

# Robinvale Euston Ski Race 2024

## General Race Briefing Sheet

(more information may be given out at event)

**There will be two Dash briefings for all Dash competitors (Superclass / Top 40 Dash / Junior Dash) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6:45am and 11am at the Community Centre. All Drivers, Observers and Skiers must attend.**

**Briefing:** Online briefing must be completed by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – NO BRIEFING, NO RACING, NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Rules:** *This event is run under the rules of Ski Racing Australia. It is every competitor's responsibility to be fully aware of all SRA rules and rules listed below for this event.*

Noise restrictions apply on the river. **No boats are to travel on the river after 7.00 pm.**

**No bow riding over 4 knots at any time**, you will be penalised under Maritime Law if this occurs.

### Rules of the Event

- Ramps. No boat is to be launched on the course from 15 minutes prior to start time of either race except from start ramp. The river is closed.
- No fuelling on ramp or blocking of ramp.
- There is to be **NO REFUELLING** at the turnaround area, or between events in the Caravan Park or trailer park. Please carry enough fuel in the boat to complete the race. There is to be **NO REFUELLING** in the water at anytime
- Odd numbers bank on left side of boat, even numbers bank on right side of boat.
- You are able to go under the bridge whilst slowing down. Do not race under the bridge as Maritime NSW penalties may apply.
- Penalties will apply to any boat that does not move to the right-hand side of the river to allow another boat clear passage. **Observers this is your responsibility.** This can be viewed via Race Live and many competitors now have cameras on boats, move over early and give way.
- No member of the crew will extend any part of their body outside the perimeter of the vessel whilst underway.
- Prior to moving all team members will be safely seated, the only time skiers are on the deck is for starting purposes or strictly idle under 4 knots back to shore.
- Any boat travelling the wrong way on the course while the race is in progress will be disqualified from Sunday's racing. We will be checking Race Live for any infringements.

### Start Procedure

- Saturday morning - 1 minute between U10 boats
- Saturday Social First Leg - 30 seconds between boats for all Saturday morning Social Classes.
- Saturday Social Second Leg - 30 seconds between all boats which will be re-seeded according to first leg finish time.

- Saturday afternoon - 2 minutes between Superclass and Top 40 Dash, 1 minute for all other classes.
- Sunday First Leg - 1 minute between first 40 boats then 30 seconds for remainder of boats
- Sunday Second Leg - 30 seconds between all boats which will be re-seeded according to first leg finish time.
- Two flags will be raised at 10 minutes to start of first boat. Green flag to be lowered at 30 sec to go, skiers into water, Australian flag dropped to signal start – **START WHEN AUSTRALIAN FLAG DROPPED FOR FIRST BOAT.**
- Thereafter the start will be signalled by raising of the green flag at 30 sec to go at which time skiers may enter the water, boats can then take up the slack in the ski line. **The lowering of the green flag will signal the start.**
- All starts will be tight rope deep water starts. Engines must be at idle, do not power up before dropping of the flag. Skiers must be pulled out in a straight line, no whipping at the start will be permitted.
- Do not cross the start line. (Penalties apply)
- If start is put on hold this will be signalled by raising the white flag with red diagonal cross from start boat. As soon as Chief Judge gives ok for start to continue the flag will be lowered signalling **3 minutes** to start the normal start procedure will recommence.
- If you miss your start. You must turn toward the closest bank, idle back down your rope, **no wide fast turns.** Penalties apply.

### **Whilst racing**

- Race to the conditions at all times, be mindful of wildlife on the river.
- Safety markers are in place to guide you when approaching snags etc, do not cut corners.
- Drivers are to obey any flags flown from official boats, i.e. a RED flag takes precedence over any instructions on race live unit
- In a Red flag situation you must stop immediately on sighting Red flag or Race Live message, pull your skiers into boat, and display orange flag. Wait for further instructions, when told to do so you may proceed to indicated ramp, single file, no passing, max speed of 30mph, no bow riding, all skiers to be seated in boat, Race Live can be used to track speed, and penalties will apply.
- Red marker buoys are in the river to identify shallow areas, please keep clear of these and do not travel on a course that your skiers are forced to ski inside these. These are safety markers with disqualification if any team's boat or skiers are on the inside.
- Please be aware of new SRA rule 18.14 [a] regarding spin out, hook or erratic change. You are to stop and cease racing, you must retire from the race. Put up orange flag and await instructions from sweep boat.
- Invincible bend is marked with a world buoy on the way down. On the way back a buoy is in place the corner prior, which is a left hander before the right-hand turn.
- Do not proceed along the course unless in full race order, one skier in the boat does not comply.
- Skiers are reminded of SRA rules that all skiers must ski in the wash. Penalties will apply.

