



Function:

- To ensure that each athlete is given an equal opportunity to compete fairly and perform to the best of their ability
- To act as another pair of eyes for the Referee
- To report any infringements without fear or favour and without authority to make a final decision

What Do I Need?

- Umpiring recording sheets
- White flag or similar – used to signal “All Clear”
- Yellow flag or similar – used to signal an infringement
- Pen
- Clipboard
- Folding chair – for major meets

Where Do I Stand?

- The Chief Umpire will allocate you to a position for one or several events
- Once allocated to a position, you may be able to sit on a stool until the Starter takes the stand and remain standing until the race is complete

What Do I Look For?

Laned events:

- Running on the line or inside the line to the athlete's left on the bend thus shortening the distance
- Interfering with another athlete e.g. Jostling, pushing, tripping

Hurdles:

- Arms/legs into adjoining lanes causing interference to other athletes
- Lead/trail leg passing below the top of the hurdle at the point of clearance
- Falling into adjoining lane and causing an obstruction to another athlete
- Knock down the hurdle with the hand/ body or upper side of the lead leg

Non-laned events:

- Interfering with another athlete e.g. Jostling, pushing, tripping, cutting off
- Voluntarily running off the track and then re-joining the race

Relays:

- Dropping the baton and who picks it up
- Out of lane or off the track to recover the baton. Athletes are allowed to leave their lane or course to retrieve the dropped baton, but they must exit and re-enter at the same point so as not to decrease the distance covered. Athletes must not interfere with any other athlete whilst retrieving the baton
- Out of lanes prior to cross over point





- Interference during take-over or after baton change
- Receiving the baton before or after the take-over zone
- Interfering with another athlete e.g. jostling, pushing, tripping, cutting off

What Do I Do?

- When all athletes have passed your location and **no infringements** have occurred:
 - give the agreed “All Clear” signal to the Chief Umpire
- Wait for the acknowledgement by the Chief Umpire before lowering your signal
- When all athletes have passed your location and an **infringement** has occurred:
 - Raise the agreed Infringement signal and keep it raised until the Chief Umpire acknowledges
 - proceed to fill in the infringement form. Do not consult with other Umpires regarding your decision
- The Chief Umpire will pass the form to the Track Referee

What Happens If A Mistake Is Made?

Sometimes you may make a mistake, but you have made a report.

- Remain calm and inform your Assistant Chief or Chief Umpire of your change of report
- It is the Track Referee who makes the final decision based on the report(s) received

COVID-19 Requirements for Return to Competition:

- Avoid touching your face
- Wear a facemask
- Use hand sanitizer and have it available at the event site (This may need to be provided by the Event Organiser)
- Any personal equipment taken onto the field of play (FOP) e.g. Clipboard, stop watch etc, must be cleaned before entering the FOP
- If equipment is shared by Officials e.g. Clipboard, rake, the equipment must be cleaned after each person

