

LRCA RIVERFEST CANOE-A-THON RULES

1. **Canoe-A-Thon is a special event** conducted by the Lackawanna River Conservation Association (LRCA), a private, not for profit, river conservation organization.
2. The **primary goal** of Canoe-A-Thon is the **safe enjoyment** of the river by participants and spectators of the event.
3. **Compliance** with these **rules** and **any requests** or **orders** by event staff or emergency response officials is **mandatory**.
4. Failure to comply with these rules, requests or emergency orders **will** result in disqualification and removal from the event, disqualification from future LRCA events and potential criminal and/or civil prosecution.
5. ***No alcohol or drugs:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited during Canoe-A-Thon. Drug or alcohol use will disqualify participants from consideration in the athletic competition and from receiving RiverFest T-shirts or other end of race consideration.*
6. ***Intoxicated persons** will be subject to arrest. Suspect behavior will be monitored by LRCA staff and the police.*
7. **Personal floatation device (PFD) must be worn by all participants at all times when on the water.**
8. Participants are responsible to render assistance to other canoeists/kayakers in need of emergency aid or to notify emergency personnel or LRCA staff of an emergency.
9. ***All competitive paddlers must complete the course by 1:00 PM. All paddlers must complete the course and be off the River by 2:00 PM.***
10. All paddlers must wear official race numbers so that the number is visible on the **front** of all paddlers. Numbers are pinned on the PFD and removed by paddler at the landing beach.
11. Paddlers are responsible to communicate their race number and names to the finish line judges immediately on crossing the finish line (color flags across the river).
12. Paddlers are responsible to immediately move their canoe from the landing beach and insure that it is carried quickly up-slope and out of the way of later arrivals.
13. Paddlers renting a kayak through the LRCA are responsible for returning the kayak, paddles, and PFDs to the vendor in good condition at the rental turn-in area. *LRCA reserves the right to assess monetary damages and collection costs for rental equipment not returned or returned in a damaged condition.*
14. Paddlers using their own canoes/kayaks and renters need to verify that their canoes/kayaks and equipment are removed from the landing beach then proceed to the LRCA Information Tent to have their numbers validated to receive RiverFest T-shirts.