



CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

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1. Race Start / Conclusion: Race to begin and conclude at Dillard's Ferry gravel bar river access, AKA, "Highway 14 Bridge."
2. Race Monitoring & Aid Stations: Volunteers will be located at several interval race locations as race monitors for safety and keeping times on the participants. Monitors may require you to yield so they may recognize your bib number. If monitors are unable to record your number, it may result in a DQ.
3. Emergency Notification: All accidents or injuries must be immediately reported to the Midwest Regional Ozark Communications Center (MROCC) 24-hour dispatch center at 1-888-692-1162 or 911.
4. Shuttle Services: Canoe Concessioners will provide shuttle services as necessary. At no point are participants permitted to enter the road to Spring Creek to the transition area. This road is reserved for concessioners, Park Service, and emergency vehicles
5. Parking and Vehicles: **Participants are prohibited from driving private/personal vehicles to Spring Creek.** Participants are authorized to park at Dillard's Ferry and park so as to not block roads, trails, facilities, access points, or camping areas to other visitors, emergency and law enforcement vehicles. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. Race parking at Spring Creek is strictly prohibited, excluding volunteer race monitors. Carpooling is recommended; parking may be limited in some areas, and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. Registration Fees: Registration fees are non-refundable
7. Trash/Clean-Up: We ask that all participants be responsible for the clean-up of all personal refuse and materials. This is inclusive of trash related to on-course aid stations. Trash receptacles will be present on course for use during all events. Discarding of trash on the trail will lead to DQ and permanent ban from future Pirate Perry Events races.
8. High Water Cancelation or Postponement: In the event river levels exceed "Moderate" levels, or at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the event shall be canceled or postponed to a yet to be determined date.
9. Safety Briefing: Public address will be delivered prior to race start and is for the benefit of the participants. We strongly encourage participants to be present and pay attention to the prerace safety meetings. All Participants must understand, as part of the Biathlon pre-race briefing, that they have no greater right-of-way than any other recreational user of the river, and that all safety and navigation rules are applicable to them throughout the race which include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. All participants must yield right-of-way and avoid all swimmers and other persons in the water including tubers and waders.
 - b. All participants must yield to and avoid all distressed or cap-sized boats.
 - c. PFDs/Life Jackets Required: All participants who participate in the paddling portion of the event are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD). PFDs must be securely fastened at all times while



aboard any vessel. PFDs must be a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD in good and serviceable condition, and of proper size. Participants who are renting vessels will be provided a PFD from the outfitter.

- d. Styrofoam is Prohibited from the River: The possession of polystyrene coolers (commonly known as Styrofoam) is prohibited while floating or camping along the Buffalo River, except in developed campgrounds, picnic areas, landings, roads and parking lots. This prohibition includes coolers, ice chests, and containers. High density bait containers, used solely for that purpose are allowed.
- e. Glass Containers are Prohibited from the River and Trails: The possession or use of glass containers in caves, on trails or waterways or within 100 feet (30.48 meters) of any river or stream in the park is prohibited except in designated campgrounds, picnic sites, or in vehicles on designated roads and parking areas. Except for containers for substances prescribed by a licensed physician, no personal shall possess or use glass containers within the bank of Arkansas' navigable waterways, within a vessel.



REGISTRATION POLICIES

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The Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs (BNRB) is a carefully planned and executed event. Medals, bibs, shirts and other items are ordered well in advance of the race and purchased according to information provided during registration. As a result, and similar to almost every race in the industry, the Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs does not offer refunds or deferrals to the next year's event in the case that the athlete is unable to attend. This policy applies to individuals with injuries, unexpected business, family emergencies, etc. Additionally, refunds are not issued for events cancelled for Adverse Weather Conditions as the funds for the event have already been spent in preparation for race day.¹

The following bullet points should be noted by the reader:

- Pirate Perry Events and The Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs reserves the right to reject any registration.
- Pirate Perry Events and The Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs are expected to sell out prior to race weekend.
- Pirate Perry Events and The Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs does not offer refunds for any reason.
- There is NO race day registration on any event.
- Registrations may not be transferred to another individual. Any individual caught participating with another participant's number will not be eligible for awards and receive a DNS in the results.
- All participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian sign their registration form to participate.
- An official race number (bib) is required to participate in all races. No one appreciates a Bandit.

¹ - Definition of "Adverse Weather Conditions"

1. *The event may be delayed or canceled due to Tornado Warning, Tornado Watch, Thunderstorm, Heavy Rain, lightning strikes or any other extreme weather condition. Light to moderate rain or snow is not considered an Adverse Weather Condition. In the case of the biathlon which takes place on the Buffalo National River, river levels rise and exceed what is considered to be "Moderate" levels, or at the discretion of the Superintendent of Buffalo National River or designee the park service, the float/paddle portion of the event shall be canceled.*

SWITCHING RACES & REGISTRATION CHANGES

Participants may switch "down" races (i.e. marathon to half) after a formal request has been emailed to the Race Director. We encourage you to make this decision early as possible as bib numbers are assigned approximately one week before race day. Runners cannot switch "up" a race because of billing difficulties.

TRANSFERS

The Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs will not recognize transfers or those who decide to "sell their bib" to another individual.



CANCELLATION POLICY/REFUNDS

Pirate Perry Events wants to provide a safe race environment for all participants. Should there be a time that it is determined to be unsafe to start a race or proceed with the race, once it has started, the following policy may be enforced:

- If weather or other conditions present a danger to participants, the Pirate Perry Events maintains the right to cancel or modify the race.
- Extreme weather conditions will be recognized as "an act of god," and will not result in the refunding of race registration fees or future race credits.
- Pirate Perry Events asserts that each participant assumes a personal responsibility when entering a Pirate Perry Events and the Buffalo National River Biathlon & Trail Runs encourages all participants to take all precautions and cooperate with directives given during the race by event personnel.

Once we receive and accept your registration, you will not receive a refund if you cannot participate. If you cannot participate, your options are:

- Request your participant t-shirt be mailed. We will be happy to mail your participant t-shirt after the race (*please allow a few weeks*).
- All requests must be submitted to the Race Director via email. Please include Name, mailing address, and name of participant.
- Finisher medals for non-finishers will not be mailed out.

Deferrals

- In lieu of deferment, Pirate Perry Events **may** allow registrants to push registrations to the following year by means of using a provided a discount code. Requests may only be considered if the request is emailed to the Race Director at least fourteen (14) days prior to race day. The submission of the request does not imply that the registrant will automatically receive a discount code which offers a discounted registration for the proceeding year. Deferrals to the proceeding year require that the participant utilize the referral/coupon code upon registration. It is the responsibility of the participant to re-register with the code.
- Discount codes are not transferable. If the participant fails to re-register with the code, Pirate Perry Events will not issue a refund or partial refund for the difference in cost.
- Requests via social media will not be accepted.