

Technical Officials General Notes

In all situations the benefit of the doubt must go to the Athlete (rule 29.8)

Role of Primary, Secondary and Transmission judges

Each judge may be assigned specific roles for different gates, i.e. you may be Transmission Judge for gates 15, 16 & 17 (gates specified within a section), but be a Primary Judge for gates 15 and 16 and Secondary Judge for 17. A Judge may be also assigned to a gate which is outside their section if they can provide a useful extra view.

The Primary Gate Judge:

Has to assess each of the Secondary Judges' views, together with their own view and determine if any penalty is to be given. The Primary Judge may have the 'best' view of the gate, but must also consider the view of the Secondary Judge who may be better placed for a particular circumstance (such as the half head mentioned below). The Primary Judge must then signal their final decision to the Transmission Judge as quickly as possible.

The Secondary Gate Judge:

Provides an alternate view of a gate. The Secondary Judge will make their assessment of any penalty incurred or clear passage and signal this to the Primary Judge. For example they may be best placed to see if a paddler 'half heads' a gate, while other judges are closer and more able to spot slight touches. It is the Secondary Judges responsibility to signal their assessment to the Primary Judge as quickly as possible.

The Transmission Judge:

Records the decision signalled by the Primary Judges and ensures they are transmitted to the Scoring Office. It is not the role of the Transmission Judge to over ride or change the decision of a Primary Judge.

Each judge must make up their own mind on whether any penalty has been incurred and signal and record this without concern for other Judges' views. This interpretation is in line with ICF rule 9.5.

Common signals



To signal "clear" sweep the arm outstretched horizontally at waist height from right to left



To signal "2 penalty seconds" raise the hand above the head, make a fist with the pointer finger outstretched



To signal "50 penalty seconds" raise the hand above the head with all 5 fingers outstretched

The Transmission Judge must use the disc to signal the penalty. Hold the disc high pointing it towards the gate and turn it through 90 degrees for all to see.


Always moving forward

Filling of Gate Judges sheets

Write **TJ** on the top corner of the page if you are the Transmission judge and **GJ** if you are the Gate Judge.

Put a page number on every page. Start at page number one for the forerunners and continue throughout the day.

Start a new page for each new category even if the previous page is not filled

When filling the box for "clear" use –  a diagonal dash

Always write what you observe.

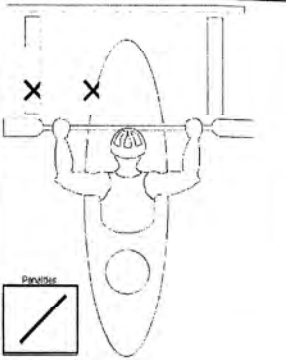
Always record any case where there is potential uncertainty. For example if a pole moves for any reason eg Wind, water touch, still swinging from the previous Competitor etc.

If you are the Transmission Judge but observe something different from the Primary Judges call then:

1. Write what you observe in the lower half of the box (see example at right)
2. Write what you transmit in the normal box (this makes the paper checking easier in the results area)

Please make notes on;

- What touched: eg L arm = Left arm
- Which pole: L pole/R pole = Left Pole/Right Pole
- When: eg on entry, on exit
- Strength of touch:eg light touch

Gate n° 10
Porte n°

<i>PJ called clear</i>
<i>TJ: J saw 2, L front boat, L pole, on entry, small touch</i>

Process between the Transmission Judge and the PDA Operator

The Transmission Judge and the PDA operator should work out a communication system to ensure the penalty is entered into the scoring system as quickly and accurately as possible after the Competitor completes each gate.

This may be on the Transmission Judges signal or verbal direction. The Transmission Judge should then double check that the penalty entered by the PDA operator is the correct one. There may be a formal process established for this eg a sign off sheet before the data can be transmitted.

It is important that this process is completed promptly after each gate as the score will be displayed in the scoring system (scoreboard, live results, TV etc). Coaches, TV and spectators need to be able to relate any penalty given to the gate.

Gate Judge Viewing Zone

Each Gate judge must work with the TV and TVS camera positions to ensure that each can satisfy their needs. Once this has been resolved the Chief Judge must ensure that, if required, the position of the Gate Judge and their ability to view the gates is not impeded by anything (eg Spectators, Athletes or other competition personnel) and should be fenced off if necessary.