

**APPENDIX NO 18.7 CHIEF FINISH JUDGE, FINISH JUDGES, CHIEF FINISH JUDGE'S STUDENT ASSISTANTS (x2)**

All judging officials should view the **General Track Rules and Timekeeping Tips Videos on the ACC web site at: <https://www.accsport.asn.au/carnivals/athletics/officials-info/officiating-video-tips>**

There are two Chief Finish Judges designated - one for short distance events (SD - Hurdles, 200m, 100m, 400m & Relays) and one for long distance events (LD - 1500m and 800m).

Short Distance Finish Judges should be placed at least five metres from, and in line with the finish line, in order that they may have a good view of the finish line; an elevated stand is usually provided but not essential.

**When Photo Finish system is used, four judges are set in place as a backup.** In case of technological problems, a further four RESERVE judges will be called upon to manually judge places (making a total of eight (8) judges).

The Chief Finish Judge shall record the placings as given by the Judges and have the result sheet kept in their file clearly marked with the event number in case the information is called on. In the event of the **PHOTO FINISH** equipment failing then the recorders will send a manual results sheet to the chief judge and timekeeper to record the manual results. Once completed this form should then be delivered back to the Track Side Recorder's in the results room.

The 'Chief' should check to see that the placings are entered correctly but **CAN NOT** alter any placings, only the REFEREE can do this. (see below)

The Referee shall liaise with the 'Chief' Judge. The Referee is in control of all track officials. If there is a dispute on any placing, it is only the Referee that may decide the placings, but the Referee does not have power to alter placings if the Judges agree on their placings. The Referee should, therefore stand in line with the finish line.

It is recommended that the four 'backup' Judges record the finish in the following way:

The Chief Judge notes the first and second and checks third.

The First Judge notes third and fourth and checks fifth.

The Second Judge notes fifth and checks sixth.

The Third Judge notes seventh and checks eighth, and so on.

Student Assistants are not responsible for the running of the event. They act as 'gophers' to assist staff, e.g., raking pits, returning discus/shot, and javelins, delivering result sheets to the appropriate area.

**Result form:** The Judges should write the lane number of the athlete whose placing he/she has taken on the recording sheet provided and advise the 'Chief Judge'.

It is usual for ONE or MORE placings to be allotted to each Judge, i.e. one judge takes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, one takes 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth, one takes fifth 7 sixth etc. The most experienced Judge does not necessarily take 1st place, as it can be much more difficult to determine minor placings.

It is essential for the judge to watch the competitor whose placing he/she is taking and follow him beyond the finish line to be sure that the athlete's correct lane is recorded. If possible, also take note of the school of the athlete in that lane.

The competitors shall be placed in the order in which any part of the **TORSO REACHES** the vertical plane of the finish line edge **NEARER TO THE START**. The competitor does **NOT** have to **CROSS** the finish line **ONLY REACH** the finish line. The finish line is a white line 5cm wide and at right angles to the inner edge of the track.

**Torso:** Parts of the body **NOT** included in the **TORSO** are neck, head, arms, legs, hands or feet. The shoulder **IS** part of the torso and should be taken into account when judging a race.

In distance events (800m/1,500m), the placings of **ALL** competitors should be taken. They are then assembled in their correct placing in order that their schools may be recorded.

The Chief Judge is responsible for sounding the "final lap bell" in 800m and 1500m events.

#### EXAMPLES OF FINISHES:

- If 'A' dives for the finish line and his/her chest reaches the line first, but before all of his/her body crosses the line, competitor 'B' dashes up and the whole of his/her body crosses the line before 'A's' body. 'A' would be the winner, as only part of his/her torso has to **REACH** the finish line.
- If the hand of 'A' reached the finish line just in front of the chest of 'B', then 'B' would be the winner as the **HAND** is not part of the torso.
- If the shoulder of 'A' reached the line just in from of the chest of 'B', then 'A' would be the winner, as the shoulder **IS** part of the torso.
- If a competitor slips and falls just before the finish line and half of his/her torso crossed the line - he/she could be considered for a placing as the whole of his/her body (torso) does not have to cross the line - only part of his/her torso has to **REACH** the finish line.

#### REMEMBER:

The finish of a race is that part of the finish line that is **CLOSER** to the **START**, therefore the competitor only has to **REACH** the line and not cross it. Remember that the shoulder **IS** part of the torso.

