



There are a number of places where the rules are inconsistent. There are also a number of rule changes introduced by the slalom committee. The minor rule changes, and the ICF imposed changes are listed in a separate document 'Simple Rule Changes'. This is an inclusive motion to make the, hopefully, non controversial changes.

## Rule Tidying

### Terminology

Change Athlete, competitor, paddler etc, to a single phrase in line with the ICF nomenclature. Currently this is believed to be 'athlete'.

*B1.1 has a rule that is not governed by the rule process, currently the only rule change in the notice is reducing the number of gates. Remove to make proper rules..... Page 52*

### B1.1 Divisions

The divisional system of five divisions (Premier, 1, 2, 3 and 4) in each of the four events (K1M, K1W, C1W and C1M) and one division in the C2 event 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.

~~For Division 4 competitions certain regulations may be waived by the Slalom Committee where this will encourage participation. For details see the notice on Division 4 Slaloms in the Slalom Yearbook~~

*Differentiating individuals and crews to remove contradiction between paragraph 1 and 3..... Page 54*

### B2.4 New Competitors

New **individual** competitors must compete in Division 4. Those 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 to the season in which it is granted

New C2 pairings that have not applied for ranking status may enter any competition at division 2 or below.

*Slalom Committee is defined, 'Committee' is not..... Page 55*

B3.1 Promotion during the season through the divisions is based on performance at events as set out in rules B4 below. Promotion and demotion also occur at the end of each season, as decided by the **Slalom** Committee, when ranking lists have been finalised. Competitors granted ranking status after 31st July are designated 'Short Season'. Competitors promoted during a season are also designated 'Short Season'. Those designated 'Short Season' will not be demoted at the end of that season.

*Terminology..... Page 55*

### B3.3 Accelerated Promotion

#### B3.3.1 Paddle Up

Rename as

#### **B3.3 Paddle Up**

#### **B3.1 Definition**

*Repeating the content of the rule multiple times leads to errors if/when the rule changes, so be consistent with B5.3.1 / B5.4.1 ..... Page 56*

B4.1 Calculating points: Quorate events (**see rule UKC5.1**)

~~For all Divisions (except Division 4) an event is deemed to be quorate if 5 or more competitors start. (See Rule UKC5.1)~~

B4.2 Calculating points: Inquorate event (**see rule UKC5.1**)

~~For all Divisions (except Division 4) an event is deemed to be quorate if 5 or more competitors start. (See Rule UKC5.1)~~

B4.3.1 Promotion from Division 4 to Division 3

~~For Division 4 an event is deemed to be quorate if 3 or more competitors start. (See Rule UKC5.1)~~  
**Promotion from quorate Division 4 events (See rule UKC5.1):**



*With the merger of the Ranking Officer and Ranking Status Officer roles, and merging bib officer and ranking compiler, and the merging of national Maintenance Officer and Technical Co-Ordinator there is some small rule tidying required.*

- B5.6.2 All registered Veterans must apply to the appropriate **bib ranking** officer for a bib.
- D4.1 ... 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 Technical Co-ordinator. There will be no charge for any accidental damage, provided that is reported.
- D6.3.2 Ensure that BC equipment arrangements are fulfilled relative to their next usage, and inform the relevant ~~Hiring Officer Co-ordinator~~.
- D7.6.2 Where a Ranking ~~List Compiler or Bib~~ Officer for the division(s) and events at the competition or for the next highest division do not have an email address published, send a paper copy to these officers
- D7.6.3 Send an electronic version of the results to the Ranking **Status** Officer. The required format is defined in the organisers' package.

*State an actual purpose for checking, not check for check sake..... Page 62*

**UK C3.1.2** Ranked Competitors in all divisions, except Division 4, must prove membership of a National Association by sending a copy of their membership cards when applying for their competition bib **to confirm third party insurance**. When membership for a Competitor 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.

*A rule that is never used, and not well known, so remove it. .... Page 63*

**UK C3.1.6** At Division 2 competitions an experienced paddler not previously a National Association member may enter as a non-ranking Competitor using the National Federation Taster form as in Rule C3.1.5 above (see B2.2) or on showing a Canoe Club Youth Section membership card.

*Simplify wording (in line with ICF simplification)..... Page 63*

**UK C3.4** ~~Age categories: Ranking status is not governed by age, but special Competitions, Championship Competitions and prizes at Ranking Competitions may be related to the following age stages:~~

- ~~Junior 10 (J10) 10th birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Junior 12 (J12) 12th birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Junior 14 (J14) 14th birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Junior 16 (J16) 16th birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Junior 18 (J18) 18th birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Under 23 (U23) 23rd birthday on or after 1st January.~~
  - ~~Master (M) 35th birthday on or before 31st December.~~
- ~~In each case, in the current year. In Junior C2 categories the age of the elder competitor will control the age category in which the pair can compete. In Masters categories the age of the youngest competitor will control the age grouping. Veterans (V) who have elected to leave the divisional system and compete in Veterans Events. (See Rule B.5.). Juniors, Masters and Veterans who declare their year of birth will be identified on end of season ranking lists.~~

*Replace with*

**UKC3.4** The last year a competitor can compete in a Junior category is the year that of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The last year they can compete in an Under 23 category is the year of their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Junior prizes may be awarded in two-year age bands, e.g. J16, J14, J12, J10, J8 with eligibility defined as above. **Prizes may also be presented for the senior age group.** Juniors who have declared their year of birth will be identified in end of season ranking lists.

