

# SCENARIOS FOR OFFICIALS: STARTER/STARTER'S ASSISTANT

## Scenario 1 – 100m

This is at an event with two starters and two assistants. After “set” all the athletes assume their full and final starting positions except the athlete in lane 5. This athlete does not react to “set” at all and stays in the “on your marks” position. The starter fires the gun –

- What should the recaller do?
- Is there something the starter’s assistant could do?
- What should the starter do to arrive at a fair decision?

## Scenario 2 – 400m

A 400 metre race at area level with a team of three starters and three assistants on duty for the race. There is also a start referee appointed.

The starter gives the “on your marks” command and all athletes respond and settle in their blocks. Before the “set” command the athlete in lane 6 puts up their hand and immediately stands up. What should the various members of the start team do?

## Scenario 3 – 300m

A 300 metre race at local level with one starter and one assistant.

The starter’s assistant has lined up the athletes in their designated lanes and signalled to the starter that all is ready for the race to go. The assistant then notices the blocks in one lane are arranged as shown in the photograph below.



What do you do?’

## **Scenario 4 – 5000m**

A local 5000 metre race with two assistants and one starter.

The starter's assistant designated to oversee this race receives the athletes and the final start list. There are 30 athletes on the list. How should the team organise the start?

## **Scenario 5 – 100m**

A 100 metre race at regional level. A full team of starters is working with three assistants and a start referee. A start information system (SIS) is also in use.

The athletes all assume the 'set' position and are still. The athlete in lane 3 twitches. But does not leave his blocks. The athlete in lane 4 starts and runs 20 metres before stopping. The starter does not fire the gun. What should the team do? What decision should be made?