

General Race Rules

Safety Gear: Capable swimmers and equipped with adequate self-righting life jackets. Participants must provide their own life jackets.

Protective Headgear: Participants are strongly advised to wear lightweight protective headgear such as canoe or cycling helmets.

Raft Construction: Rafts must be made out of materials provided within the time limit.

Scrutineering: Rafts must undergo scrutiny for safety and compliance with rules before launch.

Debris Removal: Crews are responsible for removing their rafts and debris from the river and The Marina after the race.

Safety and Health: Participants must ensure personal safety, hygiene, and health precautions, including showering after the race.

Designated Captain: Each raft must have a designated captain responsible for crew safety and raft navigation. Captains must attend a safety briefing before the race.

Alcohol and Drugs: No alcohol or drugs are permitted on rafts or in crew possession before or during the race.

Emergency Procedures: Crew members falling into the water must swim to safety and await further instructions.

Sportsmanship: Foul language or abusive behaviour will result in disqualification. This is a family.

Dispute Resolution: Disputes or protests must be submitted in writing to race officials within 30 minutes of race finish.

Race Official Authority: Race officials reserve the right to disqualify rafts or crew members for rule breaches or inappropriate conduct.

Weather Contingency: Race may be modified or cancelled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Participant Agreement: All participants agree to abide by Winsford Raft Race Rules and follow race officials' instructions.

Indemnity: Participants acknowledge and accept the risks associated with raft racing and absolve organisers of responsibility for loss or injury.