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# INTRODUCTION

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It is imperative this Manual is read and fully understood by competition organisers, officials, team managers, coaches and competitors.

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