



BRITISH CANOEING

Slalom Committee

Nineteenth

Annual Consultative Meeting

26th November 2022

Commencing at 10:00

Location: British Canoeing HQ, National Water Sports Centre,
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU

Agenda



1 Welcome by the Chair

- 1.1 Apologies
- 1.2 Appointment of Tellers

2 Minutes

- 2.1 18th Annual Consultative Meeting (to be accepted)
- 2.2 2021/2022 Committee Meetings (tabled for information)

3 Reports

3.1 Chair's Report

3.2 Treasurer's Report

- Accept the accounts from 2021-22: *Needs proposing, seconding and voting*
- Appoint BC Finance to be book keepers for Slalom Funds. *Needs a vote of approval.*

3.3 Other Reports

3.3.1 Reports from Co-ordinators (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

Coaching (Les Ford), Digital & Data Strategy (Dee Lindesay), Participation (Karen Crowhurst), Safety / Competition Management (Peter Curry), Development (Mike Mitchell), Technical / Timing (Andy Grudzinski)

3.3.2 British Canoeing and Home Nations (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

British Canoeing (Richard Ramsdale), England (Martyn Setchell), Northern Ireland (Vacant), Scotland (Andrew Thompson), Wales (Mark Abbott)

3.3.3 Athlete Representative (Sally Atkinson)

4 Elections

4.1 Chair

Andy Grudzinski has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations, he will be elected unopposed

4.2 Vice Chair

With Andy Grudzinski being elected Chair, the Vice Chair position is vacant and nominations will be sought, for the remaining year of the term, at or before the ACM.

4.3 Treasurer

David Spencer has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations, he will be elected unopposed.

4.4 Committee Members

Term Expiring 2022: Les Ford (Coaching), Karen Crowhurst (Participation), Mike Mitchell (Development) Karen Crowhurst and Mike Mitchell have indicated their willingness to stand for a further term, Les Ford will be standing down. Nominations are sought for the role.

Term Expiring 2023: Dee Lindesay (Digital / Data Strategy), Peter Curry (Safety / Competition Management), Jason Humphries (Volunteering).



4.5 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

Managed Calendar Officer	Dee Lindesay		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Les Ford
Ranking Officers			
K1 Men Premier	Tracy Wells	C1 Men Premier & 1	Carole McGranachan
K1 Men Division 1	Nick Penfold	C1 Men Divisions 2 & 3	Nigel Evans
K1 Men Division 2	Craig Douglas	C1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson
K1 Men Division 3	Karen Crowhurst	C1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins
K1 Men Division 4	James Hastings	Canadian Doubles	Stuart Meakins
K1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson	Veterans All Categories	Paul Mew
K1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins	Officials Compiler	Amanda Woodgate
		Annual Prize Co-ordination	Fiona Pennie

5 Awards

5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Previous Winners

2010 Irene Osbourne	2014 Les Ford	2018 Andy Hounslow
2011 Ken Baillie	2015 Johnny Brown	2019 Andy Grudzinski
2012 Nick Penfold	2016 Jacky Brooks	2020/21 Mike Carter
2013 Ken Trollope	2017 Gareth Bryant	

Nominees for this year:

- *Tony Chalk (Stroud Valley Canoe Club)*
- *David Spencer (BC Slalom Committee)*
- *Neal Underwood (The Sharks)*
- *Chris Wilde (Frome Canoe Club)*
- *Colin Woodgate (Proteus Canoe Club)*

The award will be decided by previous winners and will be announced at the ACM.



6 Motions

Unless specifically listed, the motions below are proposed by the committee. Wording in *Italics* are for explanation and do not form part of the motion. **Bold Underlined** text is to be added to rules; ~~Struck through~~ text is to be deleted. Where page numbers are quoted this refers to the 2020 Slalom Yearbook

Where a motion is marked 75/25 it will be handled under Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. If the motion receives 75% support it will be immediately adopted, if it fails to receive 25% support it is immediately lost. If the motion gains support of between 25% and 75% it will be debated. Terms of Reference 8.8.

Where a motion affects the Terms of Reference it requires a 2/3rds simple majority then approval by the British Canoeing Board (Terms of Reference 9.7), there are no proposed changes to the Terms of Reference this year

