RSPCA Undercover Flyball Arena

Quick Reference Guide for Flyballers

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Booking

All Clubs affiliated with the AFA are able to book the RSPCA Flyball Arena free of charge for Race Meetings, Demonstrations, Seminars, Training Days or other Flyball-related events as required.

To book the Arena, event organisers should contact the RSPCA directly via:

eventsbooking@rspcaqld.org.au   0438 470 604

When contacting the RSPCA, please be sure to include

Event Date and Times

Setup Date and Times

It is recommended that event organisers book the Arena as early as possible.

Catering

The Black Cat Café hours are

Monday to Friday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sunday	9:30 am - 2:00 pm

It is recommended to advise the Black Cat Café of any Flyball event to allow the café to resource appropriately. To contact the Black Cat Café :

07 3258 5621   or   eventsbooking@rspcaqld.org.au

The Black Cat Café has indicated that for afternoon/night Race Meetings, they are able to have a number of pre-prepared food options for Flyballers.

Clubs and teams ARE NOT PERMITTED to:

- Cook or use gas on the premises
- Sell food or drink when the Black Cat Café is open

Kitchen

The Arena kitchen may be used by the host club for food storage and preparation (eg officials lunches).

The kitchen must always be available to Flyballers to reheat food and access tea/coffee facilities.

Two commercial urns are provided and these should be filled and turned on at the start of the day.

The kitchen must be left clean and tidy.

Access

Access to the Arena is available on the day prior to an event to lay matting and setup. Exact timings and requirement should be discussed at the time of booking.

During the week, the Arena is used by Happy Paws Happy Hearts.

The RSPCA and Happy Paws Happy Hearts will clear the Arena of all furniture and other items prior to the setup time.

The moveable partitions will need to be pushed back to create one large space for racing and will need to be restored to their original configuration during pack-up.

Keys can be collected from the Black Cat Café during opening hours.

Considerations

Event Organisers should remind all attendees that:

- the RSPCA Wacol Campus is a 24hour animal care facility. Cars must not be parked so as to block the roadway.
- teams should avoid setting up gazebo/team areas along the fence line between Field 1 and the shelter building as dogs are walked on the other side of the fence.
- Field 2 is not available for Flyballers unless this has been specifically requested and approved.
- handlers must pickup after their dogs and dispose of waste in the rubbish bins provided.
- to the North-East of the Flyball Arena next to the Sensory Walk is the Military and Service Working Dog National Monument which recognises the continuing contribution of Military and Law Enforcement dog teams to Australia's internal and external security. **Dogs MUST NOT be toileted in this area. Members observed toileting dogs in this area will face disciplinary action from the AFA.**
- dogs are not permitted off lead anywhere on the premises other than in the racing rings.
- all rubbish must be removed from the Arena and fields and placed in the industrial bins behind Field 3.
- smoking is NOT permitted anywhere on the campus including the fields and carparking areas.

Veterinary Services

The RSPCA Wacol vets are available for competitors in the case of an emergency. The RSPCA Queensland Vet Hospital is located down the driveway to the right of the Adoption Centre. This is not a public clinic however if vets are onsite they will provide care in the event of an emergency.

Alternatively, the nearest 24-hour Animal Emergency Centre is at

Animal Emergency Service (approx. 9 min drive)
34 Goggs Rd,
Jindalee
Ph: 07 3715 9999

Medical Services

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital   (approx. 16 min drive)
Cnr Kessels and Troughton Rd,
Coopers Plains Q 4108
Ph: (07) 3182 6111

Princess Alexandra Hospital   (approx. 19 min drive)
1999 Ipswich Rd,
Woolloongabba Q 4102
Ph: (07) 3176 2111

The Arena

Fields

When the Arena is booked for a Flyball event, Field 1 (the field between the RSPCA building and the Arena) should also be requested at the time of booking.

Air Conditioning

Press the Power button once to engage the After Hours air-conditioning. This will run the air conditioning for two hours. The button will need to be pressed again to re-engage for another two hours.

It is recommended to set a reminder on your phone to restart the air conditioning every two hours.

Windows should be kept closed while the air conditioning is running, as should the roller door at the front of the arena.

Public Address System

New system being installed July 2023. Instructions to be added here once installed.

WiFi

WiFi being installed July 2023. Details to be added here once installed.

