

Wildflower Triathlon Communications

Assignment: **Start-Finish**

Purpose: Provide emergency communications
 Report the position of key race contestants
 Provide logistical support

Time to be In Position: 0745 hrs (Saturday); 0815 hrs (Sunday)

Primary frequency: 146.730 - PL: 100.0 (Primary Repeater)

YOUR TASK:

To provide information to Race Officials and Announcers as to the positions of runners and cyclists. This information is available to you via Control.

When you call communications, please use your tactical callsign (e.g.: Start-Finish). You will still need to identify with your proper callsign at the appropriate intervals. The race control should be addressed as "Control."

If you call for control and do not get an immediate reply wait one minute. We are operating on two ham channels, handling ambulance dispatch, and monitoring race channel. Also when you call for another unit please direct your traffic through control.

If you have emergency traffic, call for control followed by your tactical call and the words "EMERGENCY TRAFFIC."

ex. "Control, Start-Finish, Emergency traffic"

Control will announce emergency traffic on channel and direct all units to hold traffic until the emergency is cleared. Only call for control if you have urgent or emergency traffic also.

If you see a contestant out of the race, note the contestant number and relay that information to control.

If you witness accident requiring medical attention, notify Control. Monitor your radio carefully as you may need to provide further information for the medical crews. As soon as possible, advise Control the number of patients, and a rough description of the injuries. The communications would go something like this:

Start-Finish: Control, Start-Finish, Emergency Traffic.

Control: Start-Finish, this is Control, go ahead.

Start-Finish: Control, Start-Finish, we have a bicycle accident at the

Start-Finish area, two riders involved, requesting an ambulance.

Control: Control copies, we will dispatch ambulance to Start-Finish.

(At this point, you'll need to walk to the scene to survey the damages. Put on your latex gloves before you get there, just in case.)

Start-Finish: Control, Start-Finish, condition report.

Control: Start-Finish, go ahead with condition report.

Start-Finish: We have two patients, Rider number 243 with minor road rash, and Rider number 723 with a possible broken arm. Continue the ambulance.

Provide as much medical care as you can (within your level of training and ability), and make an attempt to determine which participants will need to be transported via ambulance. If you have other needs (CHP for traffic control, etc.) let Control know as soon as possible. If there is any doubt about the injuries, always error on the side of caution, and let the EMS professionals make the judgment. There's nothing worse than canceling an ambulance when it's really needed. It's no big deal to request an ambulance and have the paramedics determine the patient doesn't need transport.

The event begins at 8:15 with the swimmers in the water. After completing the 1.2 mile swim the contestants will proceed to the 56 mile bicycle portion of the race. You will be notified by Control when you are clear to leave your position and return to the Visitors Center. Advise Control, via radio, when you are departing your position, and again via radio when you arrive at the Visitors Center. If possible, we will send a Rover vehicle to provide transportation back to the Visitors Center

Things to have with you:

- Your complete information packet
- VHF handheld radio (or dual-bander)
- Spare batteries for your handheld
- An earphone for your handheld, or a speaker mic or headset
- Drinking water for yourself
- Pad of paper and pen or pencil
- Latex gloves
- Lunch and snacks
- Sunscreen