

TIMEKEEPING

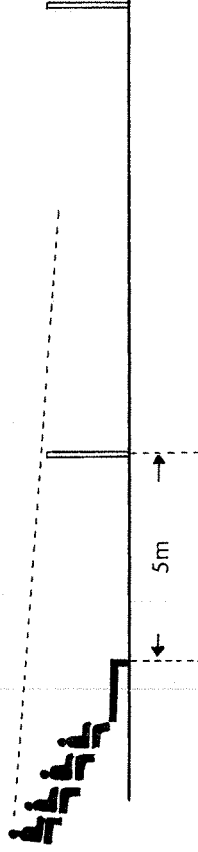
DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

- Minimum number of Officials at Timekeeping: 14.
- The Chief Timekeeper takes the time of the winning athlete.
- Timekeepers 2 to-14 take times of the athletes as indicated by the Chief Timekeeper.
- The Recorder records all decisions taken, or instructions given, by the Chief Timekeeper. These notes must be accessible during and after the competition for reference.

POSITION OF TIMEKEEPERS

The three essentials for good timekeeping are:

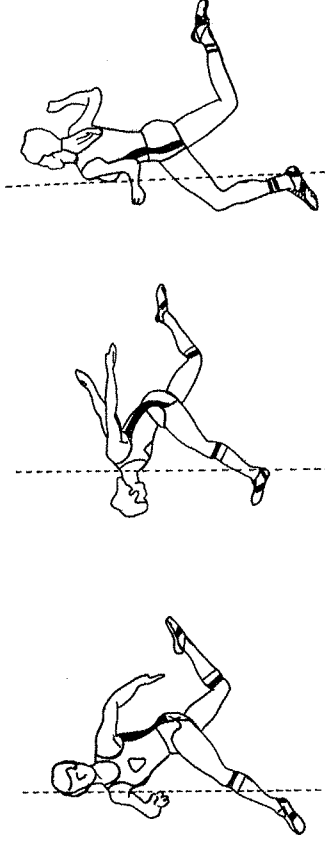
- Being in direct line with the finish.
- Being above ground level.
- Being at some distance from the track edge.



GENERAL RULES

1. A Chief Timekeeper will be appointed by ASA. The Chief Timekeeper will assign specific places for timing and give instructions to each Timekeeper. The seating arrangement of Timekeepers will ensure that Timekeepers taking time for the same position, e.g. 2nd place, cannot compare times.
2. Each Timekeeper must do what he/she is asked to do independently and may not discuss his/her times with anyone.
3. Any instructions given, or decisions taken, by the Chief Timekeeper must be recorded for future reference.
4. Three official Timekeepers, one of who shall be the Chief Timekeeper and two additional Timekeepers, shall time the winner.
5. For the 2nd and 3rd place there shall be two Timekeepers and for the 4th to 10th places one Timekeeper each.

6. Each Timekeeper shall act independently and enter his/her time, as shown on the stopwatch, on the official form, sign it and hand it to the Chief Timekeeper.
7. The Chief Timekeeper shall decide the official time, complete the official result card, attach the wind measurement form and send it to the Competition Secretary.
8. Watches shall only be reset to zero on the command of the Chief Timekeeper.
9. The Timekeepers must be alert at all times and keep their eyes focused on the starter's gun as soon as the runners are under starter's orders.
10. Watches shall only be started on the flash or smoke of the gun.
11. Watches shall be stopped when the athlete's torso reaches the inner plane of the finish line.



12. Keep in mind that Timekeeping is a specialised task and Timekeeping skills only improve with practice.