6.1 Veterans Ranking

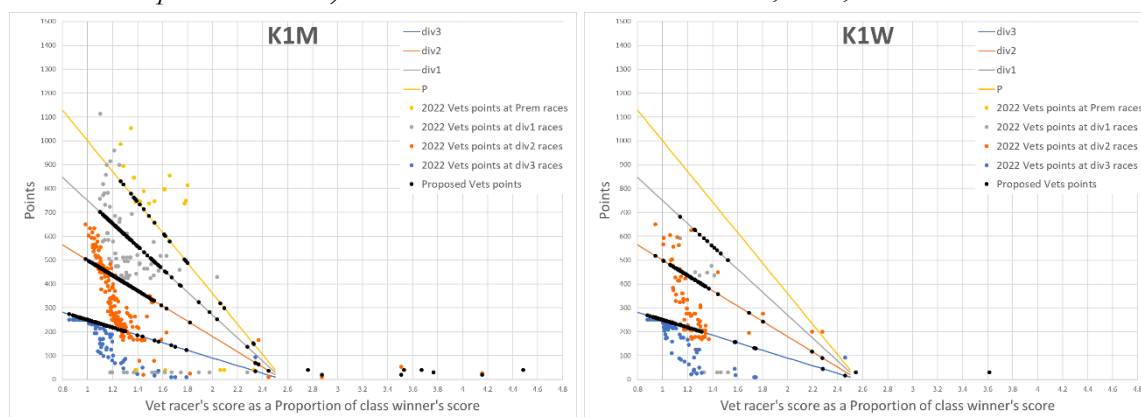
6.1.1 Points

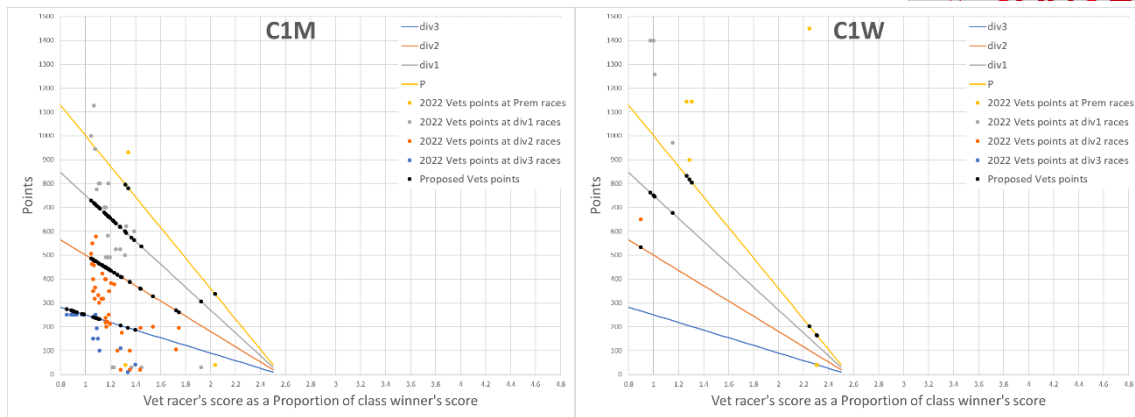
Proposed and seconded by The Sharks Canoe Club

To ensure every Veteran racer achieves points proportional to their own best score, and of different value to other veteran racers with different best scores in the same event.

The introduction of Difficulty Factor in the calculation of Veterans Points for the 2022 season did not anticipate the frequency of when the best scores of more than one Veteran would match to the same racer in the respective divisional event, thus failing to differentiate veterans from one another. Nor did it anticipate the circumstances when Veterans failed to beat the last racer in the divisional event: in effect, at Prem and Division 1 races, the achievement of the DF depends on whether a racer in the ranking event incurs a 50 penalty on both runs or not, thus is entirely detached from the proximity of the Veteran's score to that of the event winner. Concern has been expressed that a veteran athlete at a division 2 race can score significantly more points than the Division 2 winner.

To illustrate the proposed change, the race results from the 2022 season (up to 16th October) are shown in the following chart which plots Points on the y axis and on the x axis the proportion of the Vet's best score to the event winner's best score. The actual points awarded to Vets at races of each division (coloured dots), would migrate on to the respective coloured sloping line for each division (black dots, points calculated as per this motion). Additional charts available for WK1, MC1, WC1.





2.10.3 Difficulty factor

~~2.10.3.a To reflect the degree of difficulty for Veterans racing in competitions hosting higher divisions, the points awarded will be increased by a difficulty factor. The points calculated under 2.10.4. will be increased by:~~

- ~~• Division 2 event points calculated will be increased by 150 points~~
- ~~• Division 1 event points calculated will be increased by 400 points~~
- ~~• Premier event points calculated will be increased by 700 points~~

Renumber subsequent rules

2.10.4 Calculating points – Quorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

2.10.4.a Ranking points are obtained by comparing scores with the winning score in the corresponding divisional event according to the following formula

$$\text{Points} = [(\text{Best Score}) / (\text{Class Winner's Best Score})] \times M + C$$

Where M and C depend on the host division of the race, with the following values:

Division	M	C
Premier	-640	1640
Division 1	-480	1230
Division 2	-320	820
Division 3	-160	410

~~Where a Veteran's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the divisional event points will be awarded for the next place lower. If the Veteran's score matches the score of more than one athlete in the corresponding divisional event, then the points awarded to the higher placed divisional athlete will be used. If the above calculation fails to match to a host division score, then the Veteran will be awarded points according to 2.10.5~~

2.10.4.b Where there is progression from qualification to (semi- finals and) finals, scores are compared with the corresponding divisional event scores to decide whether the athlete progresses or not, and the points they are awarded. Points are calculated by comparison with the score of the leading score at each phase reached; where a veteran athlete reaches more than one phase, the highest points from any phase are awarded for the race.

