

## COURSE UMPIRE (TURN BUOY)

### Role

- Supervises the course at the turn buoy.
- Reports to the Chief Course Umpire.
- Full-time role during the race.
- Records the boat number of each boat that passes the assigned turn buoy.
- Records any infringements of the Canoe Marathon Rules.
- Reports any infringements to the Chief Course Umpire.

### Responsibilities - Checklist

#### Record Boat Numbers:

- ☐ Record the boat numbers in sequential order on the "Race Time Sheet" as each boat passes the turn buoy. The sequence of boats passing the buoys, and the time, can be important information in later queries or incident reviews.
- ☐ Periodically (e.g. every 10 boats) record the time.
- ☐ Advise the Chief Course Umpire if a boat has not passed the turn buoy within a reasonable time (e.g. to identify if a boat may have encountered difficulty / capsized / become lost, etc.).
- ☐ Provide the completed sheets to the Chief Course Umpire at the end of the event.

#### Record & Report Incidents:

- ☐ Record your observations of any incidents or rule infringements on the "Incident Report Form". This is important information for use by the Chief Course Umpire, or in Competition Committee deliberations, regarding rule infringements. Infringements may include collisions, checking, squeezing, or failing to round the buoy.
- ☐ Provide the completed forms to the Chief Course Umpire at the end of the event.

### Equipment - Checklist

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Radio &amp; mobile phone.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hi-vis vest (yellow).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whistle or loud-hailer.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Waterway control flags, if required.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thermal blanket(s).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chair, sun/weather protection.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food and drink.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clipboard with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Role description</li> <li>– Radio operations</li> <li>– Race time sheets</li> <li>– Incident report forms</li> <li>– Event contact list</li> <li>– Pens</li> <li>– Flag system (if required)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### Relevant Rules

#### ICF Rules:

International Canoe Federation Canoe Marathon Competition Rules

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2023\\_icf\\_competition\\_rules\\_marathon\\_final.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2023_icf_competition_rules_marathon_final.pdf)

ICF Rules 7.3.8, 7.3.9, 10.6, 10.7, 10.9, 10.12.2, 10.12.3, 10.12.6, 13.9

#### PA Rules:

Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Competition Rules

<https://paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PA-Canoe-Marathon-Racing-Rules.pdf>

PA Rule 17