



BRITISH CANOEING

# Slalom Committee

## Sixteenth

*Annual Consultative Meeting*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Commencing at 10:00 (Registration from 09:00)

Location: British Canoeing HQ, National Water Sports Centre,  
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU

# Agenda



“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk” – “contact sports” may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own action and involvement”.



## 1 Welcome by the Chair

### 1.1 Apologies

Colin Woodgate - Honorary Secretary, Chris Baillie - Scottish Rep

### 1.2 Appointment of Tellers

### 1.3 Points of Order

- *Motion 6.1 affects the annual ranking prizes. It should be considered immediately after the elections.*
- *The Committee believe that motion 6.2 will lead to a large amount of discussion. In order to be most efficient, the proposal is that this motion is put immediately before lunch and debated for a short period. Debate can then continue over lunch with motion being put to the vote after lunch. Accordingly, the Chair will introduce this motion at an appropriate point, even if not in the strict order.*

## 2 Minutes

### 2.1 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting (to be accepted)

### 2.2 2018/2019 Committee Meetings (tabled for information)

## 3 Reports

### 3.1 Chair's Report

### 3.2 Treasurer's Report

### 3.3 Other Reports

#### 3.3.1 Reports from Co-ordinators (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

Coaching (Andy Neave), Digital & Data Strategy (Dee Lindesay), Participation (Karen Crowhurst), Safety / Competition Management (Peter Curry), Strategy (Steve Linksted), Technical / Timing (Andy Grudzinski)

#### 3.3.2 British Canoeing and Home Nations (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

British Canoeing (Richard Ramsdale), England (Dave Spencer), Northern Ireland (Kiran Dews), Scotland (Chris Baillie), Wales (Mark Abbott)

#### 3.3.3 Athlete Representative (Martyn Setchell)

## 4 Elections

### 4.1 Vice Chair

Colin Woodgate has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations he will be elected unopposed.

### 4.2 Secretary

Deborah Catty has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations she will be elected unopposed.

### 4.3 Committee Members

**Term Expiring 2019:** Dee Lindesay (Digital / Data Strategy), Andy Grudzinski (Technical / Timing), Peter Curry (Safety / Competition Management). All have indicated their willingness to stand for a further term. Any further nominations are sought.

**Term Expiring 2020:** Andy Neave (Coaching), Karen Crowhurst (Participation), Steve Linksted (Strategy),



#### 4.4 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

Managed Calendar Officer	<i>Vacant</i>		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Susan Paterson
<b>Ranking Officers</b>			
Premier Men	Tracy Wells	P/1 Men's Canadian Singles	Carole McGranachan
Division 1 Men	Nick Penfold	2/3 Men's Canadian Singles	Nigel Evans
Division 2 Men	Craig Douglas	Women's Canadian Singles	Mark Shaw
Division 3 Men	Karen Crowhurst	Canadian Doubles	Stuart Meakins
Division 4 Men	James Hastings	Veterans All Categories	Mike Carter
K1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson	Officials Compiler	Amanda Woodgate
K1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins	Annual Prize Co-ordination	Alison Setchell

## 5 Awards

### 5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Nominees:

- Les Ford
- Andy Grudzinski
- Mike Mitchell.

The award will be decided by the previous five winners, rather than all previous winners.

### 5.2 National Ranking Prizes

The National Prizes will be presented. This is scheduled for 12 noon, to allow athletes to plan their training.

## 6 Motions

Unless specifically listed, the motions below are proposed by the committee. Wording in *Italics* are for explanation and do not form part of the motion. **Bold Underlined** text is to be added to rules; ~~Struck through~~ text is to be deleted. Where page numbers are quoted this refers to the 2019 Slalom Yearbook

Where a motion is marked 75/25 it will be handled under article 8.8 (Page 216) and voted on immediately. If the motion receives 75% support it will be immediately adopted, if it fails to receive 25% support it is immediately lost. If the motion gains support of between 25% and 75% it will be debated

### 6.1 Veterans Trophies

*We have two veterans' trophies from the time when there were two veterans' divisions. Last year we agreed a single division, with a result that only one of the two prizes could be awarded. This motion seeks to clarify the point of the trophies to allow overall performance and performance at Division 1 /Prem to be acknowledged. The split is thought to be in line with the original purpose of the trophies..... Page 70*

2.6	.....	
Veterans	<u>Points from Division 2/3</u> .....	<u>The Alan Harwood Trophy</u>
	<u>Points from Prem/Div 1</u> .....	The Rasdex Trophy
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## 6.2 Entry Fees

*There are reports from several clubs, at all divisions, that when running a competition, it is very difficult to make a profit. Many competitions are only viable because of catering and other activities separate from the actual competition. The levies will be retained at the current level, adjusted for inflation, with all the increase being passed to the club. The intent is that entry fees should be £20 for Premier and Division 1 competitions, £15 for Division 2 competitions and £10 for Division 3 and £8 Division 4 competitions. .... Page 84*

**UK 6.2.6.c** Minimum 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 x [(B-C) / C]}, rounded to nearest 10p. Where  
 A = the entry fee for 2018  
 B = the index for September immediately prior to the relevant ACM  
 C = the index for September 2017.

