

JUDGING LONG THROWS

(Hammer, Discus, Javelin & Club)

There has been recent discussion about the number and qualification level of technical officials and other helpers at throwing events, particularly long throws. At its recent meeting, the Technical Advisory group of UKA released this statement which describes the position under the current rules (2012 – 2013) as well as requirements as described in UKA Health & Safety courses in use for the last few years.

None of what is shown below is different from what was in place in 2012, but, with the introduction of a new league competition (the Youth Development League) it was felt useful to publish a document with all the requirements simply and clearly laid out in one table.

In accordance with UKA Rules of Competition Appendix E (page 161) wef 1st April 2012 set out in the Note: under 2.3. (Level 2a Official)-Officials cannot judge in the **landing sector** in **any** throwing event until they have completed a UKA Track & Field Health & Safety course module. **This is still a current requirement.**

At its meeting on 20th March 2013 UKA Technical Advisory Group confirmed that the following provisions continue to apply to Long Throws for the 2013 Outdoor season. These reflect the requirements contained in the UKA Health & Safety course materials currently used in UKA courses.

In all cases of Long Throws the event must be controlled by a **Chief Judge** who is a qualified Technical Official at Level 2b or above, who has attended a UKA Health & Safety course. They may decide to position themselves in the landing sector or be the controlling judge at the throwing area, a decision which will be made depending on the distance likely to be thrown.

The following may judge within the landing sector

Qualified technical officials at Level 2a and above, who have attended a UKA Health and Safety Course.

The following may judge or assist outside the landing sector, entering the sector only after the implement has landed (e.g. as implement retrievers)

Qualified technical officials at Level 2a and above. Also both UKA Level 1 Club Officials and UKA Young Officials who have attended a UKA Health & Safety course. Also helpers over the age of 16 who have been fully briefed in safety requirements of athletics events before competition commences by the Meeting Manager and / or Field Referee.

The following may only judge or assist behind the mouth of the throwing cage, or behind the scratch line of the javelin runway or circle.

Qualified technical officials at Level 2a and above. Also UKA Level 1 Club Officials and UKA Young Officials. Also helpers over the age of 16 who have been fully briefed in safety requirements of athletics events before competition commences by the Meeting Manager and / or Field Referee.

Note 1: From April 1st 2013, all technical officials training will include Health and Safety as an integral part of the course.

Note 2: These requirements are applicable to all 2013 competitions held under UKA Rules at all levels (including leagues & open meetings)

Note 3: Within the Rules of YDL competitions 2013 – Rule 5.4.1. one of the Field Judges [in each of the allocated field events there] must be a qualified Technical Official graded at Level 2b or above with Health and Safety certification.

All rules, expectations and requirements may be further updated and revised within the 2014 Rules for Competition.