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**BEFORE THE RACE - To Judges/Officials:**□ Assign judging positions

□ Give *Tally Sheets* and *Red Cards* to the judges.

□ Synchronize watches.

□ Determine location for the Post-Race Meeting.

□ Remind judges that they are **Umpires** and should

document rule violations on a separate sheet.

□ Give the **Recorder** the *Judging Summary Sheet.*

□ Check that the official operating the **Red Card**

**Posting Board** (DQ Board) knows his/her job.

□ Check that the **Red Card Collector** knows the job.

□ Check with the Race Director to see if there is an

official **Referee**. If not, the Chief Judge is Referee.

**BEFORE THE RACE - To Race Walkers:**□ “Good morning Walkers, I'm your Chief Judge.”  
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□ “We have (***3-4-5-6***) Judges on the course today.”  
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lap scorers are available)  
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so briefly explain ‘Yellow Paddles,’ ‘Red Cards,’ and

other items on the back of this card.)

**Never ask:** "Are there any questions?"

□ Explain the **Penalty Zone**, if it is used for this race.

□ If applicable, explain that “you may be disqualified if

you are obviously out of form in the **last 100 meters**.”

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of the judges. If so, have them change.

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□ Check for errors on the Red Card Posting Board.

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Referee and/or Race Director. In large meets, you may

also use the *SUMMARY OF RACE WALK DISQUALIFICATIONS & TIME PENALTIES* form.

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□ “Stay in legal race-walk form completely through the

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