

EMERGENCY MEDICAL / DISASTER PROCEDURE PLAN

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ROWING REGATTA – EMERGENCY MEDICAL/DISASTER PROCEDURE PLAN

1. EVENT INFORMATION

REGATTA NAME:

REGATTA ORGANISERS:

MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER:

RESCUE SERVICES PROVIDER:

DATES:

Build Up: N/A
Event: 30th & 31st January 2010
Break Down: N/A

TIME:

Build Up: N/A
Event: 07h00 to 17h00
Break Down: N/A

VENUE:

Vaal River - Emerald Safari Hotel River Resort & North West University Vaal Campus
Hendrik Van Eck Blvd.
Vanderbijlpark

P.A.X:

Athletes: Estimated
Spectators: Estimated

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Event Type classification = Low Risk

The event is a rowing regatta, conducted in a controlled environment suitably officiated by trained Rowing Officials both on and off the water with the control lines of authority clearly defined. The control rests ultimately with Regatta Control and the Rowing Safety Officer of the regatta.

The course is suitable demarcated and traffic rules posted. There is a clear programme of events and the sports is a non contact, non impact sport. All boats are suitably checked for safety and seaworthiness prior to launching.

Generally the main safety issues comes from the natural elements such as storms and wind and a lightening detector is present at the Regatta Control.

Regatta Venue Facilities final risk assessment to be conducted by the Regatta Safety Officer on the day of the regatta who will before the regatta is allowed start declare that he is satisfied that it may do so.

2. MEDICAL COMPLIMENT

STAFF AND VEHICLE CONTINGENT:

The dedicated medical resources are provided by:

The dedicated water rescue services are provided by:

The on-site, dedicated medical compliment consists of the following:

- 1. 1 x Emergency ILS Ambulance & 2x Medics (level 5/6)
2. 2 x Emergency Rescue Crafts
3. 4 x Emergency Rescue Personnel (level 5/6) Water Rescue

Total Medical compliment is

1 x Emergency Ambulance, 2 x Rescue Boats & 6 x Medical Staff.

In addition the Regatta Organizers will also have some 3-5 boats on the water as safety/official boats.

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DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICS AND VEHICLES:

The medical staff will be based at the temporary medical facility and will roam the venue. The rescue boats will be on the water at all times whilst the regatta is in progress

The medical facility is clearly marked on a site map, situated in the V.O.C.

The medical staff members will be based on-site at all times. All patients will be treated at the medical facility prior to transportation.

Emergency Vehicles will be based at the temporary medical vehicle parking bays and will be used to transport any critical / priority one patients generated from the event.

MEDIC CONTACT DETAILS

TBC - Refer contact details list

3. HOSPITAL INFORMATION:

PROVINCIAL

The nearest most appropriate Provincial facility is the Hospital. All state/private patients will be referred to this hospital.

PRIVATE:

The nearest most appropriate private facilities are and All medical aid patients will be referred to these two hospitals.

HOSPITAL NOTIFICATION:

All Hospitals will be notified prior to the event. The medical service provider will also follow up with a telephone call on the day prior to the regatta.

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES

Both Private and Provincial Emergency Services will supply the operational ground support. All the services will be notified of the above mentioned event, to make necessary arrangements.

PROVINCIAL SERVICES

The closest provincial EMS is the and the contact is This service will be called in to transport any Priority 2 or 3 indigent patients (non medical aid).

PRIVATE SERVICES

The private EMS of choice will be Netcare911 and ER24. These services will be called to transport any Priority 2 or 3 medical aid patients generated from the venue.

Netcare911's closest resources are situated in the contact is 082 911.

ER24's closest resources are situated in the contact is 084 124.

AERO MEDICAL SERVICES

Netair 911 is the only Medical Air evacuation service in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Netcare 1 is a single engine machine and is based at Grand Central Airport and is only capable of flying during daylight hours.

Netcare 2 is permanently based at Grand Central Airport and is available for flight 24 hours. The 24 hour emergency contact number, which goes straight through to the flight desk controller, is 011 254 1555. Aero medical services are available 24 hours.

The helicopter will only be mobilized provided that the patient falls into the stipulated helicopter call out criteria (weather permitting). The Landing Zone will be decided upon this week. GPS Co-ordinates: TBC

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5. COMMUNICATION

RACE CONTROL:

The regatta will be under the control of a Regatta Controller. This person will be a senior qualified rowing official and will be in the position to make immediate decisions. The Regatta also has its own Safety Officer.