Remember that it is the **REFEREE** who settles a dispute on placings and **NOT** the 'Chief' Judge. In any case the Referee does not have power to alter placings, even if he/she feels they are wrong, unless there is a disagreement, among the judges.

The Chief Finish Judge's Student Assistant is to hand competitors the appropriate place card.

**Place cards do not have to be given when Photo Finish is in operation. Place cards are used for all 800m/1500m events.**

Finish Judges are to mark the event number and lane number of each place on their recording sheet. The Chief Finish Judge only, is to dismiss competitors, when he/she is satisfied that all procedures have been followed.

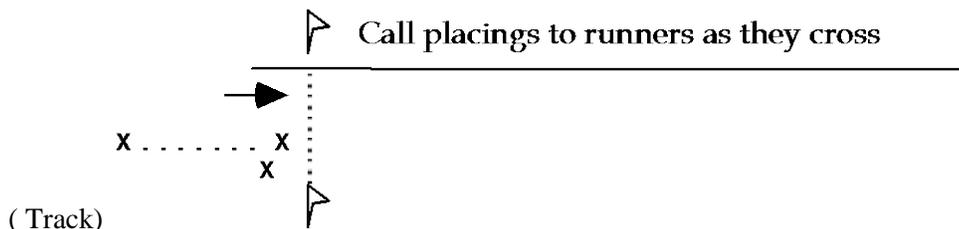
**NB:** A separate set of Starters, Assistant Starters, Finish Judges, Timekeepers and Placement Officials will adjudicate for the 1500m and 800m events, which are run at the same time as the hurdles and 100m events.

For all 800m and 1500m events, both divisions in a gender age group run together. Judges are to be mobile, and ensure that competitors form an Indian file in the order of their finish well beyond the finish line, (to assist with the correct distribution of place cards).

**LONG DISTANCE (1500M AND 800M) JUDGING PROCEDURE**

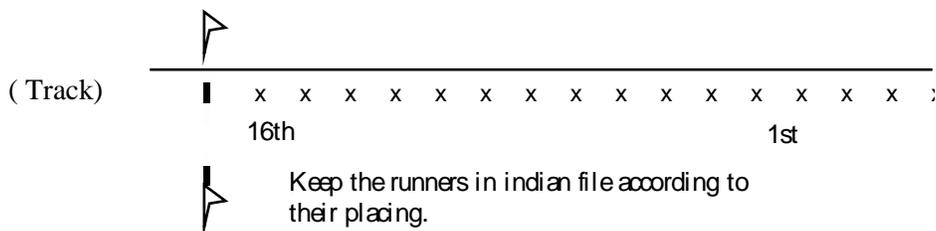
The two runners (i.e., the Div I and The Div II) from the same school run at the same time.

**Step 1**

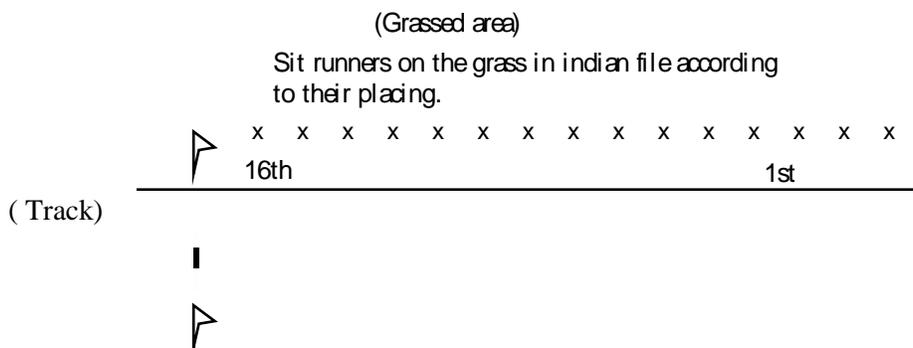


Student assistants give place cards to competitors as they are called by the LD judge

**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**

The chief judge asks competitors to stay in the correct order, show their number, say their school; the division they ran in and a time will be allocated to the competitor. The long distance trackside recorders write their places alongside their registered computer name and number, according to their division.

**ALIGN TIMES TO PLACES.**

[Refer: Appendix 25.5 – Long Distance Marshalling/Judging/Recording sheet](#)