

THE FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON 2017 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for entering THE FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON 2017. These final instructions are intended to give a brief overview of the latest regulations for the running of the race and new information not on the race website. Please be sure that you have read the rules on the race website, www.dusi.co.za carefully.

MARKING OF RAPIDS AND DANGER POINTS

Paddlers are urged that river safety is the primary responsibility of the paddlers themselves. The policy of the Dusi Committee is NOT to mark any rapids. Paddlers are encouraged to paddle according to their known skill levels and to shoot rapids according to their level of ability. All of the known dangerous rapids have recognized portages around them. The take outs for known portages at the identified danger points only will be marked with different colored banners. **Yellow** will mark an obstacle where the portage is optional, but advisable if the paddler is uncertain; and **Red** for compulsory portages.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM MARSHALLS

Please note that rescue and safety marshalls at rapids are not there to instruct the paddlers on which line to take and will only give instructions on safety issues and must be obeyed without question.

PENALTIES FOR SECONDING INFRINGEMENTS

It is the organizing committee's intention to continue with the practice of holding the paddlers responsible for the actions of their seconds. Apart from serious offences, the practice of relegating the paddlers associated with offending seconds to the last batch on Day's 2 and 3 for minor offences on Days 1 and 2 will continue. Please make sure that your seconds understand the rules and follow them. In particular, obey instructions from race marshals promptly and without argument.

ALTERNATE ROUTE TO MISSION ON DAY 1

From the 2007 race this route via Table Mountain has been open to seconds. This is not a fast route but will cut out the traffic jams in town. Drive carefully as the roads are narrow and winding and there are lots of people about. Study THE FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON Map for directions.

Note: **No seconders or spectators are permitted at the top of Geoff's Rd** (near the water table), and no spectators or seconds are permitted between the top of Geoff's Rd and the new bridge at Mboyi School.

PARKING RULES FOR SECONDS

Please be sure that your seconds understand and obey the "Parking on the **Left Hand Side** of the road facing down-stream only" rule. This goes a long way in preventing congestion and allowing smooth passage of oncoming local traffic particularly busses and taxis.

WOMENS RULES

The women's race will be run in accordance with the current CSA ruling. Please note the changes.

WOMEN'S PADDLING

An Elite Women's batch will be in place on Day 1 – C Batch.

Boats seeded in this batch may not ride the waves of boats from any other batch.

The rest of the women will be entered into their equivalent batches further down the field and may ride any wave.

On Day 2 and 3 the women's boats will be seeded as they fall in the field based on the results of the preceding day.

On Day 2 and 3 there is no restriction on wave riding, save that clear collusion with a stronger men's team to drag a woman's boat through the field will be penalized.

DEFINITION OF "COMPULSORY PADDLING"

Where the rules state that a section of river is "compulsory paddling", this means you **MUST BE IN THE WATER**. This means you can paddle up to an obstacle and portage around the obstacle and put back in immediately below the obstacle. You may not shorten the course in any way by portaging.

RACE ADVERTISING MATERIALS

Various Sponsors and advertising stickers will be provided in the Goodie Bag. It is the paddler's responsibility to ensure that all the stickers provided are displayed on the boat and paddles as indicated at registration. ALL stickers provided are COMPULSORY.

The Dusi race stickers for the front of the Boat must be displayed on either side of the front Deck. NO other stickers (apart from the KNCU race number) may be displayed in front of the front tip of the front cockpit.

OFFICIAL DUSI RACE STICKERS AND BIBS – LAYOUT

Posters and pictures of the layout of official Dusi and Sponsors race stickers are exhibited at registration.

Race BIBS will be provided, and must be fixed to the FRONT and BACK of the lifejacket. These may not be altered in any way. Paddlers who's race bibs "fall off", or who display personal sponsors bibs only will be penalized.

Paddlers MUST ensure that they display Dusi and sponsors stickers in accordance with these layouts. Stickers may not be altered in any way! Failure to display these stickers appropriately may result in disciplinary action as detailed herein.

