

Waterway Clarifications – F9-F12 (2025)

The original intent of the Flat track Vents (F9-F12) was to place the equipment on the equipment line as individual items. It was also to encourage teams to think of innovative ways of completing a basic drill.

The National Panel acknowledges that some teams have absolutely achieved the innovative means of completing the event, however we believe some methods are starting to stray too far away from the original intent.

We have noted that some teams are beginning to “stack” individual pieces of equipment on the equipment line. Below are examples of equipment being “stacked” on the equipment line that will be deemed unacceptable and will result in the receipt of Penalty 2.





The Panel does however still wish to allow teams the ability to use their own innovative ways to start the event. Below are examples of equipment being “stacked” on the equipment line that will be deemed acceptable.



For further clarification, the Panel has deemed that leaning a hose against a branch is acceptable. However, the hose must be as close to vertical as possible, and the coupling end must be touching the equipment line otherwise Penalty 2 will be applied.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:



Another original intent of the run was to allow “bridging” of the equipment line. This is still deemed acceptable. Below is an example.



In summary, for Events F9-F12, equipment is to be placed on the equipment line with either a minimum of touching or bridging the equipment line. Equipment and hoses must be parallel or perpendicular to the equipment line. The standpipe may be laying so that it is resting on a coupling. Bighted and coiled hoses may touch each other to assist with remaining upright on the equipment line.

Leaning a hose against a branch is acceptable. However, the hose must be as close to vertical as possible, and the coupling end must be touching the equipment line.

The Panel does not believe any of these changes will affect the way teams are undertaking the Events at present but will assist in tidying up some Provincials interpretations of the current descriptions.

The Panel also agrees with the comments that the branch should be coupled to the flake delivery in Events F9 and F10. Teams are welcome to run either way this season. Please remember if the branch is attached it must be in the same orientation as the flaked hose.

Before attempting to flush the hydrant, the standpipe must be coupled to the hydrant thread.

This means both the thread of the standpipe and the thread of the hydrant must be connected before flushing.

Failure to observe this clarification will result in Penalty 2 being applied.

