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**RIVER RACE**  
2023

**RACE INFORMATION**

# COURSE & SCHEDULE

## PROLOGUE SPRING RACE SERIES

### PROLOGUE COURSE

Waimakariri River: Woodstock to Gorge Bridge. Grade 2 braided river.

- The start is located [at the end of Woodstock road](#), in View Hill.
- The finish is located at the [Waimakariri Gorge Bridge](#).

### PROLOGUE RACE DATES

- Prologue 1 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2022
- Prologue 2, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022
- Prologue 3, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

### PROLOGUE ENTRIES

- Prologue Series Entry - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?seriesid=282943>
- Prologue 1 Individual Race Entry - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=282938>
- Prologue 2 Individual Race Entry - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=282941>
- Prologue 3 Individual Race Entry - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=282942>

### PROLOGUE DETAILS

Full details for the Prologue Spring Race Series can be found at <https://www.topsportracing.co.nz/general-2>

## CLASSIC RIVER RACE

### CLASSIC RIVER RACE COURSE

- Following the same course as the iconic Coast to Coast
- The race starts at [Mount White Bridge \(off SH73\)](#)
- The race finishes at the [Waimakariri Gorge Bridge](#).

### CLASSIC RIVER RACE DATE

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### CLASSIC RIVER RACE ENTRIES

Classic River Race Entry - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=283880>

### CLASSIC RIVER RACE DETAILS

Full details of the Classic River Race can be found at <https://www.arawa.org.nz/classic.html>

## **ALTERNATIVE COURSE**

The Organising committee reserves the right to change the Classic River Race course should conditions prohibit the safe running of the event. Details of any changes will be communicated via the email address associated with your entry and Facebook as early as possible.

## **ALTERNATIVE CLASSIC RIVER RACE COURSE**

The course will start and 'The Willows' at Thompsons Road, to McLeans Island, to Kaiapoi Township. If this course is deemed unsuitable, the second alternative course is a flat-water course on the Avon River.

## **ALTERNATIVE CLASSIC RIVER RACE DATE**

The reserve date for the Main Event is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Reserve date will only be used if the organising committee is confident that river and/or weather conditions will improve suitably to allow the race to be held through the Waimakariri Gorge. Please allow for this possibility in your travel plans.

# ENTRY

## HOW TO ENTER

- Entry to the race is via the Webscorer Race Timing Platform.
  - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?pid=1&raceid=283880>
- Complete the online registration form
- Make payment to
  - Arawa Canoe Club Inc
  - Bank Account: 02-0828-0188613-083
  - Particulars: CRR2023
  - Reference: Your Name
- On receipt of payment, a confirmation email will be sent to the address used during registration. Note there may be a short delay. If you have not received a confirmation within 1 week of making payment, please contact [admin@arawa.org.nz](mailto:admin@arawa.org.nz)

## ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- Entries close at **5pm on Sunday January 8th 2023.**
- There are no on the day entries and no late entries will be accepted.

<b>2023 ENTRY FEES</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>		<b>DOUBLE</b>	
	<b>CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER*</b>	<b>CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER*</b>
<b>EARLY BIRD BEFORE 11/12/2020</b>	\$165	\$195	\$295	\$325
<b>ENTRY AFTER 11/12/2020</b>	\$195	\$225	\$310	\$340

\* If you are not a member of a CRNZ Affiliated club then an additional River Racing membership fee applies to your entry fee. Your increased entry fee includes a race day membership to Arawa canoe club which is a legal requirement for our race safety management. CRNZ affiliation will be verified prior to race day.

## ENTRY LIMIT AND WAIT LIST

- Entries are entirely first come first served.
- Entries are limited to 250 boats.
- Once entries are fully subscribed a waitlist is established.
- In the event of withdrawals, entry will be invited from the waitlist in the order that they were received.

## **REFUNDS**

Refunds will be made at the discretion of the race organisers in extenuating circumstances and will be subject to deductions for administration and processing fees. Last minute withdrawals (**after 5:00pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021**) will not be eligible for refunds. There will be no refunds if the alternative course or alternative race day are used.

