



## TEAM MANAGER TECHNICAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2024

**Alan Bell:** now we're back after the rest day.

**Michael Serralta:** written questions:

BEL & NED: if a group is in the Call Room and an athlete shows up late, he will receive a yellow card, but he can still participate. If the group has left the Call Room and an athlete shows up later, he cannot participate 'under protest'.

NED: the athlete involved was even allowed to do two warm-up attempts (in Björlanda) when the competition was about to begin. Now she won the silver medal. The point is: the procedure is not applied equally at all venues.

Michael guarantees that it will not happen anymore.

**Anders Mattsson:** there was a question about cleaning toilets, especially those near the Call Rooms. These toilets are cleaned twice a day.

**Eva-Lena Frick:** there was a question about the medal presentations on Sunday: all medal presentations will be at Medal Plaza in Slottsslogsvallen.

**Archie Jenkins:** briefing 20K Race Walk will be tomorrow; briefing for Half Marathon will be on Saturday. Archie needs to meet the TMs from Panama and Sweden.

**Alan:** we have to use our common sense. If an athlete has to compete in two different stadiums, he may not have much time in between (the Call Room must be informed), he can come later and, for example, participate in the second round of the Long Jump.

**Gr. Br.** in that case: the officials should inform all the athletes of the group!

**Alan Bell:** Yesterday's Competition Committee Meeting was exceptionally efficient.

New regulations (to be decided by the council, next Monday):

in the future there will be no Half Marathon in WMAC anymore. In the past we had 10K on the track, after that we have 10K Road Race. In the past Half Marathon was a team event, now 10K Road Race will be a team event.

TMs appreciate that.

The new hurdles rules, approved by the General Assembly, will be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, to allow organizers to prepare facilities and allow athletes to train according to the new rules.

Mixed relays: 4 x 400m mixed relays: the running order is: M/W/M/W.

**1 athlete of each gender** is allowed to come down from another age-category.

On the form there are: 2 men and 2 women, plus substitutes: 2 M and 2 W.

2 x 200m. mixed relays (indoor): running order is: W/W/M/M (for safety reasons) in accordance to WA rules.

And (the same as 4 x 400m. rules):

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On the form there are: 2 men and 2 women, plus substitutes: 2 M and 2 W.

New relay forms will be provided.

Thanks to the Competition Committee it was a first class consultation, with input from the regions. We are getting more professional, more consistent.

**Alan:** penalty zone in Race Walk non-stadia:

There will be a penalty zone in Race Walk non-stadia, for the benefit of the athletes, more strict to WA rules.

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

WMAC2024/in the link in the footer of the front page: Team Managers/Team Manager Technical Meeting Minutes

**Next Team Managers Meeting:** Friday 23 August at 9:00 am.