For example: for a Vet WK1, if the athlete's score is equal to or less than the score of the last placed divisional WK1 qualifying from the heats, the athlete proceeds to the next stage. Similarly, the athlete must match the score of the last placed divisional WK1 qualifying from the semi-final to progress to the final. Points are calculated by comparison with the scores of Divisional WK1 at the last each phase reached and the maximum of those points awarded.

2.10.4.c In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, scores will be compared with every Division in the same event and the highest points found will be awarded, for instance, at a Division 2/3 race, a WK1 Veteran's score will be compared with those of WK1 in both Division 2 and Division 3 and the higher score so found will be awarded.



- 2.10.5 Where a Veterans score is lower than any host division score the Veteran will be awarded the points below. No difficulty factor will be applied:
- Division 3 - 10 points
 - Division 2 - 20 points
 - Division 1 - 30 points
 - Premier - 40 Points
- 2.10.6 Calculating points – Inquorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)
- 2.10.6.a In the case of a competition hosting more one Division, ranking points will be calculated against the corresponding Men’s Kayak’s event using the method described in rule 6.7.
- 2.10.6.b Where there is progression from qualification to (semi-finals and) finals, ~~modified scores are compared with MK1’s scores to decide whether~~ the athlete progresses ***if they would have progressed in the ranking event.*** ~~and t~~ **The points they are awarded**
- 2.10.6.c. In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, where anyone (or more) of the corresponding divisional events is inquorate the Veteran’s ~~modified~~ score will be compared to MK1’s ***winner’s*** scores for that division and to the corresponding quorate divisional events where available. The highest points found will be awarded. For example: A Division 2/3 race hosts a Division 3 WK1 event that is inquorate and a Division 2 WK1 event that is quorate. In this case a WK1 Veteran’s ~~modified~~ score will be compared with the ~~case of~~ MK1 ***winner’s score*** in Division 3 (using the method described in 6.7.) and her raw score with Division 2 WK1 ***winner’s score*** (using the method described in rule 2.10.4 The highest score so found will be awarded.

6.1.2 Combined Masters / Veterans Championships

Proposed and seconded by The Sharks Canoe Club

This will be withdrawn if the motion above fails

With the aim of improved inclusivity, this motion aims to incentivise older athletes to race through provision of the reward of recognition of UK champions by age category, which is not possible currently without a means to unify the Veterans Division and unofficial Masters Leagues. Whilst there are no trophies (currently), we propose there be a published list of UK Champions based on ranking position in this a new, unified, Masters and Veterans ranking championship.

2.3 RANKING CHAMPIONSHIPS (UK)

Championships have been established as follows:

Premier	MK1	The Phillip Hayward Rose Bowl
	WK1	The Liz Sharman Trophy
	MC1	The Trustee Savings Bank Trophy
	WC1	The Ormskirk Trophy
	C2	The Streamlyte Trophy
Division 1	MK1	The Tony Brown Trophy
	WK1	The St. Pancras Building Society Trophy
	MC1	The Jeff Allcock Trophy
	WC1	The Slalom Committee Trophy

The athlete at the head of the ranking list for each Premier Division event is the champion for that event in that year. The Division 1 champion is the athlete, in each event, highest ranked at end of the season who has been in Division 1 during that year.

Combined Veterans and Masters Championship

The athlete at the head of the ranking list for each event, in each age group, is the UK age group champion for that year.



Insert new rule, renumbering 2.10 as 2.11

2.10 MASTERS/VETERANS' RANKING (UK)

- 2.10.1** *Any athlete over the age of 35 will be ranked both in their primary division (slalom, or veterans) and will also be included in these ranking lists. See 1.4.6 and 2.10.2*
- 2.10.2** *Athletes will be ranked in strict five year groups, based on their age on 31st December. That is: 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, over 80.*
- 2.10.3** *It is not necessary to apply to be included in this ranking, it will be automatic for all masters and veterans.*
- 2.10.4** *There is no additional entry fee associated with this division, entry to the ranking / veterans event fee will still be applicable.*
- 2.10.5** *Calculating points: Ranking points will be calculated using the method for veterans described in 2.10. An athlete paddling as a master will have two sets of points awarded, those for ranking and those for masters/Veterans ranking. These will, perforce, be different.*
- 2.10.6** *Ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in the season.*

6.2 Athletes Changing Events

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There are paddlers that take up C1 late and their progress or ability in C1 is out paced by their ranking in K1. For them to race C1 in a division just below their K1 is not appropriate and if enforced would be demotivating and potentially unsafe.

6.4.3 Changing Event

Any athlete wishing to compete in another event, must compete in the division below their lowest current ranking, unless it is considered more appropriate for them to compete in a **higher different** division, in which case, application must be made to the Ranking Status Officer.

