

FAQ FRIDAY #9



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please remember that all certificates of ability are **due by August 9, 2019**. Teams who have **not submitted their certificates by August 9, 2019 may not be allowed to race. We will be rigorous in enforcing this deadline.** Safety is an important factor in this race and the certificates are an important component of our safety plan. Please take note of the following:

- Certificates from previous Eco-Challenge races do not apply. You must submit a new certificate for this year's race.
- If a team member's experience meets the qualifications listed on the certificate, then you may have them sign the certificates for your team. Please follow the directions on the certificate and attach proof of why they are qualified to sign.
- **Any team member missing a signed Certificate of Ability will NOT be allowed to race.**

Q: Is a circular rear bike reflector with a diameter of 4.6cm acceptable?

A: YES. *The surface area of that reflector would equate to 16.6cm. As long as the surface area is 15cm or larger it is compliant.*

Q: Even though gear boxes are on the Mandatory Gear List, can we eliminate the use of them and have our TAC transport all of our gear in their car?

A: As with all gear listed on the Mandatory Gear List, gear boxes are mandatory. *TACs may be allowed to transport some of their team's boxes along the course.*

Q: Will we be able to laminate our maps before starting the race?

A: NO. *You will not receive the first maps until shortly before the start of the expedition.*

Q: Will the map show contours in feet or meters?

A: Meters.

Q: I'm wondering if we can use a soft sided box for our gear box?

A: NO. *Gear boxes should be rigid, durable and stackable so they protect all of your critical gear while it is transported along the course.*

Q: What are the requirements of the mandatory fleece or merino top?

A: 100g/m² is the standard regardless of the material, although it still needs to insulate when wet. The merino should be equivalent in loft to Polartec 100 weight fleece or Patagonia R1.

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Q: Regarding the tarp, the gear list states a minimum 3m x 4m. And the tarp you suggested is the [RAB Siltarp 3](#) which is actually 3.05m x 3.66m. We purchased this on your suggestion, is this sufficient for the expedition?

A: YES.

Q: There is a handy [tarp](#) in size 10x12ft, but the shape is not regular rectangle. The dimensions are from the farthest points, but it has a curvy shape. Is this tarp allowed for the expedition?

A: NO.

Q: Will we have access to a hose at the camp to wash off the bikes? Will there be bike racks at bike transition areas?

A: There will be no formal wash stations at the camps or bike transition areas. Most bike transition areas will be equipped with basic bike racks.

Q: What plug sockets will be used at transitions? USA or Fijian?

A: Most sockets will be Fijian. We recommend bringing adaptors.

Q: Is the [Kong Futura Foot Ascender](#) and [Kong Futura Hand Blocker](#) acceptable for the expedition?

A: NO. The fixed ropes are of varying inclines with dozens of anchor knot passes. Utilizing this type of ascending equipment will be slow, cumbersome, inefficient, and will adversely affect other teams waiting behind.

Q: Will our family be able to track us during the race?

A: NO. There will be no live tracking for friends and family.

Q: Can we use a GoPro to film ourselves during the race?

A: NO. There will be no additional filming allowed.

Q: Will we get picked up at the airport and help with luggage and bikes?

A: There will be more information on this in Newsletter #5.