

2024 Saturday Short Course Briefing Sheet

Superclass Shootout, Top 40 Dash / Junior Dash

There will be two Dash briefings for all Dash competitors (Superclass / Top 40 Dash / Junior Dash) on Saturday 9th March at 6:45am and 11am at the Community Centre. All Drivers, Observers and Skiers must attend one of these briefing times. If a team member does not attend the Dash briefing you will not compete in the Dash.

This Briefing Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the General briefing sheet.

- All team members should be conversant with the SRA rules, Conditions of Entry and these rules.
- Each boat is to tow 2 skiers (exceptions are U10 and disabled).
- Warming up on the trip to the start area for Dashes, others will need to warm up upstream of the cutting. If you are doing a warmup upstream of the cutting remember the river is open that way and normal maritime rules/common sense applies – penalties will apply for any breach.
- All Dash boats must go through the cutting when proceeding to the start, any boats going around Bumbang Island will be disqualified.
- Skiers shall travel to the Dash Start Area from the Caravan Park in the boat, not on the deck of the boat and must have wetsuits fully on and zipped up, driver and observer full race gear other than helmets. Boats will be sent off in groups from Robinvale Riverside Caravan Park so have your boat in the water ready and listen to the PA to find out when you should proceed. There will be NO racing to the cutting and any boat who in the opinion of race officials exceeds 15mph on the way up will be disqualified. **THIS IS A CONDITION OF OUR LICENSE.**
- Boats in the Superclass Shootout and Top 40 Dash will leave at 2 minute intervals, all other boats will leave at 1 minute intervals.
- Boats cannot approach the start line after their allocated time.
- A sweep boat will sweep the course after the dashes, they will advise a retired boat if they can move. **DO NOT** move until contact has been made with the sweep boat. Any boat moving on course without permission after withdrawing will be disqualified from Sunday's racing. Remember with Racelive we can establish if you have moved.
- If you face the starter, you have been considered to start.
- If you break the start, time penalties apply.
- At the finish, slow and proceed to the run-out area. Stop in a straight line and pull skiers to the boat. Do not drop skiers off in the proximity of the finish line - leave it clear for other competitors. Boats are permitted to travel under the bridge but not at speed. **DO NOT** stop underneath the bridge. Display orange flag.
- Boats proceeding back onto the course after finishing will be disqualified. Idle across to the bank slowly. **DO NOT CREATE WASH FOR OTHER COMPETITORS**
- **Those boats doing a double run will have to pull out at the Bridge boat ramp and put in at the cutting.**
- 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.
- Non completion / Non-attendance at briefing will deem a non-start.
- Abuse of Officials/Marshalls will result in a penalty of disqualification from the ROBINVALE EUSTON SKI RACE.

Additional Junior Dash rules

- The **Junior Dash** is open to junior skiers under 16 years.
- Junior Dash teams will take off behind the last Top 40 Dash boat.
- Start times will be 1 minute apart, if you miss two starts you are to give way to other teams, pick up skiers and retire considered DNF.
- A Crew participating in the **Junior Dash** does not have to be the same crew as participating in the Robinvale Euston Ski Race
- If skier/s fall along the course, team is to retire and move to the NEAREST bank and stay there considered DNF. Display Orange flag
- Retrieving fallen skier/s and continuing to compete will incur disqualification.

Additional Superclass / Top 40 Dash rules.

- If you miss one start you are to give way to other teams, pick up skiers and retire considered DNF
- **Crew participating must be the same crew participating in the ROBINVALE EUSTON SKI RACE.** Injury / mechanical problems will require contact with the Chief Judge to approve substitution.
- Substitution of boat is to be of similar mechanical configurations – up to the judges' discretion.
- If skier/s fall along the course, team is to retire and move to the NEAREST bank and stay there considered DNF. Display Orange Flag
- Retrieving fallen skier/s and continuing to compete will incur disqualification.
- The finish position in the Superclass / Top 40 Dash will determine start position for the Robinvale Euston Ski Race on Sunday. The Committee of SRV reserves the right to alter the starting order.
- Any Superclass boats that DNF in the dash will start immediately behind the last finishing Superclass boat. DNF or DNS Dash boats will start at rear of field in an order determined by SRV Committee.
- The Committee of SRV reserves the right to alter the starting order if needed.
- Sunday Expert race numbers for all boats competing in the Superclass Shootout and Top 40 Dash will be supplied by SRV. Numbers will be available for collection on Saturday night if results and start order are finalized, otherwise they will be available Sunday morning at breath testing.

Start Procedure

- **Observers must tell drivers that skiers are clear of the boat once entering water before putting boat into gear**
- **Observers, please ensure all skiers are well clear of the boat before instructing driver to run out ropes.**
- 2 minutes between Superclass and Top 40 Dash, 1 minute for Junior Dash.
- 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 2- or 1-minute starts will be signaled by the raising of the green flag, at 30 sec and drop on go.
- All starts will be tight rope deep water starts. Engines must be at idle, do not power up before dropping of the flag or go command. 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 on hold this will be signaled 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 signaling **3 minutes** to start. Normal start procedure will recommence, green flag raised at 30 secs to go then dropped on go.
- If you miss your start. You must turn towards the closest bank, idle back down your rope, **no wide fast turns.** Penalties apply.

Please be aware of the current at start, you need to approach the starter in the centre of river and drop skiers in so they do not float into shallow area near cutting.