

Planning a Tech Race

Here are some notes for planners of a Tech Race, to accompany the Organising a Level D Event Document.

One technical course, winning time of 30 to 35 mins. Shorter version, to be on the same map, if possible, to be created by adding a cut off leg, via an extra control, to give a course no more than 2/3rds the length of the longer course. For instance, a longer course might be 5k in length, with controls 1 to 15. The shorter version might use controls 1 to 7, then go to control 11 via control 16 to create a course of 3.2k.

In addition, an Orange course is needed for less experienced runners.

Technical races do not have a mass start. Competitors will choose when to start between 1730 and 1830, but should not start within 30 secs of anyone else. Registration will open at 1700. Courses will close at 1930, by which time all competitors must have reached either the finish or download.

Competitors will be invited to stay until 1930, in case someone fails to return by the course closing time.

The planner is responsible for deciding how many maps to print and organising that job with the map printer.

The planner is responsible for deciding on the locations of the start and the finish and planning the rest of the course. The technical difficulty of the course is td5 throughout. If possible, the physical difficulty of the shorter course should allow for the fact that older runners will be taking part, so really steep descents and fallen trees should be avoided.

The planner is responsible for producing the xml file for his courses and sending that file to the SI Manager, to arrive at least a week before the event. The SI Manager can advise how to produce this file.

The planner is also responsible for sending to the SI Manager the information to be uploaded to the website, including parking location and any directions. A template is available from the SI Manager.

For Routegadget, the planner also needs to send to the SI Manager a copy of the OCAD base map, plus an 'all controls' map. Again, the SI Manager can advise on the production of these files.

For each set of these events the SI Manager will advise about which range of control numbers to use. A start, clear and finish set will also be provided