

Personal Flotation Devices – Approved for IBCPC Participatory Festival 2023

This document is to give an overview of the approved types of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), or lifejackets, that can be used for the IBCPC Participatory Festival (“the festival”) 2023, at Lake Karapiro, New Zealand.



Application

This document applies to all persons who will be on the water at any stage during the festival. This applies to training days, and race days. This applies, but isn’t limited, to:


- Athletes
- Officials
- Volunteers
- Support crew (e.g. support boat drivers)

Approved devices

These devices must be a manually inflated device. Automatic inflation devices will not be permitted, due to the risk they present in a capsized.

	<p>The “Horseshoe” style, which will be provided for general use, and must have a minimum rating of 150Nm.</p>
	<p>The “bumbag” style, which may be provided by the individual. Where this style is used, it will be incumbent upon the individual to ensure their partner knows how to use this in the event of an emergency.</p>

Non-approved devices

	<p>Passive devices have a low rating, as well as providing a safety risk in the event of a capsized.</p>
<p>Automatically inflating devices</p>	<p>Automatically inflating devices can cause entrapment under an overturned dragonboat. For this reason they are not approved.</p>

Considerations

For teams / individuals arriving by Air, check with your carrier around rules for carriage of devices with compressed gas cylinders. It will be the individual’s responsibility to check these. Festival organisers take no responsibilities for carriage being declined.

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