**Course Approval**

The Course Approval meeting occurs directly following the demonstration runs and typically takes around fifteen minutes.

The Course Approval Committee lead by the Chief Official and composed of the Chief Judge, Technical Organiser and the Course Designers, meet to approve the course for competition. This meeting usually happens on the side of the river near the end of the course.

Any changes made to the course need to be documented and communicated immediately to the Team Leaders. The changes should be communicated via the public address system directly following course approval. The public address system must be available for this purpose.

The Course Map should also be notated with the changes, signed by the Chief Judge and redistributed to the participating teams.

Any gates that require changing should be moved immediately following the course approval to allow teams time to view them in the new positions.

Following any adjustments to the gates the water flow should remain at race level for at least one hour to allow Athletes to inspect the course.

**Relevant Rules**

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