



# Avon Descent Safety

Every competitor must read and understand this safety briefing prior to participating in the Avon Descent to ensure safety for all.

# Foreward



The Directors and Management Crew of this year's Avon Descent wish all competitors and their support group the very best and hope safety will be high on everyone's priority list.

It is expected that the river level will provide the usual challenges and it should not be taken for granted that it will always be a safe journey down river. River levels change rapidly and can provide unexpected hazards that are to be approached with caution and it should not be assumed that they are the same as previously experienced.

**Safety instructions may be adjusted to accommodate for changes in conditions on event weekend.**

# General Behaviour

The background of the slide features a faded, light blue image of several kayakers in a river. The kayakers are wearing helmets and life jackets, and are actively paddling. The water is turbulent, suggesting they are navigating through rapids. The overall tone is professional and action-oriented.

**Be aware of and abide by all the rules of the race.**

**Competitors must attend a Safety Briefing. Details to be advised.**

Competitors and their support crews must respect the Private Property of others and in particular, the property owners of the land we will pass through.

# Overtaking



The craft that is to be overtaken should be made aware of this and hold their line while continuing to travel downstream.

The craft that is making the overtaking manoeuvre is to make their presence known and take as wide a line as practicable and in a safe manner.

**It is essential that paddler's hold their line if being overtaken by powercraft.**

# Safety Flags

Make yourself familiar with the different safety flags.

Failure to adhere to course officials and directive flags could result in an event penalty.

**RED**

## **STOP**

Do not proceed beyond this point.

**BLACK**

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

Leave the water Immediately

**ORANGE  
WHITE**

## **CAUTION**

Obstruction ahead.  
Caution to be used in area.

## **WARNING**

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MEANINGS.**

# Railway Safety

Competitors and Support Crew travelling on the Valley Road are to ensure they are familiar with the safety expectations of our railway partner Arc Infrastructure.

- ❑ Obey **all** stop signs
- ❑ Follow instructions from Arc Infrastructure employees
- ❑ Between Lookout Rapids and Bells Rapids, competitors may **ONLY** exit from the Walyunga National Park (right-hand) side of the river
- ❑ Rail Access Road is **one-way** with a speed limit of 20 km/h and **no overtaking is permitted** (except in emergency)
- ❑ Vehicles are not to be stationary on Rail Access Road

**Valley Access Event Stickers are to be clearly displayed on your vehicle windscreen at all times.**

# Withdrawing from the Race



**Let us know if you are withdrawing from the race!**

- ❑ The competitor extraction pickup point in the upper reaches of the second day will no longer be a delivery to the airstrip. Competitors who have been withdrawn from the event, will be transported back to the rail crossing upstream of **Emu Falls** to await collection from their support crew.
- ❑ Be aware of cut off times on each day and comply with instruction if those times are exceeded.

**Avon Tracker** has been designed to track the progress of competitors during all stages of the event. This is a vital tool in mapping the position of the competitor between checkpoints and will influence the action of both event officials and support crews.

The background of the image is a faded, light blue photograph of several people in a raft navigating white water rapids. They are wearing helmets and safety gear, and the water is turbulent with white foam.

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**Enjoy the race and stay safe!**