

*The Cataract Australian White Water
Rafting Championships 15th & 16th January
2005*

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**THE AUSTRALIAN WHITE WATER RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
“ CATARACT GORGE ” ESK RIVER LAUNCESTON TASMANIA 2005**



Australian Rafting Federation

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RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS.

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU GIVE UP ANY RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO RECOVER COMPENSATION THROUGH THE COURTS OR OTHERWISE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURIES, DAMAGE TO YOUR PROPERTY, OR YOUR DEATH ARISING OUT OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE AUSTRALIAN WHITWATER RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005 EVEN IF YOUR INJURIES OR DAMAGE ARE CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PERSONS RELEASED.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

1. I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that there are inherently high risks and dangers associated with whitewater paddling on natural rivers such as the Cataract Gorge section of the South Esk River in Tasmania. I understand that participating in the AUSTRALIAN WHITEWATER RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005 by its very nature involves paddling on dangerous whitewater potentially causing serious injury or death and that I am aware of the hazards involved. I understand that the hazards include but are not limited to powerful currents, waterfalls, rocks / boulders, collision with other competitors or their equipment, holes, and whirlpools. Furthermore I accept that the difficulty grading of the river may be different from my own and that I will accept responsibility to fully assess and manage all hazards and risks prior to participating in as well as during the event and/or event warm-up. This may include voluntary withdrawal from event if I deem it too difficult and/or dangerous for my level of experience and skill.
2. I agree to fully assume the risks and dangers, regardless of their nature.
3. In my judgment, I have sufficient skill, competence and experience to participate safely in the event. I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently trained for participation in this event, and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person.
4. a) In consideration that my entry has been accepted for Australian WhiteWater Rafting Championships 2005, **I RELEASE AND DISCHARGE** the Australian Rafting Federation; its administrators, managers, representatives and volunteers; the land owners, managers or custodians of the land over which the event is run; all sponsors, community organisations, as well as any other corporation or person directly or indirectly involved in this event **from any claims or right of action in relation to any loss, damage or injury**, howsoever caused **including a claim caused by negligence of those persons** that I might sustain before, during, or after this event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities mentioned in paragraph 4(a) above from any and all liabilities, claims or actions (including negligence) whatever or however caused that they may occur arising as a result of, or in connection with, directly or indirectly, my participation in or traveling to or from The Australian WhiteWater Rafting Championships 2005.
5. I acknowledge that the organisers reserve the right to alter the advertised course if conditions warrant. If conditions warrant the cancellation of the event, no refunds will be issued.
6. I understand that in the event of my withdrawal prior to the competition date the refund given, if any, is at the discretion of the organisers.
7. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed necessary in the event of injury, accident, or illness during the event.
8. I understand that during the event or related activities I may be photographed or filmed. I agree to allow my photograph, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by The Australian Rafting Federation, the sponsors and or assigns.
9. I agree to abide by the event rules and understand that my entry may be voided if in the opinion of the organisers I break any of the rules, or through my actions or behavior bring the event into disrepute. I further understand that the organisers reserve the right to reject any entry without having any justification for their actions.
10. I agree to accept the any decision by organisers to exclude me from the event if they consider my skill, competence or experience to be insufficient to participate safely in the event.
11. **I hereby certify that I will be eighteen (18) years of age or older before or on January 14th 2005.**

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Australian White Water Rafting Championships 2005

ENTRY CONDITIONS (COPY x 7 per team)

1. All applicants must complete the Entry Form, pay the Entry Fee, read and sign the RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS FORM and send to arrive by the close of entry specified.

