

Finish Line Recorder

Role

The finish line recorder shall record the official order of finish of all qualifiers or place winners from results submitted by the head finish judge and head timer, or the chief finish evaluator if fully automatic timing is used. Wind gauge readings also should be recorded when applicable.

Tasks

1. Head Timer or Chief Finish Judge (head picker) selects a recorder to gather and record the times and places of all finishers.
2. To help ensure that the meet stays on schedule by efficiently gathering this information so that the timers and pickers can quickly return to their positions ready for the next event.
3. Use the time between starts to record the information, correct errors in the heat sheet and make sure that accurate results information is provided to the Scorer.
4. Records wind gauge reading when applicable for the 100 meters, 110/100 meter high hurdles and 200 meters events.
5. Supervises the results runner and makes sure that at least two volunteers are available to take the event check-in information from the Clerk at the starting line for recording and from the finish line to the meet Scorer.

Tips and Techniques

1. At the end of the race, timers and judges should go to the lane of the place they are recording times and places.
2. Athletes should be held away from the times until all they are dismissed once the times are recorded.
3. In cases of conflict, the timer and picker assigned to the higher place takes priority.
4. The Recorder should call out for the time and placer in order of finish. The time for each athlete should then be recorded in order of finish – noting correctness by crosschecking for lane assignment and school.
5. Times taken from all watches for that place should be recorded to the 1/100th on the time sheet. The Recorder is then to use the rounding procedure to correct the times to the next highest 1/10th of a second (except for when the 1/100th ends in a zero – example: 11.90 = 11.9).
6. The official time shall be recorded based on the following methods:
 - When 3 watches show three different times, record the middle time as the official time.
 - When using 3 timers and 2 of the 3 watches agree, use the two agreeing times as official.
 - When using 2 watches and they show different times, the slower time is to be used as the official time.
7. It is not recommended that any times be given to the athletes—particularly when fully automatic photo timing is involved. Times on the photo are typically .24 seconds slower.