Ring Setup

Fencing

The white PVC fencing from the trolleys should be unpacked and placed against the side walls prior to laying the matting. This will prevent the need for the trolleys to be taken over the matting.

The fencing is erected using the red lines on the floor. These lines are the width of the fence posts.

Matting

Each row of matting will require two rolls of matting to run the full length of the ring. The mats used for the running lanes should join under the first jump as this will not be a distraction to the dogs running or pose a hazard if the tape should lift.

The running lane matting of the right lane should be laid first as all subsequent matting will be laid based on the centre matting. (see **Securing the Matting** below)

On the underside of each roll of matting is a number which corresponds to the location the matting should be placed.

There are some pieces of matting labelled 'Extra'. These can be positioned as suggested in Diagram 2. They are used to infill empty spaces to improve the level of safety for dogs running.

Mats are 3' wide. There is one 4' roll which is used to achieve complete coverage of the inbound area.

Tape

The recommended tape is 3M Performance Masking Tape 301+ Yellow 48mm x 55m (3M Product Code: 70006745627).

Approximately 14 rolls are required to secure the matting.

A roll of tape is generally between $9 - $15 and can be purchased online.

Tape should be stored for no longer than 12 months in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

There are two tape applicators located in the storeroom behind the roller door at the rear of the Arena.

Securing the Matting

The painted blue line on the floor indicates the left-hand side of the right running lane mat.

The following steps refer the steps displayed in *Diagram 1 – Securing the Matting.*

Step 1	Line up Right Running Lane on blue line
Step 2	Tape both sides of the matting to the floor
Step 3	Position the next line of matting up against the first line of matting
Step 4	Tape the other side to the floor
Step 5	Tape where the pieces of matting join
Step 6	Repeat from Step 3

Refer *Diagram 2 – Matting Layout* for the sequence and location of mats.

The red line on the floor indicates the fence line.

The black markings on the floor indicate the Start/Finish line, the four jump positions and the box line.

Storing the Matting

Matting must be blown clean from hair/dust/debris prior to being rolled.

All tape must be removed from the matting.

Matting must be rolled onto the carboard tubes into which the metal pipes are placed to store the mats on the trolleys.

Matting is rolled top-side down (eg place the carboard roll on top of the laid matting and roll).

The end of each roll should be taped to the roll to ensure it does not come undone and get caught.

Refer to Diagram 3 – Matting Store Room Layout to position all the equipment in the store room. A copy is also located on the wall of the Matting Store Room.

Run Back

In front of the RSPCA Store Room is a black line on the floor to indicate the Box Line for ring set up with backboards against the wall. When this line is used as the Box Line, the available runback is

With rear fence	65'
With no rear fence	70'

Run-back measurements should be written on the tape on the right side of the mat adjacent to the running lane mat and be clearly visible.

EJS Setup

An audio cable has been installed to allow connection from the speaker to the Timing Console.

A bracket from which to hang the EJS lights is located with the matting and is attached with two nuts.

The speaker is mounted to the same bracket using the screws in the side of the speaker. There is power on the beam for the speaker.

There are two chains above the box in each running lane for the display screens. There is power above each location.

Trestle Tables

There are two tables in the rear storeroom which can be used for teams to store their boxes in between races. These will need to be supplemented with another two tables to allow enough room for all the boxes.

You will also need to provide trestle tables for the Timing Table.

Document Information

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This document is available on the AFA website (flyball.org.au/hosting-a-race-meeting/)

When updated, an updated copy should be circulated to all QLD Club Co-ordinators.

