

LAKE KUNUNURRA RAFT RACE

RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

BUILD IT. PADDLE IT. TAKE ALL OF IT HOME.

These rules are intended to support a safe, fair and environmentally responsible community event. Entry in the race confirms that each team accepts these rules and any reasonable directions issued by race officials.

1. Raft Construction

- Each raft must be purpose-built for the event. It must not incorporate any part of a boat, canoe, kayak, dinghy, pontoon, stand-up paddleboard or other manufactured watercraft.
- Commercially manufactured paddles or oars are permitted. Propulsion must otherwise be entirely human-powered.
- Motors, engines, propellers, sails, batteries or any other powered propulsion system are prohibited.
- Ropes, straps, cable ties, bolts and similar fasteners may be used, provided they are secure and do not create an injury hazard.
- The raft must be sufficiently robust to remain substantially intact for the duration of the race. Sharp projections, exposed nails, screws, metal edges or similar hazards are prohibited.

2. Flotation Materials

- Flotation may be provided by clean, non-polluting materials such as sealed plastic containers, clean drums, pipe, enclosed foam or other suitable buoyant materials.
- Oil drums, fuel drums, chemical containers, or any container previously used to hold hazardous, toxic or polluting substances are prohibited, even if subsequently cleaned.
- All flotation containers must be clean, securely sealed and firmly attached to the raft.
- Materials likely to break up, dissolve, shed particles or otherwise pollute the lake are prohibited. Exposed friable polystyrene or similar foam must not be used unless fully encapsulated.

3. Environmental Protection

- Only clean and uncontaminated materials may be brought into contact with the lake.
- Rafts must not contain oil, fuel, grease, chemicals, untreated waste products or other substances capable of contaminating the water.
- Paints, sealants and coatings must be fully cured before the raft enters the water.
- Nothing may be deliberately discarded into the lake. Any raft component that becomes detached must be recovered where it is safe to do so.
- Race officials may refuse entry to a raft that presents an unacceptable pollution or environmental risk.

4. Mandatory Clean-up

- Each team is responsible for every component and material used to construct, decorate or operate its raft.
- At the conclusion of the event, the entire raft must be removed from the water and all materials, broken components, ropes, cable ties, decorations, packaging and rubbish removed from the event sites.
- Rafts or materials must not be abandoned at the start, finish, shoreline, boat ramp or any other location.
- Failure to remove raft materials may result in disqualification and exclusion from future events.

5. Team Responsibility

- Each team must nominate a Team Captain who is responsible for the team, the raft and compliance with these rules.
- The Team Captain must ensure all team members attend any required briefing and understand the race course, safety requirements and officials' directions.
- Teams participate at their own risk, subject to the organiser's legal obligations, and must complete all registration, waiver and briefing requirements before taking part.

SAFETY, RACE CONDUCT & EVENT CONTROL

6. Participant Safety

- Every participant must wear an appropriately fitted personal flotation device (PFD) whenever they are on the water. PFDs must be in serviceable condition and must not be modified.
- Participants must be capable of safely taking part in the event while wearing a PFD and must wear suitable footwear for launching, racing and recovering the raft.
- Alcohol or illicit drug consumption by participants before or during the race is prohibited. A participant who appears impaired or otherwise unable to participate safely may be excluded by officials.
- Participants must comply immediately with instructions from race officials and event safety personnel.

7. Pre-race Raft Inspection

- Every raft must pass a pre-race inspection before it is permitted to launch.
- Officials may inspect raft construction, buoyancy, flotation materials, stability, fastening methods, sharp objects and potential environmental hazards.
- Officials may require reasonable modifications or refuse entry where a raft is considered unsafe, insufficiently buoyant, environmentally unsuitable or inconsistent with the intent of the event.
- Passing inspection does not transfer responsibility for the raft's design, construction or safe use from the team to the event organiser.

8. Race Conduct

- Teams must start with the required number of registered participants and follow the designated race course and all start, finish and checkpoint instructions.
- Only paddles, oars or direct human propulsion may be used during the race.
- Deliberate collision, ramming, blocking, towing, interference with another raft or other unsporting conduct is prohibited.
- Teams must provide reasonable assistance to a participant in distress where it is safe to do so. Safety takes priority over race position.
- A team directed by an official or safety vessel to stop, alter course or leave the water must comply immediately.

9. Lake, Site and Wildlife Protection

- Participants must respect other legitimate lake users and keep clear of any exclusion areas identified by event officials.
- Teams must not intentionally approach, interfere with, feed or disturb wildlife.
- Participants must minimise unnecessary entry into the water and must use the designated assembly, launching, finishing and recovery areas wherever directed.
- Teams must avoid damaging vegetation, shoreline areas, public infrastructure or other property at event sites.

10. Event Control and Decisions

- The Race Director may delay, shorten, alter, relocate or cancel the race if weather, water conditions, safety concerns, emergency response requirements or another hazard makes this necessary.
- Officials may impose a time limit and may direct a team to withdraw where continued participation could delay event operations or create a safety risk.
- Costumes and decorations are encouraged provided they do not compromise visibility, movement, buoyancy, participant safety or environmental protection.
- Where there is doubt about compliance with these rules, the Race Director's decision on race participation, conduct and results is final.

ENTRY CONDITION: By launching a raft, the team confirms that it accepts these rules and will comply with all reasonable race-day directions issued by event officials.