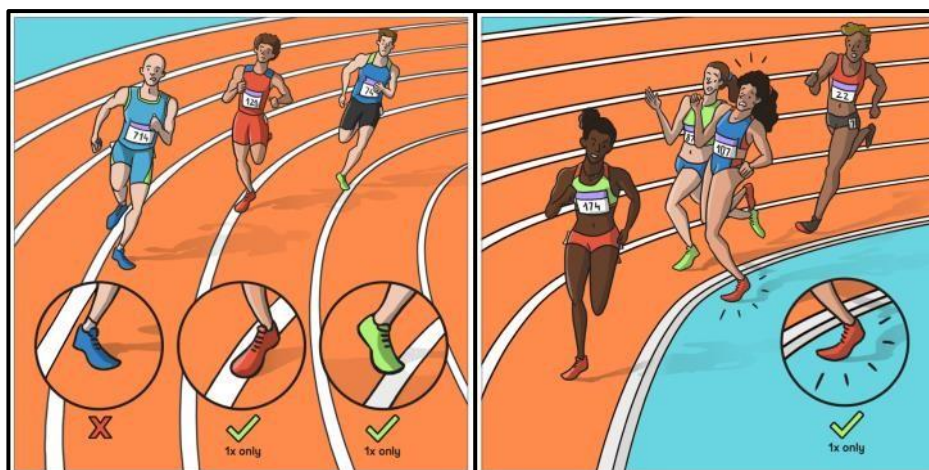


**CHANGES TO RULES ABOUT LANE INFRINGEMENTS from 1st NOVEMBER 2021 (TR 17.3 / 17.4)**



The athlete on the left has stepped wholly over the line on his left and no part of the foot is in contact with the line. Therefore, he would be disqualified. In the case of the other two athletes, some part of the foot remains in contact with the line on their left, so they would not be disqualified. However, if they did this a second time, either in the same race, or in subsequent rounds, they would be disqualified.

In this case, the athlete in blue has been forced to take a step inside the kerb, as a result of being jostled by another athlete. Therefore, she would not be disqualified. Provided of course that the Referee, was satisfied that jostling had taken place.

The same rule applies in relay races, even if the second offence is committed by a different member of the team.

If an athlete voluntarily takes one step inside the kerb (i.e. there is no jostling) then the athlete has committed a first infringement and, as above left, would be subject to disqualification for any second infringement.

However, if the Referee believes that the athlete’s actions have given them a “material advantage”, they may still disqualify for a first infringement.

**Notification:** After a first infringement an “L” should appear next to the athlete’s name on the result sheet and on the start list for any subsequent rounds. However, we recognise that at lower-level domestic competition, the results system may not always be sophisticated enough to enable this to happen. Therefore, Referees will seek to speak to athletes as soon as possible after the race, to warn them.

