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SLALOM COMPETITION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1 National Ranking Championships

National Championships have been established as follows:

Premier	K1M	The Phillip Hayward Rose bowl
	K1W	The Liz Sharman Trophy
	C1	The Trustee Savings Bank Trophy
	C2	The Streamlyte Trophy
Division One	K1M	The Tony Brown Trophy
	K1W	The St. Pancras Building Society Trophy
	C1	The Jeff Allcock Trophy
	C2	The Slalom Committee Trophy

The competitor at the head of the ranking list for each Premier Division category is the National Champion for that category in that year. The Division One National Champion is the competitor in each category highest ranked at end of the season who has been in Division One during that year.

2 British Open Slalom Championships

A one event championship held at the end of the season in Senior and Junior categories for competitors who qualify from Premier and Division One and for others invited by the organising committee.

3 United Kingdom National Championships

The UK champion will be the winner of senior selection unless as specified in the managed calendar each year that a UK Championship race is to be held. The race will normally be held under a champion race format.

4 Other Challenge Trophies and Awards

Premier	K1M U23	Slalom Committee Award <i>(highest placed under 23 Man)</i>
	K1M J18	The Colin Ralph Trophy <i>(highest placed under 18 Man)</i>
	K1M J16	The IBM Trophy <i>(highest placed under 16 Man)</i>
	K1W U23	Slalom Committee Award <i>(highest placed under 23 Woman)</i>
	K1W J18	Slalom Committee Trophy <i>(highest placed under 18 Woman)</i>
	K1W J16	Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society Cup <i>(highest placed under 16 Woman)</i>
	Division One	K1M J
K1W J		The Peak Award
C1 J		The Cool Blue Award <i>(highest placed junior newcomers to Div 1 in their respective category)</i>
Prem/Div 1	C1 U23	Slalom Committee Award <i>(highest placed under 23)</i>
	C1J	The Simon Warden Trophy <i>(highest placed junior C1)</i>
	C2 U23	<i>(highest placed under 23 crew)</i>
	C2J	The Warrington C.C. Trophy <i>(for the highest placed junior C2)</i>
Veterans		The Alan Harwood Trophy <i>(for the highest placed veteran K1 Man in divisions 2 to 4)</i>

5 National Team Championships

National Team Championships have been established as follows:

Premier	K1M	The Wilkinson Sword Trophy
	K1W	The Lookers Trophy
	Canadians	
Division One	K1M	The Mike Jones Memorial Award
	K1W	The Vale Royal Trophy
	Canadians	

Points scoring for National Teams Championships is on a simple descending points basis in both Premier and Division One with maximum scores for winning teams as follows:-

K1 Men - 10 points (then 9, 8, etc.)

K1 Woman - 5 points (then 4, 3, etc.)

Canadians - 5 points (then 4, 3, etc.)

Substitutions are not allowed; any change to a team results in a new team being formed.

The Championship winners in each division and category will be the team with the best total score from events as follows:-

Premier: - Best 3 Results

Division One: - Best 5 Results

Only teams with 3 or more results will be ranked.

6 Championship Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie on points after the stated number of events in Premier or Division One, then reference shall be made to the next best result of the tied competitors or teams, and so on until the tie is broken. In the event that a tie cannot be resolved in this manner, then the championship will be determined on the best total of all (best run) scores at the ranking slaloms which are common to the tied competitors or teams.

7 Other Championship Events

- **National Inter-Club Championships** - a one-event club championship open to eligible registered club teams.

- **British Junior (Under - 12, 14 and 16) Championships** – a one event championship open to all competitors whose 12th, 14th or 16th birthday falls on or after January 1st in the year concerned.

British Veterans Championships - a one-event Championship to be held annually open to all paddlers whose 35th birthday falls in, or before, the year concerned. In addition a special single category is included for Premier and Division One paddlers whose 35th birthday falls in or before the year concerned.

- **Pan-Celtic Cup - Five Nations Slalom** - a competition to be held annually with events in Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland (alternating between north and south) open to teams from England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

- **Scottish Slalom Championships** - a one-event championship open to competitors from all divisions who are members of the SCA and have EITHER lived in Scotland for more than 9 months and are members of a Scottish Club OR born in Scotland and competed regularly for a Scottish Club during at least 9 months of the year in question.

- **Welsh Slalom Championships** - a one-event championship open to competitors from all divisions who are members of the Canoe Wales and to other invited competitors.

B SLALOM RANKING COMPETITION

This section outlines the national ranking and divisional system, including points and promotion procedures. It also includes rules governing competition and ranking etc. for veterans and for officials.

1 Divisions

The divisional system of five divisions (Premier, 1, 2, 3 and 4) in each of the three categories (K1M, K1W and C1M) and three divisions (Premier/1, 2/3 and 4) in the C2 and C1W categories ensures that there is a standard of competition suitable for competitors of all degrees of ability. In addition there is a Veterans divisional and ranking system and a competition series for Officials.

Rules for Divisions 2 - 4 are deemed to be independent of those for Premier and Division 1.

For Division 4 events certain regulations may be waived where this will encourage participation. For details see the notice on Division 4 Slaloms.

2 Ranking Lists

2.1 Published ranking lists show the division and position (bib number) of each ranked competitor at the start of the new season. Juniors (who declare their date of birth), Division Veterans (see 2.4), Woman C2 competitors and Mixed C2 pairs, will be identified on end of season ranking lists, where the information is available. Those who have elected for Veteran status and have competed will be shown in separate lists. Newcomers to slalom, and any who have not been promoted from Division 4 and compete in division 4 events, are not ranked until promoted to Division 3.

The names and clubs of all division 4 competitors will be listed in the Year Book.

2.2 Competitors ranked in any previous season but who did not compete last year must apply to the Ranking Status Officer (*address in directory*) for ranking status before participating. On applying for ranking a paddler may state the Division preferred, but the Ranking Status Officer has the final say. Where a paddler has been ranked in the same class before, he/she will normally be reinstated into the same division in which he/she was last ranked. For example, a paddler who was last ranked in Premier Division will normally be reinstated in Premier Division, and so on.

Any competitor wishing to compete in C1 and currently ranked higher than Division 2 in any other category, must compete in Division 3, unless it is considered more appropriate for them to compete in a higher division, in which case, application must be made to the Ranking Status Officer.

Except as separately provided for new C2 crews and for C1, any competitor currently ranked in Division 2 or above in any category must apply for ranking status before competing in a different category.

New C2 pairings:-

* Except as provided below, new C2 pairings containing a competitor currently, or previously ranked in any category in Division 2 or above, must compete in Division 2/3 and register as such with the Bib Officer (*see directory*) and comply with current Bib regulations.

- * Any new C2 pairings containing a competitor who has never been ranked higher than Division 4 must compete as a Division 4 crew.
- * Any new C2 pairing who consider that it is more appropriate for them to compete in a higher division than as provided above must apply for Ranking Status with evidence to support their application.

Competitors of proven ability may apply for Ranking Status giving full supporting evidence why they should not have to begin in Division 4.

Ranking Status must be taken up in the season in which it is granted.

Suitably experienced canoeists not currently in the ranking system may enter an open competition at Division 2 events and may use their result as evidence to support a ranking status application. BCU or national association membership is required. Registered youth section membership is also acceptable. Division 2 open fees are payable. (See UK.3.1.6)

- 2.3** Ranked competitors must apply for numbered bibs before competing (see *Bib Issue section p.110*) and are asked to complete registration forms and return them to ranking list compilers.

Competitors should nominate a first claim club for use in ranking lists. This will be used in determining eligibility for club, regional and inter-regional championships. Club registration may be changed by giving notice in writing to the relevant ranking list compilers.

- 2.4** Masters. Any competitor whose 35th birthday is on or before the 31st December in the year in concerned and chooses to remain in the divisional system may be identified as a Master. Such competitors should mark 'M' and date of birth on their entry cards, and will compete as ordinary ranked competitors.

- 2.5** Masters League. Masters compete as ordinary ranked competitors whose ranking points are also those used to calculate placing within the Masters League. The Masters League is divided into 5 year age bands as follows:-

M35 - Aged 35 to 39	M40 - Aged 40 to 44
M45 - Aged 45 to 49	M50 - Aged 50 to 54
M55 - Aged 55 to 59	M60 - Aged 60 to 64
M65 - Aged 65 to 69	M70 - Aged 70+

These bands are not exhaustive and may be extended to cater for all ages. Masters should indicate upon their entry cards which "M" designation age band of the Masters League they fall within. A competitors age is taken as that attained on their birthday on or before the 31st December in the year concerned and this age is to be stated upon the Bib Application Form. In the case of C2 crews, the youngest competitor will determine the age band.

The Masters League runs within independent divisions and points scored by Masters competing in higher age bands will also be counted in all lower age bands. The points of Masters in lower age bands will not be counted in any higher age band. If a Master does not wish to compete in the Masters

League, they can opt-out and continue to compete as a Master with an “M” designation without any age band.

The Masters League will apply to both genders, all divisions and all boat classes. At slalom competitions, Masters of both genders in each division and boat class are entitled to receive prizes in accordance with usual quorate criteria at the discretion of the organiser.

At the end of the season, winners of each Masters League age band will be recognised as “Masters Champions” of their respective age bands with the “British National Masters Champion” being the highest placed Master in the national ranking list irrespective of age band.

3 Promotion and Ranking

3.1 Promotion during the season through the divisions is based on performance at events as set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 below. Promotion and relegation also occur at the end of each season, as decided by the Committee, when ranking lists have been finalised. Competitors promoted during a season, or granted ranking status after 31st July are designated ‘Short Season’ and are not liable for relegation at the end of that season.

Paddlers who have been unable to race in a major part of the season due to unforeseen circumstances, may apply to the Ranking Status Officer to be treated as ‘short season competitors’ protected from demotion. Such applications must be in writing and received by the 31st October of that season. Such status is discretionary. Applications will be decided by the Slalom Committee following a recommendation by the Ranking Status Officer.

3.2 Ranking Figures: In order that a competitor’s score at one event may be compared with someone else’s score at another event, scores are converted into ‘points’ by the methods described in paragraphs 4 and 5 which are then used to determine end of season ranking positions. To determine ties on end of year ranking lists based on points, reference is made to the best scoring results of the competitors concerned and then the next best, etc., until the tie is resolved (*except to determine national championships see A5*).

4 The Divisional System for Kayaks

4.1 Promotion Men’s Divisions

Promotion for men is achieved by winning, or by being well placed, in the results at an appropriate ranking competition, according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3	1 in 5 (<i>or part thereof, if quorate</i>)
Division 3 to Division 2	on gaining 3300 points
Division 2 to Division 1	on gaining 3600 points
Division 1 to Premier	on gaining 4750 points

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3, from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

N.B. Where two, or more, paddlers are tied on best run scores for the last promotion place from Division 4 then all such competitors are promoted.

4.2 Promotion Women's Divisions

Promotion for Women is achieved by winning, or by being well placed, in the results at an appropriate ranking competition, according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3 1 in 5 (*or part thereof, if quorate*)
Division 3 to Division 2 on gaining 320 points
Division 2 to Division 1 on gaining 360 points
Division 1 to Premier on gaining 475 points

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3 from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

- In the case of Division 4, when a competitor's score would have gained promotion in the corresponding K1Men's event, including ties as in 4.1.

