

2017 RS:X CONVERTIBLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Praia da Vitoria, Terceira, Azores

30th October to 4th November 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1.**

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).

1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.4 **[DP] [NP]** The event lycra if supplied by the organiser shall be worn outside other clothing at all times when afloat, and for interviews and official photographs when ashore. Competitors shall not cut or alter the lycra, or the event sticker if supplied, in any way.

1.6 **[DP] [NP]** Leaders lycras will be issued, details published on the Official Notice Board.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the tent.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before it takes effect, except that any change affecting the schedule of races for the next day shall be posted not later than 60 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located on the top of the slipway near the tent entrance.

4.2 When the **D Flag** is displayed the Safety System is in force.

4.2 When the **AP Flag** is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

5. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT

5.1 The schedule of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.

5.2 Three (3) races are required to validate the championship.

5.3 Men and Women may race separately except for item 5.4

5.4 A marathon (long distance) race may be included and will be scored as one race.

5.5 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag shall be displayed (with one sound) at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed. No sound will be made when the Orange Flag is lowered.

5.6 The warning signal for the last race on the last day will not be made after 17:00hrs.

5.7 There will be a daily skippers meeting one hour before the scheduled first possible warning signal.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class flag shall be: MEN – **"G" Flag**; WOMEN – **"F" Flag**

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be sailed within the harbour.

7.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

7.3 **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 The course to be sailed for each race will be written on the white board on the race committee starting vessel.

8.2 The Appendix diagrams will show the courses to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, a description of the marks, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started as follows, **this changes WCR 26.2:**

- 4 minutes before the start – class flag up with preparatory flag – 1 sound
- 3 minutes before the start – red flag up – 1 sound
- 2 minutes before the start – red flag down, yellow flag up – 1 sound
- 1 minutes before the start – yellow flag down, green flag up – 1 sound
- Start – green flag down – 1 sound

9.2 **Preparatory flag.** Start will be under rule 30.3 (**U flag**) or rule 30.4 (**black flag**)

9.3 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an Orange flag and a NeilPryde yellow cylindrical buoy.

9.3 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**

9.4 When a board breaks rules 30.3 and/or 30.4, the Race Committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) shall not be ground for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and a NeilPryde yellow cylindrical buoy.

10.2 Flag “AP” over “H” displayed at the Race Committee starting and/ or finish boat means go back to shore and wait for more instructions. Further signals will be made ashore.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 **[DP] [NP]** A board that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

12. TARGET TIMES, TIME LIMITS AND REST PERIODS

12.1 Target time for the first finisher is 12 minutes.

12.2 Time limit for the first finisher is 30 minutes.

12.3 Race shall be abandoned if the time limit is exceeded.

12.4 Boards failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first board sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.**

12.5 When racing back to back the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that division/group shall be 10 minutes.

12.6 No more than 3 races shall be sailed back to back, which may be reduced to 2 in marginal planning conditions. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available in the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

13.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later.

13.3 List of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors about hearings. Location of the Protest Room will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13.4 Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).** Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62. 2.**

14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A.

14.2 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form at the Race Office.

15. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY SYSTEM

15.1 A board that retires from a race shall, if reasonably possible, notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area and shall report to the Race Office upon arriving ashore.

15.2 Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.

15.3 Personal buoyancy and/ or impact vest is mandatory for all competitors; and the wearing of a helmet is recommended.

15.4 Event lycra shall be worn at all time whilst afloat and worn above any PFD.

15.5 **Safety System. "Sign In System"** is in force when the D flag is displayed ashore. On returning ashore each board shall personally Sign In, to confirm that she has returned to shore, within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or in the case of back to back races the last race for the fleet; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

16. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. Competitors shall comply at all times with the directions given by, or requests of, the Equipment Inspectors.

16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, including a written request on the form provided.

17. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

spare

18. SUPPORT BOATS

Support Boats and coaches must leave the racing area and starting line as soon as the warning signal is displayed and stay out of these zones (except when a boat is in danger and needs assistance) until after the last boat has finished the race.

19. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Boards shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

20. PRIZES

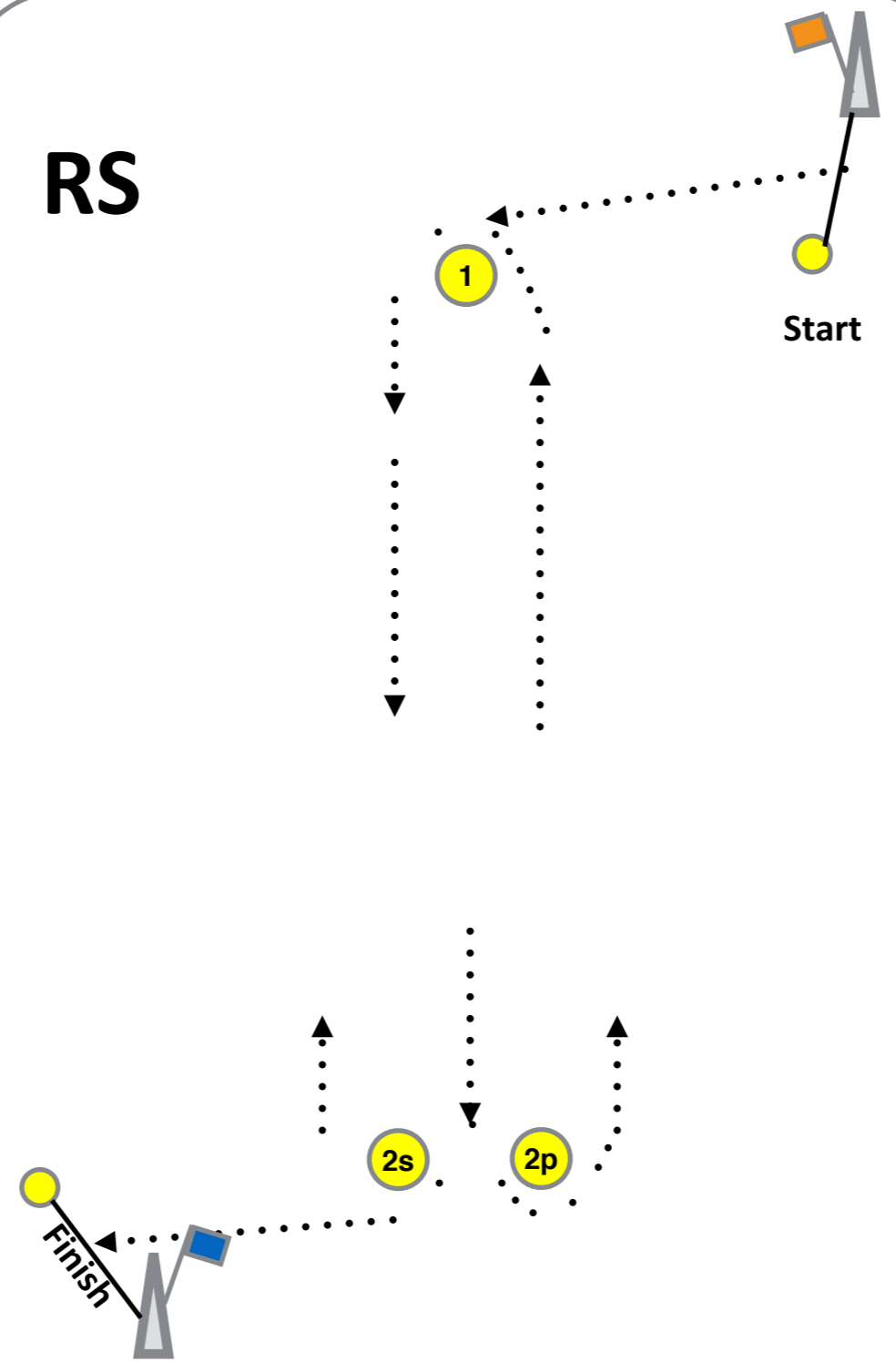
20.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