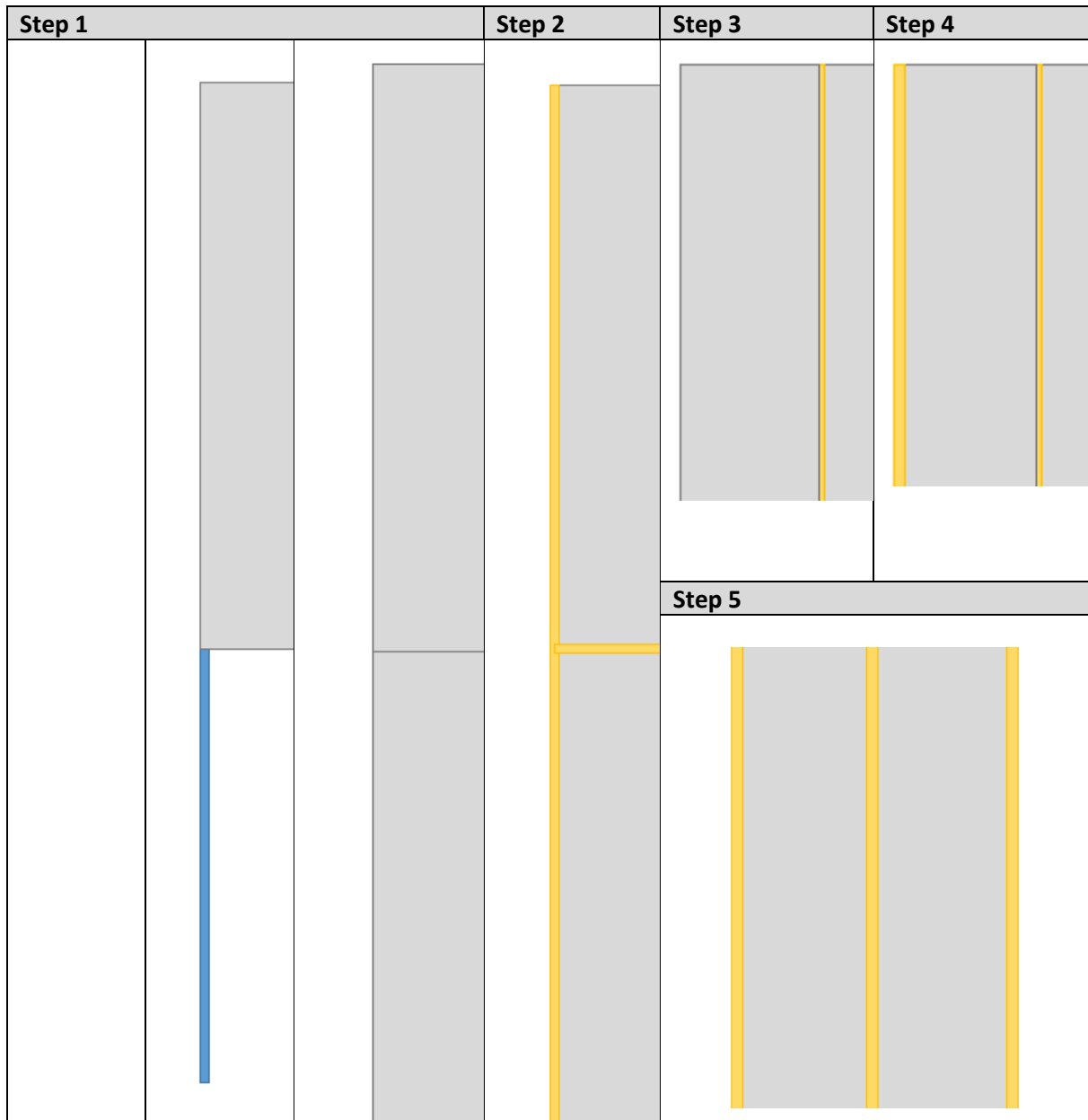| Version	Date	Notes
1.0		Initial Release
2.0	05-11-2022	Access update with new entry keys, Runback measurements added, floor pins replaced with line markings, audio cable added. Updated Matting Layout.
3.0	11-05-2023	Updated booking contact and key collection details. Vet hospital location added.
3.1	08-07-2023	Added PA and WiFi dates. Updated matting layout post CAF1089

Diagram 1 - Securing the Matting

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4

Step 5

Diagram 1

Diagram 2 - Matting Layout (July 2023)

Front (Box end)

14	12	11	4	Ex III	
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Ex IV	3	1	2	Ex V

