



## 1. BASIC PRINCIPLES

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- 1.1. The participants should be better able to provide the necessary assistance to accident victims in a patient-friendly and professional manner by teaching each other possible rescue techniques, some of which have been tried and tested many times. The aim of the THL Days is not for different international teams to compete for a place in a technical exhibition.
- 1.2. It is expressly stated that the trainers and teams will demonstrate techniques for rescuing people that do not necessarily lead to the desired result and thus to the success of the operation. The respective rescue organisation is responsible for the selected rescue equipment and techniques during the operation; neither the organiser nor the trainers assume any guarantees of success or liability.
- 1.3. All participants must be competent in the field of technical and medical accident rescue, have training and operational experience and be active in a fire brigade/rescue organisation that is currently responsible for accident rescue in their compulsory area or response area.

## 2. PROCESS

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- 2.1. The THL days take place in the "Standard" discipline. A difficult accident situation is presented here, which can be dealt with safely and without harming the patient using all the equipment available. The maximum time for this is 20 minutes.
- 2.2. In the accident scenario, vehicles on wheels, lying on their side or on their roof, with simulated fixed and loose objects and with a trapped person (injured person) are to be expected.
- 2.3. The accident victims are usually portrayed by trainers. Training dummies are only used where this is not possible.
- 2.4. No prizes will be awarded. In order to be able to compare with other teams, a points list will be kept. The organiser is free to keep and publish points lists. However, each team will receive a confirmation of participation and a commemorative gift.

## 3. TEAMS

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- 3.1. A team consists of six members. A team leader (group commander) and an inner rescuer must be appointed and named in advance. One reserve member can be named per team, but this member can only be deployed on the entire accident scenario.
- 3.2. If a team member drops out during the accident scenario, the accident scenario can be continued with a reduced number of personnel at the request of the team and with the approval of the head coach. After consultation with the organiser, a team can also consist of only five members from the start.



- 3.3. The team members are obliged to wear the same protective equipment that they use during the operation. The personal protective equipment (protective clothing and helmets) of the participants must comply with the applicable regulations and standards of the respective federal states of Austria and the respective nations. Any deviation of the personal protective equipment from the respective operational clothing regulations is not permitted.
- 3.4. The use of additional eye protection is mandatory. Effective face masks of class FFP2 or higher (no cloths or neoprene) are also mandatory when sawing glass and other dust-generating activities. Hearing protection is recommended.
- 3.5. We reserve the right to disqualify individual team members or the entire team in the event of violations of the current accident prevention regulations or failure to follow the instructions of the coaches or the organiser. In the event of disqualification, the team will be excluded from the event with immediate effect, without any claims for compensation against the organiser.
- 3.6. The teams are obliged to follow the instructions of the head coach and the organiser at all times.
- 3.7. The team is responsible for the handling of the accident scenario and the resulting consequences and undertakes to indemnify and hold the organiser and the coaches harmless.
- 3.8. The group commander and the inner rescuer must attend the briefing the evening or morning before the exercise scenario. At the briefing, the trainers are introduced and details of the course of the THL days and exercise scenarios are announced.

## 4. USE OF EQUIPMENT

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- 4.1. A certain degree of flexibility is expected from the participants with regard to the choice of equipment provided, which depends on the organiser and the agreements with the sponsors.
- 4.2. Personal technical equipment in bags or on tool belts is permitted, provided that the contents are secured against accidentally falling out (lock, etc.).
- 4.3. All equipment must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and in compliance with the relevant accident prevention regulations.
- 4.4. The team itself is responsible for the safety of equipment brought along for the exercise scenario and is liable for any damage caused and must indemnify and hold the organiser harmless. The equipment must be presented to the head coach or persons authorised by him before the event. If there are any doubts about safety, they may refuse to use the equipment in the training scenario. Spark-generating tools are prohibited (e.g. angle grinders).
- 4.5. The team itself is responsible for the transport, storage, insurance and guarding of any equipment it brings with it. The organiser cannot be held responsible for loss, damage or other damage.



## 5. SELECTION OF TRAINERS

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- 5.1. Trainers must be particularly experienced operational and management personnel in accident rescue.
- 5.2. At least 21 trainers are allocated for each training day. These are provided and selected by the organiser. The trainers are divided into: 1 head trainer, 4 trainers for group commanders, 4 trainers for internal rescuers, 8 trainers for rescue and safety teams, 4 injury actors
- 5.3. The trainers for group commanders must have at least the "platoon commander" training.
- 5.4. The trainers for internal rescuers must have at least the qualification "paramedic" or equivalent and be actively serving in a rescue organisation or be able to demonstrate at least five years of operational experience as a paramedic (or at least comparable activity) in a rescue organisation.
- 5.5. All other trainers must have at least a "group commander" qualification and be actively involved in training in the field of emergency rescue.

