



BRITISH CANOEING

Slalom Committee

VIRTUAL

Special Consultative Meeting

14th December 2023 - 19:30

Minutes



1 Welcome by the Chair

The chair welcomed 39 people to the meeting, representing 34 Clubs, holding 86 votes issued.

1.1 Apologies

Les Ford and Mark Haylett (HPP) and Alex Edwards (Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club)

1.2 Conduct of meeting

It was confirmed as this was a virtual meeting votes will be conducted by way of roll call, with vote weightings applicable at the end of the 2023 season. All club votes have been recalculated to ensure accuracy.

1.3 Roll call of attending clubs

A roll call was held to ensure all clubs were recorded to ensure completeness in any vote.

2 Motion

2.1 Relaxation of Rule 20.1.8

In the 2022 ACM a motion was accepted nem con, i.e. without objection, that stated:

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.

After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and accepted nem con.



Applications to run division 1 races in the 2024 Season exceeded this limit. The Slalom Committee discussed the matter and recommended that three weekends should not proceed, Washburn, the first of the two Llandysul weekends and the first of the two Grandtully weekends. This was accepted by two organisers, but after consideration, the Grandtully race organisers appealed to the ACM to have their races reinstated and therefore another site removed from the 2024 calendar.

This led to a long discussion at the ACM. A calendar recommendation was accepted at that meeting by way of a vote of all clubs present, that resulted with both Grandtully races being allowed, but the division 1 race at Shepperton not being granted ranking status for next year.

It was agreed to have a Special Consultative Meeting to discuss the application of rule 20.1.8 for the 2024 season and consider whether it could be suspended for this year. If the rule is removed or suspended for the year, the previously applied for races may be included on the 2024 Calendar (subject to the organisers still being able to run the races). If the rule remains in force no further division 1 races will be allowed.

The following motion is therefore proposed to this meeting:

Suspend Rule 20.1.8 for the approval of the 2024 Calendar. Effectively removing the limit on the number of races at Division 1 and Premier level for the 2024 season.

A motion will be put to the 2024 ACM allowing full discussion of the introduction of rule 20.1.8 and a vote for its permanent removal or confirmation. The associated criteria for the Slalom Committee recommendations may be further specified, if rule 20.1.8 is retained at that stage.

Please note that this will require that two Calendars will be taken to the 2024 ACM; one compliant with rule 20.1.8, and one to apply if that ACM decides to remove rule 20.1.8.

A motion to split the vote across div 1 and prem was proposed by Lee Valley and seconded by Cheltenham. This was voted on and carried by carried with 37 votes for, 15 abstaining, and 12 votes opposing

The substantive motion was therefore split into 2 motions one for Premier races and 1 for division 1. These were put to the floor and voted on independently.

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This was carried with 47 votes for, 11 abstentions and 6 votes against

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This was carried with 61 votes for, 3 abstentions and no votes against

3 Approval of the Calendar for 2024

3.1 Races that have not supplied a Safety Plan

Following the reminder at the ACM, all 2024 planned events have supplied a Safety Plan.



3.2 Approval of the Calendar

Following the acceptance of the motion, it was agreed that Division 1 events can be accepted from Shepperton, Llandysul and Washburn, subject to confirmation from the organiser. A Premier division event can be added to the Tryweryn Festival. The addition of these must be confirmed by the end of December.

Note: Llandysul and Shepperton organisers have confirmed they will be running these events in 2024, Washburn will not be running due to site issues.

The meeting closed at 20:00.