

The Arena



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It's easier than you think!



Why?

- Celebrate our top athletes!
- Raise the profile of our sport!
- Prepare our athletes for international events!
- Create excitement!
- Improve image in media and with non-orienteers!



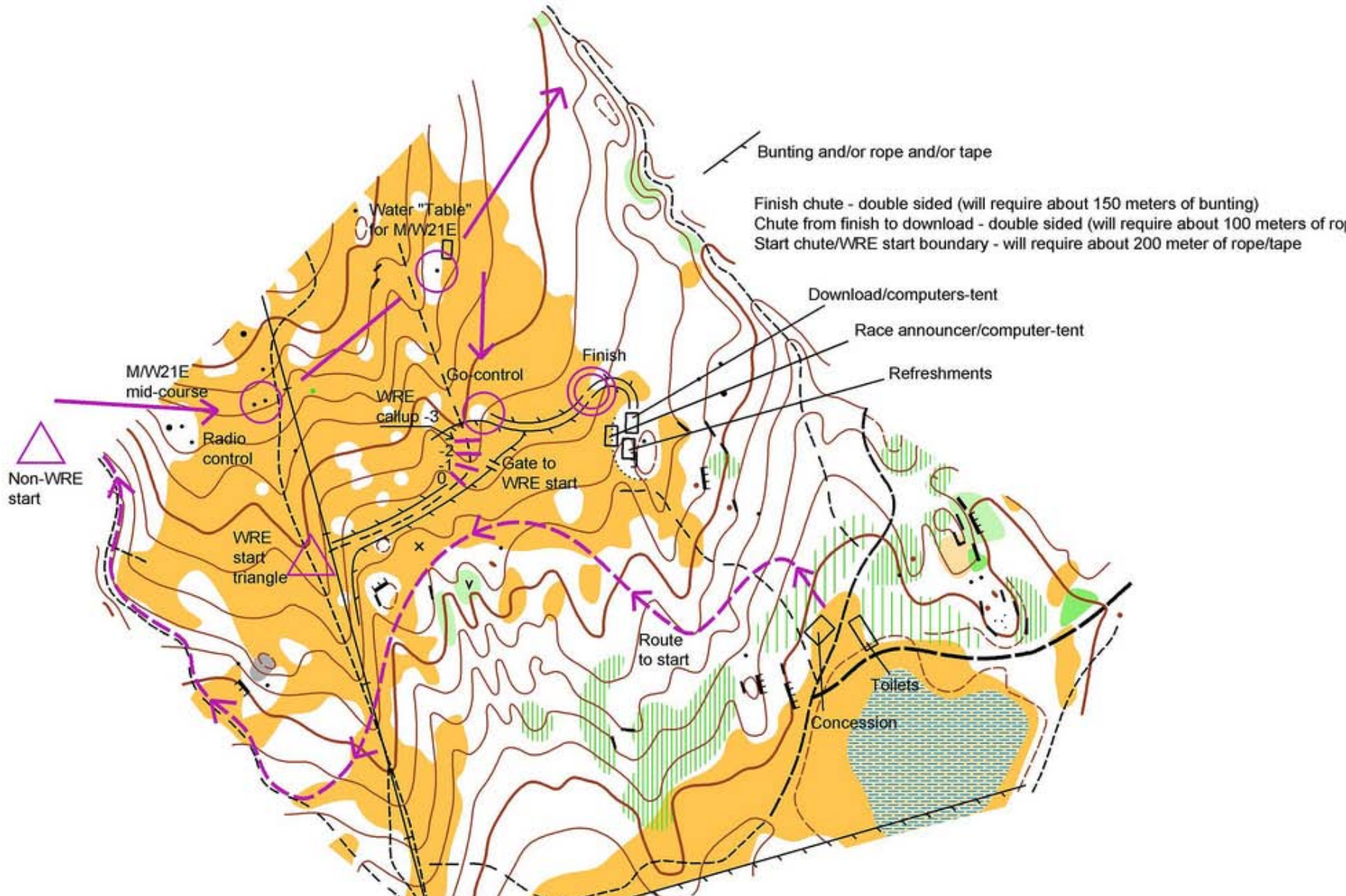
The Basics

- Simple Arena Considerations
- Speakers and microphone
- Announcer
- Start the best runners last – **Red Group**
- Start M/W21E on pre-assigned start times
- Running time for the runners
- MeOS has free speaker module

