

Race Rules- The Impossible

1. Surfski/kayak entrants will conform to ICF Ocean Racing Rules and SUP entrants to the ISA Rulebook SUP section unless varied by the local race rules listed below.
2. All craft may be scrutineered for safety. They must have positive buoyancy, be watertight and meet the specifications for the class that they have been entered.
3. Competitors must follow the course as described in section 2 or surpassed by the official briefing.
4. Competitors must obey any instruction given by an official, including the command to abort the race.
5. Competitors must give assistance to others in difficulty – time redress may be claimed upon application to the chief official.
6. All paddlers must carry at least 750 mls of drink. This must be attached to the person or craft.
7. Minimum age for all competitors is 17 years on the day of the race, unless approved by the Race Director.
8. Race number must be affixed securely to the left side of the front (bow) deck.
9. All paddlers are to wear Type 1, 2, 3, or 50 PFDs and fluoro hi-vis vests/shirts on their outermost layer. A hi-vis PFD will negate the need for a separate vest.
10. Paddlers must carry at least one “in date” personal, orange smoke day-flare (NOT red night time flares) attached to the craft or person.
11. Paddlers must carry either a mobile phone in a water-proof bag that is attached to their person or an approved personal locator beacon. Devices must have the mobile phone number of the race safety officer (provided on race morning at briefing) saved as the last number dialled.
12. Paddlers must have a leg leash attached to a fixed point on their craft and the paddler’s leg. It is also recommended that a paddle leash attaches their paddle to their craft. (In the event that a paddler loses contact with his/her craft, it is often not possible to swim freely with a paddle). Leg leashes must be removed when within a surf zone.
13. Competitors may only use a paddle that conforms to the craft specifications or arms in the case of cat e. No sails or other means of propulsion are allowed.
14. Organisers reserve the right to accept, reject and cancel entries.
15. Protests must be made in writing and given to the Race Director within fifteen minutes of the announcement of the provisional results. All decisions of the Race Director will be final.
16. Each entrant must sign the indemnity declaration on the entry form before the event. If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.

PENALTIES

1. Participants who inadvertently miss a turning buoy or mark and gain an advantage that is estimated to be less than 20 seconds will receive a one minute penalty.
2. Participants who miss a turning buoy or mark and it is deemed deliberate by officials or the gain is estimated to be greater than 20 seconds, will be disqualified