4.3 Calculating points - K1 Men all Divisions (except Div. 4)

Points are calculated in accordance with the formula:

points = $1000 - ((\text{position} - 1) \times (1000 / \text{No of competitors}))$

e.g.: in an event with 200 competitors the third place competitor would receive

$1000 - (3 - 1) \times 1000 / 200 = 1000 - (2 \times 5) = 990$ points

and the eighth placed competitor would receive

$1000 - (8 - 1) \times 1000 / 200 = 1000 - (7 \times 5) = 965$ points

All scores are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Rounding, at the final calculation only, is as follows:

a) when the unrounded figure is less than .5, round down,

b) when the figure is .5 or greater round up,

e.g. $123.5 = 124$; $133.6 = 134$; $270.1 = 270$.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in Premier and Divisions One and the best four results obtained in Divisions Two and Three.

In the event that a Men's Kayak race is not quorate, all competitors who complete at least one run will be allocated 400 points. A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points. Points are awarded based on the number of starters not the number of competitors.

Note: For points calculation where there is a dead heat (*rule 35.1*), equal points are given, calculated for the highest placed such competitor.

4.4 Calculating points - K1 Women all Divisions (except Div4)

Points are calculated in accordance with the formula:

points = $100 - ((\text{position} - 1) \times (100 / \text{No of competitors}))$

e.g.: in an event with 20 competitors the third placed competitor would receive

$100 - (3 - 1) \times 100 / 20 = 100 - (2 \times 5) = 90$ points

and the eighth placed competitor would receive

$100 - (8 - 1) \times 100 / 20 = 100 - (7 \times 5) = 65$ points

All scores are to be rounded to the nearest whole number.

(as 4.3)

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in Premier and Division One and the best four results obtained in Division Two and Three. A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points. Points are awarded based on the number of starters not the number of competitors.

Note: For points calculation where there is a dead heat (*rule 35.1*), equal points are given, calculated for the highest placed such competitor.

- 4.5** Where the Women's class is inquorate, points are obtained by dividing the score by 1.12, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score on the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher. In each case dividing the resulting score by ten, rounding up if required.
- 4.6** Division 4 competitors are not ranked and, therefore, are not promoted at the end of the season, but only at events during the season.

5 The Divisional System for Canadians

5.1 Promotion Canadian Men Singles

Promotion for Canadian Men Singles is achieved by winning, or by being well placed, in the results at an appropriate ranking competition, according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3	1 in 5 (<i>or part thereof, if quorate</i>)
Division 3 to Division 2	on gaining 320 points
Division 2 to Division 1	on gaining 340 points
Division 1 to Premier	on gaining 465 points

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3, from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

- In the case of Division 4, when a competitor's score would have gained promotion in the corresponding K1Men's event, including ties as in 4.1.

5.2 Promotion Canadian Women Singles

Promotion for Canadian Women Singles is achieved by winning, or by being well placed, in the results at an appropriate ranking competition, according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 2/3: on achieving a best score within 120% of the last promoted Division 4 Men's Kayak score.

Division 2/3 to Premier/1 on gaining 2900 points from the best four events or 2900 points from 3 events.

5.3 Promotion Canadian Doubles

Promotion for Canadian Doubles is achieved by winning, or by being well placed, in the results at an appropriate ranking competition, according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 2/3: on achieving a best score within 120% of the last promoted Division 4 Men's Kayak score.

Division 2/3 to Premier/1 on gaining 2650 points from the best four events.

5.4 Calculating points - Canadian Men Singles *(except Div. 4)*

Points are calculated in accordance with the formula:

points = $100 - ((\text{position} - 1) \times (100 / \text{No of competitors}))$

All scores are to be rounded to the nearest whole number.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in Premier and Division One and the best four results obtained in Divisions Two and Three.

A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points. Points are awarded based on the number of starters not the number of competitors.

Note: For points calculation where there is a dead heat (*rule 35.1*), equal points are given, calculated for the highest placed such competitor.

5.5 Where a Canadian Men's Singles class is inquorate, points are obtained by dividing the score by 1.08, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score on the corresponding Men's Kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher. In each case dividing the resulting score by ten, rounding up if required

5.6 Calculating points Canadian Women Singles *(except Div 4)*

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitors score by 1.2, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding Men's Kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher except as follows:-

"Super Final" events: To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

"Championship" events: To qualify for the semi finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats. To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the semi-finals must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the semi finals.

Points will be awarded by comparing the relevant modified total to the relevant K1Man's score in the Heats / Semi Final / Final as appropriate.

Note: When the modified score does not compare exactly then points will be awarded for the next place higher. In some instances the modified score may match the score of more than one competitor in the K1M competition. In that case the discarded score should be modified using the same factor, and compared with the discarded times of those K1M competitors who have matching best run times to establish the comparison for qualification or points.

At Division 1 or 3 events, the points obtained as above will be divided by two before allocation.

Multiple division events will be ranked against the highest corresponding Men's Kayak results.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results in

Premier/Division One and on the best four results in Division 2/3. A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points.

5.7 Calculating points - Canadian Doubles (except Div. 4)

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitors score by 1.20 in division 2/3 and by 1.1 in Premier/Division 1, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding Men's Kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher except as follows:-

“Super Final” events: To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

“Championship” events: To qualify for the semi finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats. To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the semi-finals must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the semi finals.

Points will be awarded by comparing the relevant modified total to the relevant K1Man's score in the Heats / Semi Final / Final as appropriate.

Note: When the modified score does not compare exactly then points will be awarded for the next place higher. In some instances the modified score may match the score of more than one competitor in the K1M competition. In that case the discarded score should be modified using the same factor, and compared with the discarded times of those K1M competitors who have matching best run times to establish the comparison for qualification or points.

At Division 1 or 3 events, the points obtained as above will be divided by two before allocation.

Multiple division events will be ranked against the highest corresponding Men's Kayak results.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results in Premier/Division One and on the best four results in Division 2/3.

A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points.

- 5.8** Division 4 competitors are not ranked and, therefore, are not promoted at the end of the season, but only at events during the season

6 Veterans' Competition:

See 2.4 above for Masters

- 6.1** Any competitor whose 35th birthday is on or before the 31st December in the year in concerned may elect to become a veteran in any class (but not necessarily in all), but may revert back to divisional status in that class in a subsequent year on application to the Ranking Status Officer (see B 2.2), starting in the next complete season. Any such competitor must first declare to the Veteran Compiler his/her date of birth, the highest division reached in the class(es) concerned

and the year in which this was achieved, and current divisional status (*if any*). Thereafter such a competitor may enter any competition in that class up to, and including, Division 2, clearly marking the entry card 'Veteran'.

6.2 Division 2- 3 Veterans Events.

6.2.1 Men's Kayak: A formal ranking list will be prepared, based on the best four points results obtained in any events in the season, at the divisional level declared by the Veteran or higher up to and including Division Two. Ranking figures are obtained by comparing best run scores with the corresponding Divisional event. Where a Veteran's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the Divisional event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher.

6.2.2 Women's Kayak, Canadian Singles and Canadian Doubles: A formal ranking list will be prepared, based on the best four points results obtained in any events in the season, at the divisional level declared by the Veteran or higher up to and including Division Two. For ranking and quorum purposes at each event, the competitor paddles as part of the ranking event

6.2.3 A Veteran can compete in an event at a lower level than that declared and although eligible for prizes the result will be recorded as non ranking, neither counting towards a quorum, nor earning a ranking score.

6.2.4 An alphabetical list of Veterans of all classes, who compete in a season but are not ranked as above, will appear in the Yearbook.

6.3 A competitor whose 35th birthday is on or before the 31st December in the year in concerned and who has at some time reached Division One is eligible, on relinquishing his/her divisional status, to compete as a veteran in one of the classes for which he/she is qualified at Premier, First Division and Championship events in the appropriate veteran class.

The competitor may revert back to divisional status in that class in a subsequent year after application to the Ranking Status Officer (*see B 2.2*), starting the next complete season.

6.4 Calculating points - Premier/Division One Veterans

Points are calculated in accordance with the formula:

points = $100 - ((\text{position} - 1) \times (100 / \text{No of competitors}))$

e.g.: in an event with 5 competitors the third placed competitor would receive

$100 - (3 - 1) \times (100 / 5) = 100 - (2 \times 20) = 60\text{pts}$

All scores are to be rounded to the nearest whole number.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the five best results in Premier / Division 1.

A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points. Points are awarded based on the number of starters not the number of competitors.

Note: For points where there is a dead heat (*rule 35.1*), equal points are given, calculated for the highest placed such competitor..

- 6.4.1** Where a Premier/Division One Veterans class is in quorate, points shall be awarded on a scale determined by the points which would have been achieved in the corresponding Ranking event,

K1 Men	Woman/Canadians	Points
701 - 1000	71 - 100	100
501 - 700	51 - 70	80
301 - 500	31 - 50	60
151 - 300	15 - 30	40
0 - 150	0 - 15	20

- 6.5** Prizes should be offered, as a minimum, as follows:
- 3 or more entrants - 1 prize
 - 10 or more entrants - 2 prizes
 - 15 or more entrants - 3 prizes
- 6.6** There will be no handicapping system in Veterans' ranking events. Entry fees shall be the same as those for senior competitors entering the same event.
- 6.7** Where a Division 3 registered Veteran competitor or crew achieves a points total which would have gained promotion either in season or at the end of season that would have gained promotion in the corresponding divisional class they will also be promoted.
- 6.8** Where a Division 2 registered Veteran competitor or crew achieves a points total which would have gained promotion either in season or at the end of season they may apply for re-ranking in the Division 1/Premier Veterans Class,
- 6.9** All registered Veterans must apply to the appropriate ranking list compiler/bib officer for a bib.

7 Officials' Competition

- 7.1** These are not open events. Entrants must be able and willing to do judging or other official duties as requested by the Organisers. Entry is limited to a maximum of 60. Any competitor entering an officials' event who fails to attend or notify the Organiser prior to the event may be reported to the Committee.
- 7.2** There is a competition series for Officials based on results at Officials' events at ranking competitions.
- 7.3** For the purpose of this competition entrants shall be divided into three divisions:
- A) Premier and Division 1
 - B) Division 2 and 3
 - C) Division 4
- 7.4** Competitors who have had paddling rights assigned to them by non-paddling officials shall not be eligible for entry to the series unless they carry out duties to the satisfaction of the Event Organiser. There shall be no requirement for competitors to run in divisional order.
- Each competitor for this series must ensure that his/her Entry card is fully completed with Name, Address and BCU/National Federation number, and also state the Competitor's current division and bib number where

applicable. Any cards not conforming to the above will be rejected. Cards should also show age category (*J12, J14, J16, J18 (U23 Prem/Div 1 only) S, M, V*).

- 7.5** Points will be awarded in accordance with the competitor's result in the Officials Event regardless of category. Maximum points for each Division (*A, B and C*) will be 50 and will be calculated in accordance with the formula:

Points = 50 (position in event – 1)

e.g. the second place competitor in Division A would score

$$50 - (2 - 1) = 49$$

The fourth placed competitor in Division B would score

$$50 - (4 - 1) = 47$$

The fourth placed competitor in Division C also would Score

$$50 - (4 - 1) = 47$$

- 7.6** Non-paddling officials will receive 25 points providing that they have completed an Entry Card with Name, Address and BCU/National Federation Number and current division/bib number where applicable.

The event organiser will enter the number of points Awarded to the competitor in the space normally used for the third team member and send the completed cards to the Officials Ranking List Compiler Donna Hawkins.