## **COVID-19**

The Rasdex Classic River Race will only run at Traffic Light setting Orange or Green. In the event that the country moves to a higher level before race day, the race will not be run. Any refunds in relation to COVID 19 related circumstances, or other events outside of the race organisers control, will be at the discretion of the race committee. We aim to be fair and will refund what we can, whilst ensuring our contracts are fulfilled and the club does not incur financial loss. We ask that if you are unwell, please do not attend the race.

# PRIZES

## CATEGORY AND SPOT PRIZES

Thanks to our sponsors, the 2023 Rasdex Classic River race will have significant prizes to recognise:

- Category place getters.
  - Categories with fewer than 5 entries will be combined with the closest applicable category
- General participation through spot prizes.

## SERIES WINNERS

For those paddlers who participate in the Topsport Spring Prologue Series and the Classic River Race, series points will be applied to Award:

- The Devern Burchett Memorial Trophy – Men’s Series Winner
- Trophy – Women’s Series Winner

## CASH PRIZES FOR MAIN EVENT WINNERS

The overall race winners (fastest individual Male & Female) will receive the coveted Classic River race trophies. In addition, and thanks to the ongoing support from Rasdex there will be significant cash prizes for the overall race winners (excluding doubles) as follows:

2023 Rasdex Classic River Race - Cash Prizes		
	Male	Female
Fastest	\$1,000	\$1,000
2nd Fastest	\$500	\$500
3rd Fastest	\$250	\$250

Note: You must attend prize giving to be eligible for spot prizes. For place getter prizes, you or a designated representative must be present to collect the prize on your behalf. Prizes will not be distributed after the prize giving.

# RACE RULES

## COMPETENCY & GRADE 2 CERT

To compete in the Classic River Race you must be competent to paddle your chosen kayak through the course.

- A Grade 2 certificate is not compulsory for the Prologue race series. However, it is highly recommended. All other rules, conditions, compulsory gear and information on this leaflet will apply to the Prologue Series Races.
- A Grade 2 Certificate is required to be presented to [classic@arawa.org.nz](mailto:classic@arawa.org.nz) for all first-time competitors in the Rasdex Classic main event before entry is confirmed.
- Presentation of a Grade 2 Certificate is not required if you have completed The Classic River Race (normal course) or the kayak section of the Coast-to-Coast multi-sport race in previous years.
- The race Safety Team reserve the right to refuse entry or withdraw any competitor they deem unfit to safely complete the race. Competitors need to ensure adequate training time on grade 2 rivers and ensure that their chosen kayak is appropriate for their kayaking ability.
- Both Double kayak participants MUST have their Grade 2 Certificate – this will be enforced.

Novices and those from outside of Canterbury are recommended to obtain experience on the Waimakariri River before the race. Race day is not the best time for a first time on the river. Spend time in your race boat, practice self-rescue skills, and know your [river signals](#). The Waimakariri is a serious river and should not be underestimated. If you have any concerns with your competence contact race organisers.

## RACE TIMING

### RACE NUMBER

Race numbers will be collected at Mt White Bridge on race day. Your number needs to be seen from both sides of the river at different checkpoints. Please leave your race number from the Prologue races on your boat, this will be your number for the entire series and attract points for the series trophies.

### STARTING ORDER

Starting order will be advised at the race briefing. Competitors will be started in waves. In the event of low entries, some classes may be combined. In the event of high entries, or difficult river conditions at the start, categories may be split into multiple smaller waves.

Each wave will have a recorded start time. Any competitor that crosses the start line PRIOR to their class starting will have one minute added to their overall time.

### CUT OFF TIME

Any competitor not past Gooseberry Stream by 11.00am or Woodstock by 2.30pm shall be withdrawn from the race.

### WITHDRAWING DURING THE RACE

Competitors who withdraw during the race must not leave the riverbank. Wait for the tail end Charlie kayakers to arrive, stay with your kayak on the side of the river. Let an official know if you withdraw from the race. The last place to pull out of the race once you have started is Gooseberry Stream (after the Rock Gardens). If you are not feeling confident, please pull out here and register with race officials. After this point, if you pull out, you will be carried out by jet boat. It is your responsibility to have your kayak removed from the river at your own cost.

