

FAQ FRIDAY #5



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will the [Fiskars Brush Axe](#) suffice as a machete? It's the same build and function as a machete but it has a different shape.

A: *NO. Unfortunately not since the blade length does not meet our minimum requirement of 30cm (12").*

Q: What are the minimum lumens for the steady white and red bike lights?

A: *We are not setting a minimum lumen standard for the mountain bike lights. We are leaving this up to you with the knowledge that it will be really dark on the mountain bike legs at night. Look for the section on bike lights that will be part of Newsletter #4 for more detailed information.*

Q: Are TAC allowed to have an Apple Watch?

A: *NO.*

Q: Is the [EDELRIID – Eddy Belay Device](#) approved for descending from ropes?

A: *YES, because it has an automatic stopping feature, and an anti panic mode. Since it is used without a prusik backup, the Eddy Belay Device must be connected to the belay loop with a Triple Action locking carabiner. NOTE: this device is twice as heavy as the Grigri Plus which has the same features. Nevertheless, Race Management recommends the lightweight tube style belay-rappel devices with a hollow block prusik backup. It is felt that this lighter system has the most versatility.*

Q: If we decide to ship equipment directly to the Fiji warehouse, will there be someone to clear it from customs and transport it to us when we arrive in Fiji?

A: *Williams and Gosling will handle getting all deliveries through Customs and to their warehouse. Once your team arrives in Fiji and gets settled at the Pullman Resort, please contact the Competitor Relations team to schedule a time for your equipment to be transported from the Fiji warehouse to the Pullman by Eco-Challenge staff.*

Q: Do you have any shipping company recommendations?

A: *Eco-Challenge cannot recommend any shipping companies for your team to use. Eco-Challenge uses Masterpiece International for the race equipment, but your team has no requirements to use them.*

Q: Can we ship dried packs of food with the rest of our gear to Fiji?

A: *Due to very strict Biosecurity restrictions, we strongly suggest using caution in sending any types of food goods into Fiji. Please refer to these two links to determine your specific country's restrictions.*

[Biosecurity Link #1](#) & [Biosecurity Link #2](#)

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Q: Is the [Black Diamond Zone](#) harness acceptable?

A: YES.

Q: Is this [throw bag](#) acceptable?

A: This throw bag is technically acceptable, however it is from a lower quality brand and is therefore not recommended. A throw bag from a specialized river sport outlet such as the NRS Wedge is recommended.

Q: Are hammocks mandatory? They are not on the mandatory gear list but many documents talk about them. Can you please advise?

A: NO. A hammock is not mandatory however it will definitely be the tool for sleeping in the jungle!

Q: Is there a code we could use while booking rental cars to get the 20% discount you mentioned in Friday FAQ? I spoke to a few companies regarding my rental but since they did not have a 20% discount code in their system for Eco-Challenge. I'm worried that cars will start running out if I don't book soon...

A: In our conversations with vendors, there are plenty of vehicles still available. Please note the prices that SOME companies are quoting, have been discounted already for the dates of Sept 5 to Sept 22 only. Some rental companies will not have discounts at all, while some may have a limited amount of discounted cars that are no longer available. The prices given will be different for each rental company. TAC's need to research and find the best rate on their own.

Q: Can we book our TAC vehicle with Stage & Screen?

A: NO. Like the above answer states: TAC's need to research to book and find the best rates on their own.

Q: Are leather gloves, like the [Black Diamond Stone Gloves](#), allowed?

A: YES. These gloves have been approved by Biosecurity.

Q: Question about the mandatory tarp. Would it be possible to use a tent, rather than a tarp? Something like the [Triplex Tent](#) for example?

A: NO. As stated in the Mandatory Gear List, the tarp must be a minimum of 3m x 4m (10' x 12') in size with loops or grommets for rigging and must be equipped with 6 lengths of cordage.

Q: Newsletter #1 mentions 2 duffle bags required, but April 15th gear list only 1. Can you please clarify?

A: Only 1 waterproof duffel bag per team is required.

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Q: Can we use either the [Petzl Meteor 3](#) or the [Black Diamond Vector](#) for both fixed ropes and mountain biking?

A: NO. *Neither of these helmets are designed specifically for mountain biking.*

Q: Just found out that the stoves are a 4-hour drive away from the Pullman Hotel. Will the TAC have to go pick these up? Or will they be at the hotel when we arrive?

A: *A representative from Fiji Gas will be at Registration to handle any specific team needs when it comes to camping stoves and fuel. They will also have representatives at the camps selling additional fuel and fuel tanks. So NO, you will not need to pick these up.*

Q: When will the container be arriving in Fiji?

A: *We anticipate the container clearing Customs and getting access to it on or around August 5.*

Q: For the equipment that we are shipping over on the container June 24, how will we get that when we are in Fiji? Will it be at the hotel? Or will our TAC have to go get it?

A: *Once your team arrives in Fiji and gets settled at the Pullman Resort, please contact the Competitor Relations team to schedule a time for your equipment to be transported from the Fiji warehouse to the Pullman by Eco-Challenge staff.*

Q: Can we send out gear boxes directly to Fiji or is it recommended to send them to your warehouse in the United States?

A: *Please send your gear boxes directly to Fiji. Please ensure that you do not send anything that would arrive in Fiji BEFORE July 15 however.*

The Fiji warehouse address is:

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