



Exercise on Jury Cases

Case 1

- Given a WRE race
- A group of 5 runners is approaching the finish, they punch closely together at the two last controls
- All controls have two SportIdent units
- Runner X finishes 2nd in this group
- After examination of the SI print-out, the second last control is missing
- The organisers disqualifies the runner, but he files a protest and he claims that he has heard the beep

- Question 1: what are possible measures before a jury decision?
- Question 2: what is your jury decision?

Case 2

- Given a WRE race and 2/3 of all runners are in the finish
- Somehow, the time keeping crashes and no more finish times can be measured
- The organiser decides to use the intermediate times from the last control as final time and publishes a result list
- A runner complains because he/she is beaten by 1 second, but he/she is known to be the fastest sprinter. The organiser rejects the complaint and the runner files a protest, and asks that the race be voided.

- Question 1: what is your opinion about the organiser's solution?
- Question 2: what is your jury decision?

Case 3

- Given a WRE race with manned radio controls
- Runner X passes the control and his intermediate time is taken manually and transmitted to the finish area/speaker/result service
- Upon finishing the examination of the SportIdent print-out just that radio control is not registered and the organiser disqualifies the runner. The runner complains and later he files a protest against the disqualification. He claims that he obviously has passed that radio control.

- Question 1: what are possible measures before a jury decision?
- Question 2: what is your jury decision?

Case 8

- Given a WRE which is at the same time a national championships
- The organiser prepares the start list as follows
 - On the first 80 start places all foreign runners and the lower ranked domestic runners are drawn at random
 - On the last 20 places the best ranked domestic runners are seeded according to inverse order of their national ranking (the best last)
- Upon receipt of the start list (2 weeks prior to the event) a foreign runner files a protest and sends it to the appointed IOF adviser and he requests a new start draw.
- The IOF adviser acts directly and requests a new start list, which is then produced by the organiser and posted on the day of the event at the centre

- Question 1: is the adviser acting properly or is the matter a jury matter?
- Question 2: discuss the original composition of the start list

Case 4

- Given a WRE race
- The staff at the start discovers at the second last starter that there is no map with printed course available for the very last starter. Someone immediately prepares a new map with a hand-drawn course and the last starter is able to start at the proper time. After the race the runner is disqualified because she has taken three narrowly spaced controls in the wrong sequence.
- The runner files a complaint because the lines between the controls were missing and the sequence numbers rather far away from the circles. The organiser accepts the complaint and puts the runner back on the result list.
- Another runner files then a protest against this organiser decision and requires that the runner is disqualified again.

- Question 1: what are possible measures before a jury decision?
- Question 2: what is your jury decision?

Case 7

- Given a World Cup event
- All participating nations have submitted the preliminary entries in due time
- Upon time for the start draw, a “one-man team” is still missing, and you have no final entry.
- During the check of the start list he calls and he tells the IOF adviser that he will arrive during the night by car
- Question 1: what are possible scenarios in this story?
- Question 2: in case you decide to let him enter and make a re-draw, how do you ensure that the story will not end with a protest from other nations?

Case 6

- Given a WRE race
- The preparations are progressing but the courses design is delayed
- Upon receipt of the first draft, the EA is not happy with the proposed elite courses, the course designer teams makes some small adjustments but the EA is still not in a position to approve the courses. The situation escalates, the course designer refuses to make more changes or to accept the proposals of the EA.
- Two weeks before the event the EA calls the event director and declares that he voids the WRE status of the event
- Question 1: has the EA the formal power to void a WRE?
- Question 2: if Q1 is No what would then be the process to void this WRE?

Case 5

- A WMOC runner used the manual punch at one of the control
- The organizers disqualify him because there is no evidence that the unit doesn't work. Actually he would have been the winner of M45A
- The runner files a protest claiming that we tried to punch the was a group of elderly women fumbling over the unit and claiming that it didn't work because they heard no beep. So he decided to use the manual punch instead.
- Question: What would your decision be if you were on the jury?