

Quick Reference Event Resource

BELT RACE



Belt Race

Australian Championship event in Under 17, U19 & Open

The Team

Consists of 5 people, the Beltman and 4 reel handlers.

- Handlers must be proficient, entered in the carnival and wearing a cap and hi viz vests.
- Handlers can be of either gender and can handle for different beltmen in different heats of the same event.
- All team members receive pennants and medals at Victorian carnivals.

The Event

- The team is assigned a coloured buoy and the reel is placed with the rear lower spreader bar against the peg.
- The belt is laid 5m in front of the buoy peg.
- The team lines up on the start line. On the starting signal, the beltman dons the belt. The reel handlers pick up the reel and carry it directly towards the water, placing it so any part of the reel is on or over the start line, but not further than 5m beyond the start line.
- Three linesmen proceed to their payout positions and the reelman proceeds to control the drum.
- On arrival at their buoy, the beltman must place their forearm over the buoy and then raise their other arm in a vertical signal whilst remaining in contact with the buoy.
- Upon arrival at the buoy, the beltman may be asked to show a judge-in-boat that their belt and line are intact.
- Haul in starts when all competitors have reached their buoy.

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Disqualification Pointers

- Following the reel carry, the reel must be placed with some part of the reel on or over the start line, but not more than 5m in front of the start line.
- A beltman swimming to the wrong buoy and signalling will be disqualified.

Course Diagram (SSM Section 4 – Figure 3)

