

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

Dear Raft Competitor,

Thank you for entering our 44th Charity Raft Race on the River Dee.

We look forward to seeing you on the water and hope you can really help us in this major charity event by each raft crew raising sponsorship money for our chosen charities headed by the Claire House. However we do appreciate that you may wish to raise funds for your own preferred charity. This is entirely acceptable but we ask that you kindly donate to Rotary just 25% of the sum you raise with the 75% balance to your own chosen charity.

Please indicate on the declaration form accompanying your entry if a charity of your choice so that we are aware of other charities that will benefit.

Prizes will be given for the best interpretation of the theme, "Chester Heritage and Transport Through The Ages". There will be prizes for the fastest time in the three classifications of Overall, Ladies and Hostelry. Please specify your classification on the entry form.

A letter of DECLARATION is on page 7. This must be correctly completed, signed and returned with your entry form on page 2 together with preferably a cheque before your application can be accepted. Online payments can be arranged following receipt of your completed application.

**Please read the rules very carefully. These form a part of the application. Ensure that all members of your crew are familiar with them and agree to abide by them.**

The FINISH LINE is located just ABOVE the weir on the right bank of the river (going downstream).

**MAKE IT A PARTY ON THE MEADOWS!!**

A very limited number of reserved Hospitality Areas on The Meadows are available. The cost of a standard plot 10 metres frontage to the river by 20 metres depth is £ 350 and perfect if you have a large group of supporters and would like to "make a day of it".

**Collections or collecting boxes on behalf of other charities are NOT permitted at this event.**

We look forward to receiving your 2019 entry application and fee. Please indicate clearly if you wish to make an online payment.

To enable us to conform to the GDPR legislation, please tick this box if you are happy for us to retain your contact details on file.

The Rotary Club of Chester is grateful for your support of this charity event.

Raft Race Team

[mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk](mailto:mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk)

# Rotary Club of Chester 2019 Charity Raft Race

## ENTRY FORM

Please return completed ENTRY FORMS by 15th June 2019 to:  
Rotary Club of Chester Raft Race, 1 Willoway Road, Chester, CH3 5NR.

For queries please email: [mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk](mailto:mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk)

<p>Entry Fee - £100 per raft "Early Bird" entry £80 per raft by 30<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p>Please enclose your cheque with this form and make it payable to:  Rotary Club of Chester Trust Fund  (No cash please). Please advise if online payment required.</p>
<p>ENTRANT NAME Company, Organisation or Individual</p>	
<p>Name of Raft</p>	
<p>Name of Raft Captain</p>	
<p>Names of Crew</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;"><b>TOTALCREW incl Captain</b></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>There is no limit to numbers but 6 is recommended</i></p>	

<p>Contact Name</p>	
<p>Contact Address</p> <p>Post Code</p> <p>Tel :</p> <p>Email:</p>	
<p>Classification (delete as appropriate)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ladies                      Hostelry / Most Innovative</p>

<p><b>CORPORATE ADVERTISING</b> Please state if you wish to place a quarter page advertisement for your company or show your logo (JPEG) in the programme. Minimum charge £100.</p>	<p>Yes – I enclose £100 (or more)                      No</p>
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**HOSPITALITY SPACE**

Great for an après-race BBQ or Corporate Party.  
 Pitches, subject to availability, are 10 metres X 20  
 metres minimum size plot. £350 FOR 1 PLOT

Yes

No

(Please circle one)

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY 15TH JUNE 2019 and ensure you have signed the letter of declaration and enclosed the entry fee.

Cheques should be payable to:  
 ROTARY CLUB OF CHESTER  
 TRUST FUND

RAFT ENTRY  
 FEE £100

£ 80 by 30<sup>th</sup>  
 April

(£80)

£

Programme Advertising  
 Donation (£100  
 minimum)

£

Hospitality Area (£350  
 ea)

£

TOTAL ENCLOSED £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Club of Chester**  
**Charity Raft Race on the River Dee**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 – Rafts Start 10.30am**

**Raft Sponsor Form**

This Charity Raft Race is run by the Rotary Club of Chester with the help of St John Ambulance, Chester Sub Aqua Club and many other supporters.

Sponsorship money is in aid of Claire House and other charities of the Rotary Club of Chester.

If you are fundraising for your own charity please specify the name of the charity and we ask that you kindly donate 25% to Rotary with the 75% balance to your own chosen charity.

We are pleased to contribute to the above charities and will sponsor:

Raft Name: -----

Sponsor Name	Signature	Amount Total - £

Cheques to be made payable to: Rotary Club of Chester Trust Fund

c/o 1 Willoway Road, Chester, CH3 5NR.