20.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See WCR rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

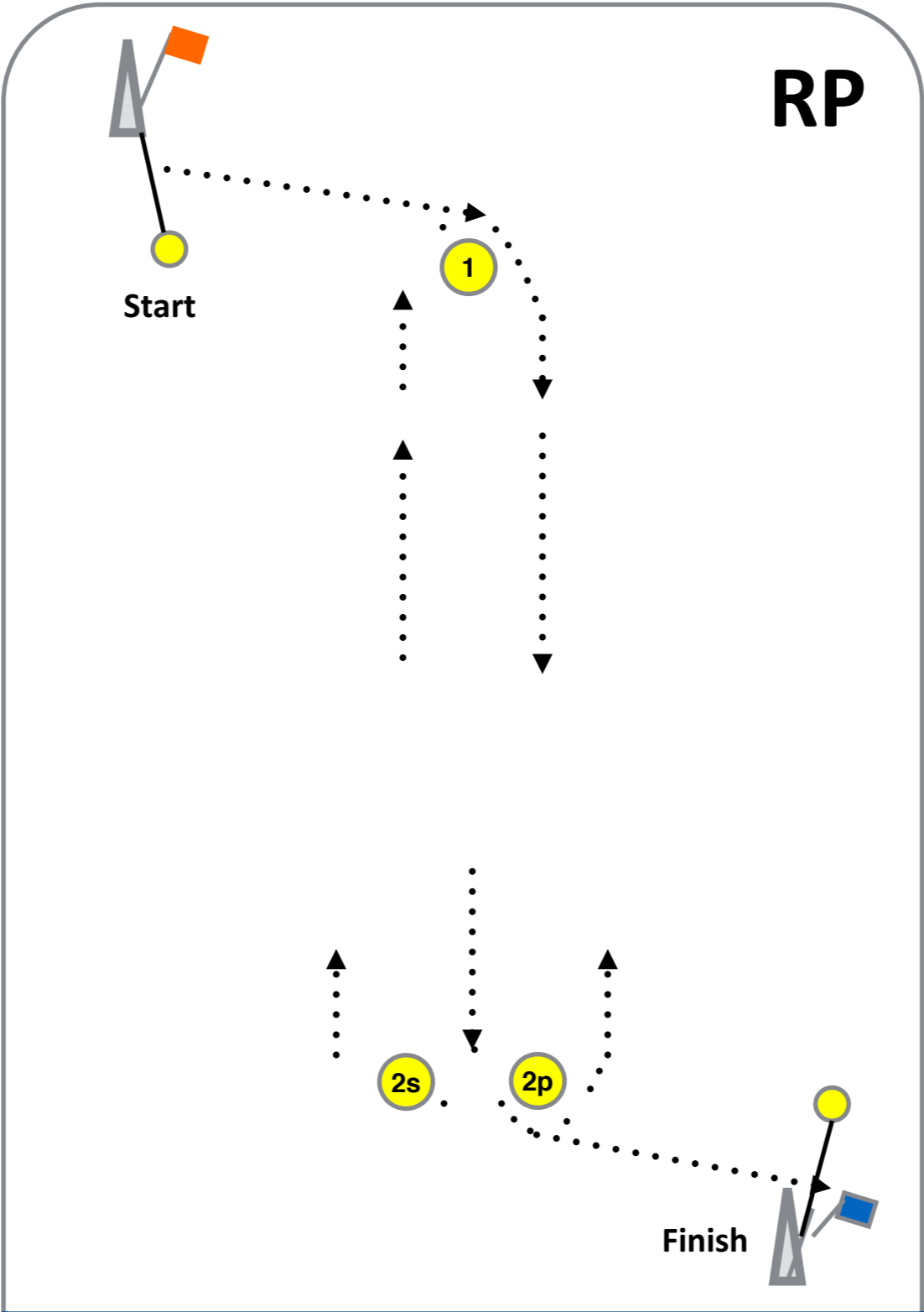
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Mark Rounding Order

