence. Having **given a yellow paddle** to an athlete, the Judge shall inform the Chief Judge of his action after the competition.



Rule 230.5 – Red Cards

When a Judge observes an athlete failing to comply with Rule 230.1 by exhibiting visible loss of contact or a bent knee during any part of the competition, the Judge shall send a Red Card to the Chief Judge



Rule 230-6 - Disqualification

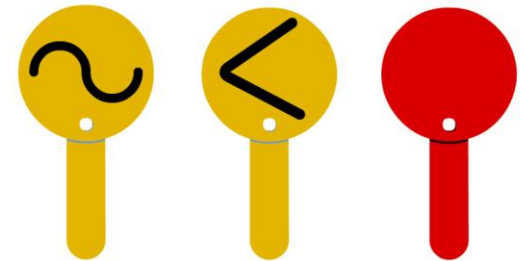
When 3 Red Cards from 3 different Judges have been sent to the Chief Judge on the same athlete, the athlete is disqualified. (...)

The failure to give notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified athlete.



Yellow Paddles / Red Cards Procedures

Yellow Paddle will be used always before giving a Red Card to an athlete with the following exceptions:



- An athlete obviously breaks the rule thus clearly gaining an unfair advantage compared to his opponents
- An athlete breaks the rule in the last part of the race where it is too late to caution him/her
- The circumstances in which the Chief Judge can use his/her special powers

In all the other cases, a judge **MUST** give a yellow paddle to an athlete before giving a Red Card.

Thanks for your attention