Please try to return sponsorship money by 31st August 2019

You are helping Rotary's charitable work and this is deeply appreciated by OUR community.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS FORM IF IT MEANS YOU CAN RAISE MORE FUNDS

<p><b>For Official Use Only</b></p> <p>I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RAFT PARTICIPATED IN THE 2018 Charity Raft Race</p> <p>..... Signed - Rotary Club Steward</p>
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## Rotary Club of Chester – 2019 Charity Raft Race Rules

After scrutineering, obtain your OFFICIAL NUMBER TAG from the Rotary Race Control on the Meadows, launch your raft and check in at the Starter Boat which is positioned upriver the Rowing Clubs, The course is approximately 400m downstream to the Finish Line. Departure is in groups of 3 or 4, at the Start Official's discretion. At the Finish, the Raft Captain hands the number tag to the Finish Line Marshal who will display a chequered flag on the right bank of the river just before the weir.

All persons taking part in the event, in whatever capacity, do so at their own risk, knowing that there is always an element of danger in such events and acknowledge that there is no responsibility for any loss or injury whatsoever upon those organising the event. Raft Captains are personally responsible for bringing this disclaimer to the attention of all members of their crew.

1. The Captain and crew of each raft must be 16 years of age or over. **All competitors must be capable swimmers and must wear an adequate life jacket. This rule must be obeyed otherwise the entry will be not be allowed to take part.**
2. All rafts must be constructed of readily available materials, and must not, in the opinion of the Organisers, resemble too closely boats, punts or canoes. Oil drums, etc, if used must be clean and sealed. Overall width, including single bladed paddles must not exceed 10 feet (3.05 meters). **Note: Double bladed canoe-style paddles are not allowed.**
3. The crew must ride ON and not IN the raft. The raft can be propelled by any manual method,
4. The entry number (which will be advised on receipt of the completed entry) must be durable and prominently displayed on BOTH sides of the raft, the figures should be 30cm high and at least 60cm above the water line.
5. All rafts will be scrutinised prior to launching for general safety and compliance with these rules, and can only be launched from The Meadows. Your official number tag will not be released until this is satisfactorily completed.
6. **IMPORTANT: In order to prevent injury and pollution Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) has stated that it is an absolute rule of the race that the throwing of any matter at other raft entrants or spectators and the general public, including food, hard or soft unpleasant substances e.g. cow dung, offal, paint, eggs, fruit, etc. is forbidden. Failure to observe this will result in immediate disqualification and possible legal action.**

To prevent criticism of the event, all crews are responsible for the removal of their own rafts and debris from the river and The Meadows after the race. CWaC may seek to recover any costs of clearance from any raft crew failing to comply. At the end of the race, all rafts are to be removed from the River Dee by hand at all time in order to avoid any damage to the river bank and this is a mandatory requirement.

7. **No engine driven water pumps are allowed on rafts and no dye to be used in water sprayed by hand pumps. Nothing is to be thrown or sprayed onto the river bank, the Bandstand or the suspension footbridge.**
8. Interference with the Flyboarder or with other boats, both private and public, including the throwing of water or missiles is strictly forbidden and will result in instant withdrawal of the entry and could give grounds for prosecution by the Police.
9. The Rotary Club of Chester accepts no responsibility for rafts, marquees or any other belongings used on The Meadows at any time before, during or after the event.
10. The attention of entrants is drawn to safety, personal health risks and the need to shower after the race and before eating etc. in order to avoid cross contamination from any water pollution or infection.
11. NO QUAD BIKES or similar vehicles may be used on The Meadows.

**CAMPING is not allowed on The Meadows on the Saturday night prior to the race. The gated entrance to The Meadows will be unlocked on Sunday morning by 7.30am.**

**SAFETY IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE.** There will be 3 supervisory boats on the river and St John Ambulance will also be in attendance at the event adjacent to the Rotary Race Control on The Meadows.

**If you encounter a problem on the river and require assistance raise a straightened arm with fingers splayed and a boat will come to your assistance. If on shore, then contact anyone in a Rotary Club high-visibility jacket.**

**Rotary Club of Chester**

**2019 Charity Raft Race**

**Letter of Declaration**

To : Rotary Club of Chester,

I have read the rules covering the Rotary Club of Chester 2019 Charity Raft Race and agree to ensure that all members of my team will also read these rules and abide by them, and that they each obtain and wear an adequate life jacket, and agree that entries are accepted at the competitor's own risk and no liability can be attached to the organisers.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RAFT CAPTAIN

Signature:
Date:
Name: (block capitals)
Name of Raft:
Name of Company or Organisation:
Contact Details:
Name of Sponsored Charity:

This form **MUST** be completed and signed before your application will be accepted and should accompany your application and sent to:

CHESTER ROTARY RAFT RACE, 1 Willoway Road, Chester, CH3 5NR

[mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk](mailto:mail@chesterrafttrace.org.uk)

**REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES**