



## TEAM MANAGER TECHNICAL MEETING MINUTES

**SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024**

**Opening of the meeting by Michael Serralta:** he is very happy with the young officials: they are doing an excellent job! No written questions today.

**Alan Bell** gives the floor to Joleen Caccietore Miller from LOC Gainesville. During WMACi the TM's Room will be in the hotel next to the arena, in the 'ballroom'; there will be working space, wifi, copier etc. If a room is needed for country-meetings you can reserve it online; HBC (partner) will send the link.

Please tell your athletes to read the Entry Booklet; for questions: [info@wmaci2025.com](mailto:info@wmaci2025.com)  
(Margit states that there will be big TM's hats with the text: PLEASE: READ THE HANDBOOK on it)

CAN: since these are the 25th World Championships, Canada would like to say a big THANK YOU to all workers for the Championships and they hand out delicious maple candies to everyone.

Resuming yesterday's competition: the administration of the relay's was not the way we expected. Technically (incl. Call Room) it was very good. In Björlanda it was also very busy and it went very well.

**Archie Jenkins:** gives a compliment to the Non- Stadia Events Team: it was the first time for them to organize a Race Walk Event. There were a lot of spectators, a good atmosphere.

AUS: would like to make a comment about the Race Walk: it was one of the best organized races ever.

**Vesna Repic:** there was a misunderstanding about yellow and red paddles. An athlete had 3 red cards, but these have not been administered correctly. He was included in the team scores, which was not correct. Sorry.

We had a very good level of judges; there were 8 judges from different countries.

The Call Room will be open very early; the Cross Country briefing will be tomorrow.

MEX: "athletes come here to compete; judges have to do their job"

Alan: we have the best panel of judges ever. If this is not meant as a compliment, we don't expect this.

HKG: in the Race Walk there were two athletes with tights. The full movement of the knee should be visible. Alan: this is a global sport:

International Race Walk rules allow culturally sensitive uniform changes as long as the integrity of the technical rules can be applied.

IRL: Yesterday there was a bus from Björlanda at 17.00 and lots of athletes were waiting. About 25 athletes were left behind after the bus left. Perhaps two buses could have been provided?

Anders will arrange in those cases.

**Sandy Pashkin:** so far we have 8 World Records and 19 Championships Records (from 1975 some conditions changed) the records are up to date now.

Alan: we are a global organization now: 20% of the countries have a record holder.

Lynne Schickert: today at 15.30 there will be a ceremony at Medal Plaza for 2023 awarded athletes.

We are invited to attend. The awarded athletes are:

Julie Brims	Australia
Heather Carr	Australia
Takumi Matsushima	Brazil
Karla Del Grande	Canada
Carol Lafayette-Boyd	Canada
Juliana Gumpil	Malaysia
Waclaw Krankowski	Poland
Mattias Sunneborn	Sweden
Emma McGowan	U.S.A.
Rachel Guest	U.S.A.
Allan Tissenbaum	U.S.A.

Tomorrow (Monday 19<sup>th</sup>) at 16.00 there will be an Unveiling and Introduction Ceremony of the WMA Gallery of Champions 2024. All are invited to attend to celebrate the wonderful appearances.

We say a big 'THANK YOU' to Daniel who does a remarkable job for the Call Rooms.

**Eva-Lena Frick:** unfortunately there are Face Book pages who share false news. Please send a message to your athletes to NOT share those pages. They have to be careful: only use the link on the LOC website.

The 'story' about the poles didn't end yet: there are still poles missing.

We are invited to 3 lovely events at the Athletes Village:

Music Quiz:	August 20th	18.00
Karaoke night:	August 23rd	18.00
Crabfish party:	August 24th	18.00

We want everybody to respect the rule of: 'not going on the tracks' to take photo's or talk to the athletes, etc.

The minutes of the daily Team Managers Meeting can be found at:

WMA2024/in the link in the footer of the front page: Team Managers/Team Manager Technical Meeting Minutes

**Next Team Managers Meeting:** Monday 19 August at 9:00 am.