

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL WATER FESTIVAL 2009

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL RAFT RACE

The objective of the Race is to promote creativity, innovation and a adventurous spirit among the youth in Singapore by providing them the opportunity to design and construct a three-man raft out of scrap materials and compete for the fastest time for the 100m course at the Marina Barrage.

- 1) **DATE/TIME** : Sunday, 21 June 2009, starting at 10.00 am
- 2) **COURSE** : Marina Barrage (100 metres)
- 3) **ELIGIBILITY**
The event is open to all educational and training institutions and organisations in the public and private sectors.
- 4) **ENTRIES**
 - 4.1 All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form.
 - 4.2 Entry Forms are obtainable from the Singapore Polytechnic (Tel: 67721147) or the SP Website: <http://www.sp.edu.sg/siwf>
 - 4.3 The number of entries per organisation is limited to 3 teams per organisation.
- 5) **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES** : **12 noon, 9 June 2009**
- 6) **PRIZES**
Two categories will be awarded, viz:

6.1 Fastest Raft :			
1st Prize:	\$1000	4th Prize:	\$300
2nd Prize:	\$600	5th Prize:	\$200
3rd Prize:	\$400		
6.2 Most Innovative Raft:			
1st Prize:	\$1000	4th Prize:	\$100
2nd Prize:	\$500	5th Prize:	\$100
3 rd Prize :	\$300		

- 7) **SUBMISSION OF RAFTS**
 - 7.1 All rafts must be submitted for judging at the DISPLAY AREA at Marina Barrage by noon on Saturday, 21 June 2009.
 - 7.2 Each team must provide its own transport to bring the raft to the Display Area and remove it after the Race.
 - 7.3 No change or modification is allowed to the raft once it has been submitted for judging.
- 8) **EXHIBITION OF RAFTS**
Rafts will be exhibited to the public from noon, 20 June 2009, until the end of the race on 21 June 2009. The Organising Committee will provide security for the rafts.
- 9) **CONSTRUCTION OF RAFT**
 - 9.1 Any raft deemed as boat-like by the judges, will be disqualified. The raft must be designed and constructed by the participating team. The judges' interpretation of 'boat -like' is final.
 - 9.2 The raft must be built from scrap materials such as used drum containers, cans, tyres, tubes, tree trunks or bamboo. Wooden materials may be used but each piece must not exceed 1m² (area). The judges' interpretation of 'scrap' is final.
 - 9.3 Any recognisable commercial or pleasure watercraft, in part or whole, will not be accepted.
 - 9.4 Adhesive tapes, raffia strings, ropes, wires, nails, bolts, nuts and screws may be used for binding. The use of fiberglass, polyfoam, canvas, rivet, glue or welding is not allowed.
 - 9.5 The overall length of the raft (water plane area) must not exceed twice its overall width.
 - 9.6 The raft must be propelled by wind and/or human power only.
 - 9.7 Oars, if used, must be self-made and have only a single blade.
 - 9.8 The raft cannot have more than one hull.
 - 9.9 Other than the boats of the organisers and/or sponsor, all other entries must be rafts. No canoe-shaped craft with disguised 'wings' (out riggers) is allowed.
 - 9.10 The judges reserve the right to dismantle the raft for inspection and measurement if they feel that it infringes on the rules.
 - 9.11 A raft that is found to have infringed on any of the above rules will be disqualified.
- 10) **THE CREW**
 - 10.1 Each team must nominate 3 members to form the crew.
 - 10.2 Before the start of the race, the names of the crew members must be given to the marshals together with proof of their identity.
 - 10.3 No substitution of crew will be allowed after the marshals have accepted the names.
 - 10.4 Crew members must wear life jackets.
 - 10.5 Crew members must remain in their rafts while their race is in progress.
- 11) **THE START**
 - 11.1 The Organising Committee has the right to decide on the number of races to be held and will conduct the draw for each race. Notwithstanding the draw, the Organising Committee may reschedule races and/or reassign teams to races.
 - 11.2 Each race will be announced. Crew involved in the race must report at the START LINE with their rafts after the announcement has been made.
 - 11.3 Each team will launch their raft at the Launching Point from where the crew will make its way to the START LINE.
 - 11.4 All rafts must be stationed behind the START LINE until the starting gun has been fired.
 - 11.5 In the event of a false start, a second shot will be fired.
 - 11.6 A race shall not be restarted except in cases of a false start (11.5) or collision (12.3).
 - 11.7 Any raft that infringes on starting procedures during a restart will be disqualified.

