



## Race Briefing

It is the responsibility for competitors, spectators and team leaders to read this document fully. If you have any questions, particularly on anything not mentioned in this document, please email [here](#).

Please remember to review the race details for detailed information on the day.

We are aiming to be no plastic, sustainable event and want to remind all attendees to bring their own reusable water bottles and travel mugs and take any rubbish they bring to the site home with them.

**There will be no in-person race briefing on the day.**

### Reminder of racing rules:

All rules can be found within the MRC racing rules document [here](#). **It is the duty of the paddlers and team leaders to read and understand these rules. It is assumed that this is the case upon racing at the Hasler Finals.**

***Canoeing and Kayaking is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.***

This is an overview of the rules for Hasler Finals 2022:

- Canoeing is a non contact sport and competitors shall race in a safe and fair manner.
- Racing shall be conducted in a manner that considers the safety of officials, spectators, paddlers and members of the public.
- When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times.
- When a canoe or kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all competitors in the group to keep clear of other competitors at all times.
- During the course of a competition any items discarded by a competitor anywhere other than in a proper bin, must be recovered by the athlete, their support crew or coach immediately. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that this has happened. An event official witnessing non-compliance with this rule shall report the infringement to the race organiser and the offending competitor will be disqualified.



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- The wearing of life jackets or buoyancy aids is compulsory for all paddlers ranked in divisions 7, 8, 9 & GST ranked paddlers irrespective of the race they are entered in. This applies to singles and doubles races.
- Competitors are expected to be able to swim adequately in the waters on which the race is being held.
- All paddlers are required to render assistance to other competitors in distress.
- Team Leaders are expected to decide if paddlers in the higher divisions should wear life jackets or buoyancy aids. Should a member of your team (or a parent in the case of a junior with no team leader) inform you of any medical condition that may affect their safety, you should ensure that they take appropriate precautions.
- Competitors must not hang on the washes of powered craft.
- Only competitors racing in their club colours will score points. In a crew boat, if one paddler wears club colours and one does not, only the paddler wearing the colours will receive points.

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### Timetable and key procedure

Site opens at 8am, along with check-in. Check-in will be based with the main event set-up but team leaders only will be required to collect and sign for number boards. Whoever collects the number boards for the club will be responsible for taking on team leader duties for that day.

Boat control/check will open from 8:30am:

1. Boats must go through boat control/check in advance of their race, with correct buoyancy and the correct number board attached.
2. Boats will then be stickered and ticked off our list.
3. By going through boat control, you will be assumed to have started.
4. If a boat is being used multiple times throughout the day, it must go through boat control every time with the correct number board.

Warm up can be completed 20 minutes in advance of your start. We request this is completed downstream of the finish line and you are respectful if there are any more boats finishing their race. You will be called up from there by our start aligners.



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All starts are upstream, except Geoff Sanders K2/C2, which will be starting downstream. They will be standing starts and must be strictly adhered to. Penalties and disqualifications will be issued if required.

### Block A Races

<i>Approximate start time</i>	<i>Race type</i>
09:15	Div 7 K2
09:17	Div 8 K2
09:19	Div 7 K1
09:21	Div 9 K2
09:23	Div 8 K1
09:25	Div 9 K1
10:00	Geoff Sanders Fun K2/C2

### Block B Races

<i>Approximate start time</i>	<i>Race type</i>
10:40	Div 4 K2
10:42	Div 5 K2
10:44	Div 4 K1
10:46	Div 6 K2
10:48	Div 5 K1
10:50	Div 6 K1

### Block C Races

<i>Approximate start time</i>	<i>Race type</i>
12:45	Div 1 K2
12:47	Div 2 K2
12:49	Div 1 K1



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12:51	Div 3 K2
12:53	Div 2 K1
12:55	Div 3 K1

### Block D Races

<i>Approximate start time</i>	<i>Race type</i>
15:00	Geoff Sanders A
15:02	Geoff Sanders B
15:04	Geoff Sanders C

Prize giving will be run from approximately 16:00.

### Race Course Details

All courses will follow a loop format with anti-clockwise turns, marked with **white buoys**. **You must pass the buoys on your left hand side**. Marshalls will be recording numbers of those who miss any buoys.

**You are expected to race river right throughout the course**. There will be **yellow navigation buoys** throughout the course to mark any blind bends. **You must paddle past these buoys on your left hand side**. Marshalls will be recording numbers of those who paddle on the wrong side of these buoys. If there is no room for you, avoid collisions and find a way around the buoy correctly.