PRIVATE SPONSORS BRANDING

Please will all paddlers make themselves aware of the boat and equipment branding rules for the Dusi. The Dusi organizing committee of Natal Canoe Club have a contractual obligation to their sponsors to see that these rules are conformed to and by entering the race all paddlers have agreed to abide by these rules. There will be careful checking of all boats and equipment at the pounds and any branding that contravenes the rules will have to be removed. The RACE rules and regulations on sponsor branding as pertaining to THE FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON 2017 are on the Dusi website.

KAYAK WEIGHTS

It is the paddler's responsibility to ensure that their boats are the correct weight during the entire event. Boats will be weighed at the end of each day by the official weigh master.

The official event scale and weigh master will be available to check kayak weights between 8.00am and 12.00pm on the day of registration.

Please check the website for full details of this rule.

BOAT SCRUTINEERING

It is the paddlers responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to the event branding rules. Boats will NOT be scrutineered and/or "signed off".

RULES MEETING

A Race Rules meeting will be held from 10.00am on the 15th February at NCC.

All paddlers seeded in A Batch on Day 1, the invited women's seeded boats, are required to attend.

Paddlers who are unable to attend this meeting must provide written notice of their unavailability to info@dusi.co.za before 4.00pm on the day before registration.

Non-attendance, for any reason whatsoever, of this meeting will not constitute an excuse in the case of disciplinary action during the course of the event.

MEDIA BRIEFING

A media briefing will be held at 11.00am on the 15th February at NCC.

All paddlers that are obliged to attend the race rules meeting are required to remain at NCC for the media, unless instructed by the Media officer that they are not required.

Non-attendance of the media briefing may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the rules of the event.

Paddlers who are unable to attend this briefing must provide written notice of their unavailability to info@dusi.co.za before 4.00pm on **the day before registration**.

ELECTRONIC TIMING

Electronic timing chips will be used in Dusi 2017. These timing chips will be provided by Finish Time and must be located on the highest point of the FRONT DECK. Please check with Finish Time to make sure you have the right chip.

BATCHING

The first day batching is based on the Dusi Seeding Rules as advertised, except that the first two rows of A Batch are taken from the Nominated Seeding Races. Position within the A Batch rows is by random draw.

SECONDING

A number of paddlers seconding crews have been ignoring the seconding rules. These will be strictly enforced, with paddlers of offending seconders being penalized.

Seconders may NOT second anywhere on the uphill slope of Nqumeni portage – from the take out to the top of the first hill.

Seconders will be allowed to assist paddlers at the Burma Road takeout, but seconders will NOT be allowed to follow their paddlers into the bush. Basically, seconders may provide a change of bottle at the take out.

DAY 1 START PROCEDURE - Start time 6.00 am.

1. A BATCH.

Seeded row paddlers will have received special stickers indicating their row and their drawn position in that row at the media briefing on Wednesday. Start procedure for A Batch will be as follows:

- 5.40am – A BATCH ONTO WATER
- 5.55am – FISH EAGLE CALL
- 5.57am – PADDLERS CALLED TO LINE
- 5.58am – PADDLERS UNDER STARTERS ORDERS
- 6.00am – START ON JOHNS COMMAND
- Cannon will follow, but is NOT the official starting procedure.

The start lines consist of three rows of buoys 10 meters apart. The first seeded row lines up behind the front row of buoys with No.1 on the far (left) side of the river. There are 11 buoys in the front row, and 20 paddlers on the front row. This means that 2 paddlers will line up between a pair of buoys ensuring the front row paddlers have a buoy on either their left or right side.

The second row lines up in the same way behind the second row of buoys and the rest of the batch behind the third row of buoys.

From the time the paddlers are called up to the start lines by the starter they are under starters orders and he may start the race as soon as he is satisfied that the rows are straight.

NOTE: Paddlers must ensure that they are lined up **BEHIND** the buoys, with a clear space between the nose of their boat and the buoy. Any paddler who has his nose past the line of buoys when the race is started will immediately be penalized 2 minutes.

