

Umpire Positions and Responsibilities

#1 Position - Beginning Of First Curve

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 10th row of hurdles. One or two at head of track with head umpire.
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 8th row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ Finish Line exchange ~ red to red
4. 400 Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 200/400 exchange and 400/800 exchange – common – green to green
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#2 Position ~ Head of the First Curve

1. 100./110 Hurdles ~ 9th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 1st row of hurdles on start side of track
3. 800 Relay ~ Finish line exchange ~ red to red
4. 400 Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 200/400 exchange and 400/800 exchange – common – green to green
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#3 Position ~ At the “Break” Line

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 8th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 2nd row of hurdles on start side of track
3. 800 Relay ~ Finish line exchange ~ red to red
4. 400 Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 200/400 exchange and 400/800 exchange – common – green to green
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#4 Position ~ Middle of Track

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 7th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 3rd row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ 1st/3rd exchange ~ red to red then yellow to yellow
4. 400 Relay ~ 2nd exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#5 Position ~ At Corner of Track

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 6th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 4th row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ 1st/3rd exchange ~ red to red then yellow to yellow
4. 400 Relay ~ 2nd exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#6 Position ~ At the End of the Track

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 5th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 5th row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ 1st/3rd exchange ~ red to red then yellow to yellow
4. 400 Relay ~ 2nd exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#7 Position ~ At the Corner ~Near the Start

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 4th row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 6th row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ 1st/3rd exchange ~ red to red then yellow to yellow
4. 400 Relay ~ 3rd exchange ~ yellow to yellow
5. Medley Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off

#8 Position ~ Middle of Track ~ Front Straight

1. 100/110 Hurdles ~ 3rd row of hurdles
2. 300 Hurdles ~ 7th row of hurdles
3. 800 Relay ~ 1st/3rd exchange ~ red to red then yellow to yellow
4. 400 Relay ~ 3rd exchange ~ yellow to yellow ~ ask clerk to help w/out-going
5. Medley Relay ~ 1st exchange ~ yellow to yellow
6. Distance Races ~ Watch for lane infractions, bumping, pushing, cutting a runner off
7. Watch for interference as runners approach the finish line