

Pan Celtic Cup

Event Guidelines and Scoring System

(revised for 2021)

Invited Teams

England Ireland Northern Ireland Scotland Wales

Races

Due to cancellation of racing in 2020 and the lack of races in the early part of 2021 it is proposed to hold a one-off Pan Celtic Race this season (20/21). After discussions between the Nations, it is proposed to run this event in parallel with the Prem and Div 1 races at **Tees** (16/17 October). In addition, due to the lack of promotions and demotions over the last 2020 and 2021 the balance of racing should be adjusted as follows across the two days of racing (Saturday Prem, Sunday Div 1). Given the reactive nature of return to racing there has not been time to fully inform the BC Slalom Committee in time for incorporation into the BC Slalom Yearbook.

It is proposed that the Pan Celtic Cup will be decided over a **single** race weekend with points scored as per the usual Pan Celtic rules as detailed below.

Scoring

Utilising the current age classes as defined below, each competing nation shall prepare a Team to compete in the Pan Celtic Cup containing a maximum of 3 boats per class. In each class, the first boat **only** of each nation scores points. Classes uncontested by another nation still win points as long as this class is quorate i.e. A minimum of 3 boats representing a minimum of 2 nations comprises a class [e.g. K1M J18 could be one English and two Scottish kayaks]; if a class is inquorate, paddlers can move up to next class as per substitution rules.

Pos	Boat	Points
1	Eng1	5
2	Wal1	4
3	Eng2	-
4	Sco1	3
5	Wal2	-
6	Ire1	2
7	Eng3	

Points shall be tallied for each nation with the top 13 scores (out of the completed quorate categories – max. off 20 categories) summed to obtain the nation's total. Points would be awarded 5,4,3,2,1 as outlined above. The nation with the highest total would be awarded the Pan Celtic Cup.

In the event of a tie, the highest number of 1st places shall be used as a means of a tie breaker.

Individual Classes at Premier race

Due to the uncertainty of numbers racing and the impact COVID 19 has had on the ranking lists it is proposed to make the teams smaller than in previous years. This has initially been based on race entry numbers and ranking lists as of August '21 and may be subject to change.

K1 M	K1 W	C1 M	C1 W	C2
Senior/U23	Senior/U23	Senior/U23	Senior/U23	None
J18	J18	J18	J18	None
J16	J16	J16	J16	None

Individual Classes at Division 1 or 2 race

K1 M	K1 W	C1 M	C1 W
Vet / Master	Vet / Master	Vet / Master	Vet / Master
J14	J14	J14	J14

Competitors are permitted to race in up to two classes. Age categories will be applied as per the BC slalom rules currently in force.

Teams

Due to constraints at the event, it is not proposed to run any Team Races in 2021

Substitution

Where a nation cannot find competitors in a particular age group for genuine reasons of non-existence or unavailability, then substitution will be allowed and provided the nation in question has filled its quota of a minimum of 1 boat in the substitute's true age group, they may nominate a paddler for an older age group [e.g. if 4 x J16s, one may race as J18 if there is a gap].

Entries The organiser will accept host division and PC entries in order of receipt. If PC entries are lower division, they will get a PC only entry and go on waiting list for paddle up.

- At deadline [4 weeks before event], if the event is not full, entries from the waiting list in order of receipt will be accepted i.e. the paddle ups regardless of whether they are PC or not.
- Spaces specifically for home nations will not be held. Note – The on-line system does not accommodate Pan Celtic entries so Team Manager to complete master entry sheet for their nation.

Prizes

The detail of the prizes is yet to be developed, since numbers of entrants and numbers of participants is uncertain. The Pan Celtic Cup will be awarded to the winning nation after both days of racing

Entry Fees

To be charged at the entry fee associated with the divisional race. Communication is encouraged from each of the nation's team managers.

Future Amendments

These amendments have been agreed between the main three competing nations (England, Scotland and Wales). Any further change the structure of the competition will be enacted only with the support of a minimum of three competing nations. The future format of the event will be discussed in the close-season and feedback from the up-and-coming Tees Pan Celtic will be sought from participants to inform discussions.

For safety purposes, it is imperative that the team manager allows only those, who have trained on similar water and are capable of handling the water conditions on the day, to compete.