
Athlete Replacement policy

Following Round 1 and Semi Finals in Track Events (but not the men's 100m preliminary qualification round) and Qualifying Rounds in Field Events, two athletes will assume the position of substitutes to be included in the next round if there is a withdrawal of a previously qualified athlete.

Where the composition for the next round is changed by a decision of the relevant Referee, the Jury of Appeal or the Technical Delegates, any change to the listing of substitute athletes will be made and published as soon as practicable.

The substitute athletes will be determined as follows:

- For Track Events where the final qualifying place was determined by place, they shall be determined by place consistent with the published advancement for that event.
- For Track Events where the final qualifying place was determined by time, they shall be determined by the respective next fastest times.
- For Track Events where the list of competitors for the semi-final is prepared after a Repechage Round, the substitutes will be determined from the results of the Repechage Round, not the First Round.
- For Field Events, they shall be determined by the next best performances.
- Where applicable, Rules 21 and 25.15 of the Technical Rules shall be applied.
- Where an additional athlete has been advanced to the next round by the relevant Referee or the Jury of Appeal or in accordance with Rule 21 or 25.15 of the Technical Rules, no athlete shall be substituted unless a second athlete withdraws.

The team of an athlete named as a substitute shall advise the Technical Delegates and/or WA Competition staff, via the Virtual TIC (or phone) or through the Technical Information Centre whether they intend to accept a position in the next round as soon as possible after the publication of the list of substitutes but no later than the time set for reply in the Technical Delegates' advice communicated to the athlete's team. If the athlete will not accept the position, Rule 4.4 of the Technical Rules shall not apply to such situations.

In the case of the Semi Finals to Finals occurring in the same session (men's and women's 100m and men's 110m hurdles) the advice can also be communicated at the First Call at the Warm Up Area.

Athletes who, by their own decision, wish to withdraw from a subsequent round of a competition (either as a result of an injury validated by the Medical Delegate or their delegate or another reason considered acceptable by the Technical Delegates), they shall, either personally or through their representative, advise the Virtual TIC (using the Withdrawal Function) or the physical Technical Information Centre. Rule 4.4 of the Technical Rules shall apply to such situations.

In the case of a decision by the Medical Delegate or their delegate under Rule 6 of the Competition Rules that an athlete should be withdrawn from a subsequent round, the Medical Delegate will notify the Technical Delegates as soon as practicable.

Upon such notification, the Technical Delegates shall amend and publish the draw for the next round and will advise the next listed substitute athlete of their inclusion via the What's App Group and the Virtual TIC.