These two officials will be in contact with all the medical personnel and officials on site. They will be responsible for dispatching the medical staff to all medical calls.

In a Mass casualty incident, the V.O.C will work together with the National Call centre's, situated in Midrand. All operational vehicles will be controlled and dispatched from Midrand.

RADIO COMMUNICATION:

The medics and rescue boats will be issued with a VHF line of site 2 way radio. The rowing representative in the V.O.C will have a radio and will dispatch the medical staff.

A full contact list of all medical staff will be with the rowing representative in Race Control as a back-up.

6. CLASSIFICATION OF EMERGENCIES

CLASS 1:

No additional assistance is required – on site resources are capable of dealing with the emergency.

CLASS 2:

Additional resources are required from local EMS – the on-site resources are exhausted in dealing with the incident.

CLASS 3:

Additional resources are required from local authority EMS – the on-site and local EMS crews are insufficient to deal with the incident.

7. NOTIFICATION OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

PROCEDURES

In the event of a medical emergency it will be reported to race control. directly through the listed communication channels i.e. via radio, cell phone, by a member of the public, security etc.

The location and priority of the call will be given to race control. Race control will immediately assess the positioning of the medical teams and will dispatch the closest team accordingly.

MEDICAL RESPONSE

The "on-site" Medic will be dispatched to the scene and the patient will be treated immediately, on scene. The medic will determine the severity of the patient and report back to race control. The patient will be moved to the medical area and depending on his/hers condition either be discharged or transported to the nearest most appropriate facility.

The Regatta Controller will liaise with the receiving hospitals

All minor injuries will be managed on scene or transported to Hospital but this will be left to the discretion of the treating medical staff. (All the above Hospitals will be notified of this event.)

All critical / priority 1 patients will be transported by the dedicated or closest operational Ambulance. Either an Operational Private Ambulance or a Provincial Ambulance will transport priority 2 and 3 patients. (To keep all dedicated resources on-site!)

8. MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS

PROCEDURES

In the event of a Mass Casualty Incident the Senior Paramedic will move to Regatta Control and will work closely with the other Role Players and the national control centre's. All local Authorities will be contacted, including Disaster Management, local Fire Department and Private / Provincial Ambulance services. The Provincial Service will take charge of the scene. Aero medical ambulances will be called in to fly critical patients (see aero medical services for LZ and GPS coordinates).

No emergency care providers will give information to the press or public. All press releases will be done through the venue/ organizer's P.R.O'S regarding emergencies and patients.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

The most senior provincial representative will take charge and facilitate as an incident or V.O.C commander. This person will make all decisions regarding transportation, receiving hospitals etc...

He / She will be in direct contact with the Triage officer. The most senior qualified medical representative on scene will facilitate as the Triage officer.

TRIAGE AREA & RENDEZVOUS POINTS

The other "on-site" Paramedics will create a "Staging Area" or "Triage Area." This area will conform to International Disaster management requirements, with enough access and egress points (parking lot). The Operational vehicles will then be dispatched and controlled through the national call centers situated in Midrand, Sunninghill and Roodepoort respectively.

Operational vehicles will be requested to collect patients via the main entrance. All operational vehicles will be required to stand by in this area in order to facilitate the effective transportation of patients.

All injured patients will be moved to the "Triage area" to receive treatment and be transported to hospital. This will be determined by the severity of their injuries.

Plan approved by:

..... Organising Committee Chairman Regatta Safety Officer Medical Service Provider
Name
Date		

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CONTACT NUMBERS

Position	Name	Telephone No
Regatta Organisation		
Regatta Organiser Chairman		
Senior Regatta Controller		
Regatta Safety Officer		
Regatta Coordinator		
Regatta Land Liaison		
Local Area Contacts		
Resort Management Liaison		
Disaster Management Services		
South African Police		
Emergency Services		
State Hospital		
Private Hospital		
Private Hospital		
Netcare911		082 911
ER24		084 124
Netair911		011 254 1555
Medical/Rescue Staff		
Senior Paramedic		
Land Paramedic 1		
Land Paramedic 2		
Rescue 1 Paramedic 1		
Rescue 1 Paramedic 2		
Rescue 2 Paramedic 1		
Rescue 2 Paramedic 2		