- 7.7** At the end of the season the points will be totalled for each competitor in accordance with their current Division and prizes awarded as appropriate. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the greater number of entries will be considered to be the winner. If the result is still a tie, reference will be made to the best scoring results of the competitors concerned, and the next best, etc until the tie is resolved.

SLALOM COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS 2010

Introduction

These rules are a modified version of the ICF rules. They apply to all ranking and championship competitions in the U.K. listed in the calendar.

Certain ICF rules are omitted where relevant only to International competition. Variations from the ICF original are marked 'UK' at the start of the section or paragraph. Where titles of Officials and Groups only are changed each section is marked with an '*'.
"For ICF article numbering, refer to ICF Canoe / Kayak Slalom Racing Rules, 2009 edition available from:

www.canoeicf.com

Additional UK rules are numbered 50 and upwards.

Abbreviations & Definitions used

Competitor - male or female competitor

ICF - International Canoe Federation

BCU - British Canoe Union

CE Canoe England, *SCA* - Scottish Canoe Association

CW - Canoe Wales, *CANI* Canoe Association N. Ireland

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SLALOM COMPETITION RULES

1 Aim

- 1.1 The object of Canoe/Kayak Slalom Racing competition is to negotiate a rapid river course, defined by gates, without fault, in the shortest possible time.

2 *National Competitions

- *2.1 All competitions announced as national shall be governed by the rules of the BCU Slalom Committee.

UK2.1.1 National Competitions comprise Championship Events and Ranking Competitions (*as set out in Sections A and B*), National Competitions are organised by the BCU Slalom Committee or on its behalf by National Associations, registered clubs or other approved groups and listed in the calendar approved at the Annual Consultative Meeting.

UK2.2 A National competition must be supervised by a Jury of three members.

UK2.2.1 The Slalom Committee representative will, wherever possible, appoint a Chair of the Jury for every Premier & Division 1 event on the Calendar. Where no such Jury Chair is appointed, the organising club shall appoint the Chair. The Chair and members of the Jury shall be appointed well in advance if possible and listed in the start list. The Chair of the Jury shall not be a member, or have been a member of the organising club within the 3 years before the event. The Chair will appoint another member of the Jury and the organising club the third member. At least two of the Jury should come from outside the organising club. A member of the Jury who has family or other interest in a competitor must so declare and must not be directly involved in handling any protest relating to that competitor. At Championships, Premier and First Division events, the Chair of the Jury shall be a qualified ICF official, BCU Section Judge or BCU Senior Judge when ever possible. The Slalom Committee should not be considered as an 'organising club' in this context and therefore a member of the Committee can be appointed as Chair of the Jury for an event being organised by the Slalom Committee.

UK2.2.2 The Slalom Committee may, where a ranking competition has provoked major/substantial complaints in the past, appoint a full Jury and require payment by the organising club of reasonable travel expenses.

UK2.2.3 The names of the Jury shall be displayed in a prominent position throughout the event.

2.3 (not relevant)

2.4 (not relevant)

3 Competitors

UK3.1 Only the members (excluding Basic and Registered Club Members) of BCU or National Associations, including SCA Introductory Members at Division 4 events only, have the right to participate in a national competition.

UK3.1.1 All competitors, at the time of entry, must quote their current British Canoe Union, Canoe Association of Northern Ireland, Scottish Canoe Association or Welsh Canoeing Association

number. All competitors must be paid-up members of one of the National Associations both at the date of entry and also at every competition.

- UK3.1.2** Ranking competitors in all divisions, except 4, prove membership by sending their membership cards when applying for their competition bibs. When membership for competitors expires, the onus is on the competitor to prove membership to the relevant ranking compiler(s) to ensure that results from all events are counted for ranking, promotion and/or selection purposes. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in disqualification of relevant results.
- UK3.1.3** Newly promoted competitors, or others arriving without bibs (*for whatever reason*) must prove membership by showing their current membership cards to the Organiser (*or an appointed deputy*).
- UK3.1.4** Division 4 competitors must prove membership at the event by showing their membership cards or Canoe Club Youth Section membership card to the organiser at times specified on the start list and advertised at a convenient location (*e.g. control*).
- UK3.1.5** At Division 4 events, a competitor not previously a BCU member may use the BCU Taster form to apply for day membership at a standard cost of the BCU minimum plus £1 to be retained by the organiser.
- UK3.1.6** At Division 2 events an experienced canoeist not previously a BCU or National Association member may enter as a non-ranking competitor using the BCU taster form as in 3.1.5 above (*see B2.2*) or on showing a Canoe Club Youth Section Membership Card.
- UK3.1.7** If the membership card cannot be produced then membership must be purchased at the event. Receipts for such membership must be issued and remain valid for competition for four weeks from date of issue. (*Competitors who have to obtain duplicate membership will be refunded less £1 by BCU or National Association.*)
- UK3.1.8** Competitors who fail to prove membership as above will not have their results counted for ranking purposes and promotions gained will be invalid.
- 3.2** (not relevant)
- 3.3** (not relevant)
- 3.4** (not relevant)
- UK3.5** Age categories: Ranking status is not governed by age, but special events, championships and prizes may be related to the following age stages. Note: all under 18 competitors are designated as Junior, followed by the age category as shown:
Junior 12 12th birthday on or after 1st January J12
Junior 14 14th birthday on or after 1st January J14
Junior 16 16th birthday on or after 1st January J16
Junior 18 18th birthday on or after 1st January J18
Master Over 35 on or before 31st December M
in each case, in the current year.
Veterans who have elected to leave the divisional system and compete in Veterans Events (*See B.6*) V

Juniors and Veterans who declare their date of birth will be identified on end of season ranking lists.

4 Competition Calendar

See Rule 50

5 Minimum Participation

***5.1** An individual or a team category cannot take place unless at least 3 competitors or 3 teams start in that category.

5.2 It is not necessary for the validity of the competition that all 3 competitors or all 3 teams finish.

***UK5.3** If any class is non-quotate because there are fewer than 3 starters, those who have entered may take part in the event, but they do not qualify for prizes.

6 Categories

6.1 Individuals: - Women K1
Men K1
Men C1
Women C1
*C2

UK6.1.1 A competitor may compete at a given event in more than one of the categories for which the competitor is eligible, subject to the organiser being willing and able to give sufficient start time intervals. In the case of C2, a competitor may compete with multiple partners in each Division for which they are eligible.

UK6.1.2 A competitor may not at one event enter both a ranking or Championship event and an Officials event in the same or a different category.

6.2 Teams: - Women 3 x K1
Men 3 x K1
Men 3 x C1
Women 3 x C1
*3 x C2

UK The categories may be combined.

6.2.1 Teams may only be comprised of competitors who are participating in individual categories.

UK6.2.2 A competitor may only participate in one team in a single team category.

6.2.3 A competitor may participate in a team category different from his/her individual category.

6.2.4 Substitutions may be made for individual members of the team between the first and second runs when the competition has two runs.

6.2.4.1 Only one boat of a team may be substituted.

6.2.4.2 This change must be communicated to the Starter in writing.

UK6.2.4.2.1 At inter-club or inter-regional events, this change must be communicated to the Starter in writing by the team manager.

UK6.2.5 There may be, at the organiser's discretion, Junior events in any or all of the above categories.

UK6.2.6 Organisers may permit mixed category teams at their discretion where the categories are combined or/and mixed division teams where competitors would otherwise lose the

opportunity of a team run. Such mixed division teams shall only be eligible for prizes in the higher division.

UK6.2.7 The Organiser may permit one scratch team per category containing only one or two competitors prior to the start of the event. This does not extend to teams where one or two members are not at the Start on time. In Premier & Division One, only one incomplete team per category is allowed. Any incomplete teams must wait at or near the start to enable complete teams to be made up. Such scratch teams may run out of order.

UK6.2.8 At a ranking competition, only competitors from the division of that event may enter the team event, except that unfilled places of previously entered teams may be filled by other competitors provided that this does not result in a competitor of the correct division being excluded.

UK6.2.9 Mixed division teams cannot gain points in Team Championships. Mixed category but not mixed division teams are eligible for prizes where there is only a single team event, except that a mixed division team which includes a veteran registered in the relevant division or lower, or a competitor from the lower division in a double division event is eligible for prizes.

6.3 (Start Order not relevant)

7 Boats Paddles Accessories

7.1 Boat Specifications

7.1.1. Measurements

Any competitors in British Teams or Squads Selection events

All types of K1

Minimum length **3.50m** minimum width **0.60m**

All types of C1

Minimum length **3.50m** minimum width **0.65m**

All types of C2

Minimum length **4.10m** minimum width **0.75m**

7.1.2 Minimum Weights of Boats

UK (*The minimum weight of the boat may include air bags*)

All types of K1 : 9 kg

All types of C1 : 10 kg

All types of C2 : 15 kg

UK High Volume category : 15 kg

Note:- the spray deck is considered to be an accessory and not part of the boat. There are no longer any minimum measurements re length and width in domestic competition, however the rule regarding boat weights still applies.

7.1.3 All boats must have a minimum radius at each end of 2 cm horizontally and 1 cm vertically.

UK This may be achieved by permanent modification after manufacture, notwithstanding Rule 7.1.5.

7.1.4 Rudders are prohibited on all boats.

7.1.5 Boats must be designed to, and remain within the required dimensions.

7.1.6 Kayaks are decked boats which must be propelled by double bladed paddles and inside which the competitors sit. Canadian canoes are decked boats which must be propelled by

single bladed paddles and inside which the competitors kneel.

7.2 Trademarks

7.2.1 Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trade marks, advertising symbols, and written text.

7.3 *Requirements for BCU Canoe/Kayak Slalom Racing Competitions

7.3.1 The guidelines for any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers should be as follows:

7.3.2 All advertising material should be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with the competitor's Identification and does not effect the outcome of the race.

7.3.3 The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks will not be accepted

8 Officials

***A National Competition is managed by the following:**

UK8.1 Jury - The Jury must ensure that the competition is run correctly in keeping with the competition rules. They interpret the competition rules and may disqualify a competitor or grant a rerun (*see also Rule 2.2*).

UK An Organiser may not be a member of the Jury at his/her own event.

8.2 Officials

- | | | |
|-------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Chief Official Usually combined as | |
| 2 | Technical Organiser | } "Organiser" |
| *3 | Chair of the Jury | |
| 4 | Section Judges | |
| 5 | Course Designer | |
| 6 | Pre Start Controller | |
| 7 | Finish Judge | |
| 8 | Time Keepers | |
| 9 | Chief of Scoring | |
| 10 | Starter | |
| 11 | Boat Controller | |
| *12 | Gate Judges | |
| 13 | Safety Supervisor | |
| 14-15 | <i>(not relevant)</i> | |

8.2.1 to 8.3.4 *(not relevant)*

9 Duties of Officials

UKNote: Titles for officials may vary and duties may be merged.

9.1 The Chief Official directs the competition according to the rules.

9.2* The Technical Organiser is responsible for:
..Local preparations for, and conduct of, the entire competition.

· The installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition. The Technical Organiser Must also be a member of the course approval committee.

· UK The Technical Organiser is the person named in the Yearbook and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the event and will be the person held responsible for taking entries, issuing start lists and results

and forwarding records and the defined portion of entry fees. Premier events' organisation is co-ordinated by a National Competitions Committee appointed by the Slalom Committee. All persons concerned with the organisation of the competition are responsible to the Organiser.

