

MEMBERSHIP 2006

AFRICAN PADDLING ASSOCIATION

Representing Swift Water, Placid Water and Coastal Paddling
 Operators, Guides and Conservationists
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NOTE! **ALL APPLICANTS:** return with: Payment of your APA subs (see below)
 INCLUDE A FUNCTIONING EMAIL ADDRESS IF POSSIBLE. NOTIFY US OF ANY
 CHANGES.

OPERATING MEMBERS:

- Overview of your company, areas of operation, products etc.
- Promotional material, posters etc.

BANKING DETAILS

African Paddling Association
 Standard Bank
 Kromboom branch
 Cheque a/c: 27 209 682 2

NB: Fax or mail deposit slips
**WITH AN EXPLANATORY
 NOTE.**

COMPANY NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Suburb:..... City:..... Code:.....

Telcode:..... TEL:..... FAX:.....

Cell:..... **Email:**

Website:

STREET ADDRESS :

Suburb:..... City:..... Code:.....

Telcode:..... TEL:..... FAX:.....

TYPE OF TRIPS RUN

- RAFTING CANOEING KAYAKING
 PLACID WATER SEA KAYAKING TUBING
 OTHER:

OPERATING MEMBERS: NEW MEMBER R1 075.00 + R475 registration fee
 RENEWAL 2006: R1 075.00 only

TOTAL Included with this application R_____ made out to African Paddling Association

UNDERTAKING

I accept the conditions of APA membership.

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

MEMBERS ACCEPT THE CODES

(see overleaf)

All members of APA are bound by the APA Safety Code. By applying for membership you signify that you accept and will abide by the codes.

A disciplinary procedure exists to deal with complaints against members. The APACouncil will obtain evidence on both sides and make a ruling. In the first instance, a written warning is given. If a member is found to have transgressed the codes for a second time within a given period, APA may apply various sanctions such as suspension of membership and discussion of the case in APA official mouthpieces. In serious cases, APA reserves the right to:

- expel the member without compensation and publicise the expulsion
- forward the complaint to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and to the Provincial Registrar of Guides.

There is an appeal procedure.

Complaints to:

apacouncil@mweb.co.za

Tel/fax (015) 795 5250

African Paddling Association SAFETY CODE

*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.*



1. Guides and participants will at all times act cautiously and responsibly.
2. All participants must 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.
3. 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 manufacturers specifications.
4. No person may act in the capacity of a guide unless he or she is duly qualified and experienced in the particular paddling discipline.
5. On each trip a senior guide will be designated as Safety Officer in charge of scouting, safety and rescues.
6. All trips will begin with the APA Safety Talk appropriately modified for the particular paddling discipline.
7. Operators will provide group safety gear, and guides will check this gear daily.
8. Parties will be warned about known hazards and how to avoid them.
9. When faced with major water hazards, guides will remind participants that they have the option to walk.
10. 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 farmers and local inhabitants. Access to water will be negotiated, and permits obtained where necessary. To maintain good relations 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, 2002
- *All members of APA subscribe to these codes. Any member found to have transgressed the code may be disciplined, fined or expelled from the association and the judgement published in the media.*