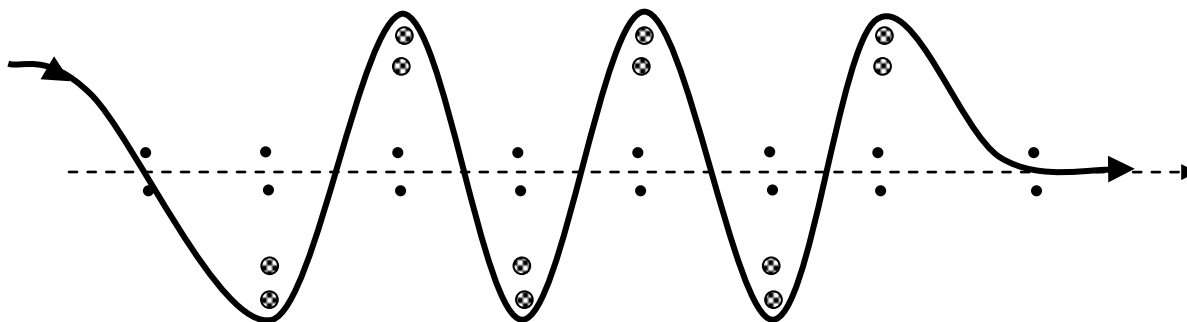




The Slalom Course

Running the slalom course is a big thrill and a lot of fun. A course is laid out using coloured slalom buoys 15 cm in diameter, as shown below. The tow boat follows the dotted line down the centre of the course while the skier follows the solid line. The course shown is the **championship** course. Skiers nominate their starting speed and if they complete the course at that speed they attempt another pass 3 km/h faster. Each division has a maximum speed.



If a skier completes the course at their maximum speed then they stop at the end of the course and tow rope is shortened. This is repeated until they miss the course. A point is scored each time the skier rounds a buoy and makes it back to the centre line of the course.

In the **novice** (also called **intermediate**) course the skier follows the path shown below. This course is easier to complete than the championship course, but has all the elements of slalom so is a great way to get into the event.

