FINISH TEAM
TEAM LEADER (AND FINISH UMPIRE)
WATCH TIMER
WATCH SCRIBE
WEBSCORER ANNOUNCER
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FINISH BELL

WHAT TO DO
Ensure accurate finish times are recorded.

WHERE TO DO IT
Well before your shift starts, report to the clubroom at Saltford to register with the Personnel Manager and make contact with the Finish Team Leader.

The location of the job is the finish line, upstream of the boathouse on the public path at the start of the long straight river section.

HOW TO DO IT

Team Leader

1. The Team Leader is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Finish Team's work, in particular:

-   that the team is in position at the right time, with the right equipment

-   looking after the Webscorer tablet, stopwatches, radio and other equipment between divisions (or ensuring handover to the next Team Leader)

-   ensuring a good and accurate timing process (correct and consistent use of the finish line markers, legibility and accuracy of stopwatch data, accurate record of order in which crews cross the line)

2. The Team Leader operates the radio and makes required communications with other locations.

3. As boats approach the finish line, the Team Leader carries out the Spotter role:

-   position yourself a few metres upstream of the finish line.

-   keep the timing team informed of the racing numbers of crews approaching the finish line. If several crews arrive too close together to determine a clear order of finishing, warn the timing team. Tell them the crew numbers and the most likely order of crossing the finish line.

NB the Team Leader also carries out the Finish Umpire role

Watch Timer

1. Position yourself opposite the finish post (on the far bank). Be sure to stand in the same position for all divisions.

2. As a boat approaches the line, quietly tell the Watch Scribe the crew number. As the bowball of the boat passes the finish line, press the stopwatch and tell the Watch Scribe the recorded time. (NB you must press the watch on your own observation, ignoring the Webscorer Team).

3. If several boats cross the line in quick succession, make sure you press the stopwatch as each bowball crosses the line. If possible say the crew numbers of the boats in the order they cross the line – but give priority to pressing the stopwatch at the right moment. You might say something like 'Four boats close together. It's going to be 41 and 42, click/click; 42 and 45 very close, click/click, that was 45 followed by 42'.

4. Click here for notes about the operation of the watch.

Watch Scribe

1. Fill in the required information at the top of each timing sheet. Make sure you record the colour of the watch being used.

2. Record the crew number and time called out by the Watch Timer for every boat that passes.

3. If the Webscorer Timer fails to tap a crew into the software, or taps late, they will call out the crew number to you. Make a note for this crew number in the "Tap Fail" column in the timing sheet.

4. If several crews arrive together, but in a clear order, the highest priority is for the scribe to write the NUMBERS of the crews down in the correct order.

5. If several crews are arriving closely together, the Finish Spotter will warn the Finish Team. Put a vertical line in the 'comment' column covering as many slots as there are crews approaching closely. Put the crew numbers down in the order they are likely to arrive (based on the Finish Spotter's assessment). Then watch carefully for the actual order in which they cross the finish. Put numbers 1 to x (depending on how many crews are involved) next to the crew numbers, to show the actual finishing order. Avoid attempting to indicate a change in order by crossing out numbers or putting arrows. It takes longer, adds to your stress, and causes confusion later.

6. If a crew comes past with no visible number, put a comment in the 'comment' column to identify the crew (boat name/blade colour, etc). If there is no time to do this, put a ? in the 'comment' column. Don't worry if you can't identify a crew. It is easy to work out later who it was. However, if *two* unidentified crews come past together, it is more important to try to get something helpful in the 'comment' column.

Webscorer Announcer

1. Position yourself opposite the Finish Post (on the far bank). You must stand in the same position for all divisions, so if you are not doing all the divisions, follow the positioning instructions of the Team Leader.

2. As a crew approaches the Finish, say "Crew xxx approaching". Then say "Crew xxx NOW", with the NOW as their bowball crosses the Finish line.

3. The Webscorer Timer will press their button on hearing your NOW. So it is essential that this is clear and distinct. In particular, the Webscorer Timer cannot look up from their tablet so is relying on your NOW to know when to press their button.

Webscorer Timer

1. Position yourself next to the Webscorer Announcer. Wake up the tablet by pressing the small button the right side of the tablet. Be careful not to tap any keys inadvertently.

2. Listen carefully to the Webscorer Announcer, so you know which crew is approaching the Finish and are ready to press the button marked with that crew number. Press the button at the exact moment you hear the NOW of "Crew xxx NOW". To ensure accurate failsafe tapping, do not look up from the tablet. Taps sometimes do not register the first time you press. If so, say to the Watch Scribe "Crew xxx Tap Fail". Do not worry about failed/late taps. The Watch Timer is the backup.

3. Note that there is a button marked "No Bib", to record a time if a crew's number cannot be identified

Finish Bell

1. Position yourself just downstream of the finish line.

2. Ring bell AFTER the crew has passed the finish timing point.