

CLAS 0210

Sport in the Ancient Greek World



Class 18

Monday 8 March

Rules, officials,
judges, corruption

Judges

- Hellanodikai (“hellenic judges”)
- *Arete* # 109
- Boule (Olympic council)
- Bouleuterion
- athlothes (“one who sets out a prize”)
- agonothes (“manager of the games”)

mastigophorai
“whip-bearers”





olive-oil bottle

strigils

Rules

- nomographoi (“law-codifiers”)
- acted under authority of Elis
- briefed the judges for each Olympiad

What did the judges do?

- Work began one month before the Games started
- Penalties for late arrival
- Pausanias on boxing event at 218th Olympiad (AD 93);
Apollonius vs Herakleides
- Qualifications for entry to the Games:
 - legitimate son of free Greek parents
 - no criminal record
 - registered as a citizen of his native city

- Disqualification or fine for entering an event
“merely for spiting an opponent”
- See *Arete* 166a
- Theagenes

- During the month of preliminary training, the judges prescribed:
- a strict regimen of exercises
- strict diet
- trial matches (not to establish a seeding, but to avoid mis-matches, especially in *pyx*, *pale*, and *pankration*)
- boasts of a victory achieved *akoniti* (dustless)

Bribery

- Earliest case (according to Pausanias) was in 388 BC
- *Arete* # 103
- Zanés



Gambling



Roman dice



Heroes dicing

Flogging



- Lichas, the Spartan (420 BC)
- *Arete 238a*

Sanctions against the judges

- *Arete* #107 [Pausanias], on the exclusion of the Hellenodikai from competition
- *Arete* #105 [Herodotus], on the Egyptians' reaction to the Eleans' claims of fair play

Passages in *Arete* to read and remember:

103

105

107

109

166a

238a