

Following a few recent queries about the Judging Rules the Slalom Committee wish to clarify the interpretation of the rules in UK, particularly regarding Prem and Division 1 events.

7.7 TRANSMISSION JUDGE

7.7.1 The Transmission Judge, who may also act as a Primary or Secondary Gate Judge, is responsible for the transmission of the final decision of the Primary Judges/s to the Scoring Office.

UK Clarification:

Transmission / Gate Judge is responsible for the transmission of the final decision of the Judge/s to the Scoring Office. The Transmission Judge is also a Gate Judge. (Primary and Secondary Judges are rarely used in the UK – see below 7.8.2).

7.7.2 Normally the Transmission Judge will collate and transmit the results of the gates assigned for a section.

UK Clarification:

The Transmission Judge makes a note of the penalties from both the Gate Judge and themselves, and transmits the highest penalty to the Scoring Office. This is consistent with 7.8.7 which does not allow the Transmission Judge to overrule a judge's decision.

7.7.3 The Transmission Judge signals the penalties for each gate with the corresponding discs, cards or section scoreboard

UK Clarification:

The Transmission Judge signals back to the Gate Judge the penalties that the Gate Judge has indicated, to confirm they have received these correctly. These are noted down. The Transmission Judge's penalties are noted down but not generally signalled.

7.8 GATE JUDGE

7.8.1 The **Gate Judge** is responsible for observing and recording an athlete's passage through their assigned gates.

UK Clarification:

The Gate Judge and Transmission Judge are both responsible for observing and recording an athlete's passage through their assigned gates. Judges are positioned to have different viewpoints and often either the Transmission Judge or the Gate Judge have a better view of the passage of the athlete through different gates in their section. This helps to avoid situations where a penalty is missed due to the judge's position or the paddlers body blocking the judges view of a gate pole.

7.8.2 At the discretion of the Chief Judge, a Gate Judge may be assigned one or more gates for which they will make the final decision of the athlete's passage.

7.8.3 This Judge will be referred to as the Primary Judge . . .

UK Clarification: (for 7.8.2 to 7.8.5)

7.8.2 & 7.8.3 should be read together i.e. where the Chief Judge assigns a Gate Judge one or more gates on which they make a final decision, they are referred to as the Primary Judge. Primary and Secondary Judges are rarely implemented in the UK.

Additional Notes:

- UK Premier and Division 1 events - All gates to be judged by at least 2 judges observing the gates from different positions on the course. Division 2 and lower only one judge per gate is observing the gates in a section.
- Judging positions in a section are decided by the Chief Judge and/or the Judging Coordinator. These are not exclusive and crossover of gates between the sections for

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gate and Transmission /Gate judges is allowed as long as these are consistently judged for each paddler. (A Gate Judge can signal to 2 Transmission Judges and a Transmission Judge can be a Gate Judge for another section)

- Hand signals are commonly used to communicate between judges. The gate judge signals to the transmission judge, the transmission judge signals these back to confirm they have understood these correctly. Signals used are:–
 - Clear, no penalty – passing a flat hand across the body
 - 2 second penalty – arm raised with single finger
 - 50 second penalty – arm raised with all fingers spread