CATARACT EXTREME EVENT RULES

- 1 Registration and attendance at the event briefings is mandatory for all paddlers. .
- 2 The wearing of an appropriate helmet and buoyancy vest, as determined by event marshals, is mandatory. It is mandatory for competitors to carry a minimum of rescue throw bag either on their person or in their boat at all times.
- 3 Paddlers must render all possible assistance to any participant who is in distress or danger.
- 4 Paddlers must wear race bibs and/or place decals on themselves and/or raft as directed.
- 5 Time penalties or exclusion from the event may be applied to any paddler who is late for their designated start time.
- 6 Rafts are to be a maximum length of 4.25Metres (14 Foot). These must be no sharp edges on Rafts or Paddles, which may cause injuries to volunteers or other competitors.
- 7 The winning team of will be decided according to the rules of the Australian Rafting Federation (ARF) sanctioned by the International Rafting Federation (IRF)...ask for a copy.
- 8 In head-to head races paddlers are not allowed to deliberately contact other paddler(s) or paddler's equipment with any part of their hands, body or paddle. Use of the Raft to deliberately block and/or obstruct the other competitor Raft is **NOT** permitted. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in disqualification.
- 9 Competitors must obey the directions (written or verbal) of event organisers and marshals at all times including as outlined in briefings.
- 10 If a Team or Paddler withdraws from the event for any reason, they must notify an official as soon as practical.
- 11 All paddlers must behave in a sporting manner. This includes not doing anything to endanger or cause injury to other competitors, using abusive language or behaviour toward other paddlers, officials or spectators.
- 12 A Team is entitled to appeal a result if they so wish. Appeals must be lodged with the race director within 10 minutes of the provisional results being posted and written protest form submitted and \$50 protest fee to be lodged within 30 minutes.

AUSTRALIAN RAFTING FEDERATION

INDEMNITY RELEASE FORM

Date: _____

I am participating in this Australian Rafting Federation event voluntarily and at my own risk. I am aware that certain risks exist and may arise during the rafting event, being whilst rafting or kayaking, on the river or environs, or during transfers by which personal injury, illness, property or loss may occur.

I accept and assume all the inherent risks of white water rafting/kayaking and I waive my rights in respect of any existing or prospective claim associated with the event and activities conducted by the Australian Rafting Federation. Therefore I will hold the Australian Rafting Federation free from any liabilities, action, debt claims and demands that may occur.

I acknowledge that I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.

TEAM NAME _____

	NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	WITNESS
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
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Australian Rafting Federation
NATIONAL SELECTION TITLES
TEAM NOMINATION FORM

Team Name: _____

Team Contact: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Race Date- 15th and 16th January 2005.

Place- Cataract Gorge, Launceston Tasmania Australia

Team Members all must be financial members of the A.R.F
(Apply A.R.F for form) & Australian Citizens/Permanent Residents.

List Team Members, Sex, and Date of Birth and Signature.

NAME	SEX	DOB	SIGNITURE
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Reserve: _____

Nomination Fees will apply of \$150 per head yet will decrease as more teams confirm. We will refund costs fairly and equally per team at the event, yet we need your entry forms and fees NOW to fund Event Insurance premiums. Please return forms fully completed so as organisers can ascertain logistical requirements and costs involved no later than 31/12/2004.

>>> This Is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** For ALL! ☺ <<<

Please forward to: The Treasurer - Australian Rafting Federation
P.O. Box 455 TULLY, QLD 4854. **Fax** 0740 688030

Australian Whitewater Rafting Championships 2005

Medical / Emergency Contact Entry Form (Copy x 7 per team)

Category (circle) Men's _____ Women's _____

Team Name _____

Full name/s _____

Address _____

Suburb _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Country _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Mob. _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Next of Kin _____

Next of Kin phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Mob. _____

MEDICAL QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE ANSWERED (please circle)

1. Are you on any medication? No Yes

If Yes please name _____

2. Are you allergic to any medications? No Yes

If Yes please name _____

3. Are you hypersensitive to insect stings? No Yes

4. Do you have any current or recurrent medical problems? No Yes

5. Are there any other problems or conditions that medical staff should be aware of? No Yes

If Yes please specify _____

Will you buy an Event T-Shirt Yes / No (please circle) Size > XS S M L XL XXL

White Water Rafting EXPERIENCE (information provided below here allows us to gauge your experience, fitness, & skill)

List your Rafting History Experience and/or any issues Event Organisation should be aware of -