

Slalom Committee Lower Divisions Report

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Organiser Feedback – Each was asked for feedback after their races

1. Three words came up often again this year:
 - a. Communication – it's hard to know who to ask what
 - b. Information – hard to find info even when available (published)
 - c. Complexity – everything is complex: entries, fees, levy forms, safety, safeguarding
2. Expecting Div 4 organisers to police membership of appropriate club is optimistic. Some are worried about exposing themselves or their club to risk.
3. Entries are often wrong: entry cards incomplete & wrong fees.

General Feedback & Questions from Parents on the Bank

1. How do the RTAs, TIDs, Profiling etc work? (How do I get my child involved?)
2. 4 to 3 progression is awkward. Some get promoted very quickly & then need to be BC members. Increase in cost is cited as a barrier to participation.

Proposals

1. Continue to seek feedback from 3 & 4 organisers after their races
2. Create an online site providing clarification & explanation of rules for organisers & competitors alike. *Pilot site was set-up in 2016 for review/test/comment by committee. Shelved due to personal workload.*
3. Explore extending Div 4 rule for juniors (U18) to Div 3.
4. Explore running div 3 like div 4 – no personal bibs
5. Explore having BC cover insurance for all Div 4 paddlers to take that worry away from organisers.
6. Review & update the organiser pack. Special focus on the fact that a high proportion of competitors are under 18.

General Observations

1. There seems to be no obvious single problem that needs fixing.
2. More solutions have been suggested than real problems observed or described.
3. Changing the way we use bibs for Div 3 is a big change. We need to be sure we are really solving a problem.

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