## 6. SCORING

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- 6.1. The purpose of scoring the teams is not to aim for a competition and thus ranking lists. The organiser's aim is for the competing teams to inform themselves about their current training status and to optimise their further training activities by means of the evaluation forms assessed during the exercise scenario.
- 6.2. The organiser aims to improve the technique and tactics of the accident rescue practised and will therefore try to prevent "competition-specific" behaviour.
- 6.3. All coaches will be intensively instructed and monitored with regard to fair and objective assessment.
- 6.4. Coaches must not hinder the training scenario with their presence.
- 6.5. The coaches and the organiser may interrupt the exercise scenario at any time by blowing a whistle. This does not count towards the practice time.
- 6.6. The head coach or a person authorised by him is responsible for timekeeping.
- 6.7. The head coach and the coaches are responsible for the safety of the participating team during the practice scenario.



## 7. ADMISSIONS

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- 7.1. The trainers are admitted to participation by the organiser. The participants expressly confirm with their registration that the qualifications and persons of the trainers present on the THL day are recognised without objection. An objection to the person and qualification of the trainers is therefore not permitted.
- 7.2. All objections to the assessment will be heard by the head coach, followed up and submitted to the organiser for a decision. Objections regarding the failure or incompleteness of the equipment set must be raised immediately (during the exercise scenario).
- 7.3. All objections to the assessment must be submitted in writing. If it is apparent that the objection is intended to discredit individual coaches or the scoring itself, the team will be excluded from the event.
- 7.4. The organiser will take decisive action against rumours and whispering campaigns aimed at discrediting individual coaches, teams or the evaluation itself.

## 8. REGISTRATION

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- 8.1. Participation is only possible once the full participation fee of EUR 300.00 has been paid and written confirmation has been received from the organiser. Registrations can only be accepted until 30 June 2024 or until the maximum number of 40 groups has been reached. Payment deadline is within 30 days of invoicing. Due to the limited number of participants, the invoice will be issued after successful registration.
- 8.2. Cancellation free of charge is possible until 15 August 2024. After this date, the organiser reserves the right to retain the entire participation fee.
- 8.3. Requests for changes to the schedule are only possible with sufficient justification until 15 August 2024. An independent swap of the start time with other teams must be reported to the organiser immediately and in writing by 15 August 2024. In all cases, the organiser reserves the right not to be able to implement desired changes for organisational reasons.
- 8.4. By paying the participation fee, the team or the persons of this team fully accept the rules and regulations and the organiser's disclaimer. The person making this registration and declaration on behalf of his/her team declares that he/she is authorised to do so by all team members, i.e. that he/she can make this declaration of unreserved acceptance of the organiser's conditions of participation on behalf of all team members and that he/she accepts for his/her team and its members that participation is at his/her own risk and responsibility!
- 8.5. By registering, participants declare that they are fit for fire service and have no health restrictions that would prevent them from participating in the event.
- 8.6. When registering, participants must submit a signed disclaimer to the organiser.
- 8.7. By registering, the team and its members agree that
  - 8.7.1. the personal and address data may be stored and processed electronically and published



- 8.7.2. the organiser - or partners commissioned by the organiser - may make interviews, photos, video and TV recordings and that these may be used without restriction and for an unlimited period of time
  - 8.7.3. the address data may be used by the organiser for advertising purposes and may also be passed on to sponsors
- 8.8. The team must register with the organiser immediately upon arrival at the event venue.

## 9. EVENT RULES

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- 9.1. Every participant, coach, helper and the organiser is expected to behave professionally and to adhere to the basic rules of fairness. The organiser will not tolerate and will prosecute improper behaviour. Everyone is responsible for themselves.
- 9.2. All trainers are experienced rescue, fire and management personnel and will endeavour to provide a fair and impartial assessment. All participants are expected to respect the person and function of the trainers.
- 9.3. Fair play and comradely behaviour is expected from all participants, guests and spectators. The property of other teams and the organiser must be respected and treated accordingly.
- 9.4. The use of radios and mobile phones during the exercise scenario and preparation time is not permitted.
- 9.5. If it is determined or suspected by the head coach that participants are under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the exercise scenario, the entire team will be disqualified without exception and barred from further participation in the event. There is a general ban on alcohol in the pits and a 0.0 alcohol limit applies for participating groups until completion of the run.
- 9.6. The organiser or the head coach is free to exclude a participating team from the THL days at any time. In this case, the excluded team is not entitled to claim any compensation whatsoever from the organiser or head coach.