

Australian Ice Racing Time Trials and Qualification Time Submission

GUIDELINES and FORMAT – Short Track

These guidelines are designed to give athletes an opportunity to complete time trials without major logistical constraints, whilst maintaining a high level of integrity to ensure that all times submitted are completed in a similar standard in each location.

Only **time trials** conducted in accordance with these guidelines will be considered for a skater's qualification standard time purposes.

Time trials conducted outside of Australia will be taken into consideration however prior to a time trial being completed, the AIR Inc. Board must approve the intended officials and the format for timing. A request to complete an overseas time trial must be requested at least 4 days prior to the time trial taking place.

Video footage of **ALL** time trials will be required to verify any timing and conduct issues and must be made available to the [General Secretary](#) upon request. **The camera must be positioned at either the start or finish line in such a position as to clearly see both the start and finish lines from a side-on view. The skater must be in the video frame at all times.**

All overseas race results will be accepted so long as they meet the required standard of any selection attachment.

The goal of time trials should be to attempt to meet Qualification Time Standards required for admission into an AIR Inc. Squad or Team, including those squads as set out in the AIR Sports Development Program.

Athletes are to submit their completed time trial results in every instance to the [General Secretary](#) (or any other AIR Inc. officer as directed) within 7 days of completing their time trial. Failure to comply with this will see the time disregarded. Submission of an unsuccessful time may assist in the Selectors in being able to assess an athlete's progression and display a history of continuous improvement.

The following conditions must be met in ALL time trials where the time is to be used to qualify at a Qualification Standard:

OFFICIAL OVERSIGHT

At least one approved official will supervise the conduct of any time trial to ensure that the integrity of such events is not compromised.

Athletes will be responsible for ensuring the attendance of an approved official at their time trial attempt. Another representative may complete this on behalf of the athlete *however the athlete will take absolute responsibility to ensure that the required form is accurately and correctly completed.*

Approved officials are one of the following:

- An Elected or Appointed Director of AIR Inc. Board;
- A State Member President;
- A qualified ISU or AIR Inc. official as per the list at the end of this document;
- Any other person nominated or approved by the AIR Inc. Board.

No official will be greater in preference due to the order that they appear above.

The overseeing official will be required to sign the Qualification Attempt Form to indicate that the time trial attempt was completed in accordance with these guidelines.

The overseeing official can take no active role in any other function i.e. timekeeping, starter or athlete. They are to only observe the event to ensure all guidelines are adhered to.

If any official considers that there may be a perceived conflict of interest by their involvement in this process, they should exclude themselves at the earliest opportunity.

If the overseeing official considers that there is any possible conflict of interest by any party involved in the conduct of a trial, they should bring this to the attention of the athlete and the person involved at the earliest opportunity and make a note of the possible issue on the submission form.

No official, starter or timekeeper should be in a close personal relationship or be related in any form to the athlete who is attempting the time trial. Where there is a perceived conflict of interest, the [General Secretary](#) may refer the matter to the AIR Inc. Board of Directors for resolution.

TRACK

The time trial must be held on a standard 111.12m track with each corner clearly marked with 7 track markers. The overseeing official will ensure that the track is checked to ensure the markers are correctly placed to ensure a 111.12m track prior to the commencement of any time trial attempt. The track should be checked to ensure that each end is on the same colour dots. The overseeing official should ensure that this is confirmed.

START

The time trial must be commenced from a standing start, and must be started by the sound of a gun or whistle. The starter does not need to be an official starter, however the same starting commands must be used that are used in standard competition. The starter may not perform the role of time-keeper.

TIMING

The preferred method of timing will be electronic timing (Lynx). In the absence of electronic timing, the procedure outlined below must be adopted to obtain a final submission time. All time keepers must be over the age of 18-years.

An athlete's nominated Coach, as submitted to the [General Secretary](#), must not participate in any official activity during the athlete's time trial.

If 4 hand held timers are used:

The slowest and fastest times are to be disregarded and the remaining two times added together, then divided by 2.

0.15 of a second will be added to resulting time. This will become the submission time for the purposes of Qualification.

If 3 hand held timers are used:

The fastest time is to be disregarded and the remaining two times added together, then divided by 2.

0.2 of a second will be added to the time. This will become the submission time for the purposes of Qualification.

All times and time keeper details must be recorded in the Qualification Attempt Form – (Form 3)

No person shall perform more than one role during the conduct of a time trial.

RACING

Time trials may be conducted in a race format. Each skater time trialling for a time in such a race must have a minimum of three stop-watches recording their time. The same stopwatch should not be used to record two or more skaters in the same race (i.e. utilising the lap time function).

If Lynx electronic timing is utilised, then stopwatch times do not need to be recorded.

If a time trial is conducted in a race format with other athletes, all athletes that took part in the time trial must be recorded on the submitting athlete's Qualification Attempt Form.

Any physical assistance (pushing) by another athlete to the time trialling athlete will be considered as an unfair advantage and the overseeing official must declare the time trial as not having met the required standard.

No athlete may enter the race part way during the race to offer assistance to the skater participating in the time trial.

TIME SUBMISSION

Every attempt, regardless of the result must be submitted to the [General Secretary](#) with 7 days of completion.

Failure to abide by this may result in future times not being accepted by the AIR Selection Panel.

The submission of every time attempt is important to gauge the success of this format and to check the progression of AIR athletes.

RATIFICATION

Once a time is submitted that meets the Qualification Standards and the [General Secretary](#) is satisfied that all protocols have been abided by they will notify the athlete that the time standard has been met. This will be done in a written form (email) within 7 days of submission.

Where there is doubt as to any protocol or guideline not having been followed or in doubt, the [General Secretary](#) will refer the matter to the full Board of AIR Inc. for ratification. The athlete will be advised if this is to take place and they will also be advised forthwith once a decision has been made.

No correspondence shall be entered into with any party not directly involved in the time trial for the purposes of conducting a review. The AIR Inc. Board decision on the validity of any time submission or the conduct of a time trial shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into once a decision is handed down.

RECORDING

The [General Secretary](#), or any other so appointed AIR Inc. officer as the case may be, will keep a detailed record of all athlete times and these may be recorded in the form that the AIR Inc. Board sees fit. These details may also be published on the results page of the AIR Inc. website at www.australianiceracing.org

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