Potomac Riverkeeper Network’s RiverPalooza Paddle Rules

1. PRKN’s RiverPalooza and RioPalooza trips involve activities with inherent safety risks. Participants are aware of such risks and assume them by agreeing to participate.
2. Trip leaders and/or outfitters can cancel or change paddle trip times due to safety concerns and/or river levels. Participants will be advised of the rescheduled time for the activity, but if they are unable to attend at that time, they will not be eligible for a refund.
3. All participants must attend the pre-launch safety briefing. Participants must adhere to the safety guidelines presented.
4. Participants must wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device at all times on the river.
5. Participants under age 18 are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian.
6. Participants planning to fish must have a valid fishing license for the waters they are fishing.
7. All participants must sign a Waiver of Claims and Release of Liability form. Parents must accompany children under the age of 18 and sign the Waiver before the event.
8. Participants must use person-powered watercraft only.
9. Private land abuts most sections of our river paddles. All participants must respect private property along the river and not stop at unauthorized spots along the river.
10. Participants planning to attend additional or optional activities and tours do so at their own risk. Participants planning to bike, paddle, or provide shuttles outside of RiverPalooza do so at their own risk.
11. Participants must be old enough to participate in the trip and must be accompanied by an adult who supervises the child’s activity on the trip. No more than 2 children under the age of 18 may accompany a single adult guardian.
12. Alcohol is prohibited on RiverPalooza Trips.
13. By participating in this event, you agree that PRKN can use your image in photos for promotional purposes.
14. Violations of these policies can result in the participant being removed from the event without a refund. Potomac Riverkeeper Network is not responsible for injuries that result from outdoor activities that occur during RiverPalooza events.
15. Individuals acknowledge the ability to perform the following essential eligibility criteria:
   a. Breathe independently (i.e., not require medical devices to sustain breathing)
   b. Independently maintain sealed airway passages while underwater
   c. Independently hold head upright without neck/head support
   d. Manage personal care independently or with assistance of a companion
   e. Manage personal mobility independently or with or with a reasonable amount of assistance
   f. Follow instructions and effectively communicate independently or with assistance of a companion
   g. Independently turn from face-down to face-up and remain floating face up while wearing a properly fitted life jacket
h. Get on / off or in/out of a paddlecraft independently or with a reasonable amount of assistance
i. Independently get out and from under a capsized paddlecraft
j. Re-mount or re-enter the paddlecraft following deep water capsize independently or with a reasonable amount of assistance
k. Maintain a safe body position while attempting skills, activities, and rescues listed in the appropriate Course Outline, and have the ability to recognize and identify to others when such efforts would be unsafe given your personal situation
16. By registering for and attending RiverPalooza events participants recognize that
   a. These are high-risk activities.
   b. There are inherent risks that cannot be eliminated.
   c. They have sufficient knowledge of the presence of risks not specifically identified as associated with the activity.
   d. They are fully capable and physically able to participate in the activities.
   e. They assume all risks for adverse outcomes resulting from their voluntary participation in this activity.

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