

Ideas for discussion before the 2018 ACM

1. Points

At the last ACM it was decided to change the upper limit of points for each division. I am now proposing that it would be a good idea to also change the lower limit. The reasons behind my thinking are this...

- In Veterans division, competitors achieving 250 points at division 3 are beating competitors in Division 1 in the rankings.
- The same scenario presumably applies to C2s
- I don't know much about "Paddle-Up" but I guess it would be advantageous to them too.
- It would give a better comparison between paddlers in the Club Leagues.
- The proposal will have no effect or cause any inconvenience to the vast majority of paddlers.

2. Points at mixed division events

At mixed division events competitors will race as a single division. For example at a division 2/3 event all paddlers will race as a single division achieving points from 0 to 500. This means that a division 3 paddler will not beat a division 2 paddler without points recognition. It will also mean that a division 2 paddler could achieve less than 200 points and a division 3 paddler could achieve more than 250 points. This would therefore minimise the need for paddlers to "Paddle-Up". It will also remove complicated calculations on the VETs points. This proposal will also make mixed division events much more manageable for event organisers

3. Modified scores

At the moment, when scores are compared to another division (in VETs, Paddle-up and inqorate events) if the score does not correspond exactly with a competitor in the corresponding division, the points awarded to the next highest placed competitor will be used. I propose that the points should be that of the next lower placed competitor.

The reason for this is again because of the VET's. For example...

A division 3 VET could have come 2nd as compared to the main division but will achieve 250 points. Another VET could be considerably faster but would also achieve 250 points.

4. Timing

At Division 2 to 4 events that are not using an electronic timing beam, then timing should be calculated to the nearest second (not 0.1 second). The reason being that a change of start or finish judges or shift in their position could easily effect timing by more than 0.5 seconds. This would obviously result in more ties and therefore the final position will be compared to the non-scoring run rather than tenths of second timing.

Selection of Results from a div 2 event in 2018

Competitor	Position	Run 1	Run2	Best	Points
1	18	118.4	117.1	117.1	345
2	19	171.9	117.2	117.2	336
3	20	117.3	119.4	117.3	327
4	21	117.3	171.9	117.3	318
5	22	168.2	117.5	117.5	309
6	23	118.0	117.8	117.8	300
7	24	120.8	117.8	117.8	291
8	25	120.9	117.9	117.9	282

How the results change with a 1 second accuracy...

Competitor	Position	Run 1	Run2	second	Points
1	18	118	117	118	345
6	18	118	117	118	345
3	20	117	119	119	327
7	21	120	117	120	318
8	21	120	117	120	318
5	23	168	117	168	300
4	24	117	171	171	291
2	24	171	117	171	291

Therefore a nod of the head or the wriggle of a bottom causing a 0.1 second timing error, a 5 place change of position and a 45 point discrepancy!

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B4.1.1 Points awarded in each division

The maximum (winners) points in each division will be:

<i>Premier</i>	<i>2000 points</i>
<i>Division 1</i>	<i>1000 points</i>
<i>Division 2</i>	<i>500 points</i>
<i>Division 3</i>	<i>250 points</i>

The minimum points in each division will be:

<i>Premier</i>	<i>900 points</i>
<i>Division 1</i>	<i>450 points</i>
<i>Division 2</i>	<i>200 points</i>
<i>Division 3</i>	<i>0 points</i>

B4.x.x Points at mixed division events

At mixed division events, competitors will race as a single division with the maximum points for all paddlers being that of the higher division and the minimum points being that of the lower division.

B4.1.4 Paddle Up Points Calculation

Where a score does not correspond exactly with a score in the host division event, points will be awarded for the next place lower.

B4.2 Calculating Points Inquorate event

Where the Competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a competitor in the corresponding Kayak Men event, then the points awarded to the next lower placed Kayak Men competitor will be used.

B5.3.1 Calculating Points

Where a Veteran's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the Divisional event, points awarded to the next place lower will be used.

C33.4.2 Timing

Division 2 to 4 events using any other start and/or finish for the whole event should be timed to 1 second accuracy.