

New Mexico Senior Olympics

Power Walk Rules

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Playing Format

1. All Power Walking events will be conducted in accordance with USPWA rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please email or call:
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2. Courses and formats for the 1500M and 5K will be determined by the availability of facilities in the host city.
3. The circuit for 5K should be conducted on the road in a recommended loop of 1000M and 500M between turn around to turn around. The 1500M Power Walk will be on a standard 400 meter track.

Playing Rules

1. **Power Walk is a Monitored Event:** Power Walk is a monitored event in which an athlete can be disqualified. Power Walking, while very similar to Race Walking, does not have the same technical requirements.
2. Major points of the rules include:
 - a. One foot must be on the ground at all times. Loss of contact with the ground is forbidden.
 - b. Each advancing foot strike must be heel to toe at all times. Striking with the toe or ball of the advancing foot is considered running.
 - c. Creeping, where the lead toe strikes prior to the heel and knee are bent into a running form is forbidden.
 - d. A slightly bent knee is the accepted form but a bent knee in a running or jogging form is forbidden.
 - e. Running or jogging mode is forbidden.
 - f. Any violation in the last 100 meters as determined by a single judge is reason for immediate disqualification.
 - g. The advancing leg as it moves forward (and when the heel strikes) the ground; it does not have to be completely locked as it passes under the body. Soft knee is acceptable however; over excessive bent knee is deemed to be in a creeping or running shuffle is not acceptable and subject to disqualification.
 - h. Unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification by the judges, monitors or race official.
 - i. Disqualification will result when an athlete is judged to be in violation of the above rules in three separate instances by three separate officials or monitors or race director during the course of the race competition.