**For clarity purposes, no buoys should ever go on the right hand side of you and your boat.**

The river is still open and there might be public navigating in a variety of crafts. Please race respectfully and give them plenty of space. **Within that, you are expected to stick to the main navigation channel throughout the race**. Turn C is around 200m upstream of the top of an island. You do not need to leave the navigational channel (main river) to do this turn.

Turn A does not involve the island by the lock. You are expected to stay in the normal channel from the weir stream.

Follow all marshalls instructions and look after each other. Helping others has priority and times will be adjusted. There are safety marshals who are out on the course, marked with high vis



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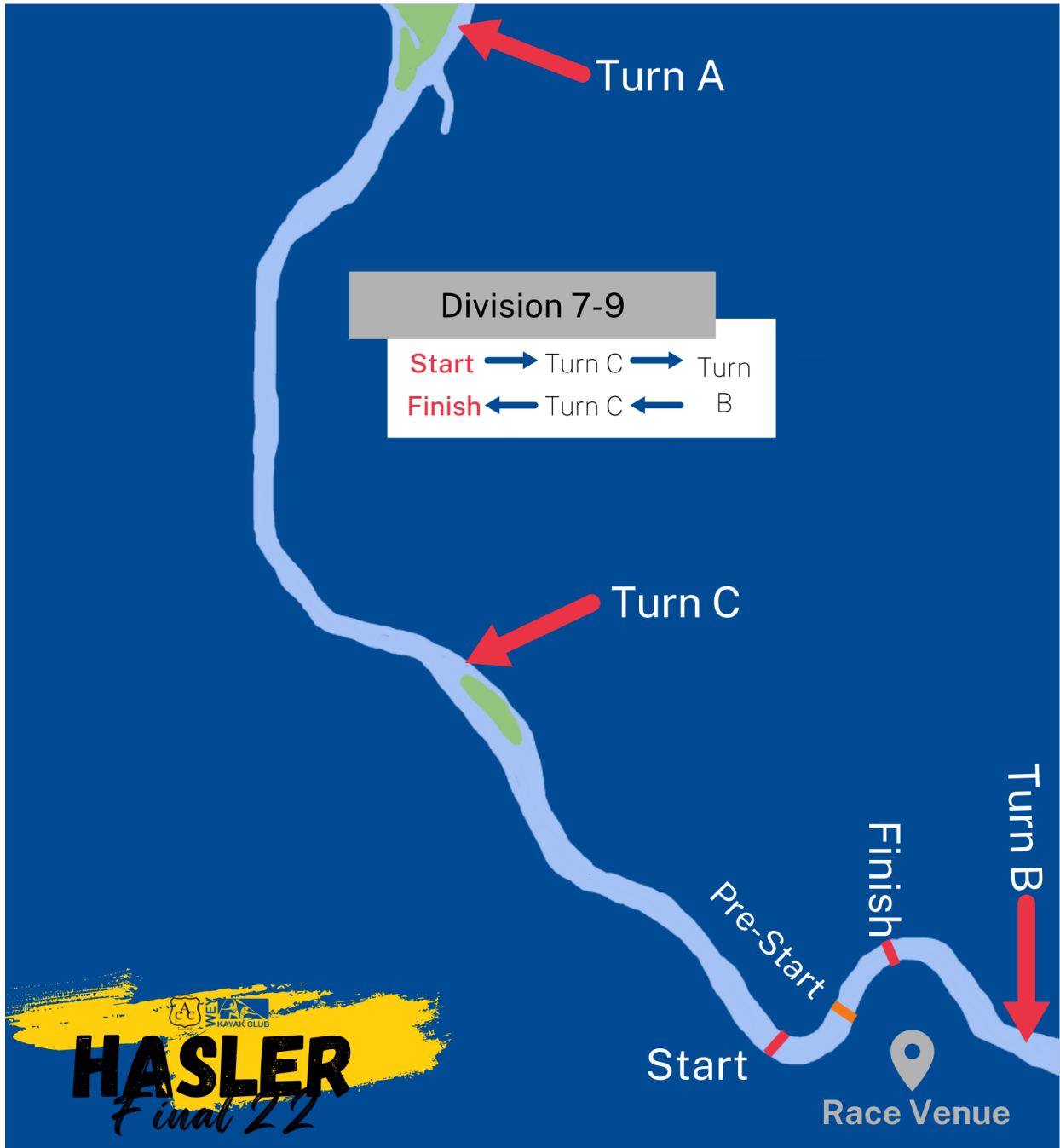
jackets, as well as Surrey Search & Rescue bankside marshals. Please seek help from them if required.

