



Timekeeping – Supervisors Role

Objectives

- To oversee accurate recording of start, passing and finish times for the TT.
- To be able to instigate manual backup procedure in the event of failure of the laptop based system
- To ensure all paddlers who start are accounted for at the finish.
- To activate safety procedures where required

Key Tasks

- i. Ensure registration desk is effectively administered
- ii. Check Timekeepers 'kit' is ready
 - (clock, tripod, table, chairs x 2, paper backup sheets, laptop)
- iii. Set the electronic clock for a 00:00:00 start
- iv. Ensure Timekeeping assistants are briefed on roles (ie 'spotter' and 'scribe' for the paper based backup).
- v. Transit to timekeeping area under bridge at 18:15 and set up
- vi. Ensure timekeeping assistants are in position and ready
- vii. Call up each of the starts. Mark off starters. Count down the start.
- viii. After starts completed – deal with any exceptions that have arisen (eg DNS, late entries etc)
- ix. Confirm manual start records match laptop (ie same starters count)
- x. Monitor and mark off any passing paddlers.
- xi. Maintain active awareness of potential safety issues – paddlers running over time, info passed via other paddlers.
- xii. Monitor and mark off finishing paddlers
- xiii. Monitor any non-returning paddlers and undertake due investigation (eg DNF's who went straight back to shed?).
- xiv. Activate safety procedure if required (see over).
- xv. Return all timekeeping 'kit' to shed and complete TT close-off procedure (send emails, publish results to web)

Lost Paddler Search Procedure



The following procedure is to be implemented in the event of a paddler being overdue during a Wednesday night time trial. A paddler is deemed to be overdue if he/she has not returned to the start/finish point, or notified the timekeepers of his/her intention to return, by 8.15pm (ie 110 minutes).

The President shall be the person responsible for controlling the search. If the President is unavailable, the hierarchy shall be the Wednesday night coordinator, then the rostered timekeepers.

1. A search party comprising 2 teams of 2+ boats per team shall be appointed.
2. The last known whereabouts of the missing paddler shall be determined if possible. Modify the search plan based on information available about the paddler's last known position.
3. One team shall be nominated as the “downstream team” and shall search from the launching pontoon to Figtree Bridge and return.
4. The other team shall be nominated as the “upstream team” and shall search from the launching pontoon to Fullers Bridge and return.
5. Each team shall be provided with a ‘grab bag’ rescue kit.
6. Each team is to carry a mobile phone and at least 1 torch per boat. The search controller shall also have a mobile phone and the relevant numbers shall be exchanged between the teams and controller. The controller shall have a list of emergency phone numbers, e.g. Water Police, Ambulance etc.
7. Search teams shall depart at the instruction of the controller.
8. The upstream team shall continue downstream when the upstream leg has been satisfactorily searched. The intention here is to meet the downstream team on their return from Figtree Bridge.
9. The controller shall decide the frequency of communication. For example, get the teams to report back when they have reached certain landmarks.
10. If the paddler is located, the controller is to be immediately notified of the paddler's condition and what steps are to be implemented to get the paddler back to the launching pontoon.
11. If the paddler needs medical attention, the Police and Ambulance are to be called immediately, and the search party is to remain with the paddler.
12. If both teams return to the launching pontoon without the missing paddler, the controller shall immediately notify the authorities and all persons shall remain at the launching pontoon