

Flanik's Finishline Finder



Greg Flanik gave us a camera setup tip at the USATF convention that we think is worthy of passing on. He says they have reduced their alignment time to less than five minutes.

You will need a ball of twine and a plum-bob.

1. Set up the camera on the tripod or camera-pole in the APPROXIMATE position.
2. Connect a long length of twine to the camera securing screw (under the camera) and take the other end to the MIDDLE OF THE FINISHLINE ON THE FAR SIDE of the track as shown below. Have a volunteer hold the string taut.
This is the **SIGHT LINE**.
3. On the NEAR SIDE of the track have a volunteer hold the plumb bob so that it is suspended DIRECTLY ABOVE THE MIDDLE OF THE FINISH LINE.
This is the **PLUMB LINE**.
4. Carefully move the tripod/pole either to the left or to the right until the two lines touch.
5. The Camera is now in the PLANE OF THE FINISHLINE. If the camera is level and pointing directly across the track (you may need to carefully pan the camera from side to side) you will be correctly aligned.

