

Participation Statement and Membership Requirements Update



Clubs and slalom event organisers will be aware of the implementation on Paddle UK's Standards for Events from 2027 (see [Standards for Events](#)).

The Slalom Committee is liaising with Paddle UK to support clubs and event organisers to be able to meet these incoming standards, and more information will be shared in the coming months.

However, want to share some important updated information regarding our Participation Statement and Membership requirements.

Updated Participation Statement

We have been advised that our Participation Statement and acknowledgement of risk needed to be much more comprehensive. The new wording can be found [here](#).

- The [Slalom Competition Documents 2026](#) document in the Organisers Pack has been updated, and the new participation statement poster should be displayed at events.
- **Online entries:** Paddlers/parents entering via www.canoeslalomentries.co.uk are now asked to agree to an updated participation statement when they enter online.
- **On the day entries:** we are not able to add this new statement to the current stock of entry cards. Therefore, the new Participation Statement poster should also be available where paddlers/parents are completing on the day entries, and they should be informed that by completing their entry they are accepting this statement.
- **Postal entries:** we believe that it is now exceeding rare for organisers to receive entries in the post. Where these are received organisers should use a report to control 'flag' on their start list and ask the paddler/their parent to accept this new participation statement on the day.

We do understand this adds more administration for on the day entries, but it is important that organising clubs are obtaining this consent from participants.

Membership Requirements for Participating in Canoe Slalom

The long-standing membership requirements for participating in slalom competitions are set out in Rule 1.3.

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The membership of competitors ranked in Premier to Div 3 is checked when they apply for their bib, and ongoing checks are done through the ranking database. If a ranked paddler's membership expires their points will show as 'suspended' automatically on the ranking database on the website until this is resolved. Bib officers follow up where membership is not renewed promptly. If a paddler forgets their bib, organisers can check if ranked paddler has applied for their bib (and therefore membership has been checked) on the 'bibs' area of the [canoe slalom website](#).

Checking the Membership of Division 4 Entries:

Organisers need to confirm the membership status of anyone entering a Div 4. This membership could be one of the following:

- be a member of a National Association (PUK, PC, PNI or PS) and this membership must have competition rights OR
- be registered with the National Association as an associate club member of an affiliated club OR
- have day / event membership from Paddle UK / home nation (this covers competing on both days at a double Division 4)

A new document [Membership Requirements for Canoe Slalom](#) has been added to the Organisers Pack which provides full details of how participants can provide proof of their Full or Club Associate, as well as details of how participants can purchase Day Membership (Single Event Membership) and the links to purchase this online.

Club Associate Members - Clubs should ensure that they add their members as Club Associates via their home nations JustGo portal to confirm this membership. Clubs should also advise their members that they can download proof of this membership to their phone. If they cannot prove their Club Associate Membership, they may be asked to purchase a Day/Single Event Membership to enter.

All the updated documents and links above have been added to the [Organisers Pack](#) available on the slalom website.