

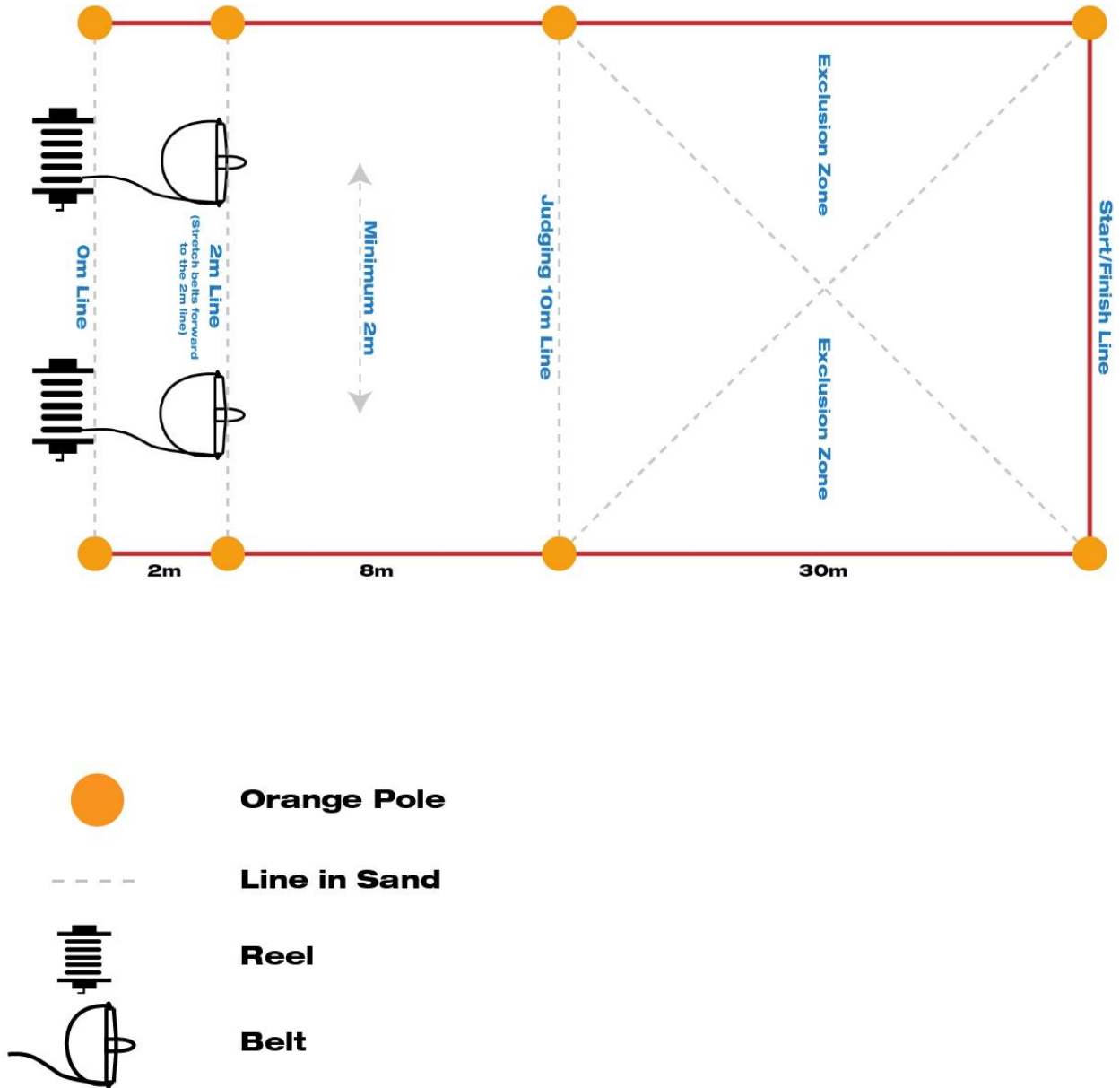


# BELT & REEL GUIDE

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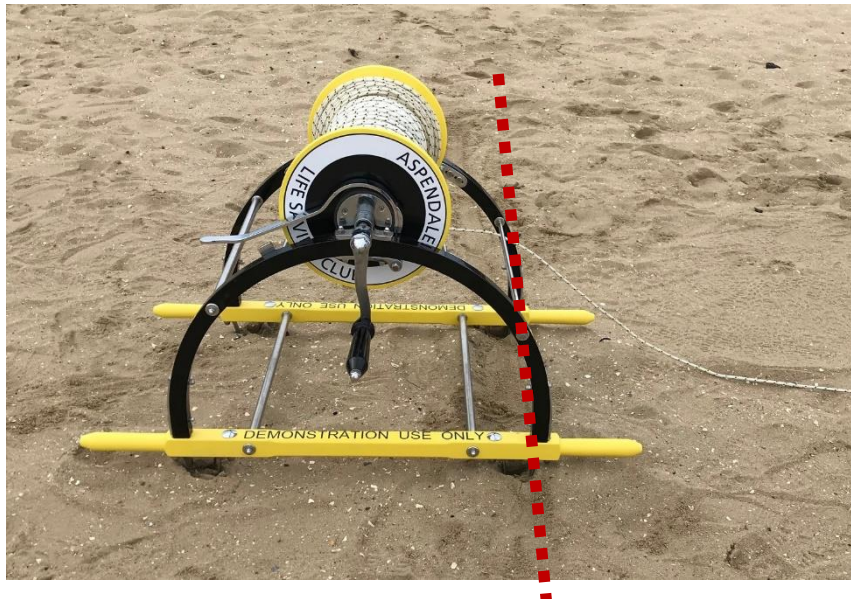
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## Course Diagram



