



STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

YFC Centre, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

President: George Hawley **Chairman:** Emily Cartmail
Treasurer: Angela Woodward **Organiser:** Julia Taylor



Issued – Tuesday 18th July 2023

RAFT RIDE INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SHARE WITH ALL THOSE TAKING PART

DATE: Sunday 23rd July 2023
STARTING POINT: Field by Weetmans Bridge – road entry off Meadow Lane, ST17 0XX
(WhatThreeWords ///hiker.gasp.precautions)
FINISHING POINT: Access from road off A51 at Wolesley Bridges
(WhatThreeWords ///kilowatt.encodes.welfare)

CHIEF STEWARDS/HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:

David Heminsley, George Hawley, James Freeman & Harry Butson

BOOKING IN STEWARDS: James Freeman, Harry Butson, Liv Lockett & Hannah Britland

TIMEKEEPER STEWARDS: Trevor Shelley & Max Elsmore

ADDITIONAL SAFETY STEWARDS – TO FOLLOW AT THE REAR OF THE RIDE: Richard Hooley & William Freeman

ROUTE SAFETY STEWARDS – TO WALK ALONGSIDE THEIR CLUBS RAFTS:

ASHLEY YFC – Olivia Lockett & Jack Salt

CHASE YFC - Alison Freeman, Sarah Nilsen & Emma Gwilt

CHEADLE YFC – George Large

ECCLESHALL YFC – Jack Sammons, Jessica Bradley & Tom Bowers

LEEK YFC - Andy Hill & Jordan Derbyshire

LICHFIELD YFC - Fiona Willett

UTTOXETER JNFU – Amy Boothby, Alicia Bexon & Matt Shaw

The above to form teams of stewards on the day as directed by the Chief Stewards

TEAMS ENTERED:

MALE: ASHLEY; CHASE A, CHASE B, CHEADLE, ECCLESHALL; LEEK; LICHFIELD, UTTOXETER A; UTTOXETER B,

FEMALE: ASHLEY; ECCLESHALL A; ECCLESHALL B, LEEK, UTTOXETER,

FIRST AID COVER: Supplied by Arley Medical.

CATERING: A BBQ will be available to purchase at the end of the ride.

CATERING TEAM ON THE DAY: Margaret Bennett, Lisa Hawley & Lisa Goldstraw

CATERING SHOPPING AND BOXING UP/COLLECTING EQUIPMENT FROM OFFICE: Margaret Bennett

ENTRY FEE:

£20 PER RAFT TO BE PAID CASH ON THE DAY – NOTE **THIS WILL NOT BE INVOICED** TO YOUR CLUB SO PLEASE ENSURE IT IS PAID ON THE DAY. RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY CLUB RECORDS ON THE DAY IF NEEDED.

TIMING:

All stewards as named above to meet at the site at 4.30pm for a full safety briefing.

All rafts and competitors to arrive for safety checks and full safety briefing no later than 5pm.



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ELIGIBILITY: Teams on each raft of four people of the same gender in order to qualify for the competition, all 28 and under on 1st September 2023. Note only two team members may be aged 16 – 17 years. No one 15 or under may take part.

SAFEGUARDING:

All those aged 16 – 17 years MUST submit a JotForm Parental Permission Form no later than Wednesday 19th July at midnight. **NO PAPER VERSIONS OF THE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.**

No members aged 15 or under may take part. Click here <https://form.jotform.com/231624217380349>

LIFE JACKETS: All Clubs must supply a minimum of 4 life jackets. Additional life jackets needed will be supplied by Staffordshire YFC (subject to availability). Anyone not wearing a life jacket will not be able to take part.

Rules and Health & Safety – applies to all Members and Rafts!

- Health and Safety must be a consideration at all times by the competitors and the stewards.
- All rafts will be subject to safety checks before entering the water. The Chief Stewards on the day have the right to disqualify any raft if it does not comply with safety standards and the ride rules.
- When booking in, all Competitors will have the full rules of the Raft Ride explained to them. Their Raft will also be checked at the same time.
- All competitors must sign to confirm that they are a competent swimmer. For those aged 16 – 17 years, parents will be asked to verify this on their permission slip.
- All Rafts will be subject to safety checks before entering the water and the stewards on the day have the right to not allow any unsafe rafts on the water.
- ALL team members must be competent swimmers.
- ALL team members must wear life jackets. Teams are asked to provide their own.
- All rafts must be man-powered only and have no sharp edges.
- No alcohol is to be taken onto rafts or consumed before/during the ride.
- No sports equipment such as surf boards etc. to be used.
- Competitors must remain on their raft, unless an emergency situation arises.
- Chemical drums must be thoroughly cleaned before use.
- All competitors on the raft must be able to carry the raft on their own (bearing in mind the various depths of the river).
- Competitors are responsible for their own rafts and any Clubs leaving items in the river at the start or finish of the race may be charged for the removal.
- Digital Membership cards will be requested. No card = no ride
- Any unacceptable behaviour by any individual or team, on the day, on or off the Raft, may result in disqualification of the team or Club. This is left to the discretion of the Stewards and Competitions Chairman on the day.

Emergency Contact Numbers on the Day:

George Hawley – 07973 324522

David Heminsley – 07971 273725

Harry Butson - 07385 511121

James Freeman - 07863 687117

FIRST AID: Arley Medical (Duty Manager) – 01676 292 999

Stewards and other helpers' mobile numbers:

Trevor Shelley – 07970 241436

Max Elsmore – 07703 510109

Jack Sammons – 07989 406141

Lisa Hawley – 07779 524630

Richard Hooley – 07973 624445

Matt Shaw – 07946 290107

Margaret Bennett -07966 381047

Olivia Lockett - 07450 705647

Jack Salt - 07592 505570

Fiona Willett - 07967 598409

George Large - 07939 998493

Andy Hill - 07966 479718

Jordan Derbyshire - 07365 530226

Amy Boothby - 07803 306009

Alicia Bexon - 07825 235315

Jessica Bradley - 07794 362260

Tom Bowers - 07952 917690

Will Freeman – 07425 621007

Richard Hooley – 07799 324243



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ROUTE:



- 1 - Road access point for start of course
- 2 - Start of raft course
- 3 - Railway underpass
- 4 - Access for steward point 3
- 5 - Road access to field for steward points 4, 5 & 6
- 6 - Road access point for end of course
- 7 - End of raft course

- Stewards team locations
- Each team 3 or 4 people
- Each team to have suitable off-road vehicle
- Team to have rope, blankets, first aid kit, etc



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