**Finish** on the right of the river as you are traveling downstream from Turn C (apart from Geoff Sanders K1, which will finish upstream, river left). There will be no funnel but **finish between finish team and finish line marker buoy (in yellow)**. After finishing, please paddle downstream away from the finish and get off.



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Block A Races - Div 7-9 course





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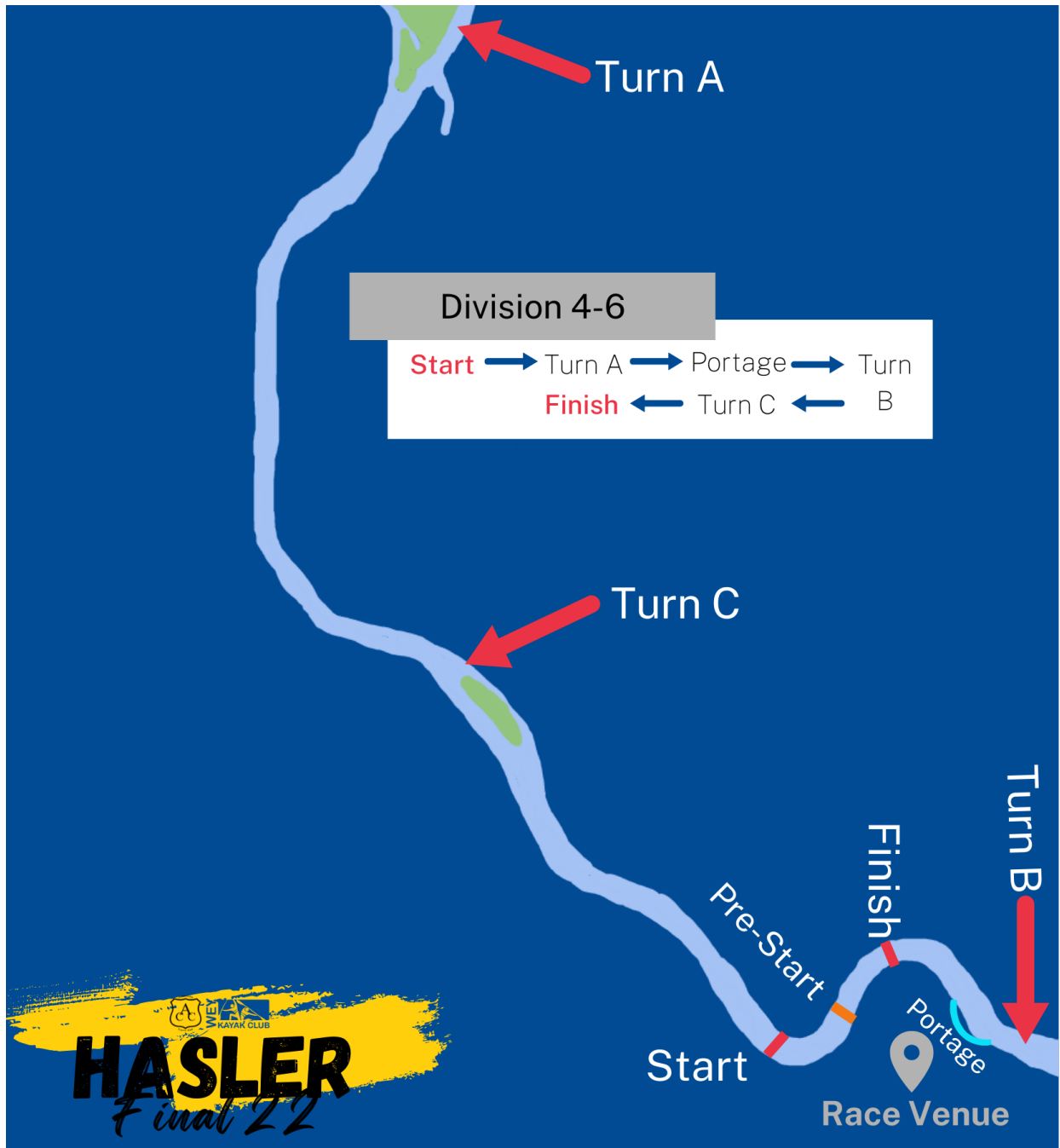
Block A Races - Geoff Sanders K2/C2 Course





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Block B Races - Div 4-6 course

