

**CLARIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING
PRIORITY ENTRY DEADLINE
(27th September 2025)**



It has recently come to the Slalom Committee's attention that the rules regarding Priority Entry Deadline are incorrect in the published 2025 Canoe Slalom Rules.

Further investigation has found that the rules as adopted at the 2018 Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM) were incorrectly transcribed into the 2019 Canoe Slalom rules with several crucial words omitted. This error has remained in the rules unnoticed to date.

Therefore, based on the adopted 2018 ACM motion, the rules regarding Priority Entry Deadline should read (missing wording inserted in **bold & red):**

- 6.1.4 Entry Limits
- 6.1.4.a The competition organiser may impose a limit on overall number of divisional and open entries, either in the published calendar or at the time of planning the start list. If such a limit is applied, priority of entry shall be as follows:
 - a) Up to and including the Priority Entry Deadline: Host division athletes, in order of receipt of entries.
 - b) After the Priority Entry Deadline: Host paddlers in order of **receipt, followed by "paddling up" in order of** ranking percentile on the Priority Entry Deadline.
- 6.1.4.b If two or more competitors have the same percentile they must be accepted, or remain on the waiting list together, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries.
- 6.1.4.c Ranking percentile is the current ranking position divided by the number in the division rounded to a whole percentage. E.g. if there are 70 in the division, the 16th placed athlete will be $16/70 \times 100 = 22.85\%$, rounded to 23%. Where an athlete has not competed, the percentile will be taken from the start of year ranking.
- 6.1.4.d Paddle up entries after the Priority Deadline will be put at the bottom of the paddle up priority list, ordered by date of entry only.
If an athlete is promoted into the host division, their entry is treated as a host division entry received at the date the organiser is notified. If the athlete has an accepted paddle up entry this will be converted to a Host division entry, otherwise they will remain on the waiting list, but with higher (host) priority.

While the published rules contain an error, the coding of the Canoe Slalom Entries website follows the rules as adopted at the 2018 ACM. Therefore, since the 2019 season waiting lists for events have been operating as the intended when these rules were adopted in 2018.

The Slalom Committee has considered this issue and feel that the rules as passed in 2018 still stand and have not been subsequently amended. Additionally, the rules as passed have been in operation since 2019 through the waiting lists for events on the Canoe Slalom Entries website.

The Committee will ensure that this error is corrected in the printed and online versions of the 2026 Canoe Slalom Rules when they are published early in the New Year