***9.3** The Jury must ensure that the competition is run correctly in keeping with the competition rules. They apply the competition rules and may disqualify a competitor or grant a rerun.

***9.3.1** The Jury must submit a report to the Slalom Committee concerning the running of the competition.

9.4 Not relevant

UK 9.5 The Section Judge is responsible for the portion of the course to which he/she is assigned. He/She is assisted by Gate Judges. It is his/her responsibility to ensure the correct penalty or the correct judgement is given on the gates. He/She must rely on adjacent gate judges observation; especially of those who are in a better position for each negotiation (*better position may mean to be closer or even more distant but in a better angle for each case*). It is his/her duty to support every gate to which he/she has a privileged position and has been assigned to. Only one gate judge shall be assigned to communicate the penalties to the competition office and to the public (*transmission section judge*). The gate judges should keep clear written documentation concerning each competitor.

The Gate Judges observe the progress of the race in order to guarantee a fair run to all competitors. The Gate Judges should visibly signal to the judge in charge of transmission any penalties they intend to assign to a competitor.

Section Judges should be encouraged to use their discretion in reporting the penalty they believe is correct, bearing in mind any penalty reported by the gate judge, rather than always reporting the highest penalty.

* The Section Judges observe the progress of the race in order to guarantee a fair run to all competitors.

UK Section Judges are appointed for Premier, Division 1 Events and the British Junior and Veteran Championships. In exceptional circumstances where there are insufficient appointed Section Judges each gate must be judged by 2 people, one acting as section judge and one as Gate judge. Under arrangements notified to Organisers by the Slalom Committee. Section Judges need not be appointed for Division 2 to 4 events.

9.5.1 The penalties for each section of gates are signalled with the corresponding discs or cards at all times by the transmission judge.

UK The Gate Judges may communicate by telephone, but they must in any event, continue to signal the penalties.

UK Only competent and, wherever possible, qualified persons should be recruited as Gate Judges. Organisers are advised to allocate the most expert judges to the more difficult parts of the course.

- 9.6** The Course Designer is responsible for the design of the course and ensures that the course is maintained in its original design during the competition.
The Course designer is responsible for proper hanging of the gates and of the other installations and must always be ready to make repairs or adjustments as necessary. He/she must also be a member of the course approval committee.
- 9.7** The Pre start Controller confirms that both the competitor's boat and personal attire meet the safety rules (*safety helmet, buoyancy jacket and boat*) see Rule 19.
· He/she checks that boats carry marks approved by the Boat Controller.
· He/she prohibits the departure of competitors and of boats that do not meet the safety requirements.
Any time lost because of the above goes against the competitor.
- 9.8** The Starter ensures that the competitors are in the correct order and gives permission to start.
UK Counting down from at least 30 seconds.
He/she can refuse to start a competitor if the competitor:
· - Fails to respect the safety rules.
· - Fails to present himself/herself at the start at the moment indicated after having been called.
· - Is not properly dressed or has no start number.
· - Does not follow the Starter's orders.
In case of any abnormality at the start, he/she must immediately inform the Chief Judge/Jury Chair.
- 9.9** The Finish Judge determines when a competitor has finished the course and coordinates with the Starter.
- UK** He/she records any penalties incurred on the Finish line and transmits them to the scoring office.
- 9.10** The Timekeepers are responsible for keeping the exact time and for transmitting this to the Scoring Office.
- 9.11** The Chief of Scoring is responsible for calculating the results of the competition and publishing them.
- 9.12** The Boat Controller assures that the dimensions and weights of boats in the competition conform to the rules and marks them accordingly. He/she also ensures that the boats and buoyancy jackets conform to Rule 19 and may mark them.
- UK** He/she may advise on the conformance of boats, paddles, clothing and accessories to Rule 7.2.
- *9.13** The Safety Supervisor, together with his/her team and according to the circumstances, rescues competitors who have capsized.
He/she must have available the necessary safety and first aid equipment to use in the event of a serious accident, and he/she must render effective assistance to a competitor in difficulty.
- 9.14** An official may assume two or more functions.
No official may call to or in any way give technical advice to a competitor while on the course.
It is forbidden for the Gate Judge to draw a competitor's attention, in any manner whatsoever, to any error committed.

9.15 (not relevant).

10 Invitations

Not relevant to Ranking Competitions for which details are published in the calendar. Invitations to Championship Competitions are issued in accordance with the rules for each competition.

11 Entries

UK11.1 Entries to championship competition must be made according to the published instructions. Entries to a ranking competition must be on an official entry card. The competitor is responsible for correct completion of the card which must be sent to the address published in the calendar with the correct entry fee.

UK11.2 The deadline for entries to ranking competitions shall be 15 days prior to the first day of the competition (*the Friday two weeks prior to the event*).

UK11.3 Late entries will not be accepted except

- (a) from newly-promoted competitors whose promotion has not occurred more than two weeks before the event
- (b) from competitors whose entry has been returned due to the cancellation of another event that weekend
- (c) from competitors whose entry, made on time, has been returned from an over-subscribed event, in the same category/division that weekend
- (d) at the discretion of the Organiser, where there is space on the published timetable and the entry limit has not been reached, on payment of an extra charge a late entry may be accepted. The organising club retains the extra charge in each case and may waive the charge at their sole discretion at divisions 2 and 3 events. There is no late entry charge for Division 4 events. The late entry fees are linked to inflation as in rule UK 11.6.3.
- (e) in the case of scratch team entries, without extra charge.

UK11.4 Entry Cards can be obtained from Club Secretaries, or the Entry Cards Officer (*address in Directory*),

- Individual Paddlers: for every 16 cards required send one self-addressed envelope 11x22cm (DL), stamped 1st or 2nd class.
- Clubs: send only address and number required. Refund stamps on receipt of cards.

UK11.4.1 A separate entry card must be completed for each category entered (i.e. one for individual and another for team). For entry to the Officials Competition see B.7.4

UK11.4.2 Current BCU/SCA/CW/CANI membership numbers must be entered on each card (*competitors are identified by membership number by Ranking List Compilers*).

UK11.4.3 Current bib number MUST be quoted, if known. If this is not known, then EITHER details of the slalom where promoted to the current division, OR details of entitlement to compete at the event concerned (*e.g. the granting of ranking status - state RSC and enclose copy of letter giving status*). Division 4 competitors do not complete this section.

UK11.4.4 Club name (*or town name or 'independent' if not a club member*) must be stated. Fatuous or offensive names will

not be published. A sponsor's name may be added but should not substitute for the first claim club name.

- UK11.4.5** The category (K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W C2, etc), the Division or event, if not ranking, the competition (individual, team, veteran, official), age category (M, Senior, U23 (U23 Premier & Division 1 only), J18, J16, J14 & J12) and, in the case of Canadian Doubles, 'W' for Women or MX for mixed, must all be stated on the entry card. U23, Juniors, Veterans and Masters must state their Date of Birth.
- UK11.4.6** A remittance for the correct entry fee must be enclosed, in the form of cheque, postal or money order, made payable to the organising club (*as shown in the calendar*). Post dated cheques are not acceptable. Dishonoured cheques will lead to disqualification and may lead to other disciplinary proceedings. Bank notes or coins must be registered. Entries accepted, verbally or in writing, by the Organiser in good faith, constitute a promise to pay the correct fee whether or not the competitor takes part in the event.
- UK11.4.7** Entry cards **MUST NOT** be folded or creased. Use an envelope of suitable size – C5. One stamped and self-addressed envelope (*size as above*) **MUST** be enclosed with entry card, for instructions and start list to be sent by the organisers. A similar s.a.e may also be enclosed for the results to be sent after the event
The **EXCEPTION** being if the Organiser has stated in the Calendar - 'e-mail information available' then you may send your e-mail address with your entry in lieu of a s.a.e.
- UK11.4.8** Competitors who enter an event should notify the Organiser if they are no longer eligible or no longer wish to compete.
- UK11.5** Team Entries
- UK11.5.1** Team Entries should show details of each member of the team and the name of the club or team.
- UK11.5.2** Entries by one or two competitors for scratch teams will be allocated to teams by the Organiser, whose decision is final. Competitors entering for scratch teams must register with the Organiser at least one hour before the start of the team event.
- UK11.5.3** At Inter-club, Inter-regional and Championship events, Organisers must be provided with the names of the members in each team at least two hours before the start of the team event.
- UK11.6** Entry Fees are defined in the section of the Yearbook titled 'Entry Fees'. The entry fee for the team event is at the organiser's discretion but may not be higher than that listed in the yearbook.
- UK11.6.1** Junior entrants **MUST** state their date of birth on their entry cards in order to claim junior rates for individual entries. Fees quoted are per boat, and refer to all classes. In the C2 event, both competitors must be junior to claim the reduced rate. Late entries, when accepted by the organiser **MAY** be charged extra (*see rule UK 11.3(d)*). Late entry fees may vary in accordance with 11.6.3 below.

UK11.6.2 ENTRY FEES ARE NOT RETURNABLE - except:

- where a competitor is promoted to a higher division and is thus ineligible to compete at an event already entered. The entry fees will be refunded providing the organiser is notified AT LEAST FIVE DAYS before the event.

- if an event is cancelled prior to the publication of a start list or on or before the Saturday of the immediately preceding weekend, whichever is the earlier.

- if an event is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of organiser, up to the time that the course is declared open for free practice, (*official practice for Premier/Division 1*)

UK11.6.3 Entry Fees will be increased annually by the lower of the increase in Retail Price Index (RPI) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) according to the formula:

New fee = $A + \{A \times [(B-C) / C]\}$, rounded to nearest 25p. where
A = the entry fee for 2007

B = the index for September immediately prior to the relevant ACM

C = the index for September 2006

12 Acceptance of Entries

***12.1** The organiser will acknowledge receipt of entries. In the case of ranking competition this will be by issue of the programme where an SAE is received.

UK12.2 The organiser must accept all entries which are correctly made and received by the closing date unless the published limit for the event has been reached.

UK12.3 Incorrect or incomplete entries should be rejected by the organiser, in particular if they are illegible, or lack the correct fee or do not show membership number.

UK12.3.1 Entries received after the limit is reached should be rejected except that the limit may be exceeded in order to make a class quorate. When a correct entry for a class is rejected no further entries should be accepted.

Where the entry limit is reached, the organiser may allocate spare places created by scratched entries, but only to those competitors whose entries had been received before the closing date for entries, but after the limit had been reached.

UK12.3.2 The Organiser must return rejected entries promptly.

UK12.4 Notwithstanding the above rules, if entries are accepted which are in any way incorrect, then it is the responsibility of the Organiser to ensure that the card is properly completed. Ranking List Compilers will reject incomplete or incorrect cards. The Organiser must allow a competitor reasonable access to his/her card to ensure that it is correct.

13 (The Start Order and World Ranking System- not relevant)

14 Runs

14.1 An international Canoe Slalom competition consists of two runs. The better score of the two runs will count. The Organiser may hold heats, semi-final and final runs as in ICF Competitions (*see rule 41.3*). The start order of the semi-final will be the reverse order of the results of the heats. The

start order of the final run will be in the reverse of the competition result of the semi-final run.

- 14.2** A semi-final/final course may be changed from the Original course, provided the balance of the course is maintained (see *Rule 20.1*).
- 14.3** Team races in International Competitions may be reduced to a single run.

