

athlete shall be allowed to take part in any competition without displaying the appropriate bib(s) and/or identification.

RULE 144

Assistance to Athletes

Indication of Intermediate Times

1. Intermediate times and preliminary winning times may be officially announced and/or displayed. Otherwise such times must not be communicated to the athletes by persons in the competition area without the prior approval of the appropriate Referee. This approval shall be given only when there are no time displays visible to athletes at the relevant point and in circumstances where such times will be provided to all athletes in the race. The competition area, which normally also has a physical barrier, is defined for this purpose as the area where the competition is being staged and which has an access restricted to the competing athletes and to personnel authorised in accordance with the relevant Rules and Regulations.

Giving Assistance

2. For the purpose of this Rule the following shall be considered assistance, and are therefore not allowed:
 - (a) pacing in races by persons not participating in the same race, by athletes lapped or about to be lapped or by any kind of technical device.
 - (b) possession or use of video or cassette recorders, radios, CD, radio transmitters, mobile phone or similar devices in the arena.
 - (c) except for shoes complying with Rule 143, the use of any technology or appliance that provides the user with an advantage which he would not have obtained using the equipment specified in the Rules.

Any athlete giving or receiving assistance from within the competition area during an event shall be warned by the Referee and advised that, if there is any repetition, he will be disqualified from that event. If an athlete is subsequently disqualified from the event, any performance accomplished up to that time in the same round of that event shall not be considered valid. However, performances accomplished in a previous round of that event shall be considered valid.

The following shall not be considered assistance:

- (d) Communication between the athletes and their coaches not placed in the competition area. In order to facilitate this

communication and not to disturb the staging of the competition, a place in the stands, close to the immediate site of each Field Event, should be reserved to the athletes' coaches.

- (e) Medical examination / treatment and/or physiotherapy necessary to enable an athlete to participate or continue participation once on the competition area. Such medical examination / treatment and/or physiotherapy may be provided either on the competition area itself by the official medical staff appointed by the Organising Committee and identified by armbands, vests or similar distinctive apparel or in designated medical treatment areas outside the competition area by accredited team medical personnel specifically approved by the Medical or Technical Delegate for the purpose. In neither case shall the intervention delay the conduct of the competition or an athlete's trial in the designated order. Such attendance or assistance by any other person whether during competition or immediately before competition once athletes have left the Call Room is assistance.
- (f) Any kind of personal safeguard (e.g. bandage, tape, belt, support, etc.) for protection or medical purposes. The Referee in conjunction with the Medical Delegate shall have the authority to verify any case should he judge that to be desirable. (See also Rule 187.4.)

Wind Information

- 3. One or more wind sock(s) should be placed in an appropriate position in all jumping events, Discus Throw and Javelin Throw, to show the athletes the approximate direction and strength of the wind.

Drinking / Sponging

- 4. In Track Events of 5000m or longer, the Organising Committee may provide water and sponges to athletes if weather conditions warrant such provision.

RULE 145 **Disqualification**

If an athlete is disqualified in an event for an infringement of any Rule, reference shall be made in the official results to the Rule which has been infringed.

- 1. If an athlete is disqualified in an event for an infringement of a Technical Rule (except under Rules 125.5 or 162.5) any performance accomplished in the same round of that event up to the time of the