



Night canoe orienteering race on Ružín Dam

Introduction and general rules

1. Night canoe orienteering race take place annually at the occasion of International Students Day (November, 17th) on the nearest Saturday to November 17th at Ruzin dam
2. Teams of two touristic boats compete in categories C2 men, C2 mix (min 1 woman in a team) and K1. The requirement to open the category is participation of at least 4 teams in the category. Different category can be listed, or rules can be adjusted after discussing with the host
3. Registration: the team has to be preregistered on time and starting fee has to be paid. During the registration on site every team will receive a compass and starting numbers. The team captain must be specified during registration on site
4. Recommended equipment: the boat assured against sinking, a safety vest (mandatory for racers under the age of 18), flashlight, weather appropriate clothing
5. The gear shall be provided by the racers
6. The use of electronic devices and GPSs during the race is strictly prohibited
7. The race route: Approximately two times 8 kilometers at Ruzin dam. The exact track will be specified before the start of the race. The orientation boards numbered 1 to 6 are set up throughout the route by the shore facing the water
8. All participants start at their own liability
9. After discussing with the host, above mentioned rules can be amended. The amendment will be released before the race starts

The race

1. The race consists of two phases. First one / during the day light, starting at the cottage, ending at the curve. Second one / in the dark, starting at the curve, back to the cottage. There is a short refreshment brake in between the two phases
2. Rules and route specification are explained before the race. The team captains will pick their starting certificates from the race director
3. The first phase starts with all racers at the same time. The boats line up on fictional line and start paddling at the whistle
4. The team tasks for the first phase:
 - Get the best time for the first phase
 - Stop at the proper board and with the use of compass and coordinates find and bring specified numbered card, which is located 30 meters max from the board. The number of the board, card and coordinates are specified on starting certificate (different for every team)
 - Memorize the boards location
5. Finish of the first phase: every team is responsible to get their boats out of the water, and put them to appropriate location. The crew meets the referees. The referee stops the clock when the last member of the team approaches him. The referee collects the starting certificate and obtained card. Short refreshment and getting ready for another phase follows
6. The time limit for the first phase is 3 hours
7. Start of the second phase: The teams start in the opposite order of the first phase results. The referee specifies start time of the first team. The standard time interval

between the teams is 5 minutes, can be adjusted by the referee. After the start the team receives starting certificate and approaches their boats to finish the second phase of the race, back to the cottage

8. The team tasks for the second phase
 - Get the best time for the second phase
 - Stop at every board and mark the starting certificate with the provided hole punch attached to the board (no need for both boats of the team to be present for marking)
9. Finish of the second phase: every team is responsible to get their boats out of the water, and put them to appropriate location. The crew meets the referees. The referee stops the clock when the last member of the team approaches him. The referee collects the starting certificate, starting numbers and compass. The team leaves the referee point immediately
10. The crew moves the boats out of the way, gets refreshments and awaits the results

The race evaluation

1. The team result time is calculated as follows: total time = first phase time + second phase time + penalty minutes – bonus
2. The penalty minutes specification:

1 st phase:	card not found	- 15 penalty minutes
2 nd phase:	board not found	- 10 penalty minutes
1 st /2 nd phase:	loss of startup certificate	- 60 penalty minutes
3. Additional bonus can be achieved in case of possible help provided to another team during the boat accident. Referee committee decides the bonus value
4. Every category is judged separately, depending on the total time achieved
5. The team is disqualified in the following cases:
 - Getting the wrong card during the first phase
 - The route damaging (boards, hole punches etc.)
 - Offending another team
 - Inappropriate behavior during the race
 - Starting certificate marking with the hole punch during the first phase
 - Not obtaining the time limit, except when helping another team
6. Result ceremony takes place during evening hours
7. Any discrepancies can be discussed with the race director, up to 20 minutes form result listing