



Special Consultative Meeting called to consider Rule 20.1.8 and the maximum number of Division 1 races in for the 2024 season

14th December 2023, meeting from 7pm, meeting commencing at 7:30pm

At the recent Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM) held on 25th November 2023, substantial discussion was held in respect of a rule introduced at the preceding ACM in 2022, which limited the maximum number of races allowed for Division 1 and Premier in a season.

By way of background, rule 20.1.8 was introduced by vote without objection at the 2022 ACM on the basis that:

“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.”

The agreed maximum number of Division 1 races was set at 18.

The calendar applications received for 2024 numbered some 22 races and applying rule 20.1.8, not all applications for Division 1 races could be accepted. Consequently, the Slalom Committee's recommendations were presented to this year's ACM as part of the draft calendar.

After an extensive discussion by those present at the ACM, a vote which resulted in the ACM deciding that the double Division 1 competition at Shepperton being declined (Llandysul had already agreed to the removal of their first double Division 1 competition), reducing the number of races to 18.

A number of participants at the ACM questioned whether the limit was necessary and it was agreed that a virtual Special Consultative Meeting should be called as soon as possible to debate this point and allow a vote on whether to suspend the rule for the 2024 season.

This email gives notice of Special Consultative Meeting (ACM) which will consider a single motion to suspend the rule establishing a limit of 18 Division 1 races, that was introduced at the 2022 ACM.

The ACM agreed that:

- (i) if the above motion is accepted, the calendar will be approved with the inclusion of any of the three removed races, provided that their reinstatement is confirmed by the relevant Organisers within 7 days of this SCM;
- (ii) if the above motion is rejected, the calendar as approved at the ACM will be approved.

In accordance with the Slalom Committee's Terms of Reference, the business of a consultative meeting is limited to that on the Agenda.

The Agenda for the meeting can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ogfu-tcGusZMnPF5snhHMOBVZ2naZByl/view?usp=sharing>

The virtual meeting can be joined via:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTkzM2l2ZGMtNTBIZC00NDQ3LWI0ZWItNzM2MjVhYzY4MDY4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225aa96474-1129-4e80-a1ba-a33770681883%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2206ad5c98-a5cf-44ca-8497-ea38a5a9cc35%22%7d

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British Canoeing Slalom Committee

Weighted voting will be undertaken at the meeting through a roll call not a show of ballots.

9.10 Club votes are only issued to the nominated contact. Any other club member may hold the vote if the Secretary is notified in writing half an hour before the published start time of the meeting.

9.11 Proxy voting at Consultative Meetings is permitted. Proxy vote forms shall be sent out with the Consultative Meeting Agenda. Proxy forms must be received by the Secretary half an hour before the published start time of the meeting. Proxy

votes may be held by the representative of another Voting Club or by the Chair and shall be cast as directed by the originating club.

So if the nominated representative is not going to attend, a proxy must be notified. Proxys for this event will be submitted by emailing the name of the club and the name of the proxy to the slalom secretary.

(slalom.secretary@vol.britishcanoeing.org.uk) Proxys can be received at any time up to half an hour before the meeting. Earlier receipt makes the admin easier.