## Set-Up Instructions

1. Set up the 4 orange corner poles. The length of the course is 40 metres long and the width can accommodate up to 8 lanes with each reel minimum 2m apart.
2. Set up the orange poles at the 2m line and the 10m line which is the start of the exclusion zone.
3. Mark a line in the sand at the 0m line, the 2m line and the start/finish line
4. Place the reel with the feet touching the 0m line. Feet of the reel may be dug into the sand to ensure stability of reel. Any incline of the reel must be towards the handle to reduce the chance of any accidental engagement of the handle.

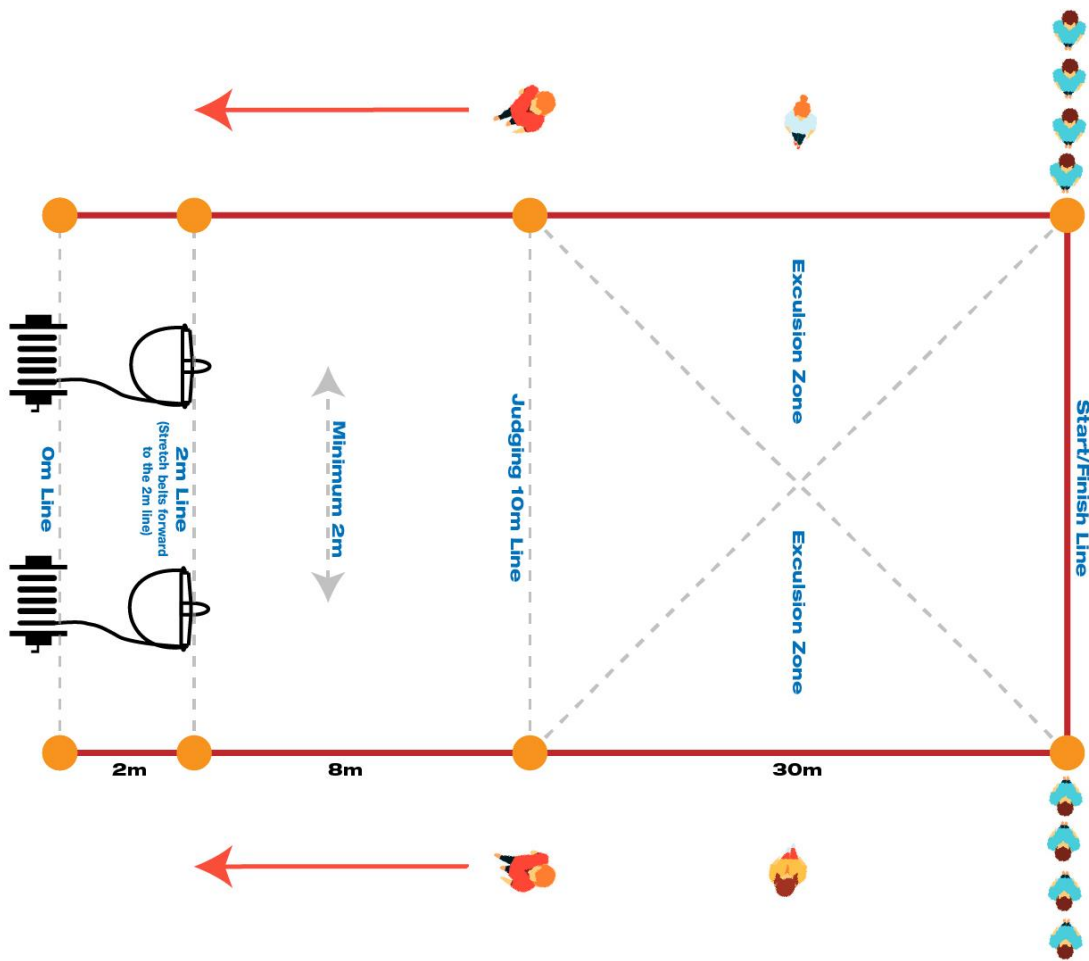


5. Place the belt with release hinge and safety pin facing downwards. A loop of line sufficient for the beltman to don the belt shall be laid on the beach toward the reel.