15 Competition Programme

UK15.1 At least 7 days before the beginning of the competition, a final programme must be available to each entrant who has supplied an SAE, giving the names of the participants with their club (*as stated in the Instructions to Organisers*), the start time for practice (*where appropriate*), the start time for the first category and the order of the race. A complete start list including individual run times must be available at Control at least 1 hour before the ranking race begins. (*Programmes must also be sent to each bib officer for the division/s and classes of the event. For Championship, Premier and Division One events, programmes must be sent to the relevant Timing Team leader at least 7 days before the competition.*)

15.1.1 In organising the programme, the following principles should be followed:

UK The individual categories are run on the day before the team categories in Premier and Championship, except as may be specifically authorised by the Slalom Committee and published in the calendar, otherwise Team categories are run on the day before individual categories. At double competition Premier events there may be one team event, either day, at the Organiser's discretion.

Where noted in the approved and published calendar a ranking event may be completed in a single day. Such a ranking event may be a double division event.

The runs of individual categories to be completed in a single day.

UK **exceptions:**

- a. At Division 3 and 4 double division events where noted in the approved and published calendar, Canadian categories may be on the same day as the team categories.
 - b. Officials should, wherever possible, be offered two runs on both days of a double slalom competition. During single events that run over two days, runs in the officials' event may take place on separate days.
 - c. Where entries from foreign competitors have been accepted, their runs should take place at the end of the respective individual categories unless a separate 'guest category' has been created for them.
- * The order of the race announced in the programme of competition is binding on the organisers.
 - * Modifications may not be made unless the Jury give their approval.

UK15.2 (a) No competitor or Official shall be required to have a scheduled competitive run, individual or team, within one hour of another such run, except in the case of those entered in two classes.

- (b) Slalom Sprint competitions where listed in the calendar may be arranged at any event, but must follow the completion of the ranking event, including officials' events, unless run on a different part of the river.

16 Alteration and Withdrawal of Entries

- UK** Relevant to Inter-club or Inter-regional Championships
- 16.1** Announcement of changes or withdrawals must be made during the team managers' meeting, or in writing at least 1 hour before the first race of the programme on the day of competition.
- 16.1.1** Withdrawal of an entry is final and re-entry of the same competitor or team is not possible.
- 16.2** Any change of entry must be communicated to the Starter in writing.

17 Start Numbers

- UK17.1** Start numbers (*bibs*) must be supplied by the Organisers for Championship Events. Numbered bibs are used at all ranking events except Division 4. (*See Bib Arrangements*)
- 17.1.1** The number figures must be at least 15/20 cm in height and minimum 2cm in thickness.
- 17.2** They should be fixed visibly to the body of the competitors. In C2 the bowman wears the number.
- 17.3** Each competitor is responsible for his/her start number.
- UK17.3.1** For individual events, except Division 4, competitors are identified by numbered bibs supplied by the Committee (*or an approved sponsor*), as described in the 'Bib Arrangements' section. **ONLY THE BIBS SUPPLIED MAY BE USED.** Where a competitor is permitted to compete without a bib, the procedure for Division 4 (*UK.17.3.2 below*) must be followed.
- UK17.3.2** For Division 4 individual events, competitors are identified by black numbers legibly displayed on white circular patches (*230 mm diameter*) or ovals (*230 x 231- 300 mm*) without straight edges, one on the right fore deck, and one on the left stern deck. Organisers may, at their discretion, provide numbered bibs for Division 4 individual competitions.
- UK17.3.3** For team events, black numbers are legibly displayed on white squares of 230 mm side, on the right fore deck and left stern deck. Bibs are supplied for Teams at Championship, Premier and Division 1 events. At other events, teams may wear legibly numbered bibs, similar to BCU bibs, instead of displaying squares. Teams may additionally wear identical bibs displaying the team's name.
- UK17.3.4** White discs and squares must display nothing but the numbers relevant to the event in progress.

18 Instructions to Team Managers

- UK** Relevant to Inter-club or Inter-regional Championships. Not relevant to ranking competitions - for which see UK18.3, UK18.4.
- 18.1** Each team manager must receive, at least 5 hours before the beginning of the competition, written directions concerning the following points:
- A list of the start orders.

- Detailed timetable.
- Time that the course opens.
- Starting time.
- Position of the starting line.
- Position of the finish line.
- The interval between starts.
- The signal used by the Starter to give the start, and that employed by the Judges to clear the course (*whistle*).
- *Place where the event control office and the Jury may be found.
- The time and place for the inspection of boats.
- Manner in which the boats are to be transported from the finish back to the start, if appropriate.
- Regulations concerning training.
- Place for Doping Control (*when required*).

18.2 A meeting of the team managers from each participating Federation must be held at least one (1) hour before the start of the official training. The following points should be discussed:

- Additional instructions to competitors.
- Course approval Committee (*for information only*).
- Changes and/or withdrawal of entries.

UK18.3 The Start List must contain the following:

- A list of the start numbers in order showing name, club, Junior/Veteran as applicable.
- Detailed timetable including times for official practice, free practice, and for prize giving.
- Time that the course opens.
- Starting time.
- The interval between starts or individual start times including official practice times.
- The signal used by the Starter to give the start, and that employed by the Judges to clear the course (*whistle*).
- The name of the Chair of the Jury, and where possible, the other Jury members.
- Place where the Jury may be found.
- The time and place for the inspection of boats and other equipment.
- Regulations concerning training (*official practice*).
- Times and places for showing BCU (*etc.*) membership cards where required.
- List of prizes offered.
- The entry fee to be applied to the team event.

UK18.4 The start list and any special instructions (*parking, caravaning and camping arrangements, etc.*) must be sent to all entrants who have provided an s.a.e. and whose entries are received by the closing date, and to all relevant Bib Officers. Start lists must be dispatched not less than 7 days prior to the event.

19 Safety Measures

19.1 All boats must be made unsinkable, and be equipped at each end with a handle attached no more than 30 cm from the bow and from the stern. UK Air bags are recommended.

- 19.1.1** The following are considered as handles: loops of rope, rope with handles, or rope running the length of the boat from stem to stern, or a handle that is an integral part of the boat construction.
- 19.1.2** The handles must at all times permit easy insertion of an entire hand up to the base of the thumb to grab the boat.
- 19.1.3** The material used must be at least 6 mm in diameter, or a minimum cross section of 2 x 10 mm.
- 19.1.4** Taping of the handles is not permitted.
- 19.2** Each competitor must wear a fastened safety helmet and a buoyancy jacket (*buoyancy aid*). Only branded products from manufacturers, which guarantee quality of material, will be accepted. Both have to be in good condition. Home made helmets and buoyancy jackets (*buoyancy aids*) will not be allowed.
- UK19.2.1** Many buoyancy aids now appearing on the market will be approved to the new CEN standard, and marked accordingly. Although BCU/BACT and BMIF approved devices are still 'legal', these standards have been discontinued. It should be noted that under the CEN standard, the minimum inherent buoyancy is related to body weight on the following scale:
 30-40Kg 40-50Kg 50-60Kg 60-70Kg over 70Kg
 35N (3.5Kg) 40N (4Kg) 40N (4Kg) 45N (4.5Kg) 50N (5Kg)
 The ICF standard requires testing with a 6 Kg lead weight which, in fact, measures 55N with the lead under water. Because of allowances for deterioration, and entrapped air, it is likely that most 50N Buoyancy Aids made for people of 70Kg body weight and above, will meet the ICF requirement. Buoyancy Aids conforming to the CEN standard made for people of less than 70Kg body weight will probably not meet the ICF requirement. Hopefully those manufacturers designing for the slalom market will take this into account. The actual amount of buoyancy involved will be marked on the device.
- UK19.2.2** Helmets: The CEN standard has now been adopted. With effect from 1 January 2002 the only helmets approved for use in competition will be those carrying a current CE mark.
- 19.3** It is recommended that Organisers spot check the buoyancy of the jackets and boats at both start and finish.
- 19.3.1** In doubtful cases, buoyancy of the boat is checked. The boat must float level at the surface when filled with water.
- 19.4** Competitors must be able to free themselves immediately from their boat at all times.
- UK19.4.1** In Canadians, positioning straps which have to be adjusted by hand before the competitor can leave the boat are not recommended.
- *19.5** In the event of non-observance of the safety rules, the Starter, the Pre start Controller, the Boat Controller and the Jury each, according to their assigned duties, are responsible for prohibiting a competitor from starting.
- *19.6** In any event, competitors start at their own risk, neither the BCU nor the organisers bear responsibility for accidents or damage to equipment that may occur on the competition course.

- UK19.7** At all times during a competition, whether during an organised run, or during any free practice times, a competitor should be prepared to stop and assist rescue of others.
- UK19.8** After his/her run a competitor **MUST** stay in his/her boat within a clearly indicated distance from the finish, until the next, and next but one competitor has finished, in case they are called upon to act as rescue boat, **UNLESS** the Organiser, having made other rescue arrangements, has specifically indicated that this is not required. This regulation applies equally to team events.

20 Course

- 20.1** The course must be entirely navigable throughout its length and provide the same conditions for right and left handed CI competitors. The ideal course should include:
- 1) minimum one-gate combination, which Offers the athlete several options
 - 2) constant direction changes and flowing movements using the technical difficulties of the water (*eddies, waves and rapids*).
- 20.2** The course may not be less than 250 metres in length, measured from the starting line to the finish line (*Measured down the centre line*), *the maximum length* be no more than 400 metres, and, as a recommendation for the course designers, the course should be navigable for K1 men in a time close to 100 seconds (*should not be less than 90 sec.*).
- UK20.3** The velocity of the current and the difficulty of the course shall be appropriate to the level of competition. To the extent possible, the course must consist of natural and/or artificial obstacles.
- 20.4** The course must consist of a maximum of 25 gates and a minimum of 18 gates of which at least 6 and a maximum of 7 must be upstream gates.
- UK Where appropriate, for example at weirs where some of the course may flow in an upstream direction, the maximum number of upstream gates may be exceeded, provided that the spirit of the rule is adhered to.
- For Team Events there may be one or two team gates.
- 20.4.1** not relevant.
- 20.4.2** The distance between the last gate and the finish line must be no less than 15 metres and should be no more than 25 metres.
- UK** Exceptions to these distances have to approved by the Jury
- 20.4.3** The organisers must choose a course where a race can be run without annoyance or inconvenience to the competitors. The gates must be placed with correct presentation clearly indicated (*by colour of poles and the number board*), and sufficient room be allowed to permit a correct negotiation and judgement of penalties without uncertainty.
- 20.5** If during a run in some category the Jury find that a significant change in water level has occurred that may be corrected; they may stop the competition until the original water conditions are restored. (*UK See also Rule 8.1*)

- 20.6** If during the competition unusual circumstances alter the nature or design of the course, only the Jury may authorise alteration to or change the position of a gate.

21 Approval of the Course

- 21.1.** Ideally the boats for the demonstration run should be one right-handed C1, one left-handed C1, two K1M, two K1W, and two C2 (*front left and front right*). In any case the maximum number of boats for each category should be no more than 2.

- UK21.2.** The Chief Official, the Technical Organiser, the Jury and the Team Managers and for Premier/Division One and Championship events the appointed member of the Course Approval Panel and by Team Managers for Inter club or Inter regional events determine the navigability of the course.

- UK21.2.1** If the course is judged in some way unacceptable, the above persons named in Rule 21.2 are qualified to make a decision.
* At Inter-club or Inter-regional events, if more than half of the team managers ask for a modification, the course must be modified.

