

SAVA SPRINTS INTERNATIONAL V 2009

TEAM MANAGERS BRIEFING NOTES

Date: Friday 2nd October 2009

Venue: Ngee Ann Polytechnic Block 51 Lecture Theatre 51B

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

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RACE SITE LAYOUT

Reason for 200m

- Winners in previous years' events were likely to be the same for both distances.
- Able to have more categories and allow for more teams to achieve wins
- In preparation for November's River Regatta (300m race)

Record number of teams this year

- More than 50 teams

Identity Tags

- tags are only issued after all relevant documents are received and registration fees paid i.e waiver forms, participant summary list etc.
- last minute entries and replacement tags can be processed on site for a late penalty fee of \$30.00 per tag

Boats used for the event

- Champion Version IIIs (some of which are owned by private clubs & schools)
- Remind teams to take great care of the dragon boats during the event
- Not to step on boat seats
- Avoid knocking on gunwales with the paddles

MARSHALLING AREA

Checking criteria

- Based on 2 items

1. Crew List
2. Identity Tags (Name of paddler and team)

After going through checking criteria

- Team manager or an appointed member of the team to stay within the marshalling area until the team returns after the event (to help facilitate any protests or checks)

Crew List

- The same list will be used throughout a team's progression through the category (heats, semi-finals, finals, etc). Example - The paddlers whose names are submitted under "Team A" must remain the same for all the events in that category that the team qualifies for
- This is to prevent swapping of paddlers in order to place the "best" team for a later event - example, the finals

JUDGING – PHOTO FINISH

Process of judging

- The timing is taken when the tip of the dragonhead (i.e. its nose) crosses the finish line
- The photo finish system is also backed up by a digital video camera

STARTS

Paddles up position

- Paddles can be IN the water at the starts
- No penalty for paddles starting above water

No drumming (Very crucial)

- Teams will be penalised if there is no active drumming
 - 1st offence: 1st warning and judge's note
 - 2nd offence: 2nd warning
 - 3rd offence: Time penalty
 - 4th offence: Possible disqualification

- Active drumming is defined as being seen and heard to be drumming actively throughout race

RACE PLANS

“Street Fight”

- This is a race to determine which team will represent Singapore for the Nation's Cup Men's category

Corporate Club Crew

- Purpose of event: to separate student teams from the corporate teams
- Minimum age requirements: 25 for males and 22 for females
(age requirements apply for the drummer but not the steersperson)

Freestyle

- Teams are required to do something unique (stand/squat/kneel, etc.) after 50m into the race

Steersperson

- No need for certification, but safety must always be of primary concern

Racing into a Wrong Lane

- Possible immediate disqualification
- Protest has to be made by opposing team for Jury's attention
- Verdict of the Jury will be the deciding factor although an Appeal can be submitted for consideration

Collisions

- Teams involved in the collision are expected to stop paddling immediately
- Judges will try to re-run the race (only for the affected teams and pending the Jury's verdict) in order to clock a timing for the progression of the race
- Non-affected teams that stop paddling will not be granted a re-run if the judges decide that they need not have stopped

Starting Point

- No pontoon starts
- Drummer to hold the buoy and throw it into the water only on the sound of the air-horn. Failure to do so will cause the team to be considered as having a false start
- Should teams require more time before the START, the drummer should raise their hands in an obvious manner to make their request

Teams

- Drummers and paddlers MUST be from the same institution/organisation/club
- Drummers for a Men's event have to be male and female for a Women's event
- Steersperson can be an external party but must wear the same identity tag which bears his name and the team that he/she is steering for
- Drummers have to be listed in the same crew list
- Steersperson is exempted from being under the same crew list due to the possibility of the close timings between events but in such cases it is the team's duty to inform the Chief Boat Marshall in advance

Paddles

- Checks carried out will be based on the paddle brands listed in IDBF's list of approved manufacturers
- Must comply with the IDBF 202A Race Specs for paddles (usually certified with a sticker/carving on the paddle)

Life Jackets (Personal Flotation Device)

- All teams are expected to have their own life jackets/PFDs, with the exception of the International teams and Red Ribbon Race teams
- Rental charges will apply for teams that require SAVA to provide life jackets/PFDs and requests should be made before the event day

Wet Weather

- In the event of wet weather and the event has to be cancelled, the times returned by the qualifiers in the last completed progression (i.e. heats, semi-finals or Repecharges) will be used to determine the winners.
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