

Race Walking



Q: What is the process to become a Race Walk Official / Judge?

A: The first step is to become a USATF Certified Official. To take that first step, contact Scott Phoenix, USATF Oregon Certification Chair. He can guide you through the steps to becoming certified. Contact Scott: sandcphoenix@gmail.com. [Follow this link](#) for frequently asked questions about becoming an official. [Go here](#) to learn more about certification.

There are two types of Certified Officials in Race Walking: Race Walk Judge and Race Walk Official. Individuals can elect to become either or both. The first step for both types is to take a basic Race Walk rules review using the USATF Rule Book and Race Walk Handbook. Contact Marie VerMeer, USATF Oregon Race Walk Committee Chair, for more information: racewalking@oregon.usatf.org

- ~~Race Walk Officials then shadow experienced officials and gain experience in several disciplines (Card Runner, Disqualification Board Operator, Penalty Zone Operator and Recorder) before progressing from an Apprentice to an Association-level official.~~
- ~~Race Walk Judges shadow experienced judges and gain experience as a Judge, Chief Judge, and Chief Judge Assistant before progressing from an Apprentice to an Association-level Official.~~
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Q: Do I need to be a USATF member to enter a USATF Association, Regional or National Race Walk competition?

A: Yes, a USATF membership is required to enter Association, Regional, and National competitions and be eligible for awards. Not a member? [Go here](#) to learn more about USATF membership and sign up to be a member.

Q: How can I find information on upcoming Race Walk competitions locally and nationally?

A: For USATF Oregon competition information (and information on other Oregon and Washington-based competitions), visit the [USATF Oregon Race Walk page](#). For a nationwide competition calendar, visit the [USATF Race Walking Committee website](#).