If a competitor commences paddling after the word "Ready" and before the word "Go", he or she has made a false start.

A competitor who attempts to start before any instruction is deemed to have made an unfair start.

A competitor who attempts a false or unfair start will be warned.

A second warning will result in the imposition of two minute penalty.

A third warning will result in the competitor's disqualification from the event.

A DISQUALIFIED COMPETITOR MUST LEAVE THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. CAMERAS WILL BE USED.

2. The rest of the batches will be allowed onto the water as soon as the preceding batch has been started and will be called up to a single line almost immediately. i.e. Very little warm up time will be allowed on the water.

3. First day special batches are as follows.

- A Batch – K1's - 06h00 - 60 boats with 2 seeded rows of 20 boats each.
- C Seeded Women – K1's - 06h20 - 18 boats.
- E 25+Dusis – K1's & K2s - 06h40 - boats with paddlers who have completed 25 or more Dusi's.
- G 20+ Dusi's – K1's & K2's – 07h00 - boats with paddlers who have completed 20 or more Dusi's along with the celeb and sponsors boats.
- I Charity Batch – K1's & K2's – 07h20 - the 60 top bids from the Charity auction.
- Thereafter batches of 60 boats down to 0 Batch at 08h20 generally alternating K1's and K2's

SECOND DAY. Start time 06h00

Batches for Day 2 will be SMS'd, displayed in the INFO tent and placed on the website, on the evening of Day 1.

The procedure will be a Standing and Le Mans combination start except that all the Elapsed time paddlers must start in the water in their boats and paddle to the portage at Dusi Bridge.

06h00 - 07h00. Elapsed time start for all the K2's within 1 hour of the leader.

07h05. A batch 60 boats. Thereafter batches of 60 boats at 10 minute intervals. All boats will be batched according to first day times. There will be no K1's in elapsed time or A Batch. Batch stickers will be issued at the starting pounds from 05h00. There will be three pounds used progressively, listen for instructions from the starter. The 25+Year/Celebs, 20+ Year and Charity batches will start in C, E and G batches respectively.

THIRD DAY. Start time 06H00.

As per 2014, starts will be conducted in two groups.

At 06H00 **B Batch** of 60 boats will go off first. Thereafter batches of 60 boats at 10 minute intervals. All boats will be batched according to their overall race times from Day 1 and 2.

At 11h00 the Elapsed Time start for all the K1's within 1 hour of the leader will begin followed at 12h05 by A Batch. There will be no K2's in elapsed time or A Batch

At the Blue Lagoon finish, slower paddlers are asked to keep left and let faster paddlers overtake on the right hand side.

Prizegiving will be at 15h30 at Blue Lagoon.

RACE COMMITTEE

Brett Austen-Smith - Chief Official
Cameron Mackenzie – Dusi Chairman
Rob Hill – Safety Officer
John Oliver – Technical Officer
Kevin Culverwell – NCC Chairman

ERNIE PEARCE WEIR – NEW RULE

A line of 4 buoys has been placed before Ernie Pearce weir to align paddlers in the approach to Ernie Pearce Weir.

ALL paddlers must pass to the LEFT of **ALL the buoys** (leaving the buoys on your right hand side).

Should you miss a buoy for whatever reason, ICF Marathon rules will apply – you must turn around or reverse and go inside the buoy.

Failure to adhere to the rules may result in time penalties or disqualification.

LOW LEVEL BRIDGE – COMPULSORY PORTAGE

It is possible that the water will not be flowing sufficiently over Low Level Bridge for this to be paddled over safely.

In the event of the Organisers deciding that the water level at Low Level Bridge is dangerous, this MAY be made a compulsory portage.

If Low Level Bridge is made a compulsory portage, this announcement will be made at the START of the race, and the following rule will apply:

Paddlers will have to take out on the left hand bank approximately 200m upstream of Low Level Bridge. The take-out will be marked with a RED flag, and will be marshaled. No paddler may paddle under the tape marking the lower edge of the take-out.

