



## **\*RULEBOOK\***

### **1. PRINCIPLES**

1.1. The participants should be enabled, through learning rescue techniques from each other, to help people in accidents more professional and to learn techniques that are more gentle for the patient. It is not the main target of the THL Days 2019 to internationally compete in a technical competition.

1.2. It is explicitly stated that the coaches and teams at the THL Days 2019 show techniques for rescuing people which not necessarily have to lead to the wanted result and therefore a not successful action. Each emergency organisation is responsible for their chosen tools and techniques for the mission the organizer or the coaches will not be liable for success guarantees.

1.3. All participants must be trained in the fields of technical and medical rescue, have to have practice and be actively involved in a fire department or rescue organisation responsible for dealing with accidents in their region.

### **2. PROCEDURE**

2.1. The THL Days 2019 are done in the discipline „STANDARD“. A difficult accident situation is simulated that can be managed with all the provided tools. Maximum time is 20 minutes.

2.2. In the different accident scenarios the vehicles can be in various positions (on the tyres, on the side, on the roof) and simulated fix or lose objects could be around as well as a trapped person could be in the vehicle.

2.3. The accident victims will usually be played by trainers. Only in scenarios were this is not possible, dummies will be used.

2.4. There will be no awards. In order to compare the teams, points will be given to each team. The organizer is free to do a ranking and publish the results. Each team gets a certificate of attendance and a souvenir gift.

### **3. TEAMS**

3.1. A team consists of six members. The incident commander and the medic have to be chosen and announced beforehand. Each team can name one reserve member, who has to be part of the team for the whole scenario.

3.2. If a team member drops out during the simulation accident, the team can, if wanted and with the approval of the head coach, finish the case with the reduced number of members. After a consultation with the organizer a team can also do the scenario with only 5 members.



- 3.3. Team members are required to wear the safety equipment that they usually use in case of an emergency. The personal safety equipment (clothing and helmets) of the participants have to be according to the rules and standards of the respective province or nation. The use of extra eye protection is mandatory. In addition, when sawing glass and other dust causing operations an effective mouth protection of class FFP2 or higher (no towels or neoprene) are required. Hearing protection is recommended.
- 3.4. Violations against the common accident prevention regulations or the instructions of the coaches can lead to disqualification of single team members or even the whole team. In case of a disqualification the team will be out of the event effective immediately without any right to compensation from the organisers.
- 3.5. The Team is obliged to follow the instructions of the organizer and the head coach.
- 3.6. The Team is personally responsible for safety and all that emanates from it. The Team commits itself to not hold the organizer responsible for any violation of proprietary rights.
- 3.7. The incident commander and the medic have to participate in a briefing on the evening before or the morning of the scenario. At the briefing the coaches are introduced and details on the procedure are given.

#### 4. USAGE OF TOOLS

- 4.1. The participants are expected to have some flexibility regarding the selection of the available tools, due to the dependence on sponsors for the tools.
- 4.2. Personal, technical tools in bags or tool belts are possible, if the content of the bags or belts is protected against accidental drop out.
- 4.3. All tools have to be compliant to manufacturer information and have to be according to the accident prevention regulations.
- 4.4. The Team is responsible for the safety when using their brought tools during the scenario. The brought along tools have to be inspected by the head coach or another authorized person prior to the scenario. In case of doubts regarding the safety the usage in the scenario can be denied. Spark generating devices are prohibited.
- 4.5. Each team is responsible for the transport, storage, insurance and guarding of the brought along tools. The organizer cannot be made responsible for the loss or damage.

#### 5. SELECTION OF COACHES

- 5.1. Coaches have to be especially accident experienced emergency personal and team leaders.
- 5.2. For each scenario day there are at least 21 coaches. They are assigned and selected by the organizer. The coaches are as follows: 1 Head coach, 4 coaches for the incident commanders, 4 coaches for the medics, 8 coaches for the tools and safety, and 4 performing as accident victims.
- 5.3. The coaches for incident commanders have to have at least the training as „Zugskommandant“ (translation could be platoon leader).
- 5.4. The coaches for the medics have to have at least the qualification as a Paramedic or equivalent. Furthermore, they have to be in active service in an emergency organisation or have at least 5 years of practical experience as a paramedic or equivalent.
- 5.5. All other coaches have to have the training as a group commander and be in active service in the



training of emergency rescue.

## 6. ASSESSMENT OF TEAMS

- 6.1. The assessment with points does not have the purpose of competition and ranking. The organizer wants the teams to be able to evaluate their performance and therefore optimise their training.
- 6.2. The organizer tries to prevent competition-like behaviour.
- 6.3. All coaches are briefed and controlled to give fair and objective assessments.
- 6.4. Coaches should not hinder the scenario through their presence.
- 6.5. In case of concerns regarding the safety, coaches can interrupt the scenario with a whistle at any time. Those Interruptions will not be counted into the total scenario time.
- 6.6. The head coach or a person delegated by him/her is responsible for the time keeping.
- 6.7. During the scenario all coaches and the team working in the scenario are responsible for the safety in the pit.

