

Maximum Performance Rule

**Special
Olympics**
Newfoundland
& Labrador



Maximum Performance Rule

Divisioning heats are conducted to ensure that athletes compete against athletes of a similar ability level in their final competition. To ensure that athletes compete at the best of their ability during the divisioning round, the maximum performance rule will be implemented.

Maximum performance would indicate that there should be no more than 15% difference in performance between divisioning and final events. If an athlete exceeds their divisioning event performance by 15% in the final round of competition the following shall occur.

- Athlete is flagged under the Maximum Performance Rule
- The athlete may be re-divisioned and placed in the correct division as indicated by their time/distance.
- The athlete will be eligible for a medal if their time/distance warrants.
- Re-divisioning will not affect the standing of athletes in the division where the flagged athlete is placed. (i.e. re-divisioned athlete places third in new division, current athlete in division will also be awarded third place).
- Flagged athlete will not receive any selection points (for advancement to higher levels of competition) for the event.
- The Maximum Performance Rule would not apply if an athlete when re-divisioned would still be placed in the same division.
- If the coach is of the opinion that his/her athlete has not competed at the best of their ability in the divisioning race, and may be in danger of violating the MPR, they have the option to submit a faster time for their athlete so that they can be placed in a division which reflects their ability

If an athlete falls or is disqualified in their divisioning event the coach has the following options:

- 1) Submit a faster time or longer distance/greater height
- 2) Concede the event qualifying time/distance/height
- 3) Rerun of the event*

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE RULE CANNOT BE PROTESTED.

Maximum Performance Rule In Action

Final Divisions

Based on time from the divisioning race

| Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| 0:11.00 A | 0:21.00 AA | 0:51.00 AAA |
| 0:11.89 B | 0:22.89 BB | 0:52.89 BBB |
| 0:13.00 C | 0:23.00 CC | 1:03.00 CCC |
| 0:13.76 D | 0:23.76 DD | 1:11.76 DDD |
| 0:16.00 E | 0:24.00 EE | |

Final Times

| Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| 0:8.00 E | 0:13.25 AA | 0:39.00 BBB |
| 0:12.89 B | 0:22.00 BB | 0:50.89 AAA |
| 0:13.50 C | 0:23.00 CC | 1:00.00 CCC |
| 0:13.76 A | 0:23.76 DD | 1:11.76 DDD |
| 0:14.00 D | 0:25.00 EE | |

Initial placing's based on times from the divisioning race

Final Results – with MPR

Based times from the final races

Results highlighted in **RED** have been flagged under the MPR RULE

| Division 1 | | Division 2 | | Division 3 | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Gold | 0:08.00 E | Gold | 0:22.00 BB | Gold | 0:39.00 AAA |
| Silver | 0:12.89 B | Silver | 0:23.00 CC | Silver | 0:50.89 BBB |
| Bronze | 0:13.50 C | Bronze | 0:23.76 DD | Bronze | 1:00.00 CCC |
| Bronze | 0:13.25 AA | 4 th | 0:25.00 EE | 4 th | 1:11.76 DDD |
| 4 th | 0:13.76 A | | | | |
| 5 th | 0:14.00 D | | | | |

Exceeded 15% but since the athlete was already in the highest division racing the highest ability level athletes in the competition, his time did not affect other athletes. The athlete was not DQ'd and keep all selection points.

Athlete finished second in their race but was awarded the gold because athlete AA was moved due to MPR

This athlete exceeded the 15% MPR rule and was moved from Div 2 into Div 1 for final results. They lose their selection points for this event. Although their time was better than the bronze medalist for Div 1, the original bronze medalist keeps their medal and original selection points. No other athlete will be negatively affected by MPR movement.

This athlete exceeded the 15% MPR rule but their time would still not place them in the next division. As a result they are not penalized under the MPR rule. This is meant to protect athletes in the lowest division who tend to have the greatest fluctuation while not affecting other athletes. The MPR is only enacted if the athletes time would have placed them in another division with athletes of a different ability.