

2018 Riverfest Canoe & Kayak Races ~ Fees, Rules, & Regulations

- \$10.00 per person, per race (including Triathlon)
- \$10.00 canoe rental (includes 2 life vests/2 paddles) • \$5.00 single life vest or paddle rental

Registration and Start:

Contestants must register at the Race Finish Line (on US-12, behind State Farm Insurance & McDonald's) anytime during Riverfest up until ONE HOUR before start of race. Participants must report to start line no later than 20 MINUTES before scheduled start of race. Starting positions are determined by the order in which entry forms are received. Canoes and kayaks will start at 3 minute intervals with winners determined by the fastest time. All participants must complete and sign Waiver Form as provided by Jonesville Riverfest Committee.

Awards and Finish Times:

Finish times are not released until 15 minutes after the finish of the last canoe. Awards will be presented 10 minutes after times have been posted. Medals and cash prizes are awarded for 1st (\$80), 2nd (\$60), and 3rd (\$40) place finishers.

Portages:

Only short portages across obstructions in the river are allowed. Canoes and kayaks must stay in the water in the shallow areas. Canoes and kayaks shall go under all bridges except Bacon St Bridge. Canoes and kayaks must portage on left-hand side at Jonesville Mill Pond Dam. Any team receiving help while portaging is immediately disqualified.

Drop Outs:

Drop out teams must report to the Race Spotter at the nearest check point so pickup arrangements can be made and drop out noted in the race record.

Disqualification, Sportsmanship:

Any team receiving help during any portion of the race shall be disqualified. Community accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail. Intentional contact with opponent, capsizing of, or damage to the opponent's canoe/kayak shall result in immediate disqualification.

Protests:

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Protest Committee within 20 minutes of the finish of the last canoe in the race. No protests after awards are given. All decisions by Race Protest Committee are final.

Canoe Regulations:

Canoes must be occupied by 2 canoeists, except for the Open and Cruising Classes. Aluminum canoes shall be the product of a regular manufacturer. Maximum length is 18'6". Aluminum canoes must be used in all classes except Generations, Cruising, Fun, and Open. Open class regulations: canoes 17' and under, any material. Cruising canoes may be made of any material or combination of materials with built in buoyancy of 25#. Fun Cruise, Generations, and Open Class canoes may be of any material*. Beaver and all other racing type canoes in all other classes except Cruising and Open Class will be handicapped 3 minutes. A limited number of canoes, life vests, and paddles are available for rental on a first come, first served, basis (see above fee schedule). Paddles: No restrictions.

Kayak Regulations:

Paddles: Double bladed only. Must be 14 years or older to participate.

Life Preservers:

Each canoeist and kayaker must wear a Coast Guard Approved PFD at all times while in canoe/kayak, no matter their age or weather conditions.