6.3 Points for inquorate Women's C1

Currently in inquorate events points awarded will be those given to the athlete in the corresponding Men's Kayak event whose score matches the athletes modified score, which is calculated by dividing by the following factor and rounding down to the accuracy of the competition.

Our observations are that WC1 is disproportionately modified and given the relative difference in performance standards between the class should be enhanced to 1.28.

This aligns with the relative class differences for Junior team % performance when compared to the MK1. Although this is not directly applicable (as the assumption with this methodology is that the relative difference in classes at a Junior World Championship level is the same/similar at a domestic level) it gives a more robust and evidence based baseline

Class	Junior team % performance	difference to MK1 as %	Suggested value score
MK1	<116%	n/a	n/a
WK1	<127%	11%	1.11
MC1	<124%	8%	1.08
WC1	<144%	28%	1.28

6.7.2 In the case where a Women's Kayak or any Canoe event is inquorate, points awarded will be those given to the athlete in the corresponding Men's Kayak event whose score matches the athletes modified score, which is calculated by dividing by the following factor and rounding down to the accuracy of the competition.

- Women's Kayak Singles. **1.121.11**
- Men's Canoe Singles. 1.08
- Women's Canoe Singles. **1.20. 1.28**



6.4 Multiple Division Races

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The rules currently exclude a competition being run for division 1 and premier on the same day or indeed Division 1 and 2. The committee has posited this motion and the current draft calendar assumes that this will be accepted. This was introduced when the numbers entering these races precluded running both on a weekend. With reduced entries, increased transport costs, and probably increased running costs (especially on pumped sites) it is felt that this should be re-evaluated. This apply for the 2023 and 2024 seasons and will be revaluated for confirmation at the next ACM.

Replace 5.1.1 with:

5.1.1 Competitions may be for single divisions or may be for two divisions.

For double division events

In each event there is a separate race for each division and separate points are awarded.

Prizes are offered for both Division

The course is to be designed to highest Division's standard but may incorporate changes to accommodate the other Division

There is no paddle up option at double division races.

Division 4 Competitions - Single division events, open to novices and other Division athletes. May be free-standing or combined with Division 3, Division 2/3 events and open events

6.5 Introduction of a new, plastic boat event

Proposed by Mold Canoe Club

Seconded by Wyedean Canoe Club

As many of us are aware our sport is in need of modernisation to allow and encourage greater participation.

The introduction of Kayak Cross has hopefully encouraged the participation of other paddlers into the sport, although at the minute it is early days and the main participation appears to be from slalom paddlers.

Many parents whose children participate in slalom are themselves paddlers many of whom are plastic boat paddlers and would like to participate in the sport. Many enjoy paddling and training with their club/children, but are unable to compete due to not having the right equipment and would be handicapped if they did compete in the lower divisions by not being able to compete on an equal basis. Many also don't want to compete in Division 4 where they could be taking potential promotion away from junior paddlers.

The proposal is to introduce a new division for plastic kayaks/canoes for anyone over the age of 18 (who are not already competing in slalom kayaks) to compete against each other paddlers on a division 3 or a division 2 course on an equal playing field. Two divisions would be created one for men and one for women.

Points would be awarded the same as they are at present when racing in a slalom kayak and would initially use the veterans points system (section 2.10) with a multiplication factor of 1.2 and with a difficulty points addition for paddling a division 2 course (A points uplift as in the veterans system).

Should anyone purchase a slalom kayak and have sufficient ranking points in the 'plastic boat' division they would gain ranking entry into either division 2 or division 3 (depending on the points they have and the decision of the ranking officer). The points would not be transferable between the divisions.

The introduction of a maximum length and a minimum weight would be for discussion at a later date due to the difficulties of initially regulating, but similar controls as Kayak cross could be used. The boat must not have any dangerous sharp or jagged edges (anything that could cause a cut or injury) due to the craft having probably been used for river running etc.



2.9 THE DIVISIONAL SYSTEM (UK)

2.9.1 Divisions

The divisional system of five divisions (Premier, 1, 2, 3 and 4) in each of the four events (MK1, WK1, WC1 and MC1) and one division in the C2 event ensures that there is a standard of competition suitable for athletes of all degrees of ability.

In addition, there is a Veterans division in each of the four events (MK1, WK1, WC1 and MC1)

There are also two divisions for plastic craft (WP1 and MP1) that competes at division 2 and 3 competitions

A competition series for Officials is also run.

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INSERT NEW 2.11 and renumber existing 2.11 as 2.12

2.11 Plastic Craft ranking (UK)

2.11.1 The Divisional System

Plastic craft are ranked in a single division and can enter any division 2 or division 3 ranking competition or Championship event.

2.11.2 Eligibility

2.11.2.a An athlete whose 18th birthday is on or before the 31st December in the year in question may elect to paddle plastic in any event, but not necessarily in all the events in which they compete.

