

REGISTRATION 2025

AFRICAN PADDLING ASSOCIATION

Representing the Commercial Paddling Industry
Operators, Guides and Instructors
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Welcome to the African Paddling Association. We aim to keep things simple, functional and as inexpensive as possible. Membership is voluntary and each Operating Membership includes one free Individual Registration as well. If you are keen to join our association, please complete and return this form, together with an individual form for your nominated individual. You will be sent an invoice with our bank details.

2025 Membership Fee: R1500.00

You will receive:

- Your laminated Certificate of Membership posted to you
- A listing on our website (under construction)
- Regular electronic newsletters and updates with info that is important to your business

MEMBERS ACCEPT THE CODES

(see overleaf)

All members of APA are bound by the APA Codes. By registering, you signify that you accept and will abide by the codes.

A fair and transparent disciplinary procedure exists to deal with complaints against members. Please contact info@apa.org.za or visit www.apa.org.za for more information.

Please complete the following and let us know if any of your details change in future

Company Name: Province:

Office contact number:

E-mail Address:

Physical Address:

..... Code:

Postal Address:

..... Code:

Contact Person

Surname: First names :

Designation: Contact number (mobile):

Products offered (attach further info if necessary):

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Current Areas of Water Operation (Required by SAMSA): ex. Orange River, Breede River etc. This will be stipulated on your certificate

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AFRICAN PADDLING ASSOCIATION CODES OF SAFETY & CONDUCT



Adopted at a national meeting of river tour operators and guides at Hopetown, Cape, in January 1999, amended at the APA Council meeting, Vaal River, Parys 10 January 2002, amended further at Cape Town, January & March 2011.

CODE OF SAFETY

- Guides and participants will at all times act cautiously and responsibly.
- Each trip will be led by an appropriately qualified and experienced Trip Leader, supported by an appropriately qualified and experienced Guide Team that meets the recommendations in terms of guide to client ratios.
- The Guide Team will be equipped with the appropriate safety equipment for the conditions.
- Craft will be selected according to prevailing conditions and all craft will be maintained in good working order.
- Operators will maintain an SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) document relating to the various trips they run. Although each SOP will be unique to the company concerned, all will include certain basic aspects with regards to safety & rescue and emergency procedures.
- All participants will be warned that no alcohol or intoxicants are to be taken during the eight hours preceding and during any paddling activities and it is the operator's responsibility to enforce this rule.
- All participants will be correctly equipped and warned to wear a personal flotation device (pfd) at all times and a helmet in whitewater. Pfd's and helmet will be properly fitted and worn to manufacturer's specifications.
- All trips will begin with the APA Safety Talk appropriately modified for the particular paddling discipline and section.
- Operators will provide group safety gear, and guides will check this gear daily.
- Parties will be warned about known risks and hazards and how to avoid them.
- When faced with major water hazards, guides will remind participants that they have the option to walk.
- A guide in the capacity of a Leader or Safety Officer has the discretion to order any person off the water or to alter or terminate a trip in the interests of safety.

CODE OF PRACTICE

Conservation Ethic

We are committed to minimum physical impact on the environment. Guides will set the example. We will not cut, burn, clear or damage banks or shores, and will leave no sign of our presence. We will protect animal and birdlife and leave wildlife habitats undisturbed. Where landings or established camps are constructed, they will harmonise with their surroundings; keep traffic, waste and noise to a minimum; and not pollute the area or water in any way.

Consideration Ethic

We are committed to considerate behaviour towards other water users, as well as towards landowners and local communities. Access to water will be negotiated, and permits obtained where necessary. We will provide employment for local people wherever possible. Operators will try to ensure that overcrowding does not occur on paddling routes. Guides will ensure that parties camp out of sight and hearing of each other wherever possible. Trips will not be run if there is insufficient water for enjoyable paddling.

Issued by the APA National Office, January 2011 All members of APA subscribe to these codes. Any member found to have transgressed the codes may be disciplined, fined or expelled from the association and the judgment published in the media.

UNDERTAKING: *I accept the conditions of APA membership.*

Date:.....Place:.....Signed:.....