

Thank you for officiating as a TRACK MARSHAL

Please read and understand ALL of the following notes.

1. It may not be a bad idea to bring extra pencils, tape, clear plastic bag (keep rain off clipboard) etc. You never know when it comes in handy.
2. **NEVER, EVER CHANGE THE LANES** THAT ARE ASSIGNED ON YOUR MARSHALLING SHEETS (unless you have been clearly instructed to do so). It will mess up the data immensely. Also, if someone scratches or no-shows, do NOT close the gaps. Keep that lane open.
3. Keep things moving as fast as reasonable. Marshal the next race before the race currently on the track goes. For races in lanes, have the next races lined up and ready to go in their lanes.
4. **Please do everything within reason to assist any runners who also have field events at the same time as their race (read pages two and three very carefully).** Once you know they have a conflict, let check them in (make a note), give them an EXACT number of minutes until their race starts (make a note), and send them to the field event if possible (with a promise to hold the race IF they are back before the EXACT amount of time you quoted them has expired). Those athletes who followed protocol should be given as much latitude as possible. It is not their fault there is a conflict. It is your responsibility to assist athletes with conflicts by clarifying the rules, and advising them what to do.

Do not make an athlete stand in line for a race that won't begin for a while when they need to also be at a field event. The athletes' perception that they MUST stay in the marshaling area (when they could get attempts in at their field event) is the number one cause of problems and parent concerns.

Rules Clarification for ECDA District Championship

Field Events "No-Shows"

The following is intended to clarify the rules governing **no-shows at field events** (often caused by a scheduling conflict where an athlete has a track event and field event at the same time). If the athlete has not shown up to complete a single attempt by this time, they are officially DNS (Did Not Show).

PLEASE NOTE: The SHSAA Provincial Championship rules are much more stringent than what the ECDA is doing here. By rule, an athlete may NOT have more than one attempt in any one round, and if they miss a round, the opportunity for that round's attempt is lost. They may; however be moved to last in one round and first in the next round to get two attempts completed in a very short time. If an athlete advances to Provincials, it is good to keep this rule in mind.

The onus is on the athlete to inform **both the track official and the field event official** that there is a conflict.

The onus is on the field official to accommodate the athlete as best as possible given the guidelines above.

The onus is on the track official to send the athlete back to the field event for an attempt (or more) if their race is still a number of minutes away.

- **Track officials and field officials:** please be as patient and accommodating as is possible (notwithstanding unreasonable delays which put events behind schedule)
- **Field officials:** please explain to the athlete what you, as an official, ARE allowed to do to accommodate them at the field events as outlined in the guidelines above (do not assume they know their options)
- **Field officials:** please explain to an athlete leaving for a race to check in with the marshal and explain the conflict, but to not stay at the race area if the race will not run for a number of minutes (they should come back and get an attempt or more in)
- **Track officials:** when an athlete explains they are also in field event, let them know how long before their race starts, and if there is time, encourage them to return to the field event for an attempt or more.