School Sport SA secondary track and field

Judging and timekeeping instructions

The finish area will be managed by the track referee.

1. The track is judged & timed by the photo finish equipment for all events except the two 3000m events and the first 1500m (Event 41) that operate at the same time as other events. There are to be 2 groups formed for the 3,000m races and flags used to communicate the readiness to start the 3,000m races so that the disc can concentrate on the hurdles. This is to be coordinated by Trevor Wiseman.

2. Two Printer stopwatches time all races and one stopwatch will operate for these three events (3,000 and 1,500). They are all to time the first place runner so that there are 3 times to compare. There will be a large clock to show students their current time that will be operated by one student.

3. Judging & timekeeping must also be done manually as a backup in the event of the photo finish equipment failing. The chief timekeeper/teacher will work with the 6/3 student timekeepers to time first place in all of the races. There will be times in the day where all 6 students are needed but most of the time it will be 3 so that the others can rotate around the tasks. For the events 800m or longer the chief timekeeper uses the Seiko printer stop watch and the students use normal stop watches.

4. The IPad/s will be used on races using Sprint Timer App so that competitors times can be calculated using the first place time (based on the 3 individual times on first place) to calculate the difference to the iPad times. When there are 2 events running at the same time priority is to be given to the shorter event. One student is allocated to this task.

5. First place times using the stopwatch should be recorded in tenths of a second and rounded up to the next tenth of a second, e.g. 10.11 and 10.19 = 10.2.
   - If 2 times are similar then that will be the given time for first place.
   - If there are 3 different times then the middle time is taken.
   - If there are only 2 times available the slower time is recorded.

6. Laned events: chief timekeeper and the 3 students will all time first place to give 3 watches on first. These competitors won’t be given a place disk at the completion of the race. They move straight off the track. Record the first place time on the program to be used if necessary.

7. Non-laned events: chief timekeeper/teacher will time all competitors on the Seiko stopwatch so that there will be a print-out of the times. The 3 students will time first place only which will give 3 watches on first. Record the first place time on the print-out from the Seiko if not the Seiko time. Attach that print-out to the results sheet for that event.

8. Apart from the 3,000 m races the track referee will judge all the non-laned event positions and indicate each runner’s place as they cross the finish line. A recording student or the finish marshall official hands out the place cards. The runners will then go to the recording table to have the results recorded. To assist in the organisation of the day there will be one student allocated to an event board so that spectators know the event currently being run.

9. The recorders will be located on the outside of the track.

10. The recorders will record the places of the finishers for all events 800m and longer and if available provide the competitor with their time. The competitor’s positions are placed as per the place disc they received on the sheet, independent of the division they are in. The calculation of place in the division is done in the results room.