# COMPULSORY GEAR

The following gear is compulsory for the Classic River Race.

<b>Kayak</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable for the paddler skill level.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For first time entrants, this must be the same level of boat as assessed in gaining Grade 2 certificate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kayak must be in good condition, river worthy and water tight.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rudder attached securely and cables/lines are in good condition</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Competitors must not be attached or restrained to their kayak or paddle.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This includes but is not limited to foot straps and paddle leashes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remove old race numbers from the boat.</li> </ul>		
<b>Buoyancy</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air bags, minimum 20 Litres securely tied in to the kayak, or sealed bulkheads (sea kayaks only)</li> <li>• This requirement is over and above the manufacturers foam pillars.</li> <li>• Wine bladders are not acceptable!</li> </ul>		
<b>PFD</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifejacket/ Buoyancy Vest - 50N, type 406 specialist, NZS compliant</li> </ul>		
<b>Helmet</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a kayaking specific helmet.</li> </ul>		
<b>Spray Skirt</b>		
<b>Paddle</b>		
<b>Drybag</b> , containing:	Thermal Hat and Gloves	
	Waterproof long sleeve paddle specific jacket - seam sealed, minimum of neoprene cuffs	
	Waterproof pants - seam sealed	
	Thermal (polypropylene/ merino) long sleeve top and long johns	
	Long sleeved mid layer thermal top, 220+ gsm (fleece)	
	Thermal socks (polypropylene/ merino)	
	Spare Food	
	duct tape - minimum 10 metres	
	<b>First Aid Kit</b>	1.5m long un-stretched roll of 5cm wide crepe bandage
		5m long roll of 2cm wide strapping tape
		10 plaster strips (band aids)
		triangular bandage
		small scissors
	pain tablets (inc. Aspirin) & competitor specific medicine	
<b>Survival bag</b> - (not a blanket) carried either in PFD or in a pocket		
<b>Whistle</b> - attached to PFD		
<p><i>Notes: This is a minimum requirement - feel free to include additional gear.</i></p> <p><i>Synthetic, natural or composite thermal products are acceptable. Cotton is unacceptable. A compression garment is not a thermal garment.</i></p>		

## COMPULSORY GEAR CHECKS

It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are carrying all the compulsory gear, wearing their PFD, spray deck and helmet and that their boat is grade 2+ river worthy. Any competitor seen on the river not wearing their PFD, spray deck or helmet will be immediately withdrawn from the race.

Checks of compulsory gear and airbags will be made before the race. Further checks will be made at the end of the race. Any competitor found to not be carrying all of the compulsory gear (including airbags) will be disqualified. Remember to support [our sponsors](#) when sourcing your gear, sustenance, and training.

**No Gear, No Race, No Refund!**



# OTHER INFORMATION

## SUPPORT CREW & DRIVERS

Please arrange your own transport. There will not be drivers available on race day. When accessing Woodstock and Mt White start lines please slow down and drive considerately. Note the last part of both roads is rough with tight turns and is more suitable for 4WD's. No campervans or trailers please.

## NUTRITION

All competitors are responsible for their own race food and drink. The duration of this race is between four to seven hours. Please ensure you have enough food and drink for the race duration AND spare food as required in your compulsory kit.

## JET BOAT OPERATIONS

Jet boats are used on the Waimakariri River as part of our safety management system. They are extremely important for the transportation of officials, rescuing competitors, radio communications and evacuations of injured competitors. Please remember that; they require less water going fast, and they are there for your safety.

## ENVIRONMENT & DIDYMO

We are privileged to be able to run The Classic in an awesome environment. Please ensure that you leave it as you found it. ECAN has requested that there is no smoking on the river and please remove all rubbish from the river banks. Use the toilets provided.

The Rasdex Classic River Race supports [Biosecurity New Zealand](#) in their attempt to stop the spread of [Didymo](#) throughout New Zealand's streams, rivers, canals and lakes. All kayak equipment must be cleaned, before and after the Classic River Race. Check out Biosecurity New Zealand for procedures. It is essential that all precautions are taken to prevent further spread of the Didymo in the Waimakariri River.