- If boat or skier problem occurs do not proceed along course at slow speed causing a hindrance to other teams.
- If you stop for any reason, you must display your orange flag. This means on every occasion, even when idling back to the bank at finish. If stopped out on river an orange flag must be up at all times until you are retrieved.
- When stopped follow the prompts on Race Live so race control know your situation.
- In the case of a fallen skier, clear the course of your ropes and protect your skiers. If a team member is injured – use your Race Live unit and phone to advise race control, display/wave your “Blue and White Medical flag” to the next boat.
- Place your orange “V Sheet” on the deck of the boat if chopper required.
- If you see a boat waving Blue and White Medical flag, signal to the next Marshall Boat by waving your Blue and White Medical flag as you pass, and give report to the Race Co-ordinator at the finish line or Officials at the turn around point immediately when you finish.
- Be aware that if there is an incident, a rescue craft or Jet Ski may be on course. If so, slow down and give way.
- **Injuries: If you have an injured crew member - FOLLOW the prompts on Race Live first.**
- ***IF YOU HAVE A SERIOUSLY INJURED TEAM MEMBER, CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER ON 1800 722 372. This is the same number at all classic events so ensure it is saved in your phones.***
- **Safety boats are instructed to report incidents, but are to remain on station unless ordered to attend by Race Control. SRV recommends all teams use a Telstra phone as this is the only provider that covers the entire race course.**
- **Any Team who retrieves themselves after breakdown without immediately calling 1800 722 372 may be penalised.**
- If there are any injuries or boat damage, an incident report must be completed, you may also need to complete a Maritime report, please see the Chief Judge for these. **All injuries and boat damage must be reported.**
- If you believe you are sinking, please beach your boat and it will be retrieved later.
- If your boat breaks down, pull in close to the bank and remain there until advised what to do by the sweep boat. If you are close to a ramp you will be towed to it after the race, otherwise you will remain there until all boats on the return leg have passed. Orange flag to be in place.
- Observers are to sit in an upright seated position with their back against the backrest of the seat. The Observer shall not lie in the seat or sit in the footrest at any time whilst competing. The Observer must keep their skier/s under observation at all times during the event. Observers will remain in their seats at all times whilst pulling a Skier after reaching a plane. Observers must advise Skier instructions to the Driver. Penalties apply.
- Drivers are to drive to the water conditions at all times. Drive in middle of river unless being overtaken.

## Turnaround point

- Halfway turn around - proceed to the run-out area before dropping skiers, and idle or walk your boats back to the marshalling area in finish order on Victorian side only.
- Start at the halfway mark will be advised via your Race Live unit, this will be your start time and new start position based on your finishing time for the first leg. All boats will start 30 sec apart at half way. If there are concerns, please check with the judges.
- For the restart at the turnaround area, all boats must allow starting boats priority in the start area. Do not crowd.
- The current will push boats forward; hang back until your turn.

## Finish Area

- At the finish, slow and proceed to the run out area. Stop in a straight line and pull skiers to boat. Do not drop skiers off in the proximity of the finish line; leave it clear for other competitors. Proceed towards Bridge and when approx. 30m away and safe to do so IDLE across course to Vic bank and then continue to IDLE to boat ramp. Do not put up a wash or you will be disqualified
- Boats proceeding back onto the course after finishing will be disqualified.
- **Orange flag to be displayed.**
- Drain plugs on boats are not to be removed on ramps and may only be removed when vessel is well away from ramp area.

