

MEMO

To: NPC / IOSD Widely and Regularly Practising Athletics
From: IPC Athletics Technical Committee
Date: 05/03/2010
Re: Course measurement for Road Races

Dear Colleagues,

Since the memo on 16 February 2010 was circulated more information has come to hand in relation to the course measurement of road races. Please see below an extract from the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (www.aimsworldrunning.org/course_measurement_p.htm)

As a result of the new information and the presentation of an AIMS certified measurement certificate the Padova Marathon in 2010 is eligible for qualification purposes but not for world records. The Padova Marathon has a separation of 80% and a net elevation drop of 0.73 meters/km.

World Road Records

... The criteria for world records includes strict measurement criteria. As for all AIMS road races, courses must be measured by an accredited AIMS/IAAF Grade A or B measurer using the calibrated bicycle method. The criteria for world records include elevation change and separation. These criteria are included to ensure that a course is not excessively downhill or designed in such a way that a tail wind may unduly affect times. Elevation change is measured in terms of the altitude difference between the start and finish. A course must not drop more than 1m/km for it to be eligible for world records. Separation is the distance in a straight line between the start and the finish and is expressed as percentage of the total distance. To be legal for world record purposes, a course must have a separation of not greater than 50 per cent.

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Qualifying performances for World Championships & Olympic Games

The IAAF also has strict measurement criteria for courses that can be used for qualifying performances for World Championships and Olympic Games. Courses must be measured by an accredited AIMS/IAAF Grade A or B measurer and the elevation change must be less than 1m/km. Courses with a separation greater than 50 per cent are eligible for qualification purposes.

Should you have any questions in relation to the information above please do not hesitate to contact IPC Athletics on ipcathletics@paralympic.org

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.S. Hellwig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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