

Officiating Scenarios – Communication/Teamwork



Can you work together to solve the puzzle?
What do these pictures have in common?

By looking at some scenarios which might arise at events, we will try to consider successful and productive communication between officials and others.

THINGS TO CONSIDER ARE:-

- What are your Initial thoughts on the scenario?
- Who needs to be involved to get the information to make a decision ?
- What is the final decision? How is the decision delivered?
- Who do you need to inform about the final decision?

SCENARIO 1



'The parent of an athlete calls ahead of their sons' race; to say they are stuck in traffic and will be late.'

1. What happens now?
2. Write down which officials should be involved?
3. What would they do to ensure that the athlete can compete?

What would happen if the message is not passed on? - discuss

SCENARIO 2

'A discus competition at a league match is mid-way through round 1 and a parent brings their athlete over, saying they were told the event started at 1pm and not 12.30pm. The athlete has a race in 10 minutes time and needs to change their shoes before this.'

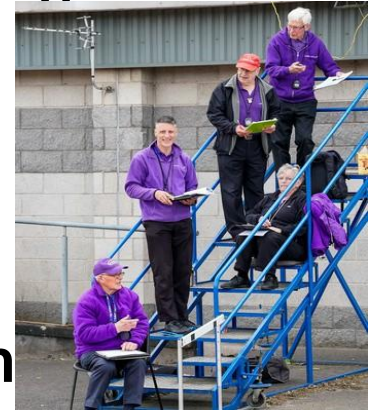


1. **What points are raised by this?**
2. If you were chief judge at the Discus what would you say to the athlete?
3. **Would any other officials need to be involved?**

SCENARIO 3

'At a YDL match, an 'A' string athlete is missing from one club as the athletes are setting up their blocks for the 'A' string race. The 'B' string athlete then turns up ahead of their 'B' string race.

1. What are the options?
2. Which option do you think is the best?
3. Who would make the final decision and how many would need to be included in the decision?



SCENARIO 4



An athlete misses their 100m semi-final on day 1 of the championships without any reason provided.

Later in the day, the same athlete goes to call-room for their heat of the 800m.

1. What ideally should have happened between Call Room for the 100m SF and Call Room for the 800m?
2. Which officials might be involved.
3. What happens when/if the athlete goes to Call Room for their 800m?
4. Who do you think should be the official to deliver the message to the athlete and what do you think it should be?

Sometimes there are occasions when you need to engage with other officials, athletes, coaches etc. to reach a conclusion or deliver a decision.

So how do we deliver 'decisions' successfully?

Here is one important feature of any interaction.

Can you think of others?

REMAIN CALM



Be Fair

Deal with the Facts

Listen Actively

Ask the right questions

BE AWARE OF YOUR BODY LANGUAGE

Be Open

Don't Shout

Be Confident when Speaking

OFFICIALS ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE SPORT

We must continue to work thoughtfully together as officials across disciplines and different levels of experience.



We will then make a positive impact for everyone in
OUR SPORT.

Round Up :-

Can you think of other specific occasions when officials from different disciplines need to work together?



Help yourself (or others) to a well deserved cup of tea/coffee/treat.

BELIEVE, BELONG, ACHIEVE TOGETHER