

Amendments to IAAF Competition Rules 230.8 & 261 (Note)  
in force as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012  
*(Amended passages in bold)*

Rule 230 - Race Walking

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***Safety and Medical***

8. (a) The Organising Committee of Race Walking events shall ensure the safety of athletes and officials. In competitions held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c) and (f), the Organising Committee shall ensure that the roads used for the competition are closed to motorised traffic in all directions.

~~(b) In competitions held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c) and (f), the events shall be scheduled to start and finish in daylight.~~

~~(c) (b)~~ A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by the official medical staff appointed by the Organising Committee and identified by armbands, vests or similar distinctive apparel shall not be considered assistance.

~~(d) (c)~~ An athlete shall retire at once from the race if ordered to do so by the Medical Delegate or a member of the official medical staff.

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***Race Conduct***

11. In events of 20km or more, an athlete may leave the road or track with the permission and under the supervision of an official, provided that by going off course he does not lessen the distance to be covered.
12. If the Referee is satisfied on the report of a Judge or Umpire or otherwise that an athlete has left the marked course thereby shortening the distance to be covered, he shall be disqualified.
13. In competitions held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c) and (f), the events shall be scheduled to start and finish in daylight.

Rule 261 - Events for which World Records are Recognised

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F.A.T. or H.T.

or T.T.: Road Races: 10km; 15km; 20km; Half Marathon; 25km; 30km; Marathon; 100km;  
Road Relay (Marathon distance only); Race Walking (Road): 20km.

*Note: **Except Race Walking competitions**, World Records in Road Races for women to be recognised in women only races. The IAAF shall keep a separate list of "World Best Performances" achieved in mixed Road Races.*

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