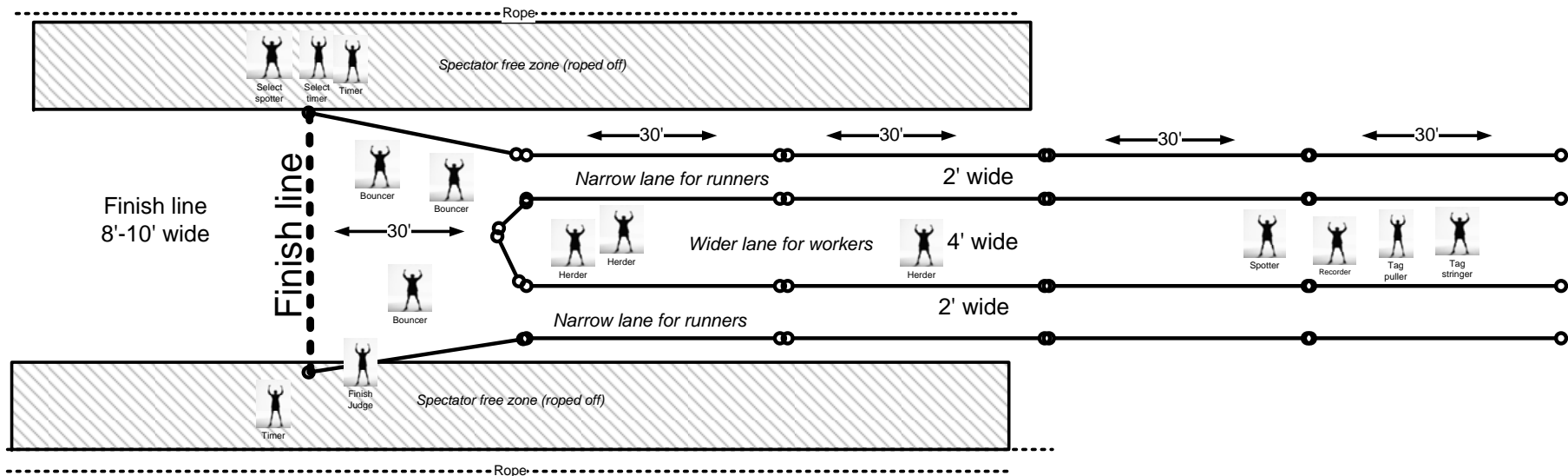


Basic Cross Country Finish Line chute setup for a large invitational meet



Basic Chute setup:

Entire chute should be about 150' long (30' from finish to tight double chute, about 100'-120' of narrow lanes to keep the runners in order until the exit)

Use stakes and yellow caution tape to construct lanes, stakes should be about 30' apart to minimize the "sagging" of the caution tape.

Set up three lanes,

-the two outside lanes should be 24"-30" wide, narrow so the runners are not able to pass each other as they walk through.

-The middle lane should be 48" wide, this is where the workers will stand, allowing them to access either of the narrow lanes.

Also set up a couple of retaining area around finish line area to keep spectators away from finish line

Workers Needed:

- 2 timers running the clocks

- 1 select timer (with a spotter) recording time and bib number of as many finishers as they can without sacrificing accuracy

- 3 or 4 "bouncers" who direct the runners into one of the narrow chutes

- 3 or 4 "herders" who keep the runners moving through the narrow chute, instructing them to "pull their tag"

---NOTE: If a runner goes down and is unable to walk, the bouncers/herders should pull their tag and have a herder walk it through to the end of chute)

- 1 person calling bib numbers to 1 person writing down the bib numbers (they should be middle to back of the chute)

- 1 person taking the pull tags and handing them to 1 person who strings them

Very Important! Tell the tag stringer and people writing down the bib numbers to stay near the BACK of the chute

Using the second chute – If one chute gets backed up, just switch the runners to the second chute, but make sure there is some one to keep them from exiting until the crew has a chance to get their tag and record their bib number. You can use a rope to create a "gate", the finish judge can hold this rope and decide if a switch is needed