

2009 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Competition Committee & Infraction/Penalty Information

Following is a brief overview of the function of the Competition Committee and of the rules infraction and penalty guidelines for the 2009 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The Competition Committee will be comprised of 5 primary members and 1 or more alternate members designated by the AuSable Marathon Organizing Committee.

- A minimum of three members of the Competition Committee are required in order to meet for consideration of potential infractions, penalties, protests, etc.

- A majority of the competition committee [and/or alternates standing in for primary members] - three votes - shall be required for a decision.

- If three [or four] members meet and there are not 3 votes for a decision [a majority of the 5-member Competition Committee], consideration of the matter will be tabled until other member[s] or alternates can be brought into the process in order to achieve a three-vote decision

Prize money will be withheld from the affected team[s] until the Competition Committee reaches a decision. Marathon results will be identified as "preliminary" until the penalty/protest process is complete. Prize money will be distributed to the other teams, pending outcome of the penalty process. Supplemental prize checks will be distributed if the outcome of the race is changed by the penalty/protest.

Important: Withdrawal Information

If a team withdraws prior to the Marathon, Monday July 20th deadline, and one of the team members enters with a new partner a credit equal to 50% of the original entry fee will be applied to the new entry. If both of the original team members enter with new partners, a credit of 50% of the original entry fee will be applied to each of the new teams. The rule will be followed by the Marathon Committee without regard to which of the original team members paid the original fee. **This rule pertaining to partner changes is limited to one change per person.**

INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES WILL FALL INTO ONE OF TWO CATEGORIES:

[1] UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT [USLC] - The penalty may be a time penalty or range up to and including disqualification. Consideration is given to whether unintentional or intentional and also to the degree of advantage gained by the infraction. All USLC infractions and penalties will be considered as to how they would potentially affect EVERY team in the race if that team were to receive the same penalty, so that the Competition Committee can attempt to ensure that the assessment of penalties will be consistent and precedent setting whenever they are imposed.

AMONG THE RULE INFRACTIONS/PENALTIES IDENTIFIED BY THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE AS UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

6, 8, 10, 13, 14

[2] DISQUALIFICATION [DQ] – **AMONG THE RULES/INFRACTIONS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION ARE:**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18

Respect and Share the AuSable River

Respect & Share the AuSable When practicing on the AuSable for the Marathon or any other race please practice common courtesy and respect nature. Let wading fishermen know that you are approaching, pass quietly and disturb the fishing as little as possible. If you ask them they will generally let you know where they'd like you to pass. (usually behind them)

When practicing at night, use a white or red light to let the fisherman know you are coming. Contact one of the local fishing shops to find when fishing traffic will be busiest and try to plan your run around the busy period (this time will change through the season).

Please do not disturb log jams and "sweepers" (the cedars coming out low over the river) are important parts of the AuSable River ecosystem. Trimming of these natural structures is illegal and gives the river unnaturally clean, straight flow that inhibits plant, insect and trout growth.

US Forest Service Recreation Fee Alert!!

A Recreation Pass is required on all vehicles entering the following river access sites: 4001 Bridge and Whirlpool Boat Landings, and Au Sable Loop and Gabions Campgrounds.

Day passes are available at the self-service fee stations at each site where required and at Alcona Canoe Rental during regular business hours.

Passes are also available at all Forest Service Offices including the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Stations, and Lumberman's Monument from 8:00 am to 4:30 am, Mondays through Fridays.

Passes are \$3.00 (daily), \$5.00 (weekly) and \$20.00 (annually)

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