

Referee Duties

f. The Referee:

- 1) Approved by the Race Committee after consultation with the TD. Care should be taken to select the next most highly qualified individual available in attendance at the race.
- 2) Responsible for all matters involving safety and course setting legality.
- 3) Must be familiar with all OISRA rules of competition and current standards for course setting (preferably possessing excellent course setting skills), start and finish area construction, and all rules pertaining to disqualification.
- 4) Is responsible for course inspection, either alone or accompanied by members of the Jury. Preferably, inspection will occur by observing the course setters, or through immediate inspection after the course is set. If the Referee, alone, inspects and proposes a change, the course setter must be informed before alteration occurs.
- 5) Is responsible for receiving the reports of the Start and Finish Referees and the race officials about the infractions of rules and the gate faults at the end of each run.
- 6) Must check all Gate Judge cards for accuracy.
- 7) Must post the DQ sheet with the names of the competitors disqualified and the time of posting.
- 8) Works closely with the TD and can request the assistance of the Assistant Referee when necessary.

g. Assistant Referee:

- 1) Elected by a vote of the coaches to serve as their representative for all pertinent concerns of the Jury.
- 2) Serves as the liaison between the coaches and the Jury on all matters related to the competition.
- 3) Should possess most if not all of the capabilities and knowledge of a Referee, including course setting.
- 5) May be recruited to assist the Referee when necessary.

h. The Start Referee:

- 1) Must be present at the start at least ten (10) minutes prior to course inspection by competitors and must remain throughout each run.
 - 2) Must make sure that the regulations for the Start and the start organization are properly observed.
 - 3) Determines the late and false starts.
 - 4) Shall have extra bibs* in reserve, when possible.
 - 5) Determines the violations against the rules for equipment and immediately takes measures provided for by the rules.
 - 6) At the end of the race, reports to the Referee the names and bib numbers of the competitors who did not start, have made false starts or late starts or other infringements.
 - 7) Approves provisional re-runs at the request of a competitor for valid claims.
- Bib*: "Official" Bib is any bib so designated by the start referee and assigned before the racer leaves the start gate. A replacement bib or number will be assigned. All such starts are provisional.

i. The Finish Referee:

- 1) Must be in position at the finish at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the race and remain throughout the race.
- 2) Must make sure that all regulations for the finish area are properly observed.
- 3) Ensures proper recording of the finish order of all competitors.
- 4) Supervises the timing and crowd control in the finish area.
- 5) Must be able to communicate immediately with the Start at all times.
- 6) Approves provisional re-runs at the request of a competitor for valid claims.