

RULES UPDATE – 1st November 2021

Horizontal Jumps Take-off

WA Rule T30.1.1

Colleagues will be aware that the rule relating to Horizontal Jumps take-off was amended by World Athletics some time ago, with its implementation subsequently being deferred until 1st November 2021. This Rule T30.1.1 appears in the 2020 World Athletics Rules for Competition.

At the time of the original rule change, TAG circulated advice indicating that for domestic competition, the continued use of a plasticene no-jump indicator was quite acceptable, so long as the profile was changed from 45 degrees to 90 degrees. Notwithstanding, judging the take-off is a visual decision about the position of the foot in relation to the edge of the board nearest the pit.

Existing no-jump indicators are still usable, so long as the profile of the plasticene is amended. We are aware that modified take-off boards are already commercially available and that a number of colleagues are seeking to develop home-grown prototypes. Over time, it may well be that existing boards are gradually replaced.

We are also aware that a number of colleagues are developing video review systems, using various combinations of tablets and cameras. The attention of all officials is drawn to the article in the European Athletics Officials Newsletter, which has been previously circulated and is attached again. This mentions a number of commercial and home-grown systems. Some of the systems, notably Eagle-eye, have been in use in the USA since the 2014 World Junior Championships.

We are delighted to say that for the 2022 Indoor Grand Prix and the UK Indoor Championships, Seiko will provide their video review system. For the outdoor Diamond League meeting, we anticipate that Swiss Timing will also supply their system.

We are in constant contact with Imre Matrahazi, World Athletics Technical Services Senior Manager, on this topic. World Athletics are interested in hearing about any systems that Member Federations may be developing, together with our experience of commercial systems. Similarly, at UKA, we would be pleased to hear about any systems which officials may be developing. If you are willing to share your experience please e-mail MRogers@britishathletics.org.uk

Rule amendments agreed at the Tokyo World Athletics Council Meeting – July 2021

A further batch of rule amendments was agreed at the World Athletics Tokyo Council Meeting. These are attached.

The wording of some of these amendments is even more complex than usual. If you require further clarification, please send any queries to MRogers@britishathletics.org.uk. These will then be forwarded to appropriate members of TAG for a response.

UKA Rules

Consultation on proposed UKA Rule amendments for implementation from 1st April 2022 continues according to the published schedule.