2.11.2.b Upon application to the Ranking Status Officer (see Rule 6.4.2), any athlete may take up to divisional status in an event. The revised ranking will start immediately. Any ranking points will be lost on taking up the divisional status.

2.11.3 Difficulty factor

2.11.3.1 To reflect the degree of paddling a plastic craft in competitions hosting higher divisions, the points awarded will be increased by a difficulty factor. The points calculated under 2.11.4 will be increased by: a factor of 1.2.

2.11.4 Calculating points – Quorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

2.11.4.a Ranking points are obtained by comparing scores with the host divisional event. Where a Plastic Craft's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the divisional event points will be awarded for the next place lower. If the Plastic Craft's score matches the score of more than one athlete in the corresponding divisional event, then the points awarded to the higher placed divisional athlete will be used.

2.11.4.b In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, scores will be compared with every Division in the same event and the highest points found will be awarded, for instance, at a Division 2/3 race, a Women's Plastic Craft's score will be compared with those of WK1 in both Division 2 and Division 3 and the higher score so found will be awarded.

2.11.5 Where a Plastic Craft's score is lower than any host division score the Plastic Craft will be awarded the points allocated the points below. No difficulty factor will be applied:

Division 2 - 20 points

Division 3 - 10 points

2.11.6 Calculating points – Inquorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

2.11.6.a In the case of a competition hosting more one Division, ranking points will be calculated against the corresponding Men's Kayak's event using the method described in Rule 6.7.

2.11.6.2b In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, where any one (or more) of the corresponding divisional events is inquorate the Veteran's modified score will be compared to MK1's scores for that division and to the corresponding quorate divisional events where available. The highest points found will be awarded. For example: A Division 2/3 race hosts a Division 3 WK1 event that is inquorate and a Division 2 WK1 event that is quorate. In this case a Women's Plastic Craft's modified score will be compared with those of MK1 in Division 3 (using the method described in 6.7.) and her raw score with Division 2 WK1 (using the method described in rule 2.10.4. The highest score so found will be awarded.

2.11.7 End of season results

2.11.7.a Ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in the season.



2.11.8 Additional Information

- 2.11.8.a For single division competitions the entry fee charged shall be the same as for those athletes entering the divisional event.
- 2.11.8.b At multi divisional competitions the entry fee charged will be that for the highest division competing on that day.
- 2.11.8.c All registered Plastic kayakers must apply to the appropriate ranking officer for a bib.

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3.1 Boat Definition

- 3.1.1 Kayaks are decked boats, propelled by double bladed paddles. The athlete must be sitting inside the kayak.
- 3.1.2 Canadian canoes are decked boats propelled by single-bladed paddles. The athlete must be kneeling inside the canoe.

3.1.3 (UK) Plastic Craft are kayaks or canoes, where the athlete sits or kneels on or in the craft.. Only mass produced (manufactured in large quantities by an automated mechanical process) plastic (rotomoulded, thermoformed or blow-moulded) boats freely available for purchase on the open market are permitted.

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3.1.34 (UK) Boats must be designed to, and remain within, the required dimensions and weight. Any additional weight needs to be permanently fixed in the boat.

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3.2.1 Minimum length and width

All types of K1	Minimum length 3.50 m Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C1	Minimum length 3.50 m Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C2	Minimum length 4.10 m Minimum width 0.75 m

All types of Plastic Craft No maximum or minimum measurements applies

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Rule 3.2.5 applies to all craft, canoe, kayak and plastic

3.2.5 Rudders are prohibited on all boats. Any object protruding from the hull must be manufactured into the hull mould and be no higher than 20mm and no narrower than 8mm with a minimum radius of 4mm on its outside edge

Committee Amendment

Whilst supporting the principle, this is untried and the committee proposes that this is held for the next ACM. A series of Open 'plastic' races should be held, or a mechanism of identifying people paddling plastic boats in ranking races be developed to enable the approach to be trialled, with a shadow ranking being produced



6.6 Required NF Membership

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Membership classes and names have changed through all home nations. With different rights associated with the different classes, and names, of membership.

This leaves organisers with an uncertain position and difficulty of proof. This motion seeks to simplify the position in the rules, whilst the home nations sort out a consistent approach.

1.3.1 UK Only ~~full~~ members of National Associations with competition rights ~~but including SCA Introductory Members and Canoe Club Youth Section members at Division 4 events only~~, have the right to participate in a national competition.

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1.3.1.d UK Division 4 athletes must prove appropriate membership at the competition ~~by showing their National Association membership card or Canoe Club Youth Section CW Associate membership card to~~ the Organiser at times specified on the start list and advertised at a convenient location (e.g. control).

1.3.1.e UK At Division 4 competitions, an athlete not previously a member of a National Association may use the National Federation Taster form, where applicable, to apply for day membership at a standard cost of the National Association minimum plus £1 to be retained by the Organiser.