RS2 Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s - Finish

RS3 Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s - Finish



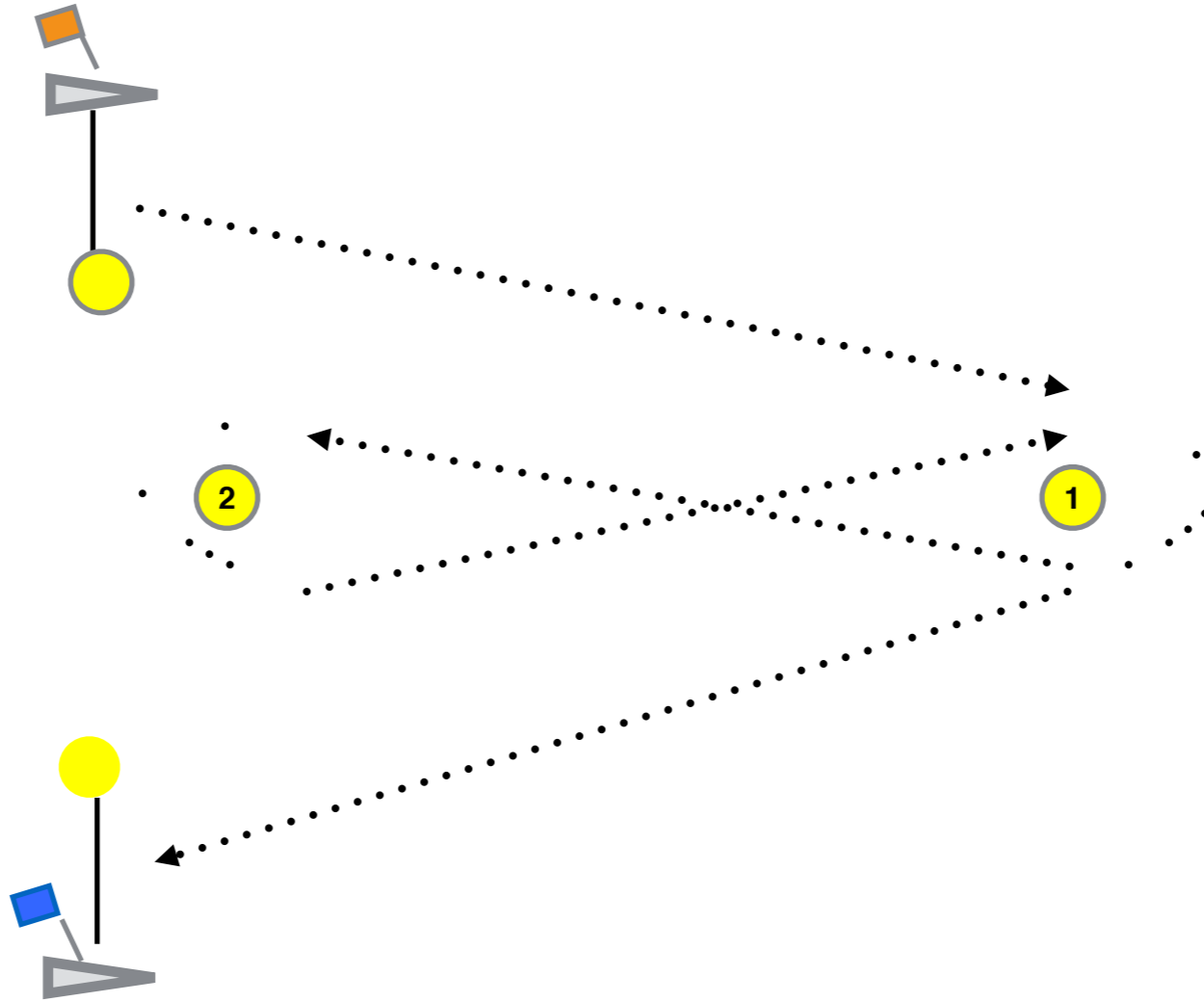
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RP2 Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish

