

# IOA Rules and the Controller

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# Responsibility of the Controller R5.4.2

- (Formerly Rule 4 2002 version of the Rules)
- Shall be conversant with the IOA Competition Rules
- Shall be responsible for ensuring that the courses are fair
- Shall approve the venue and terrain
- Shall assess any planned ceremonies
- Shall approve the organisation and layout of the start, finish, and in relays the changeover area
- Shall assess the reliability and accuracy of the timekeeping and results producing systems
- Shall check that the map conforms to IOF standards

# Responsibility of the Controller (Cont)

- Shall approve the courses after assessing that their quality is in accordance with the competition guidelines, that the control siting is correct, and that the map gives a true representation of the terrain
- Shall check any course splitting or combinations
- Shall assess arrangements and facilities for the media
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# Events that require a Controller

- Shall be appointed for all Category C1 (International), C2 (Championship and Major Events), and C3 (Regional League) competitions
- For Irish Championship competitions, the Controller should preferably come from a different region to that of the Organiser and Planner. In practical terms this rarely happens with the Controller coming from a different club in the region
- For Category C4 competitions (Club) it is good practice for the organising club to appoint a Controller from their members

# Certified Event Controllers Rule R5.5

- Shall be certified by the IOA
- Shall have their names listed in the Register of Certified Event Controllers that is available on the IOA website

# Certified Event Controllers (Cont)

- To become a Certified Event Controller an individual is required to:-
- (A) Have successfully completed an IOA approved Controllers Course
- (B) Have controlled at least one competition on the IOA Fixtures List and shown competence in controlling
- (C) Have successfully organised at least one competition on the IOA Fixtures List
- (D) have planned a competition of at least Category C3 status and shown competence in planning
- (E) Be a member of an IOA affiliated club

# Certified Event Controllers (Cont)

- The Guidelines for Category C2 Long Distance or 'Classic' competitions, the Irish Sprint, Middle Distance, and Relay Championship competitions require the appointment of Certified Event Controllers for each