

GB Wild Water Racing

Site Specific Risk Assessment: Holme Pierrepont White Water course

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RISK ASSESSMENT

L=LOW RISK (IF ADVICE FOLLOWED); M=MEDIUM RISK AND H=HIGH RISK (IF ANY RACE RISK DEEMED HIGH THEN RACE TO BE MOVED OR CANCELLED DUE TO BEING ADVERTISED AS SUITABLE FOR NOVICES)

HAZARDS	RISK TO WHOM	RISK AVOIDANCE, ACTIONS AND ADVICE	RATING IF PRECAUTIONS ETC FOLLOWED
PADDLER CONTROL	Paddlers	<p>A briefing will take place before the event in the form of a short meeting or by the issue of briefing notes depending on covid restrictions at the time of the race</p> <p>All entrants or person in “loco Parentis” must complete a separate WWR entry form stating paddler is competent and fit to race the WWR race on the conditions and distance etc. on the day.</p> <p>All Paddlers and parents must follow instructions and comply with any safety, plans and directions from the organisers. It is their responsibility to acquaint themselves with this.</p>	L
RACE ORGANISER	Organisation	Wild Water Racing Committee as part of British Canoeing either individual or as a member of a British Canoeing affiliated club: Hold a 10 million pound third party liability insurance.	L
MEMBERSHIP	Organisation and Paddlers	All competitors are required to be a current member of one of the National Associations (BC,SCA,Canoe Wales,CANI)	L
COMPETENCE	Paddlers	<p>Paddlers are solely responsible for their own competence, medical fitness, endurance to complete the race and issues and welfare undertaking the race in the conditions present on the day.</p> <p>All entrants will complete an online entry form stating competence. For Under 18 paddlers, an adult with “Loco Parentis” for them entering and attempting the race and with knowledge of their ability will be required to sign as to their</p>	L

		competence to race on the conditions on race day.	
START AND FINISH NUMBERS MATCHING	Organisation and Paddlers	All paddlers will have a start number and start time allocated. Start and finish numbers will be compared. Paddlers will be briefed on ensuring they do not leave the race area without first reporting their withdrawal. Contact details will be held on entry forms if needed.	L
SITE SPECIFIC			
NON PADDLERS & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	Both	The location is part of a country park and there are often member of the public on the banks of the course. Paddlers should watch when they move boats around, paddles etc. Also it is suggested no paddler under 16 should be allowed to move around the centre for any reason e.g. taking canoes to river, going to the toilets etc., on their own (nor be left on their own).	L
PROTECTED LAND AND PRIVATELY OWNED LAND	Both	Much of the race course has a public footpath along both banks of the course.	L
WATER GETTING IN AND OUT			
GETTING IN AND OUT SLIPWAY	Paddlers and spectators	All WWR paddlers or officials getting on the water MUST wear a buoyancy aid. ALL paddlers MUST also wear a safety helmet. Spray decks are highly recommended It is recommended officials doing start and finish and parents, spectators etc., if on the bank and potentially prepared to intervene in a rescue wear a buoyancy aid. Paddlers to be careful getting in and out and request assistance if required.	L
MUDDY BANKS	Paddlers and Spectators	The banks at HPP are normally very slippery with green algae, take care getting on and out.	L
RIVER CONDITIONS	Paddlers	HPP is an artificial course and the flow can be adjusted, it is also dependant on the natural level of the river. Only under extremely high conditions is the course closed and this is at the discretion of the centre management.	L
CONDITIONS WIND,WEATHER ETC., E.G.	Paddlers and Spectators	Review on day of race.	L
BOATS MOORED AND CHAINS/ROPES	Paddlers	There will not be other users on the course, however if you warm up and cool down on the river Trent there is other river traffic and moored boats. There are a few place where boats are moored with chains, ropes etc., between them or mooring them DO NOT cut over these you can get trapped or pulled under	I
RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE TRENT	Paddlers	There may be some boat traffic on the river especially other canoeists, rowers and rafts, treat other craft with respect.	L
OVER HANGING TREES BRANCHES ETC	Paddlers and Spectators	No overhanging trees on the course care should be taken went on the river Trent.	L

CAPSIZE			
CAPSIZE	Paddlers	<p>IN ALL CASES THE PADDLER TAKES PRIORITY OVER SAVING BOAT AND/OR EQUIPMENT</p> <p>WWR code of conduct requires all paddlers to offer support to other paddlers when requested or if they see someone in potential difficulty with penalty of disqualification for life from competitive canoeing unless at risk/danger themselves.</p> <p>The paddler should get to the bank as quickly as possible with their canoe and paddle if they can. If they need help they MUST stop the next paddlers by calling for help from them. The water current may be strong and some paddlers may have difficulty in swimming against this. The finished paddlers must be alert to the paddlers on the race course and go to help immediately. Experienced paddlers will be asked to stay on the water (if they agree) to assist with safety in addition to the two finish paddlers on standby.</p> <p>NB: If a boat is lost downstream then please let the race organisation know so emergency service can be notified to prevent any unnecessary searches being started.</p>	L
BOAT SPECIFIC			
SAFETY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT		Paddlers are required to ensure their safety clothing and equipment is in accordance with current safety regulations in WWR.	L
CANOE FLOTATION	Paddlers	All boat must comply with the current wwr safety rules	L
ILL HEALTH INJURY			
ILL HEALTH and or INJURY	Paddlers	If you can pull to the side or a safe bank area, or an area you can beach boat or hold on safely to something if you can get out and rest on bank. Call for help in any situation and report to the race organiser for first aid or treatment on site or wider help. Contact to race first Aider.	L
HYPOTHERMIA/HEAT STROKE	Paddlers and spectators	<p>Paddlers can withdraw from race by attracting other paddlers' attention.</p> <p>Wear clothing appropriate to conditions and that suits your own bodily temperature control needs.</p>	L
WEILS DISEASE	Paddlers	<p>WEIL'S DISEASE</p> <p>Weil's Disease is a RARE but very serious illness which is caused by bacteria carried in the urine of rats (and some other animals). It can be contracted anywhere but especially around waterways. The descending scale of risk is: Stagnant water, canals and slow moving rivers (particularly after flash floods), swifter streams.</p>	L