Ex I	6	5	15	Ex II	13	8 4' Roll	10	9	8	7

Left Running Lane

11 and 15

Right Running Lane

1 and 8
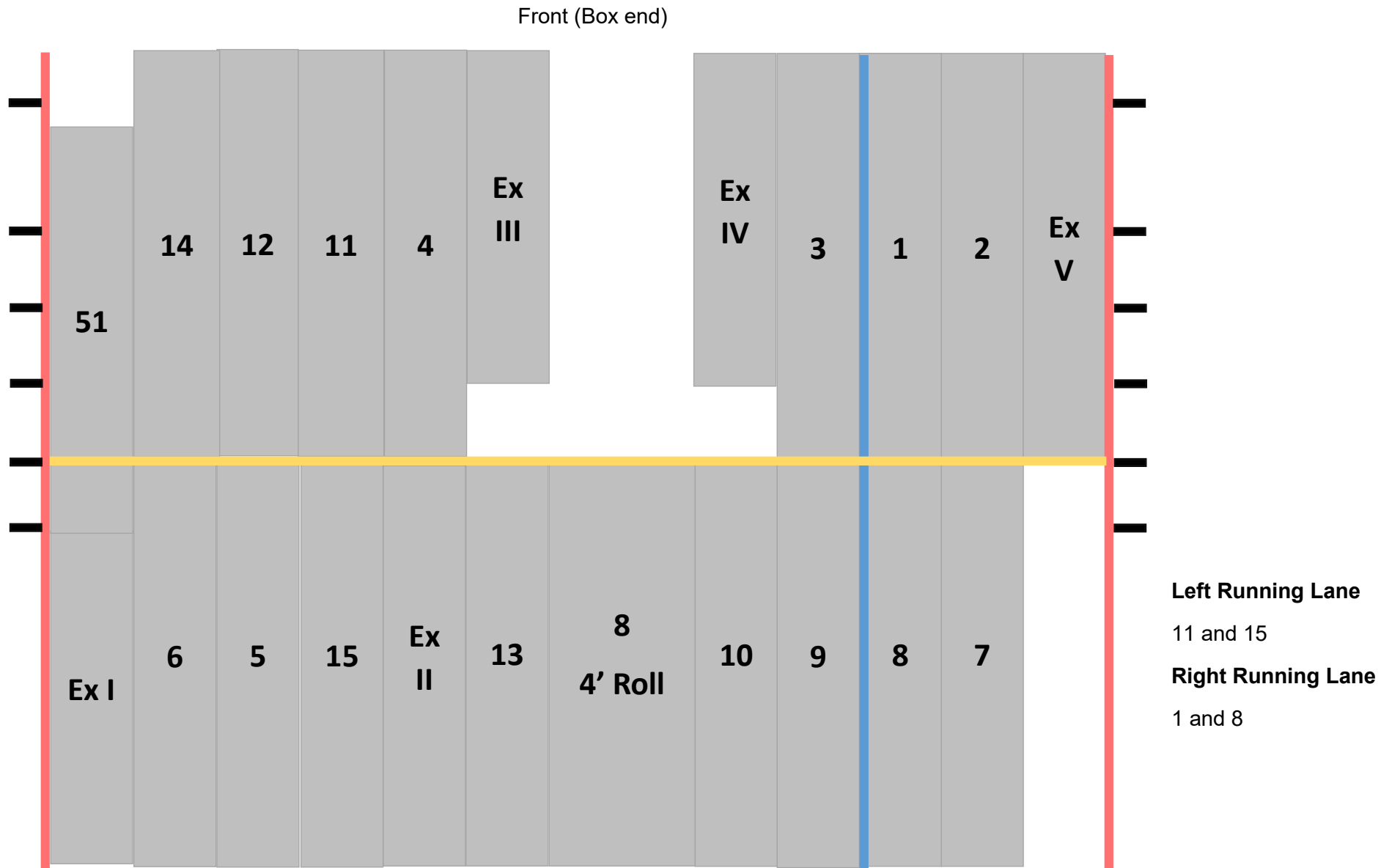
Diagram 3 – Matting Store Layout
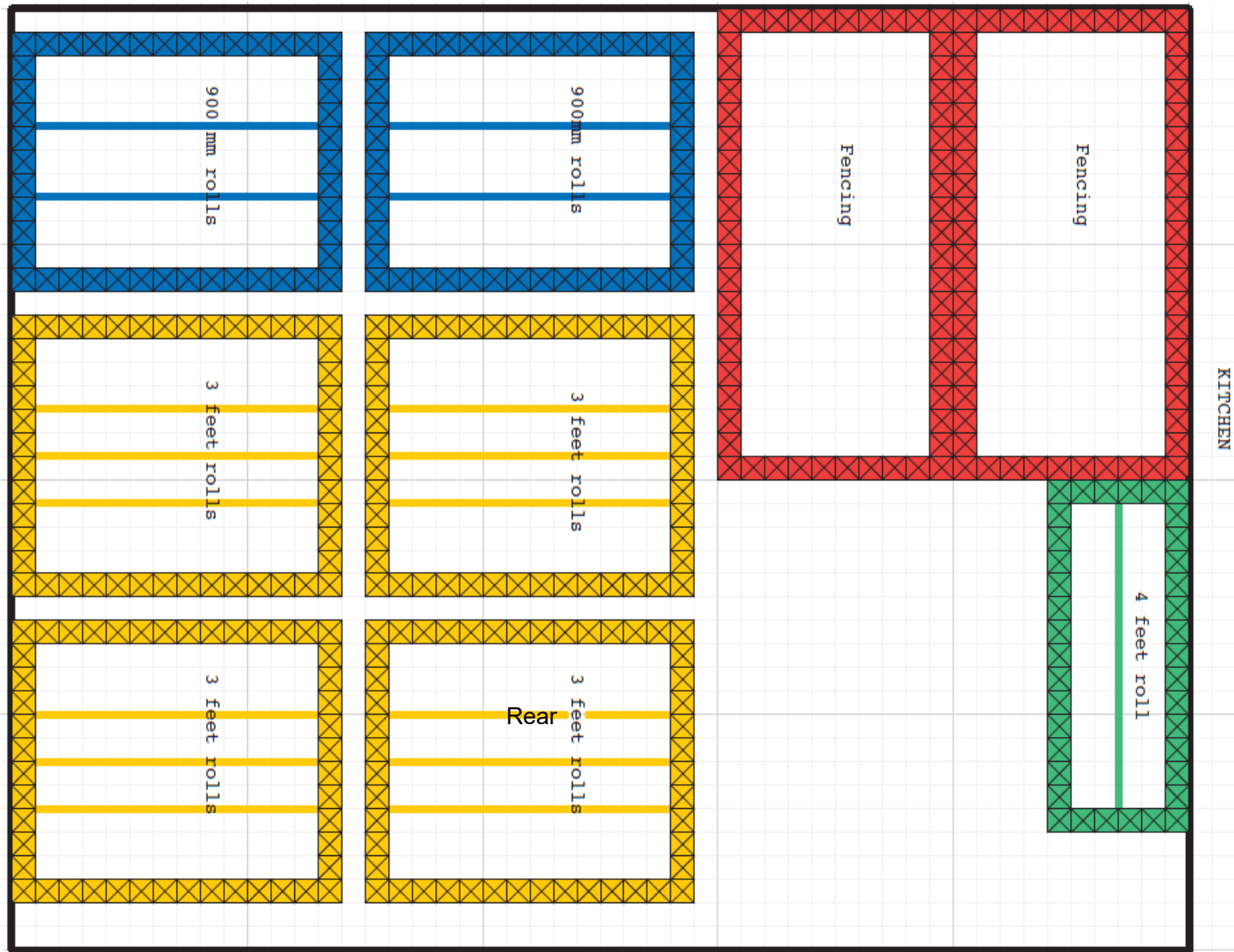
Wacol Race Meeting Checklist

1	Book venue for required dates	
2	Submit event for AFA sanctioning	
3	Notify Black Cat Café of any requirements	
4	Purchase tape	
5	Collect keys	
6	Note partition configuration so it can be restored after pack-up. Move all partitions to the side to create a racing area.	
7	Lay matting	
8	Ensure participants are reminded of considerations above	
9	Blow off matting prior to rolling	
10	Remove tape from matting	
11	Store matting and trestle tables in Matting Store Room	
12	Restore partitions to original configuration	
13	Ensure Arena is clean and tidy	
14	Ensure kitchen is clean and tidy. All cutlery and crockery to be washed and put away	
15	Remove all rubbish (Arena, kitchen, field) into industrial bins onsite.	
16	Secure all doors and return keys	

What to Bring

- Tape
- Tape Measure
- Four (4) trestle tables for Timing Table and boxes
- Backboards
- Jumps
- Sandbags
- Large permanent marker (for run back marking)
- Bin liners
- Air blower to clean off matting before storing
- Chalk line

Arena Layout