* In the event that the course is particularly difficult, the organisers must, if so required by the Jury, diminish the difficulties for a category.

* After approval, no further modification may be made. The first start of the official training runs (*when held*) may not be held less than 20 minutes after the course is finally declared approved.

22 Training

- 22.1** At the organisers discretion a training run may be allowed on the completed course during international competitions. Training runs are not mandatory.
(UK Note: This rule does not apply to UK national competition.)

- UK22.1.1** At Selection & Premier events there will be no training runs. At Division 1 to 4 additional training runs are permitted at the organiser's discretion.

- UK22.2** The Organiser must ensure that the official training runs take place without interference.

- UK22.2.1** For each official training run it is necessary that:
- There be a specific person who is the general overseer and that the directions of this person are adhered to.
 - The runs take place with start numbers and in numerical (*start*) order.
 - They are carried out according to the competition rules.
 - Usual safety precautions are observed.
 - A Rescue Squad is in place when it is required.
 - At Championship, Premier and Division One events and at other events when so directed by the Organiser or the Jury, each gate is negotiated once only. A second passage of a gate is allowed only when it is one of a combination of gates that constitutes a single technical manoeuvre so recognised and published by the Course Designer(s).

- UK22.2.2** Non-observance of any of the above conditions is grounds for disqualification. In the event that a paddle breaks during a training run, a competitor may accept external help and

continue the course. In the event of a capsize, the run can be continued from the point of the capsize.

- UK22.3** Premier competitors may practice on the course after the conclusion of their individual runs if time is available. At Division 1 to 4, periods for additional practice runs and free practice and procedures for the control of organised free practice must be detailed in the start list. Free practice is allowed at the discretion of the organiser subject to adequate safety and control provision. During all practice there should be at least two persons supervising safety, one at the start to organise regular starts and at least one other along the course to ensure that full runs only are attempted where required by the rules or by the Organiser.

23 Start

- 23.1** Starts should be directly upstream or downstream.
23.2 An assistant to the Starter may hold each boat at the starting position until the start.
23.3 Only standing starts are permitted.
23.4 In the team runs, the second and third boats must be stationary (*preferably held*) until the first boat activates the timing of the run.
23.5 In any case the competitors must follow the starter's positioning or special instructions.

24 Start Interval

- 24.1** In individual events, starts are separated at least forty five seconds.
24.2 In the team events, starts are separated by at least ninety seconds.

- UK24.3** Organisers must run events according to the published schedule showing competitors start times. If the event is ahead of schedule, a competitor who is present at the published time must be allowed to start.

- UK24.4** In Ranking competitions, except Division 4, competitors start in reverse order of bib numbers. This may be varied at the discretion of the organiser and Jury for safety reasons.

25 False Start

- 25.1** Only the Starter is qualified to determine that a false start has occurred and to recall the competitor by means of an appropriate signal.
***25.2** The Starter determines if a second start is given and notifies the Jury.

26 Finish

- 26.1** The finish line must be marked very clearly on both sides.

UK The Start and Finish may not be the same gate.

- 26.2** A competitor's run is complete when he/she crosses the finish line. He/she must not cross the finish line more than once at the risk of disqualification from that run.

UK EXCEPT for the purposes of rescuing another competitor.

- 26.3** In the team event all 3 boats must cross the finish line within 15 seconds of each other. (see rule 29.4.6)

- UK 26.4** The finish line stretches from bank to bank. An electronic timing gate may be used for the purpose of electronic timing only.

27 Marking of the Gates

27.1 The gates consist of one(1) or two(2) suspended poles painted with green and white rings for downstream gates and red and white rings for upstream gates, with bottom ring always white, each ring 20cm.

In case of only one (1) pole gate, a second pole will be placed on the respective bank side to define the gate line.

UK All rings are of equal width.

UK27.1.1. Each gate must be adjustable for position from the bank.

Each pole must be individually adjustable for height from the bank without moving the gate.

On a permanent site where the water level can be accurately maintained, an alternative method of adjusting the gates may be employed subject to prior approval of the Slalom Committee (*apply to Event Management Co-ordinator*).

Gates and poles must be secured so that they cannot change without deliberate adjustment.

27.2 The width of a two pole gate is 1.2 metres minimum to 4.0 metres maximum measured between the poles. Poles must be round and 1.6 to 2 m long by 3.5 to 5.0 cm in diameter, and of sufficient weight that motion caused by wind is not excessive.

27.3 The lower end of the pole should be approximately 20 cm above the water, and the pole must not be put in motion by the water. The pole adjusting system must enable easy adjustment for each pole on every gate.

27.4 Gates must be numbered in the order of negotiation.

27.5 The gate number panels must measure 30 cm x 30 cm. The numbers must be inscribed on both sides of the panels using black paint on a yellow or white background. Each number and letter must measure 20 cm in height and 2 cm in thickness. On the side of the panel opposite the direction of correct negotiation, a diagonal red line is painted bottom left to top right.

U.K. Panels should be securely fastened between the upper ends of the poles.

UK27.5.1 For Team Gates, alongside the number panel should be a similar panel, inscribed with the letter T.

27.6 At each transmission position the numbers of the gates being judged must be clearly displayed.

28 Negotiation

28.1 All the gates must be negotiated in numerical order.

28.2 All gates must be negotiated in accordance with the direction established by the correct side of the gate number panels.

28.3 All gates may be negotiated in any presentation from the correct side of the gate.

28.4 Negotiation of a gate begins when: The boat or the body or the paddle touches a pole of the gate OR any part of the head of the competitor (*in C2, one of the two competitors*) breaks the line between the poles.

UK28.4.1 The Gate line is the actual area between the poles (*and the vertical extension from the foot of each pole to the bed of the river*) even if deflected by wind, water, paddle, boat or competitor.

- 28.5** Negotiation of a gate is ended when the negotiation of any subsequent gate begins OR the finish line is crossed.
- 28.6** The following conditions must be satisfied for a gate to be considered correctly negotiated.
- 28.6.1** The complete head of the competitor or competitors must cross the line between the poles in accordance with the correct side of the gate and the course plan.
- UK** In the case of C2 the heads of the two competitors must cross the line in a single continuous passage (*without the boat leaving the gate line*).
- UK** Repeated negotiations or attempts to negotiate a gate are permitted until the negotiation is completed as defined in Rule 28.5. Any penalty incurred on any such negotiation stands.
- 28.6.2** Part of the boat must cross the line between the poles at the same instant as the complete head crosses the line.
- 28.7** A correct negotiation of a gate without touching the pole with the body, the paddle, or the boat is a faultless negotiation.
- 29 Penalties**
- 29.1** 0 Penalty seconds - Correct negotiation without fault.
- 29.2** 2 Penalty seconds- Correct negotiation of the gate, but with a touch of one or both poles.
- 29.3** Repeated touching of the same or both poles is only penalised once.
- 29.4** 50 Penalty seconds
- 29.4.1** Touch of a gate (*either 1 or 2 poles*) without correct negotiation.
- 29.4.2** Intentional pushing of a gate to allow negotiation (it is not judged an intentional push when the body and the boat of the competitor was already in a position in which it would have ideally negotiated the gate).
- 29.4.3** The head (in C2 one of the two competitors) breaks the gate line upside down. (For definition of upside down see Rule 32.1)
- 29.4.4** During any gate negotiation, no part of the head is allowed to cross the gate line in the wrong direction.
- 29.4.5** Gate left out. Gate(s) left out is determined to have occurred when negotiation of any subsequent gate begins OR the finish line is crossed.
- U.K.** note: starting negotiation of any gate by pole touch or crossing gate line or crossing finish line makes any previous gate on which negotiation has not been completed 'a 'gate left out'.
- UK29.4.6** A team failing to complete passage correctly through the Team Gate(s) or to cross the finish line within 15 seconds. If a team member starts negotiation of a subsequent gate before correctly completing the Team Gate, the time penalty is incurred as well as gate left out penalties. Team gate timing starts when the body of the first competitor first crosses the gate line and ends when the last competitor's body (*C2 - first body of the last crew*) crosses the gate line.
- UK** Incorrect negotiation of the Team Gate by one or more team members incurs time penalty in addition.

29.4.7 Part of the head breaks the line between the Poles without part of the boat.

29.5 Undercutting of a gate without a touch is not penalised.

29.6 Repeated attempts at a gate without touching the poles is not penalised if part of the head of the competitor(s) has NOT broken the line between the poles.

29.7 Fifty penalty seconds is the maximum obtainable by any one competitor on any gate

UK An additional fifty penalty seconds may be incurred on Team Gates or the Finish Line.

29.8 At all times, the benefit of any doubt must be given to the competitor.

30 Signalling by the Gate Judges

UK Applicable only where discs are available

UK 30.1 Each group of gate judges uses signalling discs to communicate with the Section Judge, his/her assistants and the public.

30.1.1 A yellow disc or card, marked with figures 2, and a red disc or card marked with figures 50. The figures must be black and marked on both sides.

30.2 Signalling is carried out according to the following rules:

30.2.1 Faultless passage through the gate, no signal given.

30.2.2 Negotiation with penalty, a yellow or red disc or card is held steady (*with the figures 2 or 50*) according to the penalty seconds incurred.

UK30.3 Hand signals may be used where discs are not available e.g. passing a flat hand across the body for no penalty, single finger for 2 penalty seconds, all fingers spread out for 50 penalty seconds.

31 Clearing the Course

UK 31.1 When a competitor is overtaken by another competitor, he/she must give way, if the Section Judge (*OR Gate Judge if no Section Judge is appointed*) gives repeated blasts on a whistle.

31.2 The overtaking competitor must be attempting to negotiate the course properly. If he/she is overtaking as a result of missing gates, then he/she must not hinder the competitor he/she is approaching.

***31.3** If one competitor is hindered by another, he/she may repeat his/her run if so authorised by the Jury.

32 Upside Down and Capsize

32.1 It is considered a capsize when the head of the competitor is entirely under water.

32.2 It is considered to be a capsize when the boat is upside down and the competitor (*or a competitor in C2*) has left the boat completely.

32.2.1 Eskimo roll is not considered a capsize. In team runs, members of the team may help each other to Eskimo roll.

33 Timing

33.1 The time of a run is measured from: The time that the competitor's body or electronic device (*on body or boat*) first breaks the starting line to the time when the finish line is broken by the competitor's body or electronic device (*in C2*,

the first body that crosses the line). In team racing, the time is measured from the departure of the first boat until the arrival of the last boat. During crossing through the finish line, the competitor(s) must keep the paddle in both hands and not attempt to break the beam line with the paddle before the body breaks the line (*controlled by the finish judge*).

UK33.2 If the time is taken with a stop watch, this must be capable of recording elapsed time to the standard specified for the event.

UK33.3 Team gate and team finish timing must be taken by a stop watch capable of recording elapsed time in seconds.

UK33.4 Championship, Premier and Division 1 events must incorporate double electronic beam start and finish, and be timed and scored to 0.01 seconds. In the event of failure of the electronic start/finish for the whole of the event then manual start and/or finish shall be used and times and scores calculated to 0.1 second.

UK33.4.1 Division 2 to 4 events with double electronic beam start and finish must be timed and scored to 0.1 second. Where the electronic timing provided by the Slalom Committee for use at Premier and Division 1 events and conforming to Rule UK 33.4 is in use, and operated by at least one member of the regular Timing Team for that equipment, then the event may be timed and scored to 0.01 seconds with the approval of the Jury.

