

Regulations Governing Disqualification from the Four Days Marches

As established by the board on 13 April 2016

1. Verification of compliance

- 1.1. The following officials have special responsibilities with regards to verifying compliance with the various provisions of the Regulations.
- 1.2. The Head of Checkpoints is responsible for checking the designated routes/distances.
- 1.3. The Head of Checkpoints, Head Desk Clerk and Head of Heumensoord are responsible for verifying that the scans are performed at the start.
- 1.4. The Head of Checkpoints, Head Desk Clerk and Head of Heumensoord are responsible for verifying that data is present on the bar code carrier.
- 1.5. The Head of Checkpoints, Head Desk Clerk and Head of Heumensoord are responsible for checking that military detachments and civilian groups fulfil their obligations.
- 1.6. The Head of Checkpoints is responsible for verifying weights.
- 1.7. The Head of Checkpoints and/or relevant department heads are responsible for verifying the remaining regulatory obligations, including checks on participant identity.
- 1.8. Dynamic checkpoints will only be used by order of the member of the board responsible for legal affairs and will be used by officials assigned this task by or on behalf of said member of the board.
- 1.9. Department heads includes any deputy department heads.
- 1.10. The board can assign part of the authorisations arising from these regulations to other department heads and/or officials to be appointed for each department.

2. Determination of irregularities

- 2.1. In the event of a member of the Executive Committee suspecting fraud or any kind of irregularity whatsoever, the member shall report this to the relevant department head.
- 2.2. The relevant department head shall assess the suspicion and decide whether the nature and severity of the irregularity is such that sanctions should be imposed.
- 2.3. If this is the case, the participant will be notified and his/her identity will be confirmed.
- 2.4. Participants have an obligation to identify themselves upon the first request to do so. Any refusal to do so shall constitute fraud.
- 2.5. Participants are obliged to wear the bar code carrier on their person during the whole of the Four Days Marches. Any action resulting in the bar code carrier being damaged, destroyed or made faulty or unfit for use, including the removal or cutting off of the bar code carrier from the participant's person, shall constitute fraud.
- 2.6. 'Department head' also includes anyone who has been given authorisations under these regulations on behalf of a department head.

3. Sanctions

- 3.1. The relevant department head shall give the participant as much opportunity as possible to respond to the accusations.
- 3.2. Where the relevant department head considers the irregularity to have been established, he/she shall impose one of the following sanctions:
 - Warning.
 - Conditional disqualification.
 - Disqualification.
- 3.3. The participant is informed that he/she can go to appeal the decision
- 3.4. The relevant department head shall ensure that notifications and statements made under the paragraphs above are presented to the participant in a language that he/she understands.
- 3.5. The Head of the Central Administration shall immediately be notified of all decisions made under this article. A short official report shall also be drawn up, signed and submitted to the Head of the Central Administration as soon as possible.
- 3.6. 'Department head' also includes anyone who has been given authorisations under these regulations on behalf of a department head.



4. Determination of irregularities under article 1.6

4.1. The Head of Checkpoints shall ensure that weight checks are carried out using calibrated equipment which allows the result to be read independently by two members of the weighing team.

4.2. In the event of an inadequate weight being determined, the participant shall be notified of this and his/her identity confirmed, in addition to his/her rank, military unit, nationality, walking number and detachment number.

4.3. The Head of Checkpoints shall ensure that the Head of Heumensoord is also notified, and the Head of Heumensoord shall, in turn, notify the relevant LSO. Where the participant concerned does not start and finish at Heumensoord, the relevant department head shall also be notified.

5. Appeals

5.1. Appeals shall be made by the participant or his/her authorised representative by means of an unambiguous notification of such appeal to the Head of the Central Administration and **may only be submitted by email to administratie@4daagse.nl**. Appeals must be made by 20.00 hrs on the day that the participant is notified of the disqualification. All notifications of appeal shall, as a minimum, specify the participant's telephone number and/or email address, as well as the grounds for appeal. Disqualifications imposed after 20.00 hrs shall be deemed to have been notified the following day.

5.2. Where the participant appeals against any sanction imposed on him/her, the sanction shall be suspended pending the outcome of the appeal.

5.3. Appeals will be processed in a manner and timescale such that, where the appeal is rejected, the effectiveness of the sanction remains sufficient and, where the appeal is upheld, without affecting legal rights.

5.4. The member of the board responsible for legal affairs or his/her deputy shall hear the appeal.

5.5. In the event of a verbal hearing, the participant shall be notified of the time and location of the appeal hearing. Wherever possible, the appeal hearing shall be held in the presence of the participant and/or his/her authorised representative, and in a language that the participant or his/her authorised representative can understand.

5.6. A verbal appeal hearing may be abandoned with permission from the participant, and also where the appeal is manifestly well-founded/unfounded or the participants' appeal is dismissed.

5.7. The appeal shall be judged immediately. It is not possible to appeal further against the outcome of an appeal.

5.8. In the event of an unfounded appeal, the sanction may be changed.

6. Exclusion on medical grounds

6.1. Under the responsibility of the Head of the Medical Services, a participant may be excluded from participation on medical grounds.

6.2. Exclusion from participation on such grounds does not constitute a sanction as defined in article 3.

6.3. It is not possible to appeal against such exclusion.

6.4. Violations of the Four Days Marches Anti-Doping Regulations are subject to said regulations.

7. Exclusion from future participation

7.1. A participant who has been disqualified may, depending on the nature and severity of the violation that caused the disqualification, be denied the right to participate in one or more future Four Days Marches by the member of the board responsible for legal affairs.

7.2. The party involved shall be notified of this in writing within three months of the date on which the disqualification was irrevocably passed.

7.3. The party involved shall be entitled to appeal to the board against the denial within one month of the date on which the notification referred to in paragraph 2 was sent.

7.4. The provisions of article 5, paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, shall apply equally to the appeal, wherever possible.

7.5. The member of the board responsible for legal affairs shall not sit on the appeal hearing board.

8. Final provision

8.1. The board shall make a judgment in any cases not covered by these regulations.

8.2. These regulations shall be known as the Regulations Governing Disqualification.

