

**Athletics Canada Proposed Rule Changes – May 1, 2025 (to be voted on May 31, 2025)**

Rule	Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
14	Spare	<p><b><i>Athletics Canada Technical Rules – Variation to a World Athletics Technical Rule 4.5 Failure to Report to the Call Room(s)</i></b></p> <p><i>An athlete shall be excluded from participation in any event in which they are not present in the Call Room(s) at the relevant time as published in the Call Room schedule (see Rule 29 of the Competition Rules). They shall be shown in the results as DNS ADD: “, with the following exceptions:</i></p> <p><b><i>I. U16 athletes will not be penalized under Rule 4.4.1 for their first violation of Rule 4.5. The athlete in question shall be shown in the results as DNS for the affected event and will be permitted to participate in all subsequent events, provided they report to the Call Room(s) at the relevant time published in the Call Room schedule for those events.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>II. A second violation of Rule 4.5 shall result in the enforcement of Rule 4.4.1—the athlete shall be excluded from participation in all remaining events in the competition, including any ongoing events in which they are simultaneously competing, and relays.</i></b></p> <p><i>The relevant Referee will decide on this (including whether the athlete may compete under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately), and the corresponding reference must be made in the official results.</i></p> <p><i>Justifiable reasons (e.g., factors independent of the athlete’s own actions, such as problems with the official transport system or an error in the published Call Room schedule) may, after confirmation, be accepted by the Referee, and the athlete may then be allowed to take part.</i></p>	<p><i>Rationale: This variation aims to lighten the penalty of the rule in question for the U16 age category and consider the realities of youth development. This approach ensures that youth athletes can learn from their experiences, fostering an environment where they are encouraged to grow and improve, rather than being discouraged by early setbacks. While it is important to uphold the integrity of the competition, it is equally vital to ensure that young athletes understand the consequences of non-compliance, promoting a sense of accountability while still supporting their long-term development in the sport.</i></p>