



Finish Line Chute and Corral Team Job Description

Timing & Location Details

- **Shift time: 5:30am-11:00am**
- **Finish Line Location: Fort Phoenix State Reservation**
 - Green St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Task Overview: The chute and corral team is responsible for setting up the chute and corral areas and managing swimmers as they exit the water. The kayak recovery team and timing company (ASE) will also operate as part of this group.

General Directions: All team members should arrive at Fort Phoenix by 5:30am for the volunteer muster under the food tent. After the muster, all volunteers will work to unload the trailer, and then the Chute and Corral Team will work to assemble the chute and corral following the schematic, with the goal of having everything assembled no later than 7:15am.

Specific Job Descriptions:

- **Finish Chute Assembly – (5 volunteers, 5:30-7:15)** Set up finish line chute using pole markers to align finish chute with inflated water buoys.
 - Set up finish line fencing, poles, and corral according to schematic. Requires strong volunteers to pound poles into beach sand.
 - Inflate arch— keeping in mind placement for photos and evenness to the horizon—and that generator for arch stays out of the sand.
 - When timing chip display panels arrive from the start line (about 7:30am) make sure they set up perpendicular to the water, to be out of the way of photographs.
 - **MAKE SURE THE ACTUAL TIMING STRIP IS AT THE WATER'S EDGE, NOT UNDER THE FINISH LINE INFLATABLE ARCH**
 - Begin to break down Finish Line chute after last swimmer is out of the water.
- **Finish Line Chute: Swimmer Callers (2 volunteers):** Call out (clearly and loudly) number of every swimmer crossing Finish Line to Number Recorder. Look for number on RIGHT HAND or CAP
- **Finish Line Chute: Number Recorders (2 volunteers):** Write down number of every swimmer crossing Finish Line on pre-numbered sheet. Must have good listening skills.
Finish Line Chute: Counters (2 volunteers): Use clickers to count swimmers as they enter the corral from the chute
- **Finish Line Chute/Corral: Swimmer Support (2 volunteers):** Help swimmers who ask for assistance to exit water safely, call for EMTs if needed
 - must be strong and stable enough to help another swimmer and requires standing in water for 2 hours from 7:30-9:30am
- **Finish Line Chute/Corral: Injury Recorder (1 volunteer, as needed):** records swimmer # and issue. Fairhaven EMS will be in chute to assist.

- **Finish Line Corral: Medal Distribution (1-2 volunteer Board Members):** present medals to every swimmer as they enter the corral from the water/chute
- **Finish Line Corral: Gatekeeper (2 volunteers):** ensure only appointed personnel enter the corral and that no swimmer leaves the corral with their timing chip still on
 - ONLY staff, appointed volunteers, and medical personnel are allowed in the corral. NO spectators, NO family, NO media—no matter the reason!
- **Finish Line Corral: Chip Recovery (2 volunteers)** – help swimmers remove timing chips, put chips in chip bucket. This position will have 1 volunteer and 1 timing company employee.
- **Swimmer Counter Lead** – The Swimmer Counter Lead serves as the primary point of contact between the finish line counting team and the On-the-Water Captain. This role carries a radio and coordinates with the Timing Company, Swimmer Counters, and Number Recorders to ensure every swimmer is accurately accounted for as they finish the Swim. They will be traveling from the Start Line so they will arrive around 8am.

As the event winds down, the Swimmer Counter Lead works with the team to reconcile counts and confirm which swimmers are still on the course. Once all swimmers are safely out of the water and accounted for, they report "All swimmers are out of the water and accounted for" to the Buzzards Bay Coalition On-the-Water Captain on channel 81A, who then relays the information to all safety agencies.

Potential problems that will be resolved with 2 sets of tracking:

- Chip comes off in water – checked in at start, but no check out at finish
 - Confirm that counter numbers match, 2 from start and 2 from finish will verify all swimmers across safely
 - Number tracking at finish will verify that the swimmer finished safely
- Chip fails – no check in at start, no check out at finish
 - Confirm that counter numbers match, 2 from start and 2 from finish will verify all swimmers across safely
 - Number tracking at finish will verify that swimmer arrived safely and will provide data to assign finish time to swimmer (average of times from swimmer before and swimmer after).

Any problems or questions? See your Finish Line Captain.

Thank you for volunteering at the Buzzards Bay Swim!