

# FRFANZ National Rural Fire Competition Rules

As agreed by the Management Committee of FRFANZ, 2004.

## GENERAL RULES

### 1. OBJECT

The object of these competition events is to promote the efficient usage of rural fire equipment as part of fire control training. The surface of the water supply should be at, or below, ground level.

### 2. TEAM

**2.1** A Team shall consist of a crew of four members; numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. One member shall act as Team Captain. Positions in the Team to be balloted for just prior to the running of each event.

**2.2** Team clothing shall be standard rural firefighting gear, and helmets must be worn with chin straps done up.

**2.3** The Wajax pump operator shall wear Grade 4 ear muffs when the pump is working.

**2.4** All-female Teams shall compete according to 'Ladies Rules'. Mixed Teams shall run in the Open Competition.

### 3. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

**3.1** There shall be four Judges, three Time Keepers, one Marshall, one Starter and one Referee.

**3.2** Each Judge will be assigned a numbered Team member, and will follow that member through the event.

**3.3** The Marshall will assemble Teams in the order of running and administer the ballot to determine each Team member's number. Members are to be issued with some identification for position, which is to be worn throughout the event.

**3.4** The Starter will check all equipment prior to the start of a run.

**3.5** The Starter will start a run with the calls: 'Are you happy with your gear? - Set - Go!' [or gun start where possible].

**3.6** The Judges and Referee will determine if equipment is being handled in a standard manner.

**3.7** Any protests or appeals are to be lodged with the Referee at the completion of the run, and only by the Team Captain. Protests entered after the run will not be considered. The Referee's decision will be final.

### 4. COMMON EVENT DRILL RULES

**4.1** Jobs must be carried out by the Team as ruled.

**4.2** The Team must stand at attention behind the start line during Starter's orders.

**4.3** No alteration to equipment can be made behind the start line at the start of the drill. Equipment must be carried as is, and set up at the water supply or target area, eg. no couplings, breechings, buckles or straps can be undone or coupled until the water supply is reached.

**4.4** All signals given must be standard arm signals. Signals must be given and answered (illustrated opposite).

### 5. GENERAL PENALTIES

**5 seconds will be added to the run time should:**

- equipment be altered behind the start line;
- equipment be handled in a non-standard manner, or different to how it would be used in actual field operations;
- equipment be handled in a manner where it is likely to get damaged, eg.
  - a) dropping gear from above knee height;
  - b) dragging hose couplings or suction hose;
  - c) walking or standing on hose;
- duties be incorrectly carried out.

**5 seconds will be added to the run time for each:**

- failure to signal, or answer a signal given;
- loose coupling, judged from obvious leaks;
- time a hose is thrown in the air;

**10 seconds will be added to the run time should:**

- team members run \* while carrying either the pump or the monsoon bucket

**The run will be disqualified if:**

- the pump motor is started either without the suction length connected to pump, or when no obvious attempt has been made to prime the pump.

\*To avoid being judged as running, members should always have at least one foot in contact with the ground.