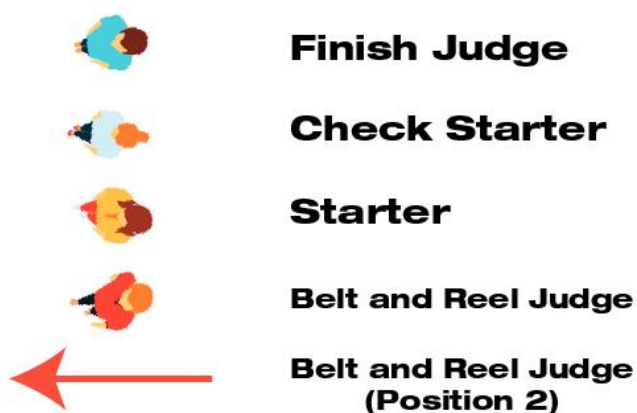




## Judging Positions



## Judge Position Diagram Key



## Belt and Reel Judge

The Belt and Reel judge is positioned at the 10m belt exclusion line to ensure that no competitor touches the belt after that point and to ensure that all belts are donned correctly (i.e. line not between legs). Once all competitors are past, the judge moves to the 2m line (position 2) to ensure that the reel handlers, reel the belt completely past the 2m line before picking it up and looping the belt neck strap over the brake handle. At the conclusion of the race the judge checks that each belt has been correctly placed over the brake handle.

## Event Description

Competitors – two per team. 1 belt person (runner) and 1 reel handler.

The starting and finishing line is at the opposite end of the course to where reels are positioned. Reels will normally be positioned at the end of the course nearest the marshalling area. On a sloping beach the reel will be placed to have the handle on the low side of the beach. To minimise the chance of the winding handle engaging during the runout of the line. Brake handles will be in the disengaged position. Belt placed as per the diagram listed above. with no coils in the line.

1. Both competitors will line up for the start. The belt person on the right of the reel person.
2. At the start, both will race towards the reel. The belt person will don the belt on the run and race back to starting line.
3. The belt person is permitted a distance not exceeding 10 metres from the reel within which to have the neck strap of the belt over their head, with the belt correctly fitting around the body (no line between the legs) and must not touch the belt or neck strap again until exiting the exclusion zone, where they will remove the belt and ground it.

4. The reel handlers will control the run-out of the line and by use of the brake, when the belt person has discarded the belt, will wind the line, pick up the belt from within two (2) metres from the reel, hang the belt by the neck-strap over the brake handle and race to the finishing line which must be crossed in an upright position.
5. Teams will remove their reels at the conclusion of each heat, semi or final.
6. The course will be over a distance, not less than 40 meters on the beach.
7. Distance – 40m. Space reels a min of 2m apart (no rope lanes). Maximum of 8 Teams Per Race.

## Belt and Reel Specifications

The equipment used in the Belt & Reel race shall in general conform to the specifications from SLSA, which can be viewed in Section 4 Appendix A of the 36th Edition Surf Sports Manual <https://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Surf-Sports-Manual-36th-Edition-final-1.pdf>

1. Items specific to this event are;
2. All sharp or jagged edges are to be sanded/filed smooth
3. Solid spreader bars must be fitted and the line must pass between the bars
4. A MAXIMUM of 80 meters of line is to be fitted on the drum.
5. The line may be of any type but must be a MAXIMUM of 8mm in Diameter
6. Drums must be a MAXIMUM of 70cm in circumference
7. Winding handles must be a MINIMUM of 200mm in overall length
8. Reels must display signs “DEMONSTRATION USE ONLY “in letters of at least 25mm. This is in line with all other reels used in competition but not carrying at least 250m of line. I.e. March Past & U15 R&R.
9. Belts should be in generally good repair so they are unlikely to cause the competitors to be disqualified. In regard to the release pin this should be in operational condition in case the belt is taken for another event.
10. The line should be attached to the small section of the belt using a clove hitch and two half hitches.

## Common Reasons for DQ

Team's must remove their reel at the conclusion of the event. Teams can be disqualified for:

1. Incorrect gear - refer to event conditions – gear – safety measures and specifications.
2. Touching any part of the belt or neckstrap within the exclusion area.
3. Grounding the belt inside the starting line (i.e. the reel side).
4. Failure to place the neck strap over the brake handle.
5. Interfering with any other team's equipment.
6. The line or safety pin parting from the belt.
7. Picking up the belt before the entire belt and neck strap is completely inside the 2-metre line from the reel.

## Note:

Nipper Reels or junior reels may be used providing the drum circumference, line gauge and handle dimensions comply as per standard surf reels as per SLSA criteria.

Competitors must tie back hair and **not** be wearing any clothing/hat with dangling cords or jewellery that may get caught in the reel.