

RECREATIONAL SERVICES (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY) ACT 2002

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1. Meanings of Particular Words Used in this Code

The following words have the meanings given alongside them:

- Act - *Recreational Services (Limitation of Liability) Act 2002 (SA)*.
- Activity – an Approved run or walk that follows a marked Course and is open to public participation.
- Activity Information – information made available to Participants prior to their completion of an Entry Form.
- Adverse Weather Plan – procedures that can be implemented to manage the effects of adverse weather on participants, including the effects of heat, cold, flood, storm, lightning and fire.
- Approval – an official permit or consent provided by an authority that without which the Activity cannot proceed.
- Communication Plan – the method used to allow Officials to communicate.
- Course – the marked Activity route, including the start and finish areas.
- Decision Making Hierarchy – the hierarchy within the Provider’s organisation that empowers different members to make decisions on issues of varying importance.
- Emergency Response Plan – the method used to manage an emergency.
- Entry Form – an application completed with personal identification details and submitted to the Provider by a Participant who wishes to enter the Activity.
- Fun Run – a colloquial term for the Activity.
- Hazard Management Plan – a plan for managing course hazards.
- Medical Plan – the method used to render medical assistance to any Participant.
- Official – any person providing administrative, directional, refreshment, medical or policing services to the Activity.
- Participant – a person whose Entry Form is accepted by the Provider and who participates in the Activity.
- Provider – any person who, whether for profit or not, provides recreational services comprising provision of the Activity in the State of South Australia.
- Public – not a member of the Provider’s organisation.
- Safety Briefing – verbal communication prior to the start of the Activity of the latest information Participants must remember.
- Traffic Management Plan – a plan for managing all vehicles affected by the course and access to the course by emergency services.

2. Governing law and jurisdiction

- (a) The laws of South Australia apply to the interpretation and application of this Code.
- (b) The Participant and the Provider unconditionally submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts and tribunals of South Australia in respect of any claim or dispute between them relating to the provision of an Activity.

3. Description of Recreational Activity and Recreational Services

- (a) This Code relates to the running or walking of Participants over a specific Approved Course that uses public or private land or both and where any member of the public can apply to participate.
- (b) Recreational Services comprising provision of an Activity are governed by this code.

4. General Activity and Course Planning

- (a) The Provider must develop and implement:
 - (1) Course routes and procedures that will accommodate all participants;
 - (2) A plan to manage spectators and other non-Participants;
 - (3) A Medical Plan;
 - (4) A Risk Identification and Management Plan;
 - (5) A Communication Plan;
 - (6) An Emergency Response Plan;
 - (7) An Adverse Weather Plan; and
 - (8) A Traffic Management Plan if required.
- (b) The Provider must mark and manage the Course so that:
 - (1) Any hazards which may present a risk to participants are:
 - (a) Remedied
 - (b) Avoided through a course detour
 - (c) Marked or otherwise drawn to the attention of participants.
 - (2) The Course follows the route provided in the Activity Information, subject to any amendments communicated at the Safety Briefing;
 - (3) Where the Course allows for two or more possible route choices, the Course is clearly marked;
 - (4) The Course is monitored for the duration of the Activity; and
 - (5) Drinking water is provided for participants to drink.

5. Activity Information

- (a) The Provider must make information about the Activity available to Participants prior to accepting entries. Activity information includes:
- (1) Location of start point
 - (2) Location of finish point
 - (3) Time of Safety Briefing
 - (4) Time of start
 - (5) Course route
 - (6) Course terrain
 - (7) Distance
 - (8) Changes in elevation.
- (b) The Provider must make information about Participants' obligations available to Participants prior to accepting entries. Participants' obligations are to acknowledge they:
- (1) Understand the nature of the Activity they are to engage in;
 - (2) Are adequately prepared to engage in such activity;
 - (3) Will not participate if they are ill or unwell or in any way do not understand the nature of the activity or the hazards involved;
 - (4) Submit and sign an Entry Form to the Provider with mandatory fields completed;
 - (5) Obey reasonable requests from Officials.

6. Entry Form

The Provider must receive an Entry Form from each Participant with these mandatory fields completed:

- (a) Name
- (b) Gender
- (c) Home address
- (d) Contact phone number, and
- (e) Name and contact details for Participant's emergency contact.

7. Safety Briefing

Prior to starting the Activity, the Provider must deliver a Safety Briefing. It must address:

- (a) Changes to Activity Information
- (b) Start procedure
- (c) The Course
- (d) Finish procedure
- (e) How the course has been marked
- (f) How Officials can be identified
- (g) Hazards that have been marked
- (h) How Participants should manage the effects of any Adverse Weather that is apparent
- (i) What Participants should do if they experience difficulty, and
- (j) When and how Course management will finish.

8. Officials

The Provider must ensure that Officials:

- (a) Are identifiable
- (b) Know their duties
- (c) Are qualified where required or trained if no qualification applies
- (d) Understand their roles and responsibilities in regard to the Communication Plan, Decision Making Hierarchy, Medical Plan and the Emergency Response Plan.

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