UK33.4.2 Division 2 to 4 events using any other start and/or finish for the whole event may be timed to 0.1 second with the approval of the Jury.

UK33.4.3 All fractions of a lesser order than that specified shall be ignored in displaying times and final scores.

UK33.5 ALL EVENTS MUST HAVE INDEPENDENT BACK-UP TIMING.

Where back-up times have to be used in a few cases (*not amounting to a total breakdown*) they will be to the same standard as set for the event concerned. It is recommended that synchronised digital stop watches, one at start and two at finish, recording 'time of day' to 0.01 second be used.

UK33.6 The Jury will make regular checks on back-up timing, and may suspend the event if undue discrepancy is found.

34 Calculation and Posting of Results, Prizes

UK34.1 The following formula is used to calculate the results Selection, Premier & specified non-ranking competitions:-

a) 'Classic' - (*one day event*)

time of best time run in seconds + penalty seconds = result;

b) 'Superfinal' - (*one day event*)

time of best time run in seconds + penalty seconds = result for all competitors except:

the top n in K1M, the top n in K1W

the top n in C1M the top n in C1W the top n in C2

Values of n to be published at least 7 days before the event by the organiser.

After completion of the initial 'two run' race, the above will race in a one run final where the result is time of single run in seconds + penalty seconds = result.

Course changes can be made for the final at the organiser's discretion

c) **'Championship'** - (two day event)

competitions consist of heats with two runs, one semi final run and one final run.

Heats - time of best time run in seconds + penalty seconds = result

Progression to the semi final is as follows

the top n in K1M, the top n in K1W

the top n in C1M the top n in C1W the top n in C2

For the score of the semi final run the result will be

Semi Final - time single run in seconds + penalty seconds = result

Progression to the final is as follows

the top n in K1M, the top n in K1W

the top n in C1M the top n in C1W the top n in C2

For the score of the final run the result will be

Final - time single run in seconds + penalty seconds = result

Points awarded are based on performances at heat, semi final and final as appropriate. The start order of the semi

finals will be the reverse order of the individual heat results

The start order for the final will be the reverse order of the

semi final results Course changes can be made for the semi final at the organiser's discretion.

d) **'Single Run Race'** - (for Selection races only)

Time of single run in seconds + penalty seconds = result

Divisions 1 - 4:- time of best run in seconds + penalty seconds for the best run = result.

34.1.1 Sample for an Individual Score in each run:

Running time: 2' 20.8" = 60 + 60 + 20.8 = 140.8

Penalty seconds: 2 + 2 + 50 = 54.0

Total = 194.8 seconds

34.1.2 Sample for Scoring of a Team in each run:

Time between the start of the first boat and the arrival of the last boat:

Running Time: 2 '20.82 = 60 + 60 + 20.82 = 140.82

Penalty seconds of first boat = 104.0

Penalty seconds of second boat = 154.0

Penalty seconds of third boat = 56.0

Total = 454.82 seconds

34.2 As soon as the results of a run for a competitor or team are known, the start number, the penalty seconds, and the time should be announced and must be posted in the designated place until the time for filing protests has elapsed.

34.3 The following notations will be used in reporting the results:

DNF - did not finish

DNS - did not start

DSQ-R - disqualified for particular run

DSQ-C - disqualified from the competition

In case of DNF, DNS, DSQ-R the penalty seconds given will be 999 for calculation and classification. In case of DSQ-C no classification.

- *34.4** - Competitors with normal points in, at least, 1 run should be sorted normally.
- Competitors/Teams receiving only 999 penalty seconds (*DNF, or DSQ-R or 1 DNS combined with DNF or DSQ-R in multiple runs*) should be sorted by NOC code.
 - Competitors with only DNS results in multiple or single runs should not be ranked.
 - In the results output that includes multiple runs, results should be shown just for the complete run.
 - For DSQ-C boat(s) the boat(s) are eliminated from the whole competition, and will not be ranked. The results, which have already been archived in a round when DSQ-C subsequently occurs, will not be shown in the results or the race analysis of that particular round. Results for rounds, which the boat(s) completed before disqualification, will remain. A competitor or team is given a DNF (*Did Not Finish*) status in case that a competitor leaves the boat completely or crosses the finish line upside down.

UK34.5 Prizes

The start list must detail all prizes offered at the competition. For all categories, at least one prize shall be offered for a quorate event.

If there are 10 or more starters a second prize shall be awarded.

If there are 15 or more starters, a third prize shall be awarded. The number of starters used shall be, as a minimum the number of competitors declared on the start list in each category.

All promotees are to receive a memento, supplied by the Slalom Committee. Division 4 promotees must send the application form given to them by the Event Organiser.

In Premier & Division 1 only when there are three or more eligible competitors, organisers shall provide a prize for the Under 23 competitor who gains the best score during the event.

In all divisions when there are three or more eligible competitors, organisers shall provide a prize for the Divisional Veteran and Junior competitor who gains the best score during the event in each category and a prize for the best Junior (*J16*) performance which has not attracted any other prize. Organisers may, at their discretion, provide a prize for the best J12 and J14 performance, but if they do so should state the rules for deciding the winner in the start list.

Canadian competitors who have been in Division One (*C1 or C2*) are not eligible for prizes at Division 4 C2 events in a new pairing.

Organisers may provide prizes for a 'high volume' class within Kayak categories at Division 3 and 4 events. Foreign competitors whose entries are accepted as in rule 15.1.2 are not eligible for the ranking or closed event prizes. It is

recommended that the Organiser provide one or more suitable prizes, particularly in the case of championship events.

35 Dead Heat/Ties

35.1 In the event that two or more competitors obtain the same score as their best run, the score of their other run will resolve the tie. If there is still no difference then the competitors are given the same ranking.

35.1.1 In the case of a tie for a position that qualifies for the next rounds (*semi final or final*) cannot be resolved by applying above criteria, all tied competitors qualify.

35.2 Not applicable

36 Protests

UK36.1 Protests may be made against the published score, time and/or penalties, or against a decision of the Organiser (*e.g. on a re-run*).

UK 36.2 Protest is considered only when:

- It is submitted in writing on the appropriate form.
- It is submitted no more than 1 hour after the official posting of the results for the last competitor in the category, or for the last category, 15 minutes after display of the result for the last competitor of the day.
- It is submitted personally to the event control office for the attention of the Jury and is accompanied by a deposit of £1. At any designated GB selection race, Class C International race or Premier Division race, the protest form deposit will be £5.

(At inter-club or inter-regional events by the team manager, deposit to be agreed at the Team Managers meeting).

The deposit is returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit is turned over to the Organising Committee of the competition, for onward transmission to the Slalom Committee.

36.3 A protest can be lodged against a decision of a judge:

- If there was poor or non-observation of the negotiation of a gate.
- For a decision that is probably or manifestly erroneous.
- For obvious irregularity in the conduct of the competition.

UK 36.4 The Jury evaluates the legitimacy of a protest. They listen to the testimonies of the Judges and inform themselves of any other matters in dispute. Video review may not be used to contest items of fact (*judging decisions*). The Jury transmits its decision in writing.

UK The Jury's decision is final.

***36.5** At the discretion of the Jury, inquiries into matters of fact or technical errors may be dealt with as simple inquiries (*with no fee*).

37 (Appeal to the Competition Committee not relevant)

U.K. Note: While there can be no appeal to the Committee against a decision of the Jury, the Slalom Committee may review consequences of such decisions (*e.g. promotion, ranking points*) where new facts become known.

38 (Appeal to the Board of Management of the ICF not relevant)

39 Disqualification For The Run

***39.1** If a competitor starts in a boat or with equipment which does not conform to the rules, The Jury may disqualify him/her for that run.(DSQ-R)

***39.2** The Jury can disqualify a competitor who accepts outside assistance after the official judging the situation has informed the latter. (DSQ-R)

39.2.1 In the spirit of this article, the following is considered as 'outside assistance':

- All aid given to a competitor or to his/her boat.
- Giving, passing, or throwing to a competitor a spare paddle or his/her original lost paddles.
- Directing, pushing, or movement of the boat by anyone other than the competitor himself/herself (*UK or for team runs another member of the Team*).
- Giving directions to competitors by means of electro-acoustic apparatus or radiotelephone (*e.g. radio-telephone between the competitor and any other person*).

UK 39.3 A competitor who leaves his/her boat is disqualified for the run in question although a Jury may award a re-run in special circumstances. If a competitor leaves his/her boat during a team run, the entire team is eliminated and must immediately leave the course.

39.3.1 After a capsize in a team run, the rest of the team are not permitted to intentionally negotiate any following gates

39.4* A competitor who is not ready to start as scheduled can be disqualified for the run if there is negligence on his/her part.

39.5 Crossing the finish line upside down disqualifies that run. The boat is considered upside down when the head of the competitor is entirely under water.

40 Disqualification

UK All disqualifications must be made by the Jury and notified in writing to the person(s) concerned after following procedures as in 36.3.

40.1 A competitor who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, who breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, is disqualified for the competition.(DSQ-C)

***40.1.1** If a competitor is forced to break the rules by the action of another person, the Jury decides if he/she will be disqualified or not for the competition.(DSQ-C)

UK 40.2 Any competitor or official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disqualified by the Jury and further disciplined by the Slalom Committee after report from the Jury.(DSQ-C)

***40.3** For disqualification after competition caused by doping or ineligibility - erase all achieved results and rankings of the (DSQ-C) boat(s),

- re-calculate results accordingly, and
- produce the revised version of all affected outputs (results, summaries, prizes).

UK40.4 No person, other than an authorised official, may approach or otherwise distract, a judge whilst at his/her judging position. No person may, at any time, harass, or threaten a judge, or act in a manner likely to interfere with his/her judging duties. If at any time a competitor, or his/her representative, makes an unauthorised approach to a judge concerning a protest, the protest should be rejected and the competitor may be disqualified from the event at the discretion of the Jury.

UK ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE ORGANISER

(All the following rules are UK only)

50 Competition Calendar

Managed Calendar

50.1 Planning

Division 1/Premier 1 Event only one per weekend.

Distances between events will be taken as between one and one and a half hours driving time. The Managed Calendar Officer will determine whether divisional events will conflict with each other. A commercial route planning system will be used. *(for further information refer to the Managed Calendar Officer).*

50.2 Calendar Returns

The calendar return is in two parts; part one for compilation of the calendar and part two for compilation of the year book. Part one called SLALOM MANAGED CALENDAR RETURN is to be sent in as follows:

- Division 1/Premier - by May 1st.
- All other divisions - by July 1st.

Part two called SLALOM CALENDAR & YEARBOOK RETURN is to be sent in by the 15th December.

All returns are to be sent to the Managed Calendar Officer.

If a clash occurs then attempts will be made to resolve it by negotiation. In the event of a dispute the matter will be resolved by the National Competition Committee.

50.3 Details

Please complete as many of the details as possible but do not delay submission of the form. Include post code of the address for entries. Any open, confined, or other non-ranking slalom, slalom sprint or other form of competition or activity using the same stretch of water to be held in conjunction with the proposal must be specified and may not be held without specific approval recorded in the published calendar *(failure to observe this can result in loss of ranking status)*. Such events should normally be held after the ranking event has ended. Entry limits must be stated *(note maximum for any event without special permission of Slalom Committee is 250)*.

50.4 New or substantially altered events

Full details should be submitted as early as possible with a copy of the information to the Managed Calendar Officer. A nominee of the Slalom Committee should be invited to any trial event.

