



JUDGES WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Introduction

- Registration of participants
- Brief history of WRCs
- Outline own role as IRF Judge Assessor and experience
- Workshop goals: educate and evaluate candidates to certify as assistant judges, prepare judges to assist under the supervision of more experienced judges at the event
- Format: education and practice in the classroom and on the river. Use a whiteboard, projector for photos and video on laptop, slalom gates and paddles (in the classroom), and three slalom gates and raft team on the river
- Outline the format of the workshop and what will be covered when

Lesson 1 Introduction to raft racing

- Raft competitions are designed to test speed (sprint), tactics (head-to-head), scouting, technical ability and teamwork (slalom) and river running skill and endurance (downriver)
- Sprint: video, explanation, questions
- Head-to-Head: video, explanation, questions
- Slalom: video, explanation, questions
- Downriver: video, explanation, questions

Conclusion: Four disciplines to test different strengths. Teams receive points for each result (another lesson)

Lesson 2 General competition rules (F)

- Work through F. providing explanation and using whiteboard illustrations and paddle to demonstrate intentional physical contact.

Lesson 3 Sprint (E)

- Explanation of format i.e. classification round followed by knock out, lane choice.
- How to draw up H2H format depending on number of teams.
- Penalties.
- Determination of final positions.
- Watch video of sprint from previous WRC with explanation.

Lesson 4 Slalom (E)

- Explanation of format i.e. best of two runs, starting order.
- Course design using whiteboard illustrations.”
- Penalties, scoring sheets and protests (mentioned for a subsequent lesson).
- Determination of final positions.

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- Watch video of slalom from previous WRC or CWWC with explanation.

Lesson 5 Down river (E)

- Explanation of format i.e. length, starting groups, lane choice, different starts.
- Penalties.
- Determination of final positions.
- Watch video of downriver race from previous WRC or CWWC with explanation.

Lesson 6 Scoring system (G)

- Explanation of points system using table.

Lesson 7 Protests (M)

- Explanation of procedure and reasons.

Lesson 8 Race Classifications (A)

- A. Top competition at international level, minimum number of regions and teams,
- B. including explanation of history and that not currently used as classification for WRC.
- C. including explanation of the importance of these events for the development of a high standard and high level of participation in international rafting competition.
- D. including explanation of reasons federations are strongly urged to follow IRF race rules.

Lesson 9 Teams and competitors (B)

- Emphasis placed on thoroughly explaining rules 1, 6, 10 and 14 including the reasons for these rules.

Lesson 10 Judges (L)

- Explanation of categories with focus on role and development path of assistant judges.

Lesson 11 Officials and duties of officials (K)

- One by one explanation of roles and responsibilities.
- Explanation why most officials should be IRF-certified judges.

Lesson 12 Safety at/on the river

- Explanation that safety takes priority above all else bearing in mind that no matter how important the WRC may seem in the end it's just a race.
- Emphasis on personal and safety equipment, responsibility and authority of safety director and team, and no class VI restriction.

Revision Slalom penalties

- Use of whiteboard illustrations and video.
- Slalom judge practice on river
- A chief judge was nominated who then selected a section judge (based on experience) and then positioned gate judges.

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- Introduced and practiced hand signal communication of penalties.
- Practiced judging and communication as a raft team negotiated three gates several times.
- Discussion of penalties given and effectiveness of judge team.

Exam

- Based on Judges Exam including direct questioning, whiteboard scenarios, scenarios using props i.e. paddles, slalom poles, and exercises e.g. draw sprint H2H structure for 19 teams.
- Explanation of next step for assistant judges and inform that certification status will be published on IRF website.
- Finish with a video of a previous WRC.

Finish