1.3.1.f UK If ~~the~~ appropriate membership ~~card~~ proof cannot be produced then membership must be purchased at the competition. Receipts for such membership must be issued and remain valid for competition for four weeks from date of issue. ~~(Athletes who have to obtain duplicate membership will be refunded the amount paid less £1 by the National Association.)~~

6.7 'Yearbook' references

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References to 'Yearbook' need revision for context with no yearbook now being produced.

5.2.1.a This is the format to be used if no other format is listed in the ~~yearbook~~ calendar. Each athlete has two timed race runs. The final result for each event in the competition is in order of their best run from the two runs.

6.2.1 Entry Fees are listed on various web sites or may be confirmed by email to the Slalom Committee Treasurer. The entry fee for the team event is at the Organiser's discretion but may not be higher than that listed in the ~~yearbook~~ published details.

6.2.5 Where organisers cannot realistically plan to cover the costs of organising races, e.g. water fees are excessive, they may charge an enhanced entry fee. Justification for this enhanced fee must be submitted to, and agreed by, the Slalom Committee in advance. Clubs must declare in ~~the yearbook~~ all published details if enhanced fees may apply.

7.4.1 The Technical Organiser is responsible for the local preparations for the competition, the conduct of the entire competition and the installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition. See also 20.2.1

7.4.2 The **Technical Organiser** is a member of the Course Approval Committee.

~~UK The Technical Organiser is the person named in the published details Yearbook and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the event and will be the person held responsible for completing all post-competition tasks defined in rule 20.7~~

20.2.1.a The Organiser is the person named in the ~~Yearbook~~ calendar and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the competition and will be the person held responsible for taking entries, issuing start lists and results and forwarding records and entry fees (less the retained share - see Rule 20.7 Premier competitions' organisation is coordinated by a Competition Management Co-ordinator. All persons concerned with the organisation of the slalom are responsible to the Organiser. The Chief Judge / assistants are separately responsible for ensuring that the competition is run fairly and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.



6.8 SUP in Slalom

6.8.1 Include SUP in Slalom

Proposed and Seconded by Salisbury Canoe Club

The major growth area within paddle sport is Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP). The SUP community has grown extensively over the past few years and is continuing its rapid expansion. Within this, Whitewater Paddle Boarding (WW SUP) is attracting a lot of interest, with many paddle boarders and kayakers / canoeists seeing this as a fun way to paddle whitewater. Many of the skills for manoeuvring the craft align with similar skills for manoeuvring kayaks and canoes on whitewater, so naturally WW SUPers are wanting to formally compete at SUP Slalom.

A small number of amendments will be required to the existing Canoe Slalom Competition Rules to formally include SUP. The initial proposal is to make these amendments to include SUPs within the C1 competitions (in a similar way to the initial inclusion of WC1 within C1). This will be until a critical mass of paddlers is reached making it logical for SUP to have its own separate Class.

The Glossary of the Canoe Slalom Competition Rules already include SUP in the definition of boat, so the changes are intended to assist in the definition of the SUP as a permissible boat.

Initial boat dimensions and weights are proposed as the same as a popular White Water Sup board to ensure the rules are complete, and there is no specific advantage, remembering that boat lengths, widths and weights do not apply at divisions 2 to 4.

- 3.1 Boat definition
 - 3.1.1 Kayaks are decked boats, propelled by double bladed paddles. The athlete must be sitting inside the kayak.
 - 3.1.2 Canadian canoes are decked boats propelled by single-bladed paddles. The athlete must be kneeling inside the canoe.
 - 3.1.3 (UK) SUPs are inflatable or rigid boards propelled by a single-bladed paddle. The athlete may adopt any position on the board.**
 - ~~3.1.3~~ **3.1.34 (UK)** Boats must be designed to, and remain within, the required dimensions and weight. Any additional weight needs to be permanently fixed in the boat.
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 - 3.2.1 Minimum length and width

All types of K1	Minimum length 3.50 m
	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C1	Minimum length 3.50 m
	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C2	Minimum length 4.10 m
	Minimum width 0.75 m
 - UK All Types of SUP Minimum length 2.9 m**
 - Minimum width 0.80 m**
 - 3.2.2 Minimum weight

All types of K1	9 kg
All types of C1	9 kg
All types of C2	15 kg
 - UK All types of SUP 7.9kg**
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 - 3.2.3 * During the weighing process, residual water and loose items must be removed from the boat. At division 2 to 4 competitions, all whitewater boat types may be used without complying to boat specifications provided the boat meets all applicable safety requirements as defined in rule 3.3.
 - 3.2.5 Rudders are prohibited on all boats.
 - 3.2.5.a* Any object protruding from the hull (*UK of a canoe/kayak*) must be manufactured into the hull mould and be no higher than 20mm and no narrower than 8mm with a minimum radius of 4mm on its outside edge.
 - 3.2.5.b UK Any object protruding from the SUP must be in the rear third of the board, no higher than 150mm and must be of a commercial, mass produced design. These may be fixed, or replaceable.**
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 - 3.3.1 All boats must be unsinkable



3.3.1.a * Canoes and Kayaks must be equipped at each end with a handle attached no more than 30 cm from the bow and from the stern

3.3.1.b (UK) SUP must be equipped one end with a handle or attached leash, within 60cm of the stern, and a central handle.