*Simplification of wording to reflect current position..... Page 64*

C6 Categories



C6.1 Individual Events -

- Women K1
- Men K1
- Women C1
- Men C1
- Women C2
- Men C2
- Mixed 1 C2 (1 Woman, 1 Man)

UK ~~Women's, Men's and Mixed All C2s currently compete in the same event as Men's C2 and are ranked using the same system, separate prizes may be offered. As the number of entrants increases it is expected that the events will separate~~

*Simplify and use ICF Wording where possible, (repeated in D2.1)..... Page 66*

C9.2 The Technical Organiser is responsible for the local preparations for the competition, the conduct of the entire Competition and the installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition. The Technical Organiser is 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 **Competition event** and will be the person held responsible for **completing all post event tasks defined in section D, taking entries, publishing start lists and results and forwarding records and the defined portion of entry fees. Premier events' organisation is co-ordinated by the Competitions Co-Ordinator of the Slalom Committee. All persons concerned with the organisation of the competition are responsible to the Technical Organiser.**

*C9.14 the UK addition says 'may' so is not actually a rule. Remove it and use common sense..... Page 69*

C9.14 The Equipment Controller ensures that the boats, buoyancy jackets and helmets fulfil rules C7 and C19 and may mark them accordingly.

**UK They may advise on the conformance of boats, paddles, clothing and accessories to Rule C7.2.**

*As we move more to card less, most of this is irrelevant..... Page 69*

UK C11.1 Entries to **Championship** competitions must be made according to the published instructions. ~~Unless otherwise publicised, entries to a ranking competition must be on an official entry card. The Competitor is responsible for correct completion and submission of the information and payment of the relevant entry fees. card which must be sent to the address published in the calendar with the correct entry fee. Where a competition is designated as 'card-less' entries may be accepted using an alternate defined by the organiser.~~

*As the Rules relating to credit card transactions have changed, we need to change a rule to keep in line with the law. Page 72*

C11.6.5A competition that allows for advance entry by a method other than post (eg via an online system) may charge a booking/transaction fee for use of the entry method. This fee must be clearly distinguished at that time of payment. Where a refund is given (whatsoever the reason) there is no requirement for the booking fees to be returned.

Traditional valid methods of entry must be accepted and given equal treatment

*Not relevant any longer, this refers back to paper start lists, and includes information frequently not known at the time. .... Page 74*

Delete rule UKC18.3

*Simplify the timing rules: ..... Page 83*

Replace current rule 33 with:

C33.1 The time of a run is measured from:-

The time that the Competitor's body or electronic device (on body or boat) breaks the start 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 teams racing the time is measured from the time when the first Competitor breaks the start line to the time the last Competitor breaks the finish line.

UKC33.2 Where the Slalom Committees electronic timing system with 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 an event then manual start and/or finish shall be used and times and scores calculated to 0.1 second.

UKC33.3 Where any other start and/or finish method is used for the whole event may be timed to 0.1 seconds or complete seconds with the approval of the Chief Judge

UK C33.4 All fractions of a lesser order than that specified shall be ignored in displaying times and final scores.

*Positional* ..... Page 85

UKC34.12 move to section D as it relates to organisers and is not ICF

*Not many Chief Judges are aware of this UK addition, and so the UK addition to C40 should be removed as not practical* ..... Page 87

UK All disqualifications must be made by the Chief Judge and notified in writing to the person(s) concerned after following procedures as in UKC36.3

*Duplication of rules in different parts:* ..... Page 88

UK C40.4 At the end of an event the final published results will be deemed to be the official record of the race. Where a paddler is subsequently declared ineligible to compete or disqualified for the competition, only their result will be removed. The points awarded to other competitors will not be recalculated. Where an error has been made in the calculation of points for a whole event, the points will be recalculated and the revised results published.

*Merge with 34.11, probably as 34.11.2*

*The following rule is probably illegal in Scotland and extremely difficult to enforce, so it will be deleted*..... Page 90

D2.4 Non-Competitors

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

*No longer used rule, superseded by enhanced fees*..... Page 90

D2.5 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 competitions to run. Applications must be submitted to the Slalom Secretary (address in directory) with full supporting information well in advance, preferably at least two months before the event.

*Section D is at odds with section D, so remove contradiction* ..... Page 90

D3.3 There must be safety and rescue services as appropriate to the conditions, or as directed by the Slalom Committee or the Chief Judge. ~~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~~

## Main ICF Rule Changes

B1-1 Equipment Homologation..... **Not Applicable in the UK**

B1-2 Minimum Course length reduced to 150m (but time target remains the same)

B1-3 The course must consist of a minimum of 18 gates and a maximum of 25 gates of which 6 or 8 must be upstream gates.

B1-5 For team events, one (1) enquiry per team will be allowed.

B1-6 (new) World Championships for Non Olympic Canoe Slalom events can be held in the year of the Olympic Games



Masters World Championships can be organised in Canoe Slalom. Age groups start at 35+ years of age.

- B1-7 Olympic Games course tuning .....**Not applicable in the UK**
- B1-8 World Cup Entries.....**Not applicable in the UK**
- B1-9 Extreme Canoe Slalom: The whole head and both shoulders of the competitor must cross the gate line in accordance with the correct side of the gate and course plan.
- 9.7.2 Video Judges carry the same responsibility as a Gate Judge and act as an additional resource to determine the correct decision for a competitor on any gate. **The Video Judge can systematically view all competitors. Video judges may review any competitor on any gate, or sequence of gates. The Video Judge reports any discrepancy to the Chief Judge who may change the decision of a Gate Judge when the video demonstrates clear and conclusive evidence.**