



BRITISH CANOEING

Slalom Committee

VIRTUAL

Special Consultative Meeting

14th December 2023

Meeting at 19:00 to start at 19:30

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Agenda



1 Welcome by the Chair

1.1 Apologies

1.2 Conduct of meeting

This is a virtual meeting.

Votes will be conducted by way of roll call, with vote weightings as used at the ACM on 26th November 2023.

Where a club was not present at the ACM, we have calculated the number of votes that would have been held.

1.3 Roll call of attending clubs

2 Motion

2.1 Relaxation of Rule 20.1.8

In the 2022 ACM a motion was accepted nem con, i.e. without objection, that stated:

It is often said that the number of Premier and Division 1 races has increased over time. This has the potential to reduce the number of attendees at each race and to make it harder to plan races for the lower divisions. It is therefore proposed to restrict the number of opportunities for gaining points at Prem and Division 1 level from 2024 onwards.

Note that this will not impact the proposed calendar for 2023 which currently has 11 Prem Races and 19 Division 1 races.

20.1.8 Number of Races

20.1.8.a The maximum number of ranking races on the calendar will be as follows:

For Premier Division – 11 races

For Division 1 – 18 races

For Divisions 2, 3 and 4 – no limit

20.1.8.b For clarity, where a race is over two days, e.g. heats and finals, but only one set of points can be obtained then this counts a single race for the limits above; a double competition where points can be obtained on either or both days counts as two races.

20.1.8.c When the applications to run competitions result in the number of races being above the limit then the Slalom Committee will ask a club to withdraw their application.

20.1.8.d The committee's decision on which applications to accept in any one year will take into consideration geographical spread of competitions, standard of water, variety of venues, reliability of venue, whether the club had a race at that venue refused the previous season and timing of application

20.1.8.e If a club refuses to withdraw their application, then the calendar will be taken to the ACM with the committee recommendation and the ACM will decide which competition should be removed via a vote. There will be no option to increase the number of races in that same year.

After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and accepted nem con.



Applications to run division 1 races in the 2024 Season exceeded this limit. The Slalom Committee discussed the matter and recommended that three weekends should not proceed, Washburn, the first of the two Llandysul weekends and the first of the two Grandtully weekends. This was accepted by two organisers, but after consideration, the Grandtully race organisers appealed to the ACM to have their races reinstated and therefore another site removed from the 2024 calendar.

This led to a long discussion at the ACM. A calendar recommendation was accepted at that meeting by way of a vote of all clubs present, that resulted with both Grandtully races being allowed, but the division 1 race at Shepperton not being granted ranking status for next year.

It was agreed to have a Special Consultative Meeting to discuss the application of rule 20.1.8 for the 2024 season and consider whether it could be suspended for this year. If the rule is removed or suspended for the year, the previously applied for races may be included on the 2024 Calendar (subject to the organisers still being able to run the races). If the rule remains in force no further division 1 races will be allowed.

The following motion is therefore proposed to this meeting:

Suspend Rule 20.1.8 for the approval of the 2024 Calendar. Effectively removing the limit on the number of races at Division 1 and Premier level for the 2024 season.

A motion will be put to the 2024 ACM allowing full discussion of the introduction of rule 20.1.8 and a vote for its permanent removal or confirmation. The associated criteria for the Slalom Committee recommendations may be further specified, if rule 20.1.8 is retained at that stage.

Please note that this will require that two Calendars will be taken to the 2024 ACM; one compliant with rule 20.1.8, and one to apply if that ACM decides to remove rule 20.1.8.

3 Approval of the Calendar for 2024

3.1 Races that have not supplied a Safety Plan

Clubs are reminded of rule 20.1.2.a:

“Calendar returns must be made following the process described on CanoeSlalomEntries.co.uk. Clubs are reminded that a competition cannot be accepted unless a Safety Plan is supplied.”

At the ACM it was agreed that any club not having a safety plan approved before this Special Consultative Meeting will be removed from the 2024 calendar.

If any races still do not have a plan approved, they will be removed from the calendar to be approved.

3.2 Approval of the Calendar

For information, as no further vote is required, the ACM agreed that:

- (i) if the above motion is accepted, the calendar will be approved with the inclusion of previously proposed races. New proposals will not be accepted;
- (ii) if the above motion is rejected, the calendar as approved at the ACM will be approved.