4.1.1 Canoe Slalom programme

MK1 Men's Kayak

WK1 Women's Kayak

MC1 Men's Canoe

MC2 Men's Canoe Double

WC1 Women's Canoe

WC2 Women's Canoe Double

XC2 Mixed Canoe Double (1 Woman, 1 Man)

UK All C2s currently compete in the same event and are ranked using the same system, separate prizes may be offered

4.1.2 ~~Extreme Canoe Slalom~~ **Kayak Cross** (CSLX) programme

MX1 Men's ~~Extreme Slalom~~ **Kayak Cross**

WX1 Women's **Kayak Cross**

4.1.3 UK Stand Up Paddleboarding programme

MS1 Men's SUP

WS1 Women's SUP

Note at the present MS1 and WS1 compete and are ranked with MC1 and WC1 respectively

4.1.3 UK An athlete may participate in more than one (1) individual event, subject to the Organiser being willing and able to give sufficient start time intervals. In the case of C2, an athlete may compete with multiple partners.

4.2.1 MK1x3 Men's Kayak

WK1x3 Women's Kayak

MC1x3 Men's Canoe

MC2x3 Men's Canoe Double

WC1x3 Women's Canoe

WC2x3 Women's Canoe Double

XC2x3 Mixed Canoe Double (1 Woman, 1 Man)

MS1x3 Men's SUP

WS1x3 Women's SUP

UK The events may be combined into a single team competition.

6.4.1.e UK WS1 and MS1 are ranked, promoted, and earn points as part of the corresponding Canoe event

10.6.5.b Part of the boat must cross the gate line at the same instant as the whole head crosses the line.

(UK) The SUP paddler is not physically on the board, but remains in contact with the board (see rule 10.15.2), i.e. not standing, kneeling or lying with at least the torso on the board unless correctly renegotiated before any subsequent gate is negotiated.

10.9.4 (UK) SUP: The athlete is not physically on the board, i.e. not standing, kneeling or lying with at least the torso on the board [unless correctly renegotiated]

Renumber the rest of rules under 10.9 to reflect this insertion.

10.15.2 - It is considered to be a capsized when the athlete (or an athlete in C2) has left the boat completely.

For SUP it is considered to be a capsized when the athlete has left and is no longer in contact with the board (remaining attached to the board via a leash is not considered to be in contact with the board)

Committee Amendment

Whilst supporting the principle, this is untried and the committee proposes that this is held for the next ACM. Discussions should be opened with the BC SUP Committee to agree appropriate rule changes to bring to the next ACM.



6.8.2 Existing SUP Promotions

Proposed and Seconded by Salisbury Canoe Club

If the primary motion above fails, then this motion will be dropped.

Some athletes have competed in Slalom already. If they were fast enough, they should be granted automatic ranking in Division 3.

Any SUP athlete that has previously achieved a score at a competition that would have gained promotion to Division 3 can apply to the ranking officer and will be immediately ranked in Division 3.

6.9 Rejected protest fees 75/25

Rule and process for forfeited protest fee to a charity need clarifying. E.g. if the club is a charity, the protest fees cannot go the club itself

11.2.5.a UK The Chief Judge or Enquiry Desk will accept a protest from upon receipt of a deposit. The deposit is returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, or the protest is withdrawn, it shall be donated to a pre-designated charity (*not to be the club itself*) of the Organiser's choosing. The amount of the donation shall be recorded on the summary sheets sent to the Slalom Treasurer pursuant to rule 19.7.9....

6.10 ICF Changes 75/25

The October ICF board meeting will be considering a number of rule changes, that are not considered controversial, including

- clarifying issues for kayak cross,*
- changing all references to 'articles' to rules*

This meeting authorises the Secretary to include ICF rule changes into the UK rules for the 2023 season.

6.11 Two races in a day

6.11.1 Ability to hold two races in one day.

Proposed by Pinkston Panthers Club..... Seconded by CR Cats Canoe Club

Ability to hold two races in one day. Attendance at Scottish events (Division 2 and below) is such that there is capacity to run 2 races in one day. This would reduce the travel / accommodation costs to competitors and maximise the benefit to organising clubs of getting everything set up.

In order to specifically allow for this, a new clause will be added to the rules

5.2.5 Double day events (only applicable to Division 2 and below)
5.2.5.a Where the Organisers believe there is sufficient time a race can be held in the morning and a second race held on the same venue in the afternoon.
5.2.5.b To provide a different challenge for each race, the course for the second race must include at least 6 major changes to the course.

