

START TEAM - SHORT COURSE

TEAM LEADER (ALSO DOES MONITOR 8 JOB)

STARTER

WATCH TIMER

WATCH SCRIBE

WEBSCORER TIMER

WHAT TO DO

The Start Team for the Short Course is 5 people as outlined above.

WHERE TO DO IT

Well before your shift starts, report to the clubroom at Salford to register with the Personnel Manager and make contact with the Short Course Start Team Leader. See the individual notes below about attending the Timekeepers Briefing at 8.45am.

The Short Course Start is just downstream of the bottom bridge, on the Clubhouse side. Allow enough time to walk. There is no vehicular access.

HOW TO DO IT

Team Leader

(First Shift must attend Timekeepers briefing 8.45am and collect the Short Start equipment bag)

1. The Team Leader is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Short Start 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)
 - legibility and accuracy of stopwatch data
2. The Team Leader operates the radio and makes required communications with other locations, and keeps an overall lookout for problems, e.g. crews likely to steer into the bank

NB outside the period when the Short Course crews are starting, the Team Leader carries out the Monitor 8 role

Starter

(attendance by First Shift at Timekeepers briefing 8.45am desirable)

1. Position yourself a few metres upstream of the Start Post (which is on the opposite bank).
2. As a crew approaches the Start, call out the crew number to the timing team, say "Crew xxx approaching". Then as the crew approaches say "Crew xxx GO" (ideally about 10 seconds before the crew will pass the Start line).

Watch Timer

(First Shift must attend Timekeepers briefing 8.45am, attendance by later shifts desirable to learn watch use)

1. The Watch Timer operates the watch and is positioned on the start line. As a boat's bowball crosses the start line, the Watch Timer calls out "NOW", operates the watch, calling out the crew number and time to the Watch Scribe.
2. 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.
3. The Watch Timer must be in the same position for all divisions, so if you are not doing all the divisions, ensure that your position can be located by your successor.

Watch Scribe

(First Shift must attend Timekeepers briefing 8.45am)

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 crew.
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 a crew has no number visible, try to record the club boat number from the sticker on the boat (ie, AVN802). If there is not time to do this, just put a ? in the comments column. Do not worry if you cannot. The results team can work out who they are after the fact. But helpful notes make it easier to work out.

Webscorer Timer

(First Shift must attend Timekeepers briefing 8.45am, attendance by later shifts desirable to learn tablet use)

1. If you are on the first Division, you will be given your timing tablet at the Timekeepers Briefing. If you are on a later Division, the Team Leader will give you your timing tablet.
2. Upon arrival at the start, position yourself so you can clearly hear the Starter. Wake up the tablet by pressing the small button the right side of the tablet. Be careful not to tap any keys inadvertently.
3. Listen carefully to the Starter, so you know which crew is approaching the Start and are ready to press the button marked with that crew number. Press the button at the exact moment you hear the "NOW" announced by the Watch Timer. To ensure accurate failsafe tapping, do not look up from the tablet.
4. 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.