



### Risk Management Plan-Hadspen Race Series

Tamar Canoe Club, an affiliated body of Canoe Tasmania who are in turn affiliated with Paddle Australia, is planning to hold weekly Handicap Kayak Races over the daylight savings period. The race is a flat-water race on a slow flowing river (Grade 1), starting and finishing at the Hadspen Lions Park.

We have identified the following risks associated with the running of the event and have identified appropriate actions to these risks. Through the club's affiliation with Paddle Tasmania accident insurance is available to event organisers and participants as members of Paddle Tasmania affiliated clubs.

These are outlined below:

**Course Risks:** The race course is on a river with changing flow levels due to upstream power generation activities. The river level ranges from slow moving low risk on low water levels to high risk at flood water levels, where flow direction pushes kayaks or swimmers towards low lying willow trees. At normal heights the river is generally benign with two locations of faster moving water, only one of these providing concern for inexperienced river paddlers. The river height and flow locally will be assessed if conditions upstream at the BOM River Height Station at "South Esk Rv at Longford" reaches a minor flood level; at Major flood level the race will be postponed.

As part of welcoming a new paddler the course is described with details focussing on the potential trouble spots and the paddler's level of experience. In the paddler's first race they will begin the race at a time that provides paddlers leading and following to provide guidance through these areas.

#### Medical Risks:

Risk	Rating	Action
Slip on wet surface	Moderate	Transfer-PA Insurance
Drowning	Low	Control-Competitors must use MAST mandated safety equipment
Medical Emergencies – Heart attack	Low	Control – competitors are generally spaced no further than five minutes from each other to provide assistance. Competitor numbers are controlled.

#### Race Procedure:

1. Racer Check in – All racers must check in with the timekeeper to receive their start time and to provide base count for competitors.

2. Race Start – Timekeeper counts down to start for each competitor before setting them off, competitors who miss their start time will be encouraged to undertake one of the shorter distances if their anticipated finish time is more than 20 minutes behind the last competitor to ensure that they are off the river at a reasonable time.
3. Race Finish – Timekeeper takes the time of each competitor and marks them off as returned. If competitor has not returned within 10 minutes of expected finish time fellow competitors will be quizzed on the progress of the competitor, and potentially asked to head off and meet the late paddler.

**New Racer Procedure:**

1. Determine if paddler is a member of a Paddle Tasmania affiliated club and has entered online.
2. Determine paddler skill level and familiarity with the river.
3. Ensure competitor has appropriate safety gear.
4. Race booklet look over.
5. Determine appropriate start time for paddler.
6. Send Racer off at same time as similar speed paddler.
7. After race follow up on their experience.

In addition to the standard risk management plan above the following guidelines will be followed regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation for the 2020/21 season.

Club COVID-19 Safety officer. Jon and Jenny Purtell.

Hadspen Flat Water Races –

Outdoors – plenty of social distancing space

Group size – typically less than 20

Social distancing – briefings / getting on water / spectators

Attendance registration (racers and spectators)

COVIDSafe app (<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>)

Hand sanitiser provided (people encouraged to bring own also)

Poster at registration table + Hygiene station.

All paddlers briefing of COVID-19 requirements

Limit shared equipment

Self Assessment of COVID-19 symptoms at registration desk entry. Direction to leave and be tested.

Come “Dressed to race”, where possible

Arrive / Race / Go – limit hanging around

Limit car pooling – unless family/household

No Cash – electronic payments only

Communications and notifications through FB page