# ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA D.T.O. EXAMINATION



# **ROAD RACES**

### **DISTANCES**



#### The standard distances shall be:

- 5Km
- 10Km
- 15Km
- 20Km
- 21.0975Km (Half Marathon)
- 25Km
- 30km
- 42.195 (Marathon)



#### **DISTANCES**



Other distances in Road races are –

- 100Km
- Road Relay

Road Relays are run over **Marathon distance**, ideally over a 5km loop course with stages of **5km**, **10km**, **5km**, **10km**, **5km** & **7.195km** 

Half Marathon Road Relays are run with the stages of 5Km, 5Km, 5Km & 6.098Km.



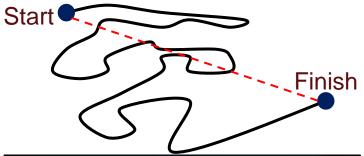


#### **COURSE**



- Road races shall be run on made-up roads, bicycle paths or foot paths along the road.
- Road races shall not be on soft grounds or grass verges.
- The start and finish can be in the Athletic Field of Play.
- The start and finish points, measured along a theoretical straight line between them should not be further apart than 50% of the race distance.
- The start, finish and other segments of the race can be conducted on grass or other non paved surfaces, but such segments shall be kept to a minimum.





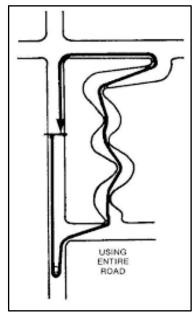


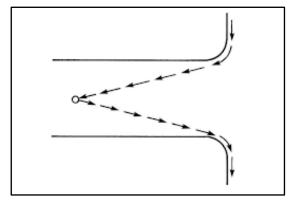
#### **COURSE**



- The course shall be **measured** along the **shortest possible route** that an athlete can follow.
- The measurement line should be marked along the course in distinctive colour.
- The length of the course shall not be less than the official distance for the event.
- The uncertainty in the measurement shall not exceed 0.1% (i.e. 42m for the Marathon)
- The length of the course shall have been certified in advance by a World Athletics approved course measurer.
- For measurement, the "Calibrated Bicycle Method" shall be used.



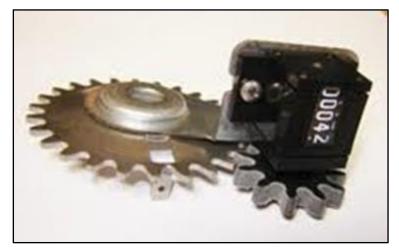




### **COURSE MEASUREMENT**



### **Calibrated Bicycle Method**













### **COURSE**



A course measurement certificate is valid for 5 years, after which the course shall be re-measured even there are no obvious changes to it.

The distance in kilometers on the route shall be displayed to all athletes.







### **START**



The race shall be started by firing a gun, cannon, air horn or like device.

The command for races longer than 400m shall be used.

In races which include large number of athletes, five-minute, three-minute and one-minute warnings before the start of the race should be given.





#### **SAFETY**



The Organisers of Road races shall **ensure the** safety of athletes and officials.





They shall **ensure that the roads** used for competition are **closed to motorised traffic** in all directions.



 Water and other suitable refreshment shall be available at start and finish of all races.

For all events water shall be available at suitable intervals of approximately 5Km. For events longer than 10Km, refreshments other than water may be made available at these points.

 Water stations and refreshments may be placed at more regular intervals considering the climatic conditions.







- Mist stations may also be arranged, considering the organizational and climatic conditions.
- Refreshments may include drinks, energy supplements, foodstuff or any other item other than water.
- Refreshment will normally be provided by Organisers but it may permit athletes to provide their own.
- Refreshment provided by athletes shall be kept under the supervision of officials designated by Organisers from the moment it is received from the athlete.







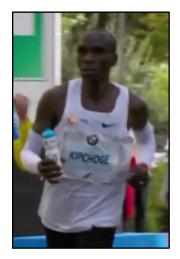
- Organisers shall delineate, by barriers, tables or marking on ground, the area from which refreshment can be received or collected.
- It should not be directly in line of the measured route.
- Refreshments shall be placed so that they are easily accessible to, or may be put by authorized person into the hands, of the athlete.
- Official or authorised person is not allowed to move along with the athlete while they are taking refreshment or water.







- An athlete may, at any time carry water or refreshment by hand or attached to their body, provided it was carried from the start or collected or received at an official station.
- Collecting water or refreshment from a place other than official station (except for medical reasons under the directions of race officials), not allowed. Warned for first offence, DQ for repetition.
- Receiving from or passing to another athlete refreshment, water or sponges, is allowed if collected from official stations, but continuous such help shall be considered unfair assistance and warning or disqualifications to be made as applicable.







### **TIMING IN ROAD RACES**



- Electronic Transponder Timing system is used in Road races.
- It has Sensors / antennas to read the RFID chip provided on BIBs of each participants.
- Such Sensors / antennas are placed at the start and finish point and the key points on the course.













#### **RACE CONDUCT**



An athlete may leave the marked course with the permission and under the supervision of an official. They shall not shorten the distance to be covered by doing so.



- If the **Referee** is satisfied on a report from a Judge or Umpire that an athlete left the marked course and thereby **shortened the distance** to be covered, they **shall be disqualified**.
- Umpires should be placed at regular intervals and at all key points.
  Other Umpires should move along the course during the race.



### **START OF ROAD RACE**











# **RUNNERS ON ROUTE**











### **FINISH OF ROAD RACE**











# **MIST & SPONGE STATIONS**











### REFRESHMENT AND WATER STATIONS











# **PILOT VEHICLES**





### KILO METER MARKERS & SIGNAGES















# **MEDICAL STATIONS**







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