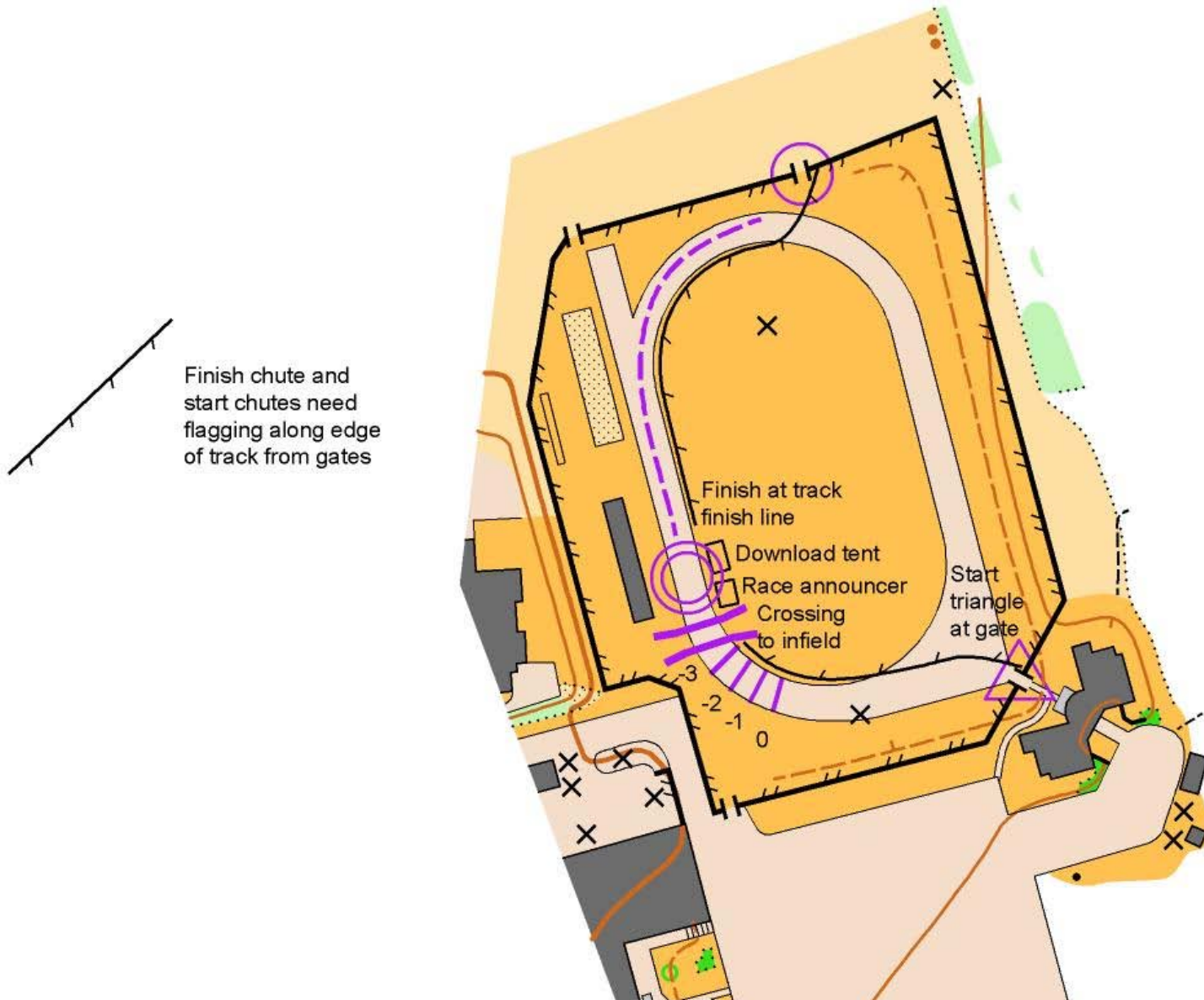
Arena Design

- Start in Arena for M/W21E?
- Spectator Controls?
- Long finish chute!
- Location of announcer's tent?
- Make it festive! Flags and banners!
- Food and drinks for spectators!

NAOC Middle Arena



NAOC Sprint Arena



NAOC Sprint Start



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Red Group

- For M/W21E and M/W20
- Divide start field in 2 or 3 blocks
- Fastest block start last – Red Group
- Random start draw within each block

Red Group

- Size of Red Group – 10 to 15 runners
- Separate time of expected climax for classes
- Red Group Eligibility = Canada Cup Eligibility?
- Have to represent Canadian club in calendar year

Radio Controls

- 1 to 2 minutes before entering arena
- On finish line?
- Speaker support software

Radio Controls

- AOA owns kit
- Can connect to any radio
- Test before event!