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**19.7.9** Send the completed summary sheets, **and** a copy of the results **and the appropriate percentage of minimum entry fee,** to

- The Slalom Treasurer (address in directory).
- The protest deposits not refunded should be returned to the Slalom Treasurer for credit to the Judging Fund. For Premier and Division 1 the contribution to the Judging Fund of £1 per individual entry and the contribution to the Timing Fund of £1 per individual entry is payable in addition.
- **The percentage is calculated on the number of starters but excluding officials.**

**19.7.10** The percentages for each type of Competition will be:-

- Premier and Division 1, 45%.
- Division 2, 40%.
- Divisions 3 and 4, nil.

**19.7.10** Send the appropriate levy to the Slalom Treasurer (address in directory). The levy is payable on every starter and 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 x [(B-C) / C]}, rounded to nearest 1p. Where

A = for Premier and Division 1 £7.38, for Division 2 £3.48 and for Division 3 and 4 £0.00

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

C = the index for September 2018.

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Amend the table as follows:

Division & Category	Standard Fee		Late Entry Fee (when accepted)	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Premier & First Division <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£16.40</del> £20.00	£32.80	<del>£21.40</del> £25.00	£42.80
Division Two: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£8.70</del> £15.00	£17.40	<del>£13.70</del> £20.00	£27.40
Division Three: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£6.60</del> £10.00	£13.20	<del>£7.90</del> £11.30	£15.80
Division Four: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£5.10</del> £8.00	£10.20	N/A £8.00	N/A



### 6.3 Entry Card Retention

(75/25)

*There is duplication in the rulebook that refers to the treatment of entry cards after a race. These have become different over time. This option seeks to remove the rules where possible, and where rules remain, they should be in agreement that cards do not need to be retained for significant time after the end of the competition. .... Page 115*

- 19.4.4** ~~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 15 cards.~~
- 19.7.7** ~~Except as provided below, send the cards of promoted Division 4 athletes to the appropriate Division 3 ranking list compiler. Where a national timing team is managing the scoring office and entry cards are not used to record results there is no requirement for entry cards to be sent to Ranking List Compilers.~~
- 19.7.8** Send one copy of the results to the Officials Ranking Officer. Ensure athletes gender, event and division are listed. ~~Keep Officials cards until the end of the year.~~

### 6.4 Equipment Control

75/25

*This is a cleaning up to make explicit that any boat can be used at division 2 to 4, but that having a suitably robust boat is a safety issue. If accepted, motion 6.5 will be amended to reflect this change before adoption. .... Page 75*

- 3.3.3** ~~At divisions 2 to 4 competitions, all white water boat types may compete without regard to **Rule 3.3.1 (boat minimum length and width) boat specifications provided the boat meets all applicable safety requirements as defined in Rule 3.3.4 and 3.4**~~

### 6.5 Junior Equipment

Jointly proposed by Manvers Waterfront Boat Club / Manchester Canoe Club / Kingstone Kayak Club  
*Young paddlers should be able to develop their techniques in appropriately sized boats, regardless of their division. With the increase of younger paddlers coming into the sport and the potential for their progression, the following rule change should be made:..... Page 75*

- 3.3.3** ~~At divisions 2 to 4 competitions, and for J12 paddlers in all divisions, all white water boat types may compete without to regards to boat specifications provided the boat meets all applicable safety requirements as defined in Rule 3.3.4 and 3.4~~

### 6.6 C2 Discount with Enhanced Fee

*There is a confusion about C2 entries. The intent of the 2017 motion is that there is a discount of 50% of the standard entry fee. Where a competition has an enhanced entry fee this rule has been incorrectly interpreted either as a C2 always paying 50% of any entry fee, or paying the full enhanced fee. The C2 discount does not change when an enhanced fee is changed. Page 136*

Amend the table as follows:

Division	Standard Fee		Late Entry Fee (when accepted)	
	Entry Fee	<u>C2 Discount</u>	Entry Fee	<u>C2 Discount</u>
Premier & First Division	£20.00	<b>£10.00</b>	£25.00	<b>£10.00</b>
Division Two:	£15.00	<b>£7.50</b>	£20.00	<b>£7.50</b>
Division Three:	£10.00	<b>£5.00</b>	£11.30	<b>£5.00</b>
Division Four:	£8.00	<b>£4.00</b>	£8.00	<b>£4.00</b>

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- 19.7.10** If the change above (6.2) reflecting increased entry fees is not adopted 19.7.10 will be amended appropriately, to reflect reduced levy for C2 entries.