		<p>Precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid capsize drill or rolling in stagnant or slow moving water • Wash or shower after canoeing Cover minor scratches on exposed parts of the body with water-proof plaster • Use foot-wear to avoid cutting feet <p>Should you become ill after canoeing (2-19 days) with a flu-like illness (temperature, aching limbs & joints) call your doctor and tell him/her you are a canoeist and may have come into contact with the Leptospirosis bacteria - see your Yearbook Contact the British Canoeing Office for more information – see for standard handout please.</p>	
FIRST AID	All Participants	Jamie Christie 07736 959396 is the qualified first aider on site for the event.	
EVENT SAFETY OFFICER	All Participants	Ian Tomlison	
EMERGENCY			
EMERGENCY	Paddlers and Spectators	Call 999 or 112 and request the correct service, explain the situation and contact the race organiser as soon as possible.	L

COVID SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT, **Will only be applied if Government of BC Policies require it**

Entries	Paddlers/organisers	Entries should be made online via the website www.wildwater.org.uk late entries will not be ranked in the startlist and added to the end of the start list	L
Start List	Paddlers/organiser	Start list will be published on the wwr website and social media shortly after closing of entries, no start list will on display at the venue to avoid participants congregating	L
Race Numbers	Paddlers	No bibs will be issued, race number must be displayed clearly on the front of the boat in a clear way that is visible to the organisers	L
Travel to the Event	All participants	Is outside the control of the organisers. It is advised everyone attending the event should check the latest government advise before travelling with regards the car sharing and minibus travel and social distancing.	L
Accommodation	All Participants	Is outside the control of the organisers. Overnight accommodation, should be permitted by the time of the event, participants need to assess the level of risk present to them as an individual and take any precautions necessary.	L
Camping	All Participants	No Camping is available on site.	L
Toilet Facilities	All Participants	Basic toilet facilities are available on site in the centre.	L
When on site	All Participants	Each individual needs to maintain social distancing. No gathering of more that 6 people is permitted unless from the same household or bubble.	L

		Inspection of the rapid must be done in groups of less than 6 and must follow social distancing.	
Briefing	Paddlers	A briefing may take place prior to the race or briefing notes will be issued depending on covid restrictions at the time. If an actual briefing is required it will take place in small groups of no more than 6 paddlers outside and social distancing will be maintained. Face masks are advised to be worn at the briefing. A timetable of briefings will be published with the start list along with the briefing notes on WWR website and social media.	L
Practice	Paddlers	Any practice of the race course is outside the organisers control and at the paddlers own risk.	L
Classic Course shuttles	All	Car sharing is not permitted with someone from outside your household or your support bubble unless your journey is undertaken for an <u>exempt reason</u> .	L
Race Organisers Starters and Finishers	Organisation	Organisation should be able to maintain 2m distance most of the time, when this is not possible masks will be worn.	L
Boat Scrutineering	Paddler/Organisers	The Scrutineer will wear gloves and face mask and will check without touching equipment, condition of buoyancy aid, helmet and that airbags are present only.	L
Crew Boats	Paddlers	Crew boats are permitted but greatly increase the risk of transmitting Covid, participants need to understand these risks and decide for themselves if they are want to partake. The Organisation assumes that crews train together regularly and do not mix and match. No multiple crew boat entries will be permitted.	L
The Race	Paddlers	The race is Time trial format with starts at 1 minute intervals and social distancing should be possible at all times. Paddlers should take care at the start during their warm up and at the finish whilst doing their safety cover and warm down before leaving the water.	L
Results	All Participants	No results will be published at the site, these will be posted on the website and social media as soon as possible. After publishing, a 30 minute protest time will be allowed after which time if no protests are made they will become the official results.	L
Post race	All Participants	Everyone is reminded not to congregate after the race but to leave the venue as soon as possible.	L
Timing Equipment	Organisers	We will have backup cameras at the start and finish. Timers packs will be prepared a few days prior to the event and issued to the timers at the event. Each timer will keep the same pack for the entire event. It will contain Stopwatches, clipboards, start sheets, pens.	L

		All organisers will be given a small jar of hand sanitiser to use as they require through the event. No other shared equipment is required.	
Track and Trace	All Participants	As part of the entry process each paddler must add the details of anyone they will be travelling with which will be passed to track and trace services if required should the need arise.	
Signage	All Participants	There will be limited signage at the event to remind participants of social distancing, regular reminders will be sent to all participants via social media during the event from the organisers.	
Covid event officer	All Participants	Covid event officer is Helen Christie	