## General Information

- For all 60mph and 70mph boats, launching and retrieval will be only from Euston Boat Ramp, no other teams are to use this ramp for launching.
- For all F2, SMOC and MOC boats, launching and retrieval only from the Bridge boat ramp with your tow car and trailer parked well away from the area. No other teams are to use this ramp for launching.
- All other teams to use main ramp.
- It is all competitors' responsibility to know the rules of the class they are racing in and must adhere to these rules.
- All competitors should be conversant with the use of Race Live unit. Do not allow skiers or equipment to cover aerial of unit at any time even when stopped. The team must install the unit correctly in the boat and ensure connections are tight, notify Race Live prior to the start if any problems arise or are found. Your boat may be impounded if your Race Live unit is thought to have been tampered with. This is an important emergency location device and **must not be tampered with.**
- The Trailer Area for cars and trailers will be available from 7:00am, park yourselves leaving room for others and proceed to the ramp in an orderly manner ONLY when you are ready to launch ensuring you have a driver who can back a trailer.
- If you choose to practice on Friday, remember normal navigation rules apply. Boats will be travelling in both directions, drive to correct side of river, drive to water conditions. There are no official practice times.
- Noise restrictions apply (85 decibel) do not travel after 7.00 p.m. on the water – you will be penalised.

- Travel in the middle of the river at all times, except where marker buoys guide you otherwise, or you are being passed.
- All protests must be in writing and must comply with SRA procedures in the Rule Book, on an Official Protest form, available from the Chief Judge.
- Remember - NSW Maritime Rules apply.
- The SRA Code of Conduct applies to competitors and support crews. Remember that you act as an ambassador for the sport and your behaviour reflects on all ski racers who will be judged by others accordingly.
- Unofficial fireworks are banned and the Police along with the SRA Code of Conduct will deal with anyone letting off fireworks.
- Random testing for alcohol and drugs may be undertaken at any time.
- Drive at walking pace whilst in the caravan park area.
- Co-operate with Officials.
- **There is to be no persons in the boats whilst they are moving on land. Police have advised they will be booking offenders**
- **Be early.** No preference will be given to teams that are late.
- There will be post-race scrutineering please listen to the PA for information, as to the time and location of scrutineering. You are required to attend within 30 minutes from when provisional results are posted. It is up to you to find out whether you need to attend.
- **Abuse of any Official will mean instant disqualification.**
- Ski race handles may be inspected. A reminder that handles that lock together, or clinch type gloves are not permitted. Boat drivers and observers will be responsible for breaches of this infringement as they are outside our insurance guidelines.

#### **At the end of racing**

- At the end of each day's racing and before 6pm all teams are to have completed their Race Day reports and hand in at Officials area.
- Failure to complete the Race Day report for each day of racing will result in a penalty and no times will be issued.
- An Incident report will need to be completed if an incident does occur. A Maritime report also must be completed if necessary.
- An incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a competitor needing to seek medical attention whether at the scene or following any competition, or major damage to a boat or property.

#### **NSW MARITIME AUTHORITY RULES:**

- All vessels including competitor's boats and Official boats are prohibited from carrying intoxicating liquor whilst on course.
- All Official vessels including start and finish vessels are only to carry officials from Ski Racing Victoria or persons authorized by the Chairperson of Ski Racing Victoria.
- No competing vessels are to be tied to the start and finish vessels at any time.

- Competing vessel crews, including driver, observer and skiers are prohibited from having in their possession or consuming any intoxicating liquor until their vessel is removed from the water following completion of their race.
- All damaged or sunken vessels to be removed from the water prior to the end of the day. It is the boat owner's responsibility to pay for all costs when retrieving vessels from the river.

## **BREATH TESTING**

As per SRA Rules compulsory breath testing will be conducted daily for all crew members over 16 years and officials. Competitors must not consume any liquids or food while waiting in line for their test as per SRA Rule 8.3 (i) (i).

### **You must produce SRA membership card at breath testing and Briefings.**

Skiers must bring their helmets to Breath Testing for Scrutineer check.

Anyone doing a late sub is required to arrange a breath test.

Zero tolerance will be enforced. Anyone who does not undertake a breath test will NOT be permitted to race.

Saturday morning from 6.30am to 8.00am at Robinvale Community Centre

Saturday from 11.00am to 12.00 noon at Robinvale Community Centre for afternoon racing if you have not tested in the morning session.

Sunday from 7.00am to 8.30am at Robinvale Community Centre.

## **Compound**

Strictly no alcohol can be brought in to the compound area. Any persons found with glass containers will be asked to leave.

- Any team / team member DISQUALIFIED may not be permitted to race in the Robinvale Euston Ski Race in the following year.
- The Chief Judge and Committee have the right to give summary judgments on any happening unforeseen in these rules.
- Any deliberate breach of the above rules may incur DISQUALIFICATION.

## **Results**

Results will be published on the Ski Racing Victoria web page [www.waterskiracing.com](http://www.waterskiracing.com)

**Safe racing to you all and have a great weekend.**