Committee Amendment 1: *Any organiser wanting to run two events in a day will need preapproval from the slalom committee before the race is put on the calendar.*

Committee Amendment 2: *If a double race is organised, for one day of a weekend another ranking race cannot be held at the same venue on the same weekend.*



6.11.2 Ability to hold four races in one weekend, two on each day

Proposed by Pinkston Panthers Club..... Seconded by CR Cats Canoe Club

To be withdrawn if the previous motion fails

Ability to hold two races each day over a weekend. a "double double". Same benefits as previous motion, i.e. savings on travel and accommodation when divided by races entered but also hopefully encourage people from farther afield to travel as it would be much more worth their travel time and cost.

One objection has been people being promoted based on results only from one venue. This is exactly what happens for British team selection and so should not be seen as a major issue for lower divisions. It is more important to maximise racing opportunities in lower divisions and help make running events more financially viable for clubs.

5.2.5.c A weekend may consist of two Double day races on subsequent days. In this case, each course must contain at least 6 significant changes from all other courses of the weekend.

6.12 Clarification of National Age Group Prizes

75/25

Whilst the rules for ranking competition age group prizes are clear in the rules (Rule 20.8.4), these rules were introduced in 2018, and omitted to recognise that different rules are applied for British Championships. In order to recognise that 'British Champion' has a different purpose to that at ranking races.

So add in clause 20.8.5 renumbering the following clauses:

20.8.4 In all divisions when there are three or more eligible athletes, Organisers shall provide a prize for the Junior athlete who gains the best score during the competition in each event and a prize for the best under 16 performance which has not attracted any other prize. Organisers may, at their discretion, provide a prize for the best J10, J12, J14, under 23 and Master performance, but if they do so should state the rules for deciding the winner in the start list.

20.8.5 For British National Championships age group prizes are awarded to the highest placed athlete. For example: the J16 prize can be won by any J16 or younger. Therefore, a paddler can win more than one age group prize if they beat all the paddlers their own and a higher age group(s).

6.13 Athletes as Officials

75/25

Organisers frequently struggle to persuade enough helpers to judge and/or otherwise assist in the running of a competition. There is already a rule 20.5.3 that allows the Organiser to require athletes to assist, and a rule 1.12.4 that could potentially be used to enforce this. This proposal is to clarify this and ensure that the rule can be used when needed. No change to 1.12.4 is proposed; it is shown here for reference only

1.12.4 UK The Chief Judge may discipline any athlete or official whose behaviour is detrimental to the proper and orderly conduct of the competition. The Chief Judge must notify the Jury, who may after continued offences by the person, disqualify him/her from the competition (DQB).

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20.5.4 At any competition, ~~if there is a shortage of judges,~~ the Organiser may require athletes (or their nominated substitutes) to judge or undertake other official duties, in consultation with the Chief Judge. ***Failure to carry out such duties when requested may result in disqualification from the race by the Chief Judge (DQB)***



6.14 Maximum number of Opportunities for Gathering Points

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.

7 Calendar for 2023

Clubs are reminded that their competition cannot be accepted unless a Safety Plan has been supplied.

8 Discussion areas for 2023

There are key areas that the slalom community needs to move on over the next 12 months, through working groups with outputs fed through to the slalom committee or escalated to other parts of British Canoeing. Proposed areas to take forward are:

8.1 The process for feedback on Selection Policy MS

A description of the process to give the International Panel feedback on Selection Policy.

8.2 Junior Selection MS

There have been a number of discussions regarding Junior selection, and the appropriateness of including Junior selection with Senior selection. Selection is no longer within the remit of the Slalom Committee or this Consultative Meeting. This meeting can however discuss the issues and make representations that this is revised / reconsidered

Pinkston Panthers / CR Cats note:

A request/ recommendation be put to the International Panel that Junior and Under23 selection should be based on races held on 3 sites spread across the home nations as was previously the case. The current selection is heavily biased to paddlers based at Lee Valley and this is not conducive to selecting the best talent. It is financially restrictive for anyone not based at Lee Valley having to travel there as much as possible. The selected teams travel to many other sites around Europe and beyond and so need to demonstrate adaptability and the ability to race on multiple different types of water which they don't learn whilst being entirely Lee Valley based.



8.3 Interclubs

Considerations for the future of this event.

Location: Cardington, Llandysul, Tryweryn, Lee Valley, elsewhere

Do we combine the event with Ranking racing.

Volunteers for these groups will be sought both at the ACM and in the following months.

Documents for the ACM are published on a google drive accessible from [ACM Directory](#)

Please be aware that club votes will only be issued to the registered club representative on the most recent registration form. If a club wishes anyone else to exercise their vote, whether a club member or not Registration forms are available online at <https://bit.ly/2023ClubReg>, a proxy form MUST be completed. This can give the proxy holder full discretion to vote as they see fit but authorises the committee to give the papers to a different individual.

Electronic proxies (https://bit.ly/2022_Proxy) must be completed by midnight 24th November. Physical Proxies can be lodged with the Secretary up to 1 hour before the meeting starts.