

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BALEH – KAPIT RAFT SAFARI 2009

(RUMAH UNYAT, SUNGAI MERIRAI, BALEH – RUMAH MAWANG, NANGA SUAU, BALEH – KAPIT)

1. The Baleh-Kapit Raft Safari 2009 is organized by the **Kapit Division Tourism Task Group** which consists of several government agencies and non-governmental organizations in Kapit District; supported by the Ministry Of Urban Development and Tourism, Ministry of Social Development and Urbanisation, Sarawak Tourism Board; Ministry of Tourism Malaysia, and Tourism Malaysia.
2. This competition is divided into different categories as stated below:-
 - a) **Men's Bamboo Raft Open**
 - Open to all men teams only. **Only bamboo raft is allowed.**
 - b) **Men's Bamboo Raft Closed**
 - Open to all men teams from the government agencies, private companies, registered non-governmental organizations; and Development and Security Village Committees (JKKK). **Only bamboo raft is allowed.**
 - c) **Men's Freestyle Raft**
 - Open to all men teams using rafts made of **bamboo, wood or mixture of bamboo & wood.**
 - d) **Women's Bamboo Raft**
 - Open to all women teams only. **Only bamboo raft is allowed.**
 - f) **Tourists**
 - Open to non Malaysians and if needed, not more than **four (4)** locals are allowed in one team.
 - Open to tourism-based organizations. Not more than **four (4)** locals or non members or non staff of the organization are allowed in one team.
 - Participants can be consisted of **all men, all women or mixture of men & women.**
 - The teams can use rafts made of **bamboo, wood or mixture of bamboo & wood.**
 - e) **Decorated Raft**
 - Open to all qualified rafts. The judges will decide on the winner based on the creativity and uniqueness of the raft.
3. Prizes
 - a) **Men's Bamboo Raft Open**

Champion	RM 3,000.00 and a trophy
1 st runner-up	RM 2,500.00 and a trophy
2 nd runner-up	RM 1,500.00 and a trophy
Consolations (4 th -10 th)	RM 800.00 and a trophy

b) Men's Bamboo Raft Closed / Men's Freestyle Raft / Women's Bamboo Raft / Tourists

Champion	RM 2,000.00 and a trophy
1 st runner-up	RM 1,500.00 and a trophy
2 nd runner-up	RM 1,000.00 and a trophy
Consolations (4 th -10 th)	RM 500.00 and a trophy

c) Decorated Raft

Champion	RM 1,000.00
1 st runner-up	RM 800.00
2 nd runner-up	RM 500.00

4. Route and Dates

In the Men's Bamboo Raft Open Category, the starting point is at **Rh. Unyat, Sg. Merirai, Baleh** and the stopping point is at **Rh. Mawang, Ng. Suau, Baleh** on 8th August 2009 (Saturday) before resuming their rafting on 9th August 2009 (Sunday). The finishing point is at Sibu Wharf, Kapit.

Meanwhile, in the Men's Bamboo Raft Closed, Men's Freestyle Raft, Women's Bamboo Raft and Tourists Categories, the starting point is at **Rh. Mawang, Ng. Suau, Baleh** on 9th August 2009 (Sunday). The finishing point is at Sibu Wharf, Kapit.

All participants must arrange their own transportation to get to the starting points.

5. This competition is open to those who are:

- (a) 18 years old and above**
- (b) Physically fit and healthy**
- (c) Able to swim**

6. One team must be represented by **at least six (6) persons** and **not more than eight (8) persons** for all categories.

7. During the competition, six (6) persons must be on the raft. Two (2) reserves can wait at other locations along the route in case of replacement.

8. Not fewer than six (6) persons and not more than eight (8) persons must be on the raft upon reaching the finishing point (to be checked by the judges).

9. Registration

All members in the team must be registered with the organizing committee by submitting the completed and signed entry form. Any changes must be made during a briefing for the team managers.

10. Participation Fee

The fee is **RM20.00** per team and is **not refundable**. Please keep the receipt to claim the raft subsidy.

11. Closing Date

The closing date is on **24th July 2009 (Friday)**.

