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RIVER ADVENTURE RAFT RACE RULE

At **12:00 noon** on Saturday 3rd September 2022, the rafts will launch on the River Avon alongside the Adventure Centre, King George V Park, Lowbourne, Melksham, Wiltshire.

Raft Race Entry Fee: £5 per person

The organiser invites raft-racing teams to design, build and race their own raft subject to the following rules:

1. Raft race teams shall design and build their own rafts, at their own expense.
2. The maximum dimensions for a participating raft are 4m long by 2m wide.
3. Crew may only propel their raft by single bladed, hand-held paddles/oars and must not incorporate a rudder or any other steering device. Participants to supply their own paddles/oars.
4. Crew must not use any sail (or improvised sail) unless fixed in the same position for the duration of the race.
5. Participants must not use part of a boat or canoe hull in their raft construction.
6. Raft construction must not include any chemically or fuel contaminated or soiled barrels, ropes, paddles or any other similarly foul materials that could pollute the river.
7. Competitors shall not leave any debris in the river or on the riverbank; competitors may request assistance from the support boat to help with the retrieval of debris from the river.
8. By **11:00am**, crew must present their raft to the organiser for a safety and compliance check.
9. By **11:30am**, crew must report to the organiser with emergency contact details, to attend a safety briefing. Crew should wear suitable clothing and a properly fastened buoyancy aid as provided by Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club. No crew member shall be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The organiser may bar any crew member from participation if he/she considers that crew member is unfit to compete. The organiser's decision is final in all matters.
10. Each raft will have a maximum crew of six including a nominated captain.
11. Every crew member must be at least 16 years of age, and be capable swimmers (i.e. be able to swim at least 25m in a swimming pool).
12. Competitors shall not obstruct or affect in any way, any other competitors or rafts; the organiser may disqualify any offending crews.
13. All competitors are advised that there is some risk associated with their participation in this activity. Whilst every effort has been made by the organisers to minimise this risk as far as possible, competitors are expected to familiarise themselves and fully comply with the rules of participation, pay particular attention to the safety briefing - and enter at their own risk. The organisers shall accept no responsibility for loss or damage to persons or property, howsoever caused.
14. Participants agree to the use of photographs taken during the race for publicity and promotional purposes.
15. **HAVE FUN!**

The organisers shall decide the race format depending on river and weather conditions and the number of entries. The course will be a maximum of 1km long and will start and finish alongside the Adventure Centre. There is a maximum number of 5 rafts for this race.

Raft Construction Safety Notice

For your own and the safety of all other race participants, please ensure that none of the materials or components used in your raft's construction have sharp or jagged edges that could cause injury either when fixed in place or in the event your raft breaks up.

**£100 FOR THE RAFT RACE WINNERS;
£50 FOR 2ND PLACE;
£50 FOR THE BEST TURNED OUT CREW AND RAFT**



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