**Technical Rehearsal**

The HOC must run a Technical Rehearsal, where the technology and results systems are tested. This is a valuable tool for preparing the Event Staff.

For World Championship and World Cup races the HOC must hold a technical rehearsal simulating race conditions prior to the event.

The following processes need to be effectively demonstrated;

* Timing and scoring system
  + Judging
  + Penalty and time collection
  + Manual scoring system
  + Collection and sorting of Gate Judges sheets
  + Results production
  + Results checking process
  + Results publication
* Start and finish areas
* Technical Video Service (TVS)
* Print distribution
* Communications as required between these groups

The technical rehearsal should take 30 – 45 minutes to complete. Time should be allowed in the program for the technical rehearsal to take longer than anticipated should there be system adjustments required and the process needs to be repeated.

Typically the technical rehearsal is held directly following demonstration runs utilising the demonstration runners to simulate competitors. There must be sufficient time available in the competition schedule following the Technical Rehearsal to adjust any processes, or make any required changes prior to the commencement of the competition.

All teams should be advised of the technical rehearsal time and be able to access and test the TVS feed during this time should they wish.

The technical rehearsal should follow the race timing eg. If the shortest start interval of the race is 60 seconds then this is what should be used during the technical rehearsal.

Ideally there should be 1-2 athletes complete the course then a short break to confirm all the systems worked successfully or make any necessary adjustments. Following this, a second group of athletes (eg up to 10) complete the course. Pause again to confirm there were no issues. If necessary make adjustments and test again with another group of 10 athletes.

In combination the Chief Judge, the Technical Organiser and the Competition Manager confer to ensure that all systems are working effectively and/or agree on any adjustments required.

This process continues until the Chief Judge is satisfied with the processes in place for the competition.

When satisfied, the Chief Judge will confirm the end of the technical rehearsal.

At the end of the rehearsal a full debrief of the outcomes should be conducted. All issues discovered must be resolved by change or improvement of process.

The signal to end the technical rehearsal must be clearly known by all participants prior to the start of the rehearsal.

TV camera placements should be known and accounted for prior the rehearsal to understand their impact (if any) on judging or TVS camera locations.

**Workforce required for the Technical Rehearsal**

The following groups of the workforce are required to participate in the technical rehearsal;

* All International and National Technical Officials
* Chief and Assistant Chief Judges
* Competition Manager
* Technical Organiser
* Timing and scoring staff
  + Compilers
  + Start finish
  + Manual Scorers
  + PDA (penalty collection) operators
* Staff checking gate judges sheets
* Print distribution
* Gate judge sheets and print room runners
* Course construction gates crew.

A staff full dress rehearsal should run for approximately 2 - 3 hours. The first hour should exactly duplicate the hour leading up to competition, followed by 2 boats in each class with the start interval and breaks between classes. Second runs should then be run in the same manner. Full results should be produced to the time schedule required.

JMP do we want it to be this extensive or as described above

**Test Event**

For World Championships, 12 months preceding the Competition, preferably at the same date or at least same period as the Championship, the HOC must run a test event that as far as possible simulates the conditions of the Championships. This would include in the scheduling, venue layout, timing and scoring system, Technical Officials and Event information.

This date and scheduling of the Test Event Competition is subject to ICF and Technical Delegate agreement.