RE-RUNNING A RACE

The Rule

1. Interference is any action by a competitor which unfairly changes the course or natural running rhythm of a competitor during a race. This may include bumping, tripping, or running across a competitor's path.
2. If interference occurs in a preliminary heat, the Referee may allow the offended competitor or relay team to start in a subsequent heat in the same round of heats if a lane is available, or in the next round of heats, the same as if the offended competitor or relay team had won a place.
3. If interference occurs in the final heat or section, the Referee may order a new race between all those in the finals, or between those who, in the referee's opinion, are entitled to the privilege.

Determining if a Re-Run is Necessary

1. Acknowledge that a race re-run will rarely, if ever, be fair to everyone and should be avoided if at all possible.
2. Even to consider a re-run, one of the following must apply.
    a. Interference by another competitor resulting in disqualification
    b. Interference caused by a nonparticipant
    c. A meet administrator error, i.e., wrong staggers, hurdle setting, officials instructions, etc.
3. Re-runs should be considered only in races or relays with individual legs of 400 meters or less for a one-day event. A race re-run wipes out any performance, including place, time or record, in the original race unless it is obvious that the interference that caused the re-run did not affect the winning of certain places.

Determining Who is Eligible for Re-Runs

1. The Referee must carefully weigh the disadvantages of the interfered competitor with the hardship or possible disadvantage of the original place winners, record setters, etc., and consider the possibility an original place winner may not physically be able to participate in the re-run.
2. The Referee may order the race re-run for the places in question. All those still eligible and wishing to compete for the remaining places must participate in the re-run.
3. Any disqualification that occurred in the original race would stand; thus, only those competitors from the original race, still eligible to place, may participate in the re-run.
4. If the race is run in sections, all those still eligible and wishing to compete for the remaining places in the final results must participate in the re-run.

REFEREE NEEDS TO HAVE ALL THE FACTS BEFORE CONSIDERING A RE-RUN.
DON'T RUSH TO A DECISION!!!