

Appendix 14

To Cross Country
FINISH CHUTE USHER

Located:

- Within the confines of the finish area (Refer map [Appendix 17](#)).

Role:

- To ensure that competitors immediately move past the finish line and progress along the finish transition chutes toward the finish marquee. This should be ushered quickly to prevent “bunch up”.
- To ensure that runners do not “bunch” up before/on/after the finish line to create a dangerous situation.
- Ensure that there is a bin at the end of the chute and that runners are encouraged to dispose of their race bib and pins in the bin prior to leaving.

Avoid:

- Bottlenecking of competitors before/on/after the finish line and along the chute.
- Spectators encroaching on the finish area. **All spectators must remain behind the barricades set in place.**
- Competitors finishing and “bunching” up prior to or on the finish line (because of the above). If it appears that this may occur, you should walk out onto the course BEFORE the finish line and slow runners down so that they do not run into the congested finish line in a dangerous manner. This can often occur as the main bulk of the runners approaches the finish line.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ALL OFFICIAL TIMES AND PLACES ARE DONE THROUGH AUTOMATIC TIMING
- ONLY THE FIRST 5 FINISHERS RECEIVE A MANUAL PLACE CARD – THESE 5 PLACEGETTERS ARE USHERED OFF INTO THE PLACE RECORDERS TENT (LOCATED NEXT TO THE FINISH LINE)
- AFTER THE FIRST 5 PLACES NO PLACE CARDS ARE PROVIDED ON THE FINISH LINE. THEREFORE, A RUNNERS’S POSIITION IN THE CHUTE LINE AFTER THE FINISH IS IRRELEVANT TO THEIR PLACE
- A MANUAL BACKUP IF IN PLACE WILL BE DONE TOWARDS THE END OF THE TRANSITION CHUTE TO RECORD A RUNNER’S APPROX PLACE.