

# AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO ALL ROAD RACE ORGANISERS

At a recent meeting of the AAA's Road Running Committee, the following recommendations of the Course Measurement Working Party were approved:

- (1) With IMMEDIATE effect, all road race Championship events in England and Wales must have the stated distance certified by an AAA approved course measurer. This ruling applies to Championships at NATIONAL, AREA and COUNTY levels. Failure to do so could invalidate the race as a Championship event and will certainly jeopardise its standing.
- (2) All races included in the STAR★RANK scheme "Hot 100" series must have the distance certified correct by an AAA approved course measurer. Failure to do so could result in the race ceasing to be included in the STAR★RANK scheme. Rankings, records and best performance lists will be based only on courses certified accurate.
- (3) With effect from 1st January 1990, Area Permit Secretaries will be authorised to refuse a permit to any race which advertises a specific distance, when that distance has not been certified correct by an AAA approved course measurer. The only exception will be when a race makes no claim as to a correct distance – e.g. Burslem Town Centre Race, Hammersmith River Run etc. Basically, race organisers must state clearly whether or not their race is of a specific certified distance before a permit is issued.
- (4) Once a course is certified as correct, the race will be issued with a certificate of course accuracy. This will be valid for one year, but can be renewed without remeasurement if the organiser confirms in writing that the course is unchanged. In order to ensure that no changes are made to the course between the date of measurement and the date of the race, any race found to be below distance by a retrospective measurement, will have all performances in that race invalidated for the STAR★RANK scheme and will not be eligible for inclusion in any United Kingdom or all-time road best performance list.

**For information as to how you can obtain a certificate for accuracy for your course, contact the relevant Area Course Measurement Secretary, as follows:**

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Along with a certificate of course accuracy, you will also be provided with a 'logo', which you can incorporate in your race advertisements and race literature (see below), which indicates to entrants that your event is "Certified Accurate".

Anyone interested in training as a course measurer, is also invited to contact the appropriate Area Measurement Secretary for details of forthcoming training seminars.