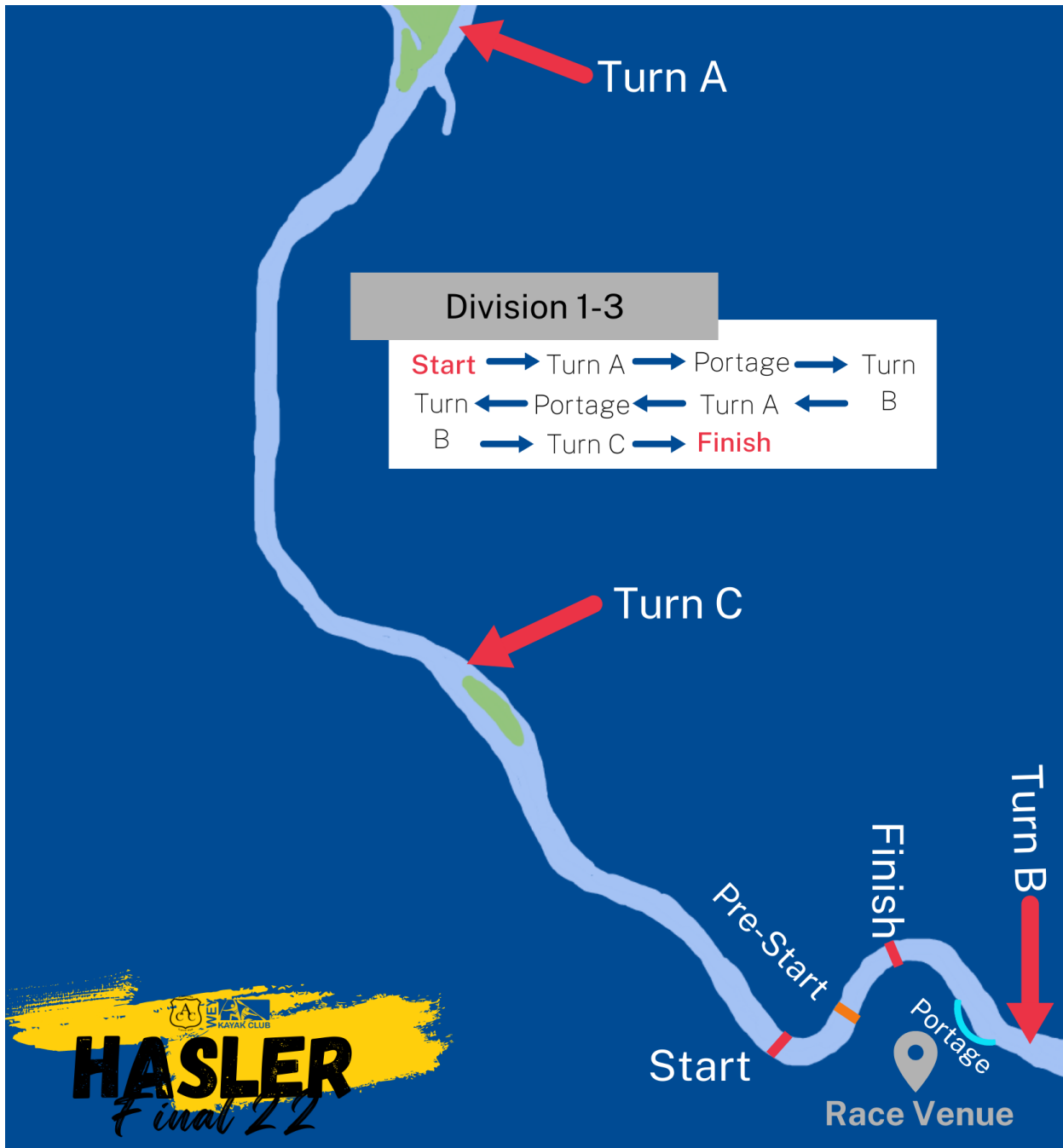






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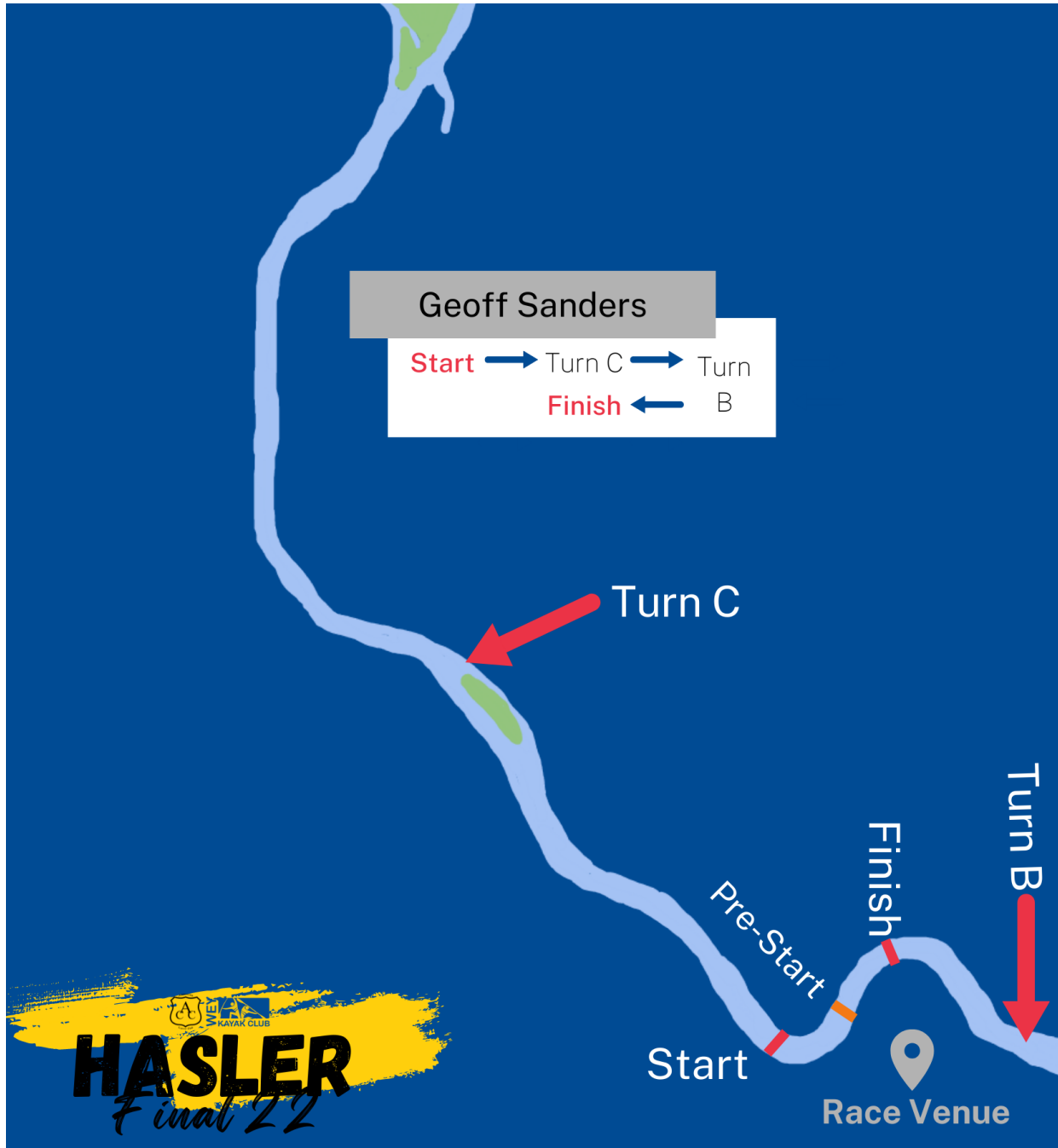
Block C Races - Div 1-3 course





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Block D Races - Geoff Sanders K1



## Portage

Portage will be on your right hand side 500m before Turn B. There will be a pontoon get-out, with ramp to the bank, and a beach get in 100/150m downstream.



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While we are doing our best to remove hazards, we strongly recommend shoes are worn while racing and take care while portaging. Portage will be accessible on the main site if you wish to view in advance of racing.

If you require an exception for the portage due to a disability, this must be approved in advance of your race and signed off.

## Spectators Briefing

While we encourage spectators during the racing, please make sure you are respectful of the public and others enjoying the site. **Please do not block the Thames path** while spectating. There is plenty of green space on site for this to be avoided. We also request people **do not cycle alongside the races** as the Thames path is restricted, narrow and also is distant from the river in places.

Any litter or rubbish, please take home with you. If it's competitors' food waste, please place it in the bag supplied to team leaders at check-in and return it to the competitors food table at the end of the day so it can be recycled.

In the event of an emergency, please locate someone wearing a high-vis, who will be able to swiftly take action.

It's for fun! Enjoy the day!