50.5 Alterations or additions

The Slalom Committee has no authority to add new events or change the divisional ranking of an event after the date of the Annual Consultative Meeting except that where, through force of circumstance, a Premier Division event has been cancelled; they may add a substitute event to the calendar. This is subject to agreement of the other organising clubs on that date.

50.6 Ranking Status

Ranking status is granted on the condition that the Organiser will conduct the event in a manner acceptable to the Com-

mittee. The Organiser must enforce and comply with all current rules and regulations governing ranking competition. The Organising Club must be affiliated to the BCU or National Association and be registered with the Slalom Committee (*see Rule 3 of the Constitution*) or have been approved as an organising group by the Committee and have proved acceptable insurance cover.

51 Responsibilities of Organisers and General Arrangements

51.1 Organiser

The Organiser is the person named in the Yearbook and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the event and will be the person held responsible for taking entries, issuing start lists and results and forwarding records and entry fees (*less the retained share - see Rule 56*). Premier events' organisation is coordinated by a Competitions Co ordinator. All persons concerned with the organisation of the slalom are responsible to the Organiser. The Jury is separately responsible for ensuring that the event is run fairly and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

51.2 Organisers' Handbook and Package

The Slalom Organisers' Handbook is issued free to Organisers. Additional copies (*price £1*) are available from the Slalom Administrator (*address in directory*). An 'Organisers' Package' is issued to all Organisers at the beginning of the season. Organisers must refer to this package before, during and after the event.

51.3 Organisers' Conference

Organisers may be required by the Slalom Committee to attend an Organisers' Conference as a condition of granting ranking status. New clubs running events must be represented at the conference. It is highly recommended that other clubs attend.

51.4 Financial

Organisers must keep an account of monies received and disbursed in connection with a ranking event and may be required to provide a statement of accounts to the Slalom Committee.

51.5 Non-competitors

The Organiser shall ensure that the course is not used during an event by persons who are not participating in the event as competitors. Disciplinary proceedings may be taken against members who do not comply with the instructions of the Organiser.

51.6 Water subsidy

The Slalom Committee may subsidise water expenses incurred at sites where it is deemed to be in the best interest of the development of the sport for those events to run. Applications must be submitted to the Slalom Administrator (*address in directory*) with full supporting information well in advance, preferably at least two months before the event.

52. On-site arrangements

52.1 The Organiser must have prior permission from all persons whose property may be used or in any way infringed in connection with the competition. The Police should be noti-

fied as should landlords, shopkeepers, etc., in the vicinity of the event. Aim from the outset to provide good car parking, camping, latrines, and rubbish disposal facilities. Chemical toilets and urinal facilities, in sufficient number and properly maintained, must be provided where flush toilets are not available in sufficient quantity as a condition of future ranking status. Where refreshments are sold a bowl, clean water, soap, and a towel must be provided for use by the staff.

- 52.2** First aid facilities must be on site and there should be at least one person (*two at Holme Pierrepont*) currently qualified in First Aid.
- 52.3** There must be safety and rescue services as appropriate to the conditions, or as directed by the Slalom Committee or the Jury. If rescue arrangements are not provided, a clear sign must be placed near the finish indicating the approved rescue distance for competitors who have finished their runs.
- 52.4** Equipment testing facilities must be available for the use of competitors at times/places advertised in the start list, if it is planned to test (*on a random basis*) any equipment used or for use in the event.
- 52.5** Trade Stands/Trading. Where an organiser permits either Trade Stands to be set up and/or trading to take place he should ensure that the traders have the necessary Public Liability Insurance cover. A minimum of £500,000 cover is recommended. The Organiser is entitled to insist that the trader shows him the Insurance Certificate. A photocopy would be satisfactory.

53 Equipment and Stationery

NOTE:-The FULL cost of transportation for all hire or loan equipment to an event is the responsibility of the event organiser hiring it. In addition, where the booking of any equipment has been made less than six weeks before the event, the Organiser is responsible for the cost of transporting it FROM the event to its next destination. All equipment on hire is the responsibility of the Organiser, who may be charged additionally for any loss or damage.

- 53.1** Timing/Communication (*TUTTI*) equipment will be hired out to those clubs not having access to TUTTI or who have not notified the timing team before the beginning of the season using the appropriate hiring form found in the organisers pack. A pre-arranged route for each set of TUTTI will be circulated to hiring clubs. It will be a clubs responsibility to arrange collection from the preceding event. A hire fee of £25.00 for ranking events, (£60.00 for 'commercial' events). A club may become liable for the cost of repairs to equipment if it fails to report any faults or damage to the National Maintenance Officer or Chair of the Technical Committee. There will be no charge for any accidental damage, provided that is reported.

(A commercial event is an event run by a commercial organisation or any event where sponsorship is in excess of £5,000)

- 53.2** Where the Committee's Electronic Timing is used a hire charge is payable. Except where a member of the regular Timing Team(s) is using the equipment for his/her club's ranking event, with the prior authorisation of the Technical Support Co-ordinator, where no charge is made for use by each member on one occasion in each calendar year. The travel expenses for the Timing Team who transport and operate the technical and timing equipment at BCU/CW/SCA events are the responsibility of the Slalom Committee (*Judging / Timing Fund*), to be agreed and approved by the Technical Support Co-ordinator.
- 53.3** Sets of Officials Bibs (*30 in a set*) are available free of charge (*deposit required*). Please send the hire proforma, supplied in the organiser's package, to the Officials Bib Hire Officer as early as possible in the season.
- 53.4** Sets of Team Bibs are available free of charge for Premier and Division One events. Please contact the Team Bib Hiring officer for details.
- 53.5** **Entry Cards.** Can be obtained from the Entry Card Officer address in the directory by sending an adequate sized s.a.e 9in x 4in, 11cm x 22cm, DL or larger, a first class stamp will get you approx 16 cards.

54 Jury and Judges

- 54.1** The organiser must help the Jury, firstly in their duty to inspect and approve the course before official practice begins and then to resolve any problems brought to them in the course of the event.
- 54.2** The full Jury shall be on site to approve the course at least one hour before the scheduled programme and must remain in attendance throughout the weekend's programme. At all ranking events, the programme may not start until the course has been approved by the Jury. Where circumstances permit forerunners shall be used to test the course. At these events the Jury shall be on site as early as possible to permit the required consultations.
- 54.3** The organiser is responsible for payment of expenses to the Jury Chair up to a maximum of £15. Section judges and members of the Jury who are members of the Section Judge Panel and who would otherwise have been performing Section Judge duties, are entitled to claim expenses from the Slalom Committee. At any event, if there is a shortage of judges, the organiser may require paddlers (*or their nominated substitutes*) to judge or undertake other official duties, in consultation with the Jury.

55. Cancellation

In the event of cancellation the organiser MUST:-

- 55.1** Notify all entrants by using start or results envelopes provided or by phoning representatives of clubs as recorded by entrants and by using answer phone services, as directed by the Competitions Co-ordinator.

- 55.2 Ensure that BCU equipment arrangements are fulfilled relative to their next usage, and inform the relevant Hiring Officer.
- 55.3 Notify the Slalom Administrator (*address in directory*), Secretary, Ranking Officer, and all relevant Ranking List Compilers.
- 55.4 Send a letter of explanation to the Slalom Secretary, along with supporting evidence from a member of the Jury (*if cancelled that late*) or a member of the Slalom Committee, if available.
- 55.5 Send the defined portion of entry fees as in 56.12 below and retain other entry fees.
- 55.6 Early cancellation, prior to the issue of a start list is not covered by the above and must not be done without serious consideration and agreement of an Officer and another member of the Slalom Committee acting in consultation. That lack of entries before the day of the competition shall not be considered good cause for cancellation. From Friday onwards cancellation may be agreed by the Chair of the Jury, preferably after discussion with a member of the Slalom Committee (*or person appointed by the Slalom Committee for this purpose*).
- 55.7 If a competition is cancelled before the issue of the start list or on or before the Saturday of the immediately preceding weekend, whichever is the earlier, or up to the time that the course is approved or declared open for free practice (*organised practice for Premier/Division 1*) where cancellation is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Organiser, entry fees will be refunded in full to all entrants by the organising club or group; after that date no entry fees will be refunded unless on receipt of a report of the circumstances the Slalom Committee determines otherwise. If as a result of making a refund of entry fees, the organising group finds itself making a loss on that event, it may make application to the Slalom Committee which is empowered to give limited financial assistance to offset costs already and necessarily incurred.
- 55.8 Any event cancelled will be brought to the Committee's notice during discussion of the following year's calendar.

56 Results, Records and Entry Fees

- 56.1 Full instructions are given in the organisers' package sent to all event organisers. Please follow the instructions which apply to open and other non-ranking events, except slalom sprint, run in conjunction with a ranking event.
- 56.2 All the following procedures **MUST** be completed within FIFTEEN DAYS of the end of the slalom. Delays will be penalised by means of a fine of £5 per week (*or part thereof*) to the Slalom Administrator (*address in directory*), or ranking status may not be granted next year.
- 56.3 Prepare final results showing, for all starters in best run order the following:
 - time and penalties for both runs.
 - points awarded (B.4.3, B.4.4, B.5.4, B.5.6, B.5.7 B.6.2 or B.6.4)
 - where appropriate the names of those promoted.

- Team members and C2 pairs must be named
 - All starters, including any who did not complete either run, must be listed.
- 56.4** Complete the summary sheet and state on it the number of paddlers entered who did not start. Give the names/clubs of any who entered Officials events but did not appear.
 - 56.5** Send one copy of the results to all entrants who supplied stamped addressed envelopes.
 - 56.6** Send one copy of the results to the Ranking List Compilers and Bib Officers for the division/s and classes at the event and (*except for Premier*) those for the next higher division. Send one copy of the results to the Ranking Officer. Where one individual has multiple roles just send one copy of the results.
 - 56.7** Send the results cards of the competitors (*do not separate promotees' cards except for Division 4*) to the appropriate Ranking List Compilers. Send the cards of promoted Division 4 competitors to the appropriate Division 3 ranking list compiler. Send non-promoted Division 4 Entry Cards to the Division 4 Ranking List Compiler. (*see directory for addresses*)
 - 56.8** Send one copy of the results to the Officials Ranking Officer. Ensure Competitors gender, class and division are listed. Keep Officials cards until the end of the year.
 - 56.9** Send one start list, one results sheet, a copy of the completed summary sheets and any comments you may wish to the Slalom Administrator (*address in directory*).
 - 56.10** Send the completed summary sheets, a copy of the results and 45% of entry fees, all divisions except division 4 and all teams nil to:-
The BCU Slalom Accounts Manager (*address in directory*).
The protest deposits not refunded should be returned to the BCU Slalom Accounts Manager for credit to the Judging Fund. For Premier and Division One the contribution to the Judging Fund of £1 per individual entry is payable in addition. The percentage is calculated on the number of starters but excluding officials. (*See Rule 12.6.2*)
 - 56.11** Give to the Chair of the Jury - any comments on the event in general and on judging, in particular, any outstanding performances (*good or bad*) and any unusual judging decisions which had to be made. Make reports as requested by the Slalom Committee.
 - 56.12** In respect of competitors who had to pay for membership at the event - the completed application forms and subscriptions including day membership payments must be sent by first class post to BCU/SCA/CW/CANI headquarters as appropriate. N.B. All addresses appear in the Directory.