12. Contact

The entry form and the letter of indemnity together with the entry fee must be submitted to:

BALEH-KAPIT RAFT SAFARI 2009,

Kapit Resident's Office,

Level 9, New State Complex,

96800 Kapit, Sarawak.

Tel: +(6) 084-796445, 796230

Fax: +(6)084-796932

Website: www.kapitro.sarawak.gov.my or www.kapit.net.my

13. Briefing

All team managers in the Men's Bamboo Raft Open Category must attend a briefing to be held at **4p.m. at Rh. Unyat, Sg. Merirai, Baleh on 7th August 2009 (Friday)** one day before the competition. The briefing for the Men's Bamboo Raft Closed, Men's Freestyle Raft, Women's Bamboo Raft and Tourists Categories will be held at **Rh. Mawang, Ng. Suau, Baleh at 4p.m. on 8th August 2009 (Saturday)** one day before the competition.

14. Decision on the Winner

The winner will be judged according to the shortest time taken from the starting point to the finishing point decided by the judges. All winning rafts including decorated rafts must reach the finishing point at Kapit Wharf, Kapit to be eligible for the prizes.

15. Responsibility for Environmental Cleanliness

- a) All participants are not allowed to throw any rubbish, empty bottles, papers or plastic materials into the river before, during, after or at any time during the competition.
- b) Upon reaching the finishing point, all rafts must be kept at a place allocated by the organizer.

16. Specification of the Raft

- a) **Width** - Not less than six (6) feet
- b) **Length** - Not less than thirty (30) feet
- c) **Design** - Not fixed
- d) **Material**
 - As stated in item (2). For rafts using wood, **at least five (5) woods with not less than 12 inches of circumference each must be used.** There must be a **spacing** between the binded woods . **The use of protected wood species is prohibited.**
 - If the bamboo is extended or covered by wood, the wood must not longer than **two (2) feet** long.
 - The rafts must be tied up with rattan or rope only. **The use of nails, screws, metal and iron is not allowed for 2(a) and 2(b) categories.**

17. Team Number

Throughout the competition, each team must display the team number which is given during the briefing according to the colours as stated below:

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| a) Men's Bamboo Raft Open | - Green |
| b) Men's Bamboo Raft Closed | - Black |
| c) Men's Freestyle Raft | - Red |
| d) Women's Bamboo Raft | - Blue |
| e) Tourists | - Orange |

18. Oar

The types and shapes of the oar are not fixed. All teams must prepare their own oars.

19. Raft Inspection

The organizer will inspect the rafts at the starting and finishing points. Any rafts that do not follow the rules will be disqualified.

20. Safety

For safety purpose, all participants **MUST** wear life jacket. The team will be penalized or disqualified if any of the rafters do not wear life jacket. Life jackets can be borrowed from the Kapit Resident's Office a day before the competition during office hours. (Stock is limited). The life jackets **MUST** be returned to the secretariat after the competition. **Fine of RM50.00** will be charged to every loss or damage.

21. Pulling the Raft

Any teams found pulling their rafts with boat(s) will be disqualified.

22. Authority to Translate and Amend the Rules

- a) The organizer has the authority to amend and to add any rules in order to ensure the safety of the competitors at any time deemed necessary.
- b) The organizer has the authority to translate the rules of the competition in the event of contradiction of opinions.

23. Appeal

Appeal on the result can be made **within 30 minutes** after reaching the finishing points by paying a deposit of **RM50.00**. The deposit is not refundable if the appeal is not approved by the jury.

24. Indemnity

The organizer of the Baleh-Kapit Raft Safari 2009 will **NOT BE RESPONSIBLE** for any losses of lives, injuries and damages incurred before, during or after the competition. Therefore, all participants must agree to absolve the organizer and the officials from all responsibilities and liabilities to any deaths, injuries or damages incurred before, during or after the competition. This indemnity includes any claims on negligence, action or inaction of the organizer and officials. The organizer is also not required to provide any insurance cover.

25. Raft Subsidy

The organizer will provide a subsidy of **RM300.00** for every qualified raft. Every team can claim their subsidy one day after the competition at the Kapit District Office (Level 2, New State Complex, Beleteh, Kapit) during office hours by showing the receipt. However, the teams that have made a raft reservation are not eligible for the subsidy.

26. Prize Giving Ceremony

Prizes will be presented to all winners on 9th August 2009 (Sunday) at 6.30 p.m. at the Kapit Civic Centre. All participants are invited.

27. Declaration

We declare that we have understood and agreed to all the rules and regulations stipulated by the organizer of the Baleh-Kapit Raft Safari 2009.