Paddlers will run along the left hand bank and CROSS OVER low level bridge, to put in on the right hand bank.

Paddlers may put in on the DOWNRIVER side of the bridge if they wish, however, marshalls may eliminate this option if deemed too dangerous.

Please obey Marshalls at all times on this portage.

NGUMENI HILL PORTAGE

As in 2015, the Nqumeni Portage rule has been changed, and will be replaced with:

- 9.10 Nqumeni portage is compulsory. Paddlers may use the old "early" take out for Nqumeni, and once they reach the top of the hill, they may cross straight over the road and follow an EXISTING path down the hill. They may also turn right and follow the gravel road down the hill. Paddlers may NOT cut any new paths on any part of Nqumeni Hill. The take-out further downstream that was created more recently may also be used, and paddlers may follow the road back to the river above Gum Tree Rapid.

DAY 3 LOW LEVEL RULES – NEW RULE

DAY 3: LOW RIVER: The rules for the THIRD day will be as follows.

1. Compulsory paddling from the start to the dam wall.
2. Compulsory portage from the Dam Wall take-out to the Bridge below the dam wall.
3. From here there is an optional portage along the tar road all the way to the demarcated point on the road at Umzinyathi. For safety reasons no vehicles may stop along this section of road.
4. From here you may not portage on the tar road to Burma Take Out Bridge. So you may either paddle or portage on the right hand bank to the Burma Take Out pool.
5. As usual, those going around Burma may run or paddle to the Burma Road put in.
6. From the Burma Road put in it is compulsory paddling to the Finish at Blue Lagoon

LOW LEVEL RULES

It is possible that the Race Committee may decide to allow "low-level rules". If this decision is made, it will be announced at the start of each day TO WHICH LOW LEVEL RULES are applicable.

If an announcement is NOT made on any given day, low level rules will NOT apply to that day, even if they applied for previous day/s.

APPENDIX 1 & 2

The appendices 1 & 2 attached hereto will be applied for the 2017 FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON.

GENERAL

1. **Litter.** Bags for litter will be issued to the campers and plenty of refuse containers will be available. Please use them. They will be collected each morning and removed from the valley.
2. **Boat Repairs.** Boats must be repaired in the boat pounds at each of the overnight stops. Removal from the pound may result in the paddlers disqualification. Boats may be professionally repaired. Changing of boats is strictly forbidden in all canoe races – You must finish the race in the same boat that you started in.
3. **Seconding stickers.** Seconding car stickers are to be issued again this year. Seconding vehicles must have the numbered sticker stuck to the windshield. Press, officials and organizers will be issued with personal accreditation cards as well as vehicle stickers. Access to certain parts of the camps will be restricted to card holders and seconds with car stickers.
4. **Temporary Weirs.** There are still some temporary weirs and bridges in the area of Mbeje's Store on the 2nd Day. Instructions have been given for their removal, but if they are still in place when you reach them, they will be marked and marshalled. Please obey the safety instructions given by the marshalls.

ON BEHALF OF NATAL CANOE CLUB AND ALL OUR SPONSORS WE WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE RACE.



FNB DUSI ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Appendix 1 SPONSORS BRANDING

Please note that CSA Branding and Sponsorship rules are limited to the following

CSA Rules and Regulations

6. ADVERTISING – CANOEING SOUTH AFRICA EVENTS

6.1. Race organizers must stipulate any specific requirements or exclusions regarding advertising clearly, and in detail, as part of their Race/Event Rules. All sanctions and ramifications of non compliance to the specific rules must also be clearly stated.

6.2 The paddler by entering the race/event accepts these stipulated conditions and must abide by them.

6.3 It is the responsibility of the Race Organizers to enforce the rules of their races and impose sanctions.

6.4 The above (advertising issues) will not impact or be the responsibility of CSA nor those juries and officials appointed for the governance of SA Championship events.