## 7. OBJECTIONS

- 7.1. Coaches are assigned by the organizer. With the registration the participants confirm to accept the coaches without contradiction. An objection against the coach as a person or their qualification is not permitted.
- 7.2. All objections against the assessment will be heard and traced back by the head coach. He/She will refer for a decision to the organizer. Objections regarding the malfunction or incompleteness of the tools have to be announced immediately (during the scenario).
- 7.3. All objections against the assessment have to be made in written form. If it is apparent that with the objection individual coaches or the assessment in general are discredited, the Team will be excluded from the event.
- 7.4. The organizer will act determined against rumours and whispering campaigns, which have the sole purpose of discrediting coaches or the assessment.
- 7.5. In case of objections and the interpretation of the rules the German version is applicable.

## 8. REGISTRATION/DESIRED START TIME/CANCELLATION

- 8.1. The registration is not valid until the full fee has been paid (€ 250) and a confirmation from the organizer has been received. Registrations can only be accepted until April 30th, 2019. Invoices must be made within 14 days of the invoice date, in the currency stated.
- 8.2. A free cancellation is possible until August 1st, 2019.
- 8.3. Requests for changes to the schedule are possible only with sufficient justification until September 1st, 2019. An independent exchange of the start time with other teams is expressly prohibited! In all cases, the FF Rohrbach reserves the right to not be able to implement desired changes due to organizational reasons.
- 8.4. With the payment the team accepts the organizer's rules and the exclusion of liability statement. The person that signs the team up declares that the whole team is aware that they participate at their own responsibility and at own risk.
- 8.5. The participants declare with their sign up that they are able to do the fire service and that no health problems stand in their way of participating.



8.6. With the registration the exclusion of liability statement has to be done for the Organizer.

8.7. With the registration the team agrees that: their addresses and personal data will be electronically saved, as well as agreeing that they may be published; the organizer is allowed to conduct interviews, take photos, video – and TV recordings and that those can be used unlimited. Furthermore, that the addresses may be used by the organizer and may be given to the sponsors.

8.8. The team has to register with the organizer as soon as they get to the location of the event.

## 9. BEHAVIOURAL RULES

9.1. Each participant, coach, volunteer and the organizer is expected to act according to the principles of fairness. The organizer will not tolerate unappreciative behaviour. Everybody is responsible for himself/herself.

9.2. All coaches and officials are experienced members of emergency organisations. They aim at a fair and neutral assessment. All participants are expected to respect the person and function of the coaches.

9.3. All participants, visitors, guests are expected to behave companionate and play fair. All participants are expected to respect the property of others and of the organizer and use it accordingly.

9.4. The use of radios or mobile phone is not allowed during the training and preparation time.

9.5. If the head coach determines or suspects that participants are drunk or under drug influenced during the scenarios, the whole team will be disqualified and banned from further participating in the event. In general the alcohol limit during the challenge is zero BAC for all participants.

9.6. The organizer or chief coach may exclude any team of the event at any time. If this may be the case the team has no right for compensation whatsoever.



## \*EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY STATEMENT\*

Organizer: FREIWILLIGE FEUERWEHR ROHRBACH IM MÜHLKREIS  
Date: 20. and 21.9.2019  
Location: Firestation Rohrbach, Gewerbeallee 10, 4150 Rohrbach-Berg, AUSTRIA  
Contact: [thl-tage@ff-rohrbach.at](mailto:thl-tage@ff-rohrbach.at)

### 10. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY STATEMENT

10.1 The organizer keeps the right to make changes to the rules or the exclusion of liability statement. All official changes or announcements will be made on the homepage [www.ff-rohrbach.at](http://www.ff-rohrbach.at). Possible changes will be announced until the registration on the information boards. Those are ultimately valid and binding.

10.2 Every team and its members will ultimately be made responsible for any personal-, property-, or material damages and are liable to not hold the organizer responsible for any damage. The organizer will not be liable for any accidents any kind from the teams or third party. The organizer does not accept liability for any damages or lost items.

10.3 The organizer will not be liable for any accidents to the life, body or health unless it occurred because of their negligence.

10.4 The person that signs the team up agrees that he has the full authorisation of his team members and to accept that the participation is their own responsibility and at their own risk.

10.5 The member declare with their signature that the agree with and accept the organizer's rules and the exclusion of liability statement without contradiction.

TEAM:

COMMANDER:

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Signature

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Date

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NAME( in capital letters):  
  
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