

## **RULE 5. COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

(Formerly Rule 5 in the 2002 version of the Rules)

### **R5.1 GENERAL**

(new to be drafted)

### **R5.2 ORGANISER**

R5.2.1 The Organiser shall be responsible for the organisation of the event. He shall ensure that other competition officials are appointed as necessary.

R5.2.2 The Organiser shall be a member of the IOA.

### **R5.3 PLANNER**

R5.3 1 The Course Planner shall design the orienteering courses and be responsible for

- (1) The preparation of control markers and control codes,
- (2) Overprinting maps with courses or the preparation of master maps,
- (3) The preparation of control description lists, and
- (4) The correct placement of the control markers prior to the competition.

R5.3 2 The Course Planner shall have an understanding and appreciation of the qualities of a good course gained from personal experience. He must also be familiar with the theory of course planning and appreciate the special requirements of different classes and different types of competition. The Course Planner shall be capable of assessing on site the various factors that can affect the competition, such as the conditions of the terrain, the quality of the map, the presence of participants and spectators.

R5.3 3 Other than for non-competitive events the Planner shall be a member of the IOA and shall be an active orienteer. For any event of C2 status or above the Planner shall have previously planned a C3 event or higher and shown competence in course planning, as judged by the Regional Council in whose area the competition took place.

## R5.4 CONTROLLER

(Formerly Rule 4 in the 2002 version of the Rules)

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### R5.4.1 COMPETITIONS THAT REQUIRE A CONTROLLER

- R5.4.1. 1 A Controller shall be appointed for all competitions of C3 status or above. The Controller may appoint, or request the Organiser to appoint, one or more assistant Controllers.
- R5.4.1. 2 The Controller of any competition of C2 status or above shall normally come from a different club to that of the Organiser and Planner.
- R5.4.1. 3 At any Irish Championship competition the Controller should preferably come from a different region to that of the Organiser and Planner.
- R5.4.1. 4 The Controller of a C3 Competition should preferably come from a different club to that of the Organiser and Planner.

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### R5.4.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CONTROLLER

- R5.4.2.1 Controllers shall be conversant with the IOA Rules of Foot Orienteering.
- R5.4.2.2 The Controller shall be responsible for ensuring that the courses are fair, and that the competition is organised fairly and in accordance with the Rules. If he becomes aware that any breach of these Rules has occurred, or is likely to occur, he shall take whatever action he considers necessary. The Controller may require the Organiser to cancel the competition if necessary.
- R5.4.2.3 As a minimum at events of C1 and C2 status, the following tasks shall be carried out under the authority of the event Controller:
- (1) Approve the venue and the terrain for the event.
  - (2) Monitor event organisation and assess the suitability of the proposed accommodation, food, transport, programme, budget and training possibilities (if applicable).
  - (3) Assess any planned ceremonies.
  - (4) Approve the organisation and layout of start, finish and changeover areas.
  - (5) Assess the reliability and accuracy of the time keeping and results producing systems.
  - (6) Check that the map conforms to IOF standards.

- (7) Approve the courses after assessing their quality, including degree of difficulty, control siting and equipment, chance factors and map correctness.
- (8) Check any course splitting method and course combinations.
- (9) Assess arrangements and facilities for the media.
- (10) Assess arrangements and facilities for doping testing.

R5.4.2.4 Subject to the provisions of section "Protests, Juries and Appeals" the decision of the Controller in all matters shall be final.

R5.4.2.5 Controllers shall be members of the IOA or of any affiliated association of the IOF and shall be active orienteers.

## **R5.5 CERTIFIED EVENT CONTROLLERS**

(Replaced Rule 4.3 in the 2002 version of the Rules 2008. Amended September 2002, November 2008 and December 2010)

R5.5.1 Event Controllers shall be certified by the IOA, by BOF in the case NIOA registered Controllers, and by other member Federations affiliated to IOF. These Rules deal with the certification of Event Controllers by the IOA. The qualifications of Event Controllers certified by any IOF affiliated Federation shall be recognised by the IOA.

R5.5.2 In order to become an IOA Certified Event Controller an individual is required to:

- (1) Have successfully completed an IOA approved Controllers Course;
- (2) Have controlled at least one competition on the IOA Fixtures List and shown competence in controlling;
- (3) Have successfully organised at least one competition on the IOA Fixtures List;
- (4) Have planned a competition of at least C3 event status, and shown competence in planning;
- (5) Be a member of an IOA affiliated club.

R5.5.3 The IOA Controller of Technical Standards shall maintain a register of IOA Certified Event Controllers.

R5.5.4 The IOA Technical Sub-Committee may remove a Certified Event Controller from the register, subject to IOA Executive approval, if this is considered desirable. A Certified Event Controller who has not acted as a Controller, Planner, or Organiser of a competition of C3 status or higher in the previous three years shall automatically be removed from the IOA register of Certified Event Controllers.

## **R5.6 TECHNICAL ADVISER**

(Formerly Rule 5.3 in the 2002 version of the Rules)

R5.6.1 For all International events the IOA executive may appoint a Technical Adviser. The technical advisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the competition is conducted in accordance with the IOF Rules of Competition, and shall give such guidance to the Planner and Organiser as he sees fit.

R5.6.2 The Technical Adviser shall immediately report any unresolved dispute he has with the Controller to the IOA Controller of Technical Standards, who shall decide the matter.

## **R5.7 MAPPING ADVISER**

(Formerly Rule 5.4 in the 2002 version of the Rules)

A Mapping Advisor may be appointed by the IOA to all events of international status.