12) COMPETITION

- 12.1 There must be at least 6 entries in each category in order for the event to be conducted.
- 12.2 Any raft that obstructs or causes disturbance to another raft will be disqualified.
- 12.3 In the event of collision within the 20m line, the marshals shall alert all rafts to return to the START LINE for a restart. If a collision occurs outside the 20m line, the race shall continue and be completed. The judges will determine the nature of the collision and disqualify the infringing raft. The positions and timing records for the race shall be taken as final.
- 12.4 Each raft shall race only once except for the 5 fastest rafts, which shall compete again in the finals for the overall top five positions.
- 12.5 The finishing time of a raft is taken when any fixed part of it crosses the FINISH LINE.
- 12.6 No participant is allowed to remove or discard any part of the raft before or during the Race.
- 12.7 On crossing the FINISH LINE, all rafts will move to the side of the river without causing interference to the Race.
- 12.8 Teams must not abandon or dispose of their raft in or near the river.
- 12.9 Capsized rafts will be towed away. The crew must heed the instructions of the rescuers and not cause obstruction to competing rafts.
- 12.10 The judges reserve the right to end a race and clear the course of all rafts that do not stand a chance of winning.
- 12.11 The competition shall take place irrespective of the weather.

13) THE FASTEST RAFT PRIZE

The winner will be the raft that returns the fastest time in the final race.

14) THE MOST INNOVATIVE RAFT PRIZE

The raft, in the opinion of the judges, which displays the highest degree of ingenuity and innovativeness in its design and construction wins.

15) GENERAL

- 16.1 The Organiser shall retain all winning rafts.
- 16.2 Any protest against a raft should be lodged with the Organising Committee before 1.00 pm on 21 June 2009. Any protest about conduct of a race should be made to the judges within 15 minutes of completion of the relevant race.
- 16.3 A deposit of \$50 must accompany each protest and will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld by the judges whose decision is final.
- 16.4 The decision of the judges and the Organising Committee shall be final on any interpretation of these rules and regulations or a question of matter not provided by them.
- 16.5 The Organiser reserves the right to retain the winning rafts for further inspection if it is found to have infringed on any of the rules of the competition.
- 16.6 All rafts must be cleared from the race site by 3.00 pm on 21 June 2009. Any raft left on the premises will be treated as litter and the owner will be liable for prosecution.
- 16.7 The Singapore Polytechnic, sponsors, Organising Committee and their appointed officials shall not be liable under any circumstances for injury and/or loss of limb or life to any participant or spectator or for damage or loss of such persons' property while preparing for, participating in, or attending the race or the exhibition.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
INTERNATIONAL RAFT RACE**

PART I

To be completed by the team

ORGANISATION _____

NAME OF TEAM _____

NAME OF TEAM MEMBERS (Max 5 persons) CONTACT NUMBERS

1 _____ (LEADER) _____ (TEL/HP)

2 _____ (ASSISTANT) _____ (TEL/HP)

3 _____

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MAILING ADDRESS OF LEADER _____

We have read and agreed to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore International Water Festival to be held on Sunday, 21 June 2009

SIGNATURE OF LEADER

DATE

PART II

To be completed by competing organisation

I hereby certify that the above team members are bona fide staff/students/members of our organisation.

ORGANISATION STAMP

NAME AND DESIGNATION
OF CERTIFYING OFFICER

SIGNATURE

All completed Official Entry Forms shall be submitted through the respective organisations, to :

**The Secretary
Organising Committee
c/o Department of Student & Alumni Affairs
Singapore Polytechnic
500 Dover Road
Singapore 139651
Fax: 67721960**

Any false declaration on this Entry Form will lead to automatic disqualification from the Race.