

SCENARIOS FOR OFFICIALS: UMPIRING TRACK

Scenario 1



During the early stages of a 1500m race with the pack still bunched, there was an instance of jostling that resulted in Ingebritsen being knocked off balance and leaving the track. Having regained his balance three strides later, including the first part of the bend, he was able to re-establish his place within the pack on the track surface.

As a track umpire what report would you make (if any)?

Scenario 2



During a hurdles race as part of the Decathlon, after clearing flight 4, Warner (lane 5) can be seen stepping once on the lane line to his left (lane 4).

As a track umpire what report would you make (if any)?

Scenario 3



In the approach to the water jump during the heats of the steeplechase, Nigate stumbled and tripped into the barrier. In doing so he impeded Sable running directly behind him who had to take avoiding action severely compromising his race position (ultimately missing a qualifying place for the next round). Both athletes were seen to climb over the barrier using their hands to assist them before continuing with the race.

As a track umpire what report would you make (if any)?

Scenario 4



You are umpiring this hurdles race from the lane ends.

What reports would you make (if any)

Scenario 5



You are umpiring a men's 400m hurdles race and observe this incident at the first flight of hurdles. After knocking down the hurdle, the athlete (McMaster, lane 5) stumbles badly and takes three steps into lane 4 before regaining his stride and continuing.

What reports would you make? (if any)

Scenario 6



In a men's league 400m hurdles event an athlete is leading the race by some margin but falls over the last hurdle. He has the presence of mind to stand up, replace the hurdle in the correct location and climb over it using his hands to steady the hurdle. He finishes the race still in the lead. This unsurprisingly draws heated protests from the other team managers.

As Track Referee what action would you take?

Scenario 7



In the men's 4x100m at the world Championships, the USA team appear to have not completed their handover by the end of the box at takeover 3. The result stood and no disqualifications were made. In their defence, Michael Johnson argued in commentary that because the outgoing runner had his hand on the baton before the end of the box the handover was legal.

What are the rules in this situation?

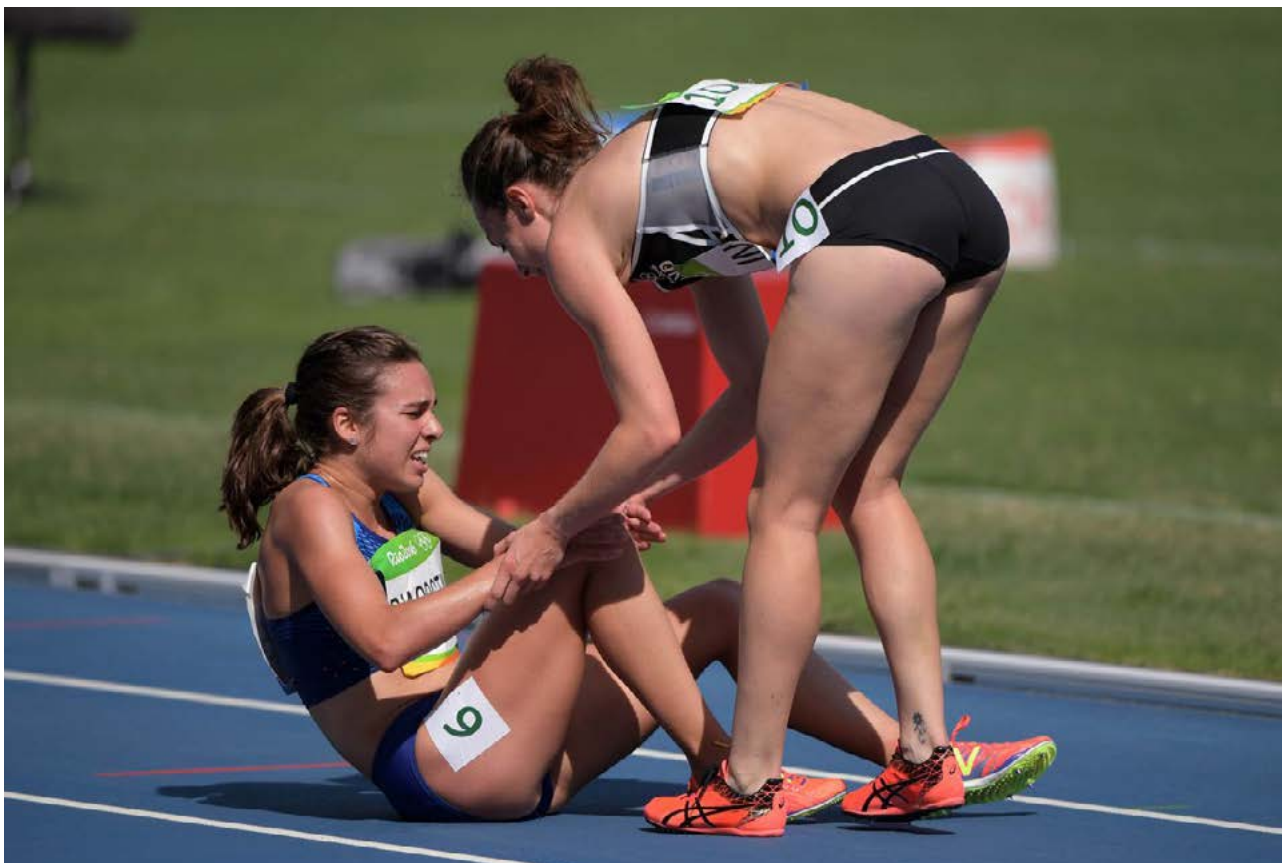
Scenario 8



In the Women's 4x400m event the two images show the incoming and outgoing athletes for the same handover.

Given that the outgoing athletes lined up well within the takeover box, without jostling or swapping places and the batons were all correctly handed over, why would the Jamaican team have been disqualified?

Scenario 9



In a 5,000m race an athlete stumbles, falls and appears to be having difficulty in getting up. A fellow competitor in the same race stops to help her to her feet and then continues with her own race.

As an umpire, what reports would you make? (if any)