

# PRE-START SAFETY CHECKER

**SAFETY CHECKER:** 1 or more persons  
 ----- perhaps the **MOST** important job of all. Please be thorough

**SETUP and EQUIPMENT needed:**  
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**LARGE "SAFETY CHECK " SIGN** displayed facing incoming runners  
**STUB fill-in sign**  
 Various other signs: Etiquette "HUSH", STOP, "Which Course" etc  
**IOF SYMBOL DISPLAY**

**GET COURSE CLOSURE AND SAFETY BEARING FROM MD OR CS**

**Table space and supplies for runners to use**  
**Pens, Staples, scotch tape, safety pins, map-bags**

**MAPS and CLUE Sheets** see notes below

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**PROCEDURE: PRE-START SAFETY CHECKING :**  
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## STEP 1. SAFETY ITEMS and TIME

Whistle?  
 Watch?  
 Safety bearing?  
 Course Closure = no controls!  
 Return in 3 hours from THEIR OWN start time or Closure, whichever first

## STEP 2. SUITABLE COURSE

Determine that runner is on appropriate course, especially advanced courses.  
 note: if runner doesn't understand IOF symbols, good clue they do not belong on advanced.  
 GROUPS need etiquette reminders (quiet at all times, leave controls quickly, stay together)

## STEP 3. CHECK STUBS very important

Check that the STUB is COMPLETE and LEGIBLE.  
 If not filled in, have runner step aside to do it **DON'T do it for them**  
 If not legible, have them redo it on the back.  
 Category = Age and Gender, ie M35+, Course = Color Letter (W,Y etc)  
 need these extra fields (may not printed on Stub): - CLUB, Parked at, Staying At,:

## STEP 4 RUNNER READY, give out Clue sheets and Maps

Stub is complete, and runner understands Steps 1, 2 and 3

NOW give out blank maps and clue sheets

Everyone gets clue-sheets now, once checked for being on appropriate course  
 WHITE and YELLOW copy OFF the clock, so get Blanks or PRE-MARKED maps now.  
 ORANGE and ADVANCED three options

1. Copying OFF the clock: Give runners CLUE SHEETS NOW, and blank maps about 5- 10 minutes before their likely Start time. (pr they can copy and give to you to hold)
2. Copying ON the clock: Give runners blank maps and Clue sheets
3. Pre-printed maps: just give Orange and Advanced runners their clue sheets.

## STEP 5 RUNNER may go to Start