## 6.7 Organiser Discretion on Accepting Paddle Ups

*Allow organisers to specify that they do not want to accept paddle up entries for safety reasons, or capacity, such as at selection races or competitions with limited water time. The default will be to accept paddle ups at all races. .... Page 82*

**6.2.2 UK** The deadline for entries to Ranking Competitions shall be 15 days prior to the first day of competition (the Friday two weeks prior to the competition).

The priority entry deadline (before which host athletes get priority of entry) is the Friday four weeks prior to the competition

**The organiser may elect for reasons of capacity or safety not to accept any paddle up entries. Such decision to be clearly marked on the managed calendar return and published in the Calendar.**

The competition organiser may impose a limit on overall number of divisional and open entries, either in the published calendar or at the time of planning the start list.

If such a limit is applied priority...

*If this motion is adopted, organisers are asked to indicate if they will not accept paddle up entries in 2020 before the Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December*

## 6.8 Open Entry Fees

75/25

*Currently Open entry fees are set at £6 for a single and 8.50 for a double. This does not reflect the charging method for ranking entries, nor the amounts charged. .... Page 136*

**Open Entry Fees At ranking competitions (except Division 4) the entry fee will be £6.00 for a single and £8.50 for a double.** Fees at a division 4 Open events are at the Organisers Discretion.

## 6.9 Short Notice Division 4 Rules

75/25

*Short Notice Division 4 races are included in the handbook and the guidance, but no allowance is made in the rules. The rules will be extended to make this clearer. .... Page 113*

### 19.1.5 Alterations or additions

**19.1.5.a** Except where listed below the Slalom Committee has no authority to add new competitions or change the divisional ranking of a competition after the date of the Annual Consultative Meeting

**19.1.5.b** Where, through force of circumstance, a Premier or Division 1 competition has been cancelled; ~~they may add~~ a substitute competition may be added to the calendar.

**19.1.5.c** Competitions may be added at Division 2 and ~~3 below~~ in exceptional circumstances (such as new or reopened venues). Application for such competitions to be made to the Slalom Committee at least three months in advance. ~~In either case this is subject to agreement of the other organising clubs on that date.~~

**19.1.5.d** Short Notice Division 4 competitions may be added. Applications for such competitions to be made to the Slalom Committee in advance.

**19.1.5.e.** In ~~either all~~ cases approval this is subject to agreement of ~~the all~~ other organising clubs on that date.

## 6.10 Postponement of Races

*The rules allow races to be cancelled, they do not currently allow races to be postponed. So if a race is affected by high water, it cannot currently be rearranged to a later weekend and the race is permanently lost*

*This motion seeks to allow the current process where races can be postponed and rearranged, subject to agreement. A new rule 19.1.6 is proposed, with the following rule renumbered. .... Page 113*

**19.1.6 Postponement: Where a competition cannot be held when scheduled for reasons outside of the club's control, they may apply to postpone the competition. Application for such postponement to be made to the Slalom Committee with proposals for the new date. Approval for a new date is subject to approval by all other races planned for that weekend.**

### 19.1.78 Ranking Status

Ranking status is ...



## 7 Approval of the Calendar for 2020

Clubs are reminded that their competition cannot be accepted unless a Safety Plan has been supplied.

## 8 General Discussion

### 8.1 Season Length

(Dave Spencer)

The slalom season is continuously extending. In 2020 it is planned to start in February and end in November. Is this a good thing for the sport.

This may include a discussion of managing the Calendar, relating to the number of the races in each division in a period, the number of races at a single venue.

### 8.2 Veterans Points

(Andy Neave)

There are discussions relating to the ranking of Veterans and various methods of calculating the points and ranking paddlers across the divisions. This is intended to start discussion with the aim of a Committee (or club) motion to the 2020 ACM.

### 8.3 Pan Celtic / Vet & Junior / Interclubs Championships Races

(Martyn Setchell)

These events are outside the ranking races. How should they fit in with the calendar, and should they run in parallel with ranking races.

Please be aware that club votes will only be issued to the registered club representative on the most recent registration form. If a club wishes anyone else to exercise their vote, whether a club member or not, a proxy form **MUST** be completed. This can give the proxy holder full discretion to vote as they see fit but authorises the committee to give the papers to a different individual.

Paper forms must be registered ([online Club Registration - http://bit.ly/2020Slalom](http://bit.ly/2020Slalom)) with the committee at least 30 minutes before the meeting. Electronic proxies ([online proxy form - bit.ly/2019Proxy](http://bit.ly/2019Proxy)) must be completed by midnight 20<sup>th</sup> November.