6.5 All advertising material must be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitors' identification and does not affect the outcome of the race.

and the rules below are the race rules for THE FNB DUSI CANOE MARATHON and will be enforced by the race officials.

1.1. ADVERTISING/ SPONSORSHIP

Each paddler shall:

- 1.1.1. Stick sponsors or event stickers, if provided, to the back of each paddle blade;
- 1.1.2. Wear a race bib, if provided;
- 1.1.3. Stick sponsors or event stickers, if provided, on each side of the canoe, along the seam in front of the cockpit;
- 1.1.4. Boat stickers may not be altered in any way.
- 1.1.5. Wear a sponsors or event cap, if provided, when interviewed by the media.
- 1.2. Sponsors branding has exclusivity in the following instances (sponsors only area):
 - 1.2.1. On the front deck and hull of the kayak in front of the front tip of the cockpit.
- 1.3. Personal sponsorship, which is not in conflict with the event sponsors, may be displayed in the following areas (shared area):
 - 1.3.1. On the back of the paddle blade, provided it doesn't cover any part of the event or sponsors sticker/s provided.
 - 1.3.2. On the lifejacket and splash cover, provided this does not obscure any part of the event or sponsor/s bibs provided.
- 1.4. The paddler may apply personal branding without restriction in the following areas:
 - 1.4.1. On the deck of the kayak behind the front cockpit;
 - 1.4.2. On the side of the kayak behind the front cockpit line;
 - 1.4.3. On the paddle shaft;
 - 1.4.4. On the paddling shorts and socks of the competitor.
 - 1.4.5. Headgear between the start and finish of each day. Sponsors headgear, if provided, must be worn during all media and other interviews.
- 1.5. Wearing of club colours by all paddlers is strongly encouraged. However, paddlers may wear any clothing they choose unless an event or sponsors paddling top is provided, in which case ALL paddlers must wear such provided clothing.
- 1.6. The onus rests on the paddler to ensure that he or she complies strictly with these rules.
- 1.7. Breach of these advertising/ sponsorship rules will result in the paddler:
 - 1.7.1. Forfeiting any prize money to which he or she may have been entitled;
 - 1.7.2. Risking disqualification and suspension from future Dusis;
 - 1.7.3. Receiving such further penalty as The Dusi organisers consider appropriate.

Appendix 2. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. Race committee

The race committee shall comprise 3 of the following:

- Brett Austen-Smith
- Cameron Mackenzie
- John Oliver
- Rob Hill
- Kevin Culverwell

In the case of a member of the race committee being unavailable for any reason whatsoever, the race committee may elect a member of the Jury to the race committee.

2. Race committee functions

The race committee shall:

- 2.1 Hear any protest lodged by a competitor and deal with any dispute between competitors;
- 2.2 Hear the opinion of any race official who reports any improper behavior / breach of rules by a competitor or second;
- 2.3 Decide whether the race rules, read with the ICF marathon rules have been infringed;
- 2.4 Impose such penalties, including disqualification, as they consider appropriate; and
- 2.5 Notify the competitor in writing of the penalty, giving brief reasons, and noting the time and date of notification.

3. Protests

Protests relating to an incident in the race must be submitted to John Oliver in writing within 1 (one) hour (or such longer period as the race committee may allow) of the last of the competitors involved in the incident completing the course for that day or retiring. Any protest must be accompanied by a fee of R200.00, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Anybody, or persons, submitting a protest must remain at the race venue until such time as the race committee, and or race jury, have heard the protest and have given permission for the protestors to leave the valley. In the event of the protestor/s not being present for any hearings, the race committee or jury may dismiss the protest at their discretion.

4. Appeals

Competitors have the right to appeal to the race jury against a decision of the race committee. Any appeal shall be submitted in writing to John Oliver within 1 (one) week of the competitor being notified of the race committee's decision, and shall be accompanied by a fee of R200.00, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

5. Race jury

The race jury shall comprise any three of the following:

- Nigel Tatham
- Garry Campbell
- Paul Firman
- Brian Kurz
- Graham Adie
- Tim Cornish