RP3 Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish

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Start



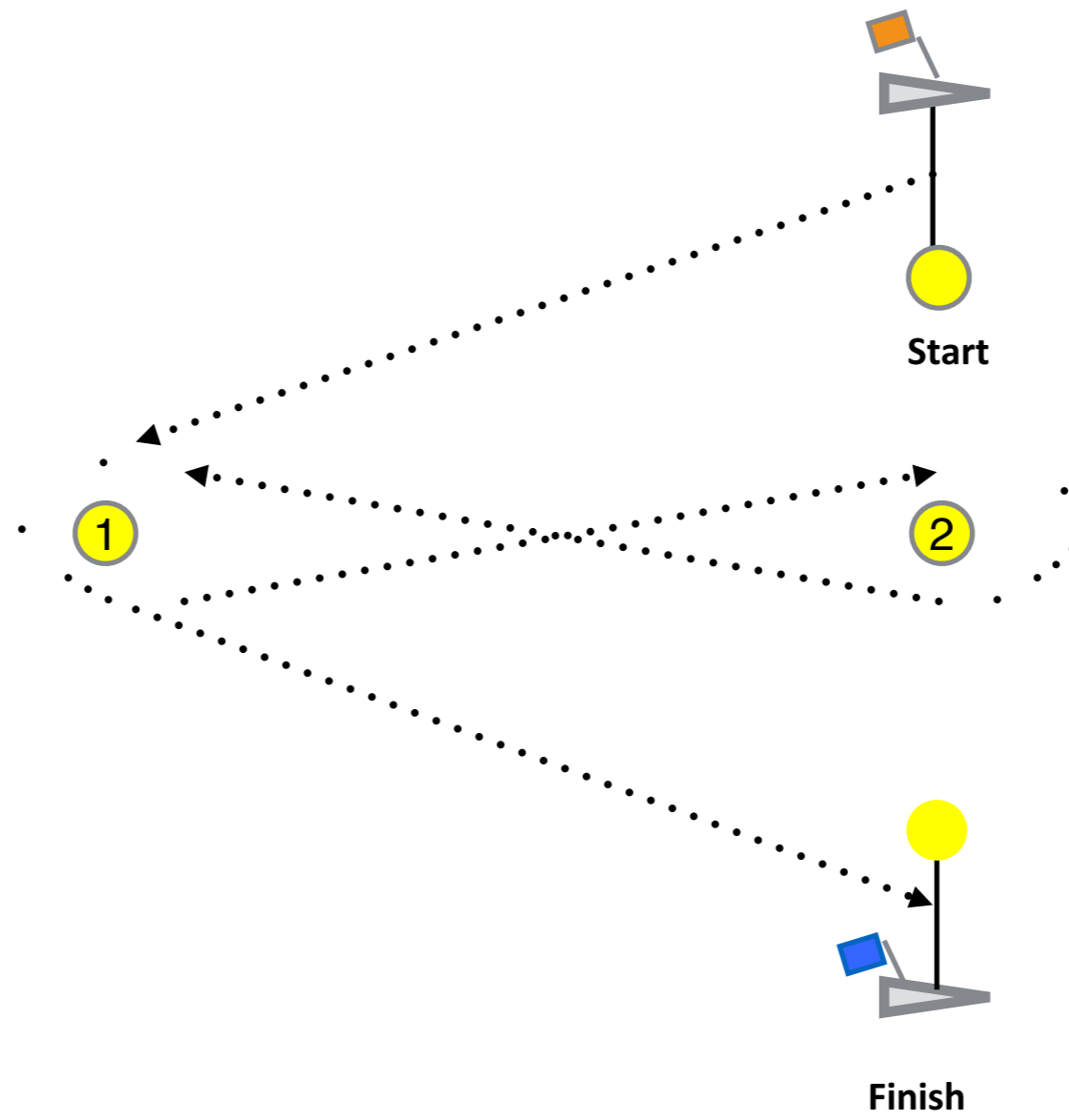
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Mark Rounding Order

8P2 Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

8P3 Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

8S



Mark Rounding Order	
8S2	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
8S3	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish