

# FAQ FRIDAY #6



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Reminder: please email photographs of the passports from all five of your team members no later than July 12.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Air travel itineraries for all five members of your team are due no later than August 1. Please send the **FULL FLIGHT ITINERARY** that you received from the airline as opposed to simply the flight #, date and time. Ashley will also be sending out a form for your team to fill in their flight information. Stay tuned!**

**Please make sure that you are reviewing ALL of the newsletters, gear lists and FAQ documents. Many of you have been asking the same questions that have already been answered many times when the answers are clear on the documents. It is **EXTREMELY** important for all members of your team to read and understand all of the documents and materials related to the expedition. Thanks!**

**Q: Are there any required specifications for the bikes? Is suspension required? Are gravel bikes or cyclocross bikes allowed?**

**A:** *There are no requirements regarding suspension however gravel bikes or cyclocross bikes are **NOT ALLOWED**. As it states in the Mandatory Gear List, your team must bring four **MOUNTAIN BIKES**.*

**Q: Can we exceed the 66 lb weight limit for the bike boxes during the race?**

**A:** *Our intention is to keep the bike boxes to a reasonable weight in order to protect the crews that will be repeatedly loading and unloading the trucks. We will not be weighing your boxes however, if they are excessively heavy, we reserve the right to ask you to remove some of the contents.*

**Q: Can we use the [Trango SuperFly Screwlock](#) carabiners? Or do we need to have self-locking carabiners?**

**A:** *YES. However, I would not recommend screw gates. Consider all the screwing you would have to do in order to ensure it is locked over and over again. Self-locking carabiners allow for one less thing to be remembered!*

**Q: Is the following gear acceptable? [Beal Dyna Double Clip](#) instead of 2 lanyards and [Beal Jammy 35cm](#) for the Prusik?**

**A:** *Beal Dyna Double Clip: The 40cm arm may not be long enough for comfortable anchor passing. Try it if you like. Otherwise save the trouble and go with what is recommended.*

*Beal Jammy 35 cm: YES.*

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**Q: Can we leave valuables locked up at the resort, that our TAC cannot have during the race, like laptops and cell phones?**

*A: We are working with the Pullman Resort on having a secured room set aside for any personal luggage that teams do not want or need during the race. Stay tuned for more exact details on this in the coming weeks.*

**Q: We are going to try to bring all the gear with us on the airplane. Are other teams doing the same?**

*A: In past Eco-Challenges, most Teams did bring all their gear with them on the plane as extra baggage. This year, some teams have decided to ship a lot of their gear to the Eco-Challenge warehouse in Fiji while other teams will be flying with most of their gear. It's up to you. Keep in mind, if you do decide to ship your gear ahead of time to Fiji, it can NOT arrive at the Eco-Challenge warehouse until AFTER July 15. The Fiji warehouse is:*

*Thirteen Enterprises LLC  
c/o Williams & Gosling Ltd  
Team \_\_\_\_\_  
Bradfield Drive  
Nadi Airport, Fiji  
Contact: Mike Terry +679 9999746*

**Q: Is the [Salewa Speed 240](#) harness allowed?**

*A: My translator has indicated that this harness is marketed as a super light sport climbing harness. Therefore, YES per the equipment specifications previously sent it would comply.*

**Q: Are there different attire/uniforms needed different legs of race allowed? Are you providing race bibs?**

*A: There will be more information coming on race clothing very soon.*

**Q: Can we use our own paddles for rafting?**

*A: NO.*

**Q: Is Eco-Challenge providing sea kayak spray skirt?**

*A: NO. Since there is no sea kayaking in Eco-Challenge Fiji, we will not be providing sea kayak spray skirts. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ ALL OF THE MATERIAL THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU!*

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**Q: Is the following [Jet Boil](#) stove allowed?**

**A:** *Your choice in camping stoves should depend on the type of fuel available in Fiji, since you are not allowed to fly with any type of fuels. Fiji Gas will have LPG or butane gas available at Team Registration and refueling options at designated camps. So if Jet Boil stoves work on LPG or butane gas, then yes it would be a good stove to use.*

**Q: Can we exchange the water purification tablets for iodine povidone solution since it's proven to be as effective as potable aqua chlorine?**

**A:** *It is absolutely up to your team to determine what method of water purification will work best for you. The water purification tablets should be carried as a backup however.*

**Q: Are snorkels and fins allowed in the ocean swim section?**

**A:** *There is a skin dive element in Eco-Challenge Fiji but not an extensive open ocean swim section. We do not have a rule against the use of a snorkel and fins. Only a mask or goggles are mandatory.*

**Q: Are the [10 MM Dynex Runners](#) allowed?**

**A:** *NO. Runners and slings must be nylon. Note (per Black Diamond): These slings do not stretch and will not absorb energy during a fall or shock-load situation.*

**Q: Can my family and friends come watch the race in person and join my team along the course?**

**A:** *Family and friends are not allowed with teams on the course. Family and friends will have access to the finish line area and are encouraged to cheer their team on at the finish line. Information and driving directions to the Finish Line will be posted at the host hotel after the start of the race.*

**Q: Can my family and friends come to the closing party with me?**

**A:** *Each team may bring two guests to the closing party (i.e., you may receive up to 7 total tickets to the closing party). Additional tickets will be available for purchase at Competitor Registration.*

**Q: Can we use the [Kong Kosmos](#) helmet for both cycling and climbing?**

**A:** *NO.*

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**Q: Where can family and friends watch the race? Will they be able to come to camps?**

**A:** *Family and friends will only be able to watch the race from the finish line. Family and friends are not allowed at the camps.*

**Q: Can a family member or friend accompany our Team Assistant Crew (TAC) during the race, but obviously not help them with any TAC duties.**

**A:** NO. Family and friends will NOT be allowed to be with the TAC's during the race.

**Q: After accessing our waterproof duffel bag at the bag drop, will we have to carry the bag from that point to the next camp or will it be transported by Eco-Challenge?**

**A:** *You will not have to carry your waterproof duffel bag on the course. It will be dropped off and picked up by Eco-Challenge.*

