

VSI Officials Committee Report 20 November 2010

On 15 November 2010 the following proposal was circulated among the members of the Officials Committee with discussion taking place 16-17 November 2010. The impetus behind the proposal was to change the administrative requirements for training, such that training cards could be issued at the completion of a clinic without the need to wait for confirmation of non-athlete registration in USA-S and the passing of any applicable tests.

PROPOSAL:

Dry deck positions—Attend clinic or familiarization at meet and obtain training card. Successfully complete on-deck training. Pass applicable test prior to certification by DOC. Register with USA-S prior to certification by DOC. Certification only issued once all requirements are met.

S&T—Attend clinic and obtain training card. Begin on-deck training. Prior to walks 6/7/8, register with USA-S (Referees will need to check for registration card or presence in OTS, but this is no different than for any other S&T official making calls as membership is a requirement. Also, the National Officials Committee, with the blessing of the National Rules & Regulations, sent out a memo ~2 years ago that trainees do not require membership as long as they are not making calls. Once making calls, it is required by rule. They should, however, be encouraged to get this done earlier rather than later as the requirement cannot be waived for the final walks.). Successfully complete final walks. Pass applicable test prior to certification by DOC. Certification only issued once all requirements are met.

Starter—Replicate the test timing requirement as per S&T.

Referee—No change.

A SUGGESTED POSSIBLE AMENDMENT FROM MICHAEL DOWNS:

Pass applicable test prior to final walks (S&T) or final session (TJ). As proof of passing, the e-mail notification could be stapled to the training card and referees would need to check for it prior to the final session(s).

On the basis of the discussion, a draft of the VSI Officials Handbook which incorporated the proposed changes, as well as editing changes to remove references to certification cards that are no longer in use, was circulated. Voting took place 18-19 November 2010 via e-mail with the final tally as follows:

Results:	12	Yes
	2	No

Version 4 of the VSI Officials Handbook was approved and will go into effect immediately.