



***The Role of a Track
Chief Judge at Scottish
Athletics Events.***

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- Who here has had a role as Chief Judge at a Scottish Athletics Event?

The role of a Chief Judge

- The Chief Judge for Running and Race-Walking Events and the Chief Judge for each Field Event shall co-ordinate the work of the Judges in their respective events. If the duties of the Judges have not been allocated in advance, they shall allocate the duties.

The role of a Chief Judge

- To work with a track team on the finish line to finalise the result of a race.
- Be able to work in a calm manner even under pressure to obtain a result from the race.
- Pass this result onto the track referee or if they ask to the track steward.
- The race clear or hold will normally come from the Track Referee having been informed by the Chief Judge.

The role of a Chief Judge

- Ensure you get an individual result from each person, try and avoid conversation about the result until you have received each official's result.
- Ensure where appropriate, i.e. sprint races, that the Officials on last three are at an appropriate part of the stand.

Calculating a Result

- Chief Judge's result does not count unless it is to make a majority in a spilt result.
- Take the last three result first. You will possibly have two people on this. Ensure they are on different parts of the stand.
- Take the other results and write them down.
- Based on what you have, work out the result you are going to give to the Track Referee
- Tell the team what you are going to give and if there are any close calls explain why you are going to give that result.
- Be confident.

Calculating a Result

- Remember to include everyone who is on the stand in the process.
- Do not let one person dominate the process, this can mean some people will be less likely to be open and honest about their result.
- Remember sometimes a pencil can break or a person can have a moment and you might not always get a result from every person for every race.
- If you are giving the result to the Track Steward, ensure they are happy using rainbow if it is in use. Not everyone is.
- Bring sweets. It always helps...

Longer races, What is required

- Ensure the Lap Board and Bell is correctly set up for the particular race.
- Try and keep Officials close to or on the line. Don't be caught out by a close finish where no-one is actually situated on the line.
- If a lap chart is required, ensure that where possible everyone is using lap charts provided by the referee and that you collect them afterwards.
- In a longer race, ensure that everyone is finished before you try and give a result.
- If you are on the radio with team leaders, ensure you can hear them and ensure that you tell them you have received their message.

Longer races, What is required

- If you get a 'hold' from a Team Leader, ensure you get the information about the incident quickly and accurately and pass on what you have been told to the Track Referee who will make the decision about what to do about the incident.

Who does the Chief Judge report to.

- The Chief Judge will normally be appointed by the Track Referee. Normally this will take place prior to the meeting to allow the Chief Judge to prepare prior to the meeting.

Who can fill the role.

Anyone.

From the most experienced member of your team to the newer Officials looking for experience. I have used both when Track Referee and never had any problems from either. If I had a less experienced person, my briefing might be slightly more detailed, but I would always try and use our up and coming Officials where appropriate.

- Questions or
points
please.