

## HUCK FINN RAFT RACE RULES

### **SAFETY:**

Rafts must float with the full crew on board.

### **SAFETY CHECK IS MANDATORY BEFORE RAFT IS ALLOWED ON WATER!!!**

Each raft must have a strong grab rope all the way around the raft. This is to ensure that if one of your crewmembers goes overboard, there will be something that they will be able to grab to get back onto the raft.

### **RAFT CONSTRUCTION:**

*Minimum size - 8 feet x 10 feet*

*Maximum size - 12 feet x 12 feet*

Rafts can be of any style within the guidelines of size. Horsepower for propelling rafts must be provided by muscle, wind or water power. No parts specifically manufactured commercially for boats or canoes may be used (ie. hulls, mast, paddles, sails, etc.). For example, if a paddle is used it must be made by the participants. Floatation may be provided by inner tubes, barrels or any other buoyant material. If styrofoam is used for floatation, it must be wrapped completely so that it cannot come apart.

It is recommended that when installing the floatation devices for your raft, that they be placed as close to the outer edge of the raft as possible to provide greater stability. It is recommended that you have at least one extra piece of floatation (tire tubes, barrels, etc.). Small barrels are not the best to use. If possible, try to get at least a medium to large barrel size.

Rafts may have a mast minimum 7 feet high, maximum 10 feet high for the flying of the pennant provided. It is also recommended that you carry some long poles to help in the navigation of your craft, especially in the shallow water.

Each raft must have a rope railing all around the raft. A

***Traditional Huck Finn Raft - only propelled by poling.*** Raft to be constructed from logs or purchased lumber supported by inner tubes, barrels or wrapped styrofoam. **Construction must be lashed.** Keep in mind there will be additional design points added for using lashed log construction as opposed to purchased.