

This activity area should only be entered when the group is booked to do so.

Individuals who have completed the Self-led/Instructor-led activity registration form for Rafting must be present for the entire duration of the activity.

For Self-led activities, please arrive at the activity office 10 minutes before your session start time to collect keys/equipment. At the end of your session, please return these back to the activity office promptly.

For Instructor-led activities, please meet your instructor at the activity area at your session time.

All activities involve risks of some kind, but with good training, proper equipment and responsible leadership, these risks can be minimised to provide adventure and fun for everyone.

## RAFTING OPERATING GUIDELINES

1. All Rafting carried out must conform to Policy, Organisation and Rules ("POR") of The Scouts.
2. An individual who has completed the Rafting Self-led/Instructor-led activity registration form must be present, for the entire duration of the activity.
3. Buoyancy aids and helmets must be worn.
4. All persons must be able to swim 50 metres clothed.
5. An adult/competent person should be looking after anyone not paddling and should have them seated on the waterside and able to assist the instructor if required.
6. Suitable footwear must be worn and securely tightened.
7. All big poles should be carried by a minimum of 2 suitable people, making everyone aware of those around them.
8. A throw line must be readily available.
9. All materials or objects should be used for the purpose for which they were designed.
10. For group management, an additional competent adult should be present supervising the individuals that are not engaged on the activity.
11. Everyone must ensure safety at all times.
12. The session will be stopped immediately should any of these guidelines not be adhered to.
13. If there is a change in the weather/environment or the equipment/activity becomes unusable the session must be stopped immediately.

### ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT / AREA DEFECTS

**It is important to check the equipment and environment is safe before starting your session. Any defects before, during or after your session must be reported to a member of Hertfordshire Scouts staff and reported via the QR code form.**

