

rasdex. classic RIVER RACE SERIES

2021/22 RACE INFORMATION PACK 32ND ANNIVERSARY EVENT

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RACE COURSE & SCHEDULE

PROLOGUE RACES

Prologue 1- 17th October 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/events/149124093912035>

Prologue 2 - 21st November 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/events/2911682852479456>

Prologue 3 - 19th December 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/events/572738187442536>

8.30-9.00am Registration for ALL competitors

9.00am Race Briefing – this is compulsory for all competitors to attend

9.30am Race start time

The Course

Waimakariri River: Woodstock to Gorge Bridge. Grade 2 braided river. The start is located [at the end of Woodstock road](#), in View Hill and the finish is located at the [Waimakariri Gorge Bridge](#).

Prize giving will be held immediately after the race on the riverbed

MAIN EVENT

Rasdex Waimakariri Classic River Race, 15th January 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/events/294150895798368>

7.00-8.00am Registration for ALL competitors – late arrivals may be refused entry

8.30am Race Briefing – this is compulsory for all competitors to attend

9.00am sharp race start time. Classes will be sent off in waves

The Course

Following the same course as the iconic Coast to Coast, the race will start at Mount White Bridge (off SH73) and finish at the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge.

Prize giving

The prize giving will commence at 3.30pm at Sheffield Hall. Afternoon tea and drinks will be available from 2.30pm.

ALTERNATIVE COURSES

The Organising committee reserves the right to change or deviate the Prologue and Main Event courses to ensure event safety. Details of any changes will be communicated via email and facebook as early as possible.

Alternative Prologue Course

A course will be run starting and finishing at Kaiapoi. There will be no alternative/postponement dates for the prologue races.

Alternative Main Event course

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

Alternative Main Event race date

The reserve date for the Main Event is Sunday 16th January. 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

Entry closing date

Main event entries close on **January 8th 2022**. There are no on the day entries and no late entries will be accepted.

It is preferred that entry to Prologue races is done online, however you can also enter on the day at the river.

Registration & payment

Registration and payment are to be online via the link below. If you don't receive a confirmation email, contact race organisers.

ENTER NOW

<https://www.webscorer.com/registerseries?pid=1&seriesid=248023>

2021/22 ENTRY FEES		INDIVIDUAL		DOUBLE	
		CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER	NON-MEMBER*	CRNZ AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBER	NON-MEMBER*
PROLOGUES	BEFORE THE DAY	\$25	\$35	\$45	\$55
	ON THE DAY	\$35	\$45	\$65	\$75
RASDEX CLASSIC MAIN EVENT	EARLY BIRD BEFORE 11/12/2021	\$150	\$180	\$280	\$310
	ENTRY AFTER 11/12/2021	\$180	\$210	\$310	\$340
SERIES DISCOUNT (ENTERING ALL FOUR RACES)		\$20			

* 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 - Entries are limited to 250 boats

















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 3/01/2022**) will not be eligible for refunds. There will be no refunds if the alternative course or alternative race day are used.

COVID-19

The Prologue Races and Main Event will only run at Level 1. 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.

SPONSORS

Naming rights	Rasdex	
Platinum	Ruahine Kayaks	 RUAHINE KAYAKS
	Further Faster	
Gold	New World St Martins	
	Yakima	
Silver	Topsport Kayaking	
	TrackMe	
	Physiomed	
	Vertex Altitude Training	
	Lake Hood Accommodation	
	The Bloom Room	
	Tussock Peak Motel	
Bronze	Em's Power Cookies	
	Dakins	
Supporters	Freedom Fitness	
	Kelly Barber	

PRIZES

Category and Spot prizes

Thanks to our sponsors, the 2021/22 Rasdex Classic River race will have significant prizes to recognise category place getters and general participation through spot prizes.

- Prologue Category Winners will receive a prize.
- Main Event category place getters will receive prizes and medals.
- There will be a number of significant spot prizes given away at the prize giving.

Series Winners

For those paddlers who participate in all four races, there will be series prizes in both male and female categories.

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:

2021/22 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

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 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.

COMPULSORY GEAR

The following gear is compulsory for every race in the series:

Kayak		
Suitable for the paddler skill level. For first time entrants, this must be the same level of boat as assessed in gaining Grade 2 certificate. Kayak is in good condition, river worthy and water tight. Rudder attached securely and cables/lines are in good condition Remove old race numbers from the boat (Leave 2021 Prologue series numbers on).		
Buoyancy		
Air bags, minimum 20 Litres securely tied in to kayak, or sealed bulkheads, sea kayaks only This requirement is over and above the manufacturers foam pillars. Wine bladders are not acceptable!		
PFD – Lifejacket/ Buoyancy Vest - 50N, type 406 specialist, NZS compliant		
Helmet - Kayaking Specific		
Spray Skirt		
Paddle		
Drybag, 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	
	First Aid Kit	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	
Survival bag - (not a blanket) carried either in PFD or in a pocket		
Whistle - attached to PFD		
<i>Notes: This is a minimum requirement - feel free to include additional gear. Synthetic, natural or composite thermal products are acceptable. Cotton is unacceptable. A compression garment is not a thermal garment.</i>		

COMPULSORY GEAR CHECKS

It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are carrying all of 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 considerably. Note the last part of both roads is rough with tight turns and is more suitable for 4WD's. No campervans or trailers please.

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.

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 main event 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.

Cut Off Time

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

Race Number

Race numbers will be collected at Mt White Bridge on race day (Woodstock for Prologues). 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.

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.