

## WEIL'S DISEASE

Weil's Disease is a RARE but very serious illness which is caused by bacteria carried in the urine of rats (and some other animals). It can be contracted anywhere but especially around waterways. The descending scale of risk is: Stagnant water, canals and slow-moving rivers (particularly after flash floods), swifter streams.

### **Precautions:**

*Avoid capsize drill or rolling in stagnant or slow-moving water*

*Wash or shower after canoeing*

*Cover minor scratches on exposed parts of the body with water-proof plaster*

*Use footwear to avoid cutting feet*

Should you become ill after canoeing (2-19 days) with a flu-like illness (temperature, aching limbs & joints) call your doctor and tell him/her you are a canoeist and that you may have come into contact with the Leptospirosis bacteria.

Contact the PaddleUK for more information.

## 2026 MINIMUM ENTRY FEES

### Individual Event – Per Boat

<u>Division</u>	<u>Standard Fee</u>		<u>Late Fee</u>	
	Single	C2	Single	C2
Premier/Div 1	£24.80	£12.40	£31.00	£12.40
Division Two:	£16.10	£8.05	£22.30	£8.05
Division Three:	£9.90	£4.95	£11.50	£4.95
Division Four:	£7.40	£3.70	N/A	N/A

**Enhanced Fees** An Organiser may apply to the Slalom Committee for an enhanced fee to cover higher race costs (e.g. high water fees for a pumped slalom course).

**C2 Discount** Where an enhanced fee is charged, no C2 discount is applicable.

**Open Entry** Fees at Open events at the Organiser's discretion.

**Postponement** If a race is postponed the paddler may elect to be refunded as if the race was cancelled but must do this within two weeks of notification of the proposed postponement details.

**Late Fee (when accepted)** is payable on entries accepted by the Organiser which are received less than 15 days before the competition.

**Team Events** As there are no admin fees for team events the entry fee is at the Organiser's discretion but MUST not exceed the following fees

Premier to Division 3	£2.25
Division 4	£1.50.

*(Note - no late entry fee for teams)*

## Age Categories: 2025

Year of birth	Age	Competes as
2018	8	J8
2017	9	J10
2016	10	J10
2015	11	J12
2014	12	J12
2013	13	J14
2012	14	J14
2011	15	J16
2010	16	J16
2009	17	J18
2008	18	J18
2007 to 2003	19 - 23	Under23 <i>Senior Optional</i>
2002 & Below	24 or older	Senior
1991 & Below	35 or older	Master <i>Senior Optional</i>

For C2 the age category is based on the eldest paddler.

Example (1) Paddler 1 J12 paddler 2 J18 = J18

Example (2) Paddler 1 J16 paddler 2 Senior = Senior

Example (3) Paddler 1 J18 paddler 2 Master = Senior

## **Photography**

**In line with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and British Canoeing recommendations, we require anybody who wishes to engage in video or zoom photography to register with the Competition Organiser prior to carrying out such photography.**

**If you are concerned about photography taking place please contact the Competition Organiser.**

# Photography

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Post Code:

Name:

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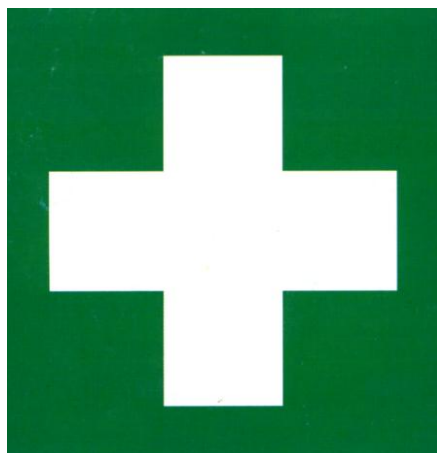
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Your First Aider is:-

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If you require First Aid Report to:-

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The Nearest ☎ is Located At:-

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Other Emergency Information:-

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# Personal Safety

All Helmets worn at this Competition MUST comply to the CE Standard (EN 1385) for water sports and carry the



In addition, Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) (also known as Buoyancy Aids) MUST be worn and must be EN/ISO certified and appropriate for the Competitor's body weight.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that personal safety equipment is maintained and in good working order.

# CHIEF JUDGE TEAM

Chief Judge

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Assistant Chief Judge

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Assistant Chief Judge

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# **SUPERVISION OF JUVENILES** **AT SLALOM COMPETITIONS**

A child must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a nominated adult who shall assume responsibility for the child throughout the time the child is at the competition.

Neither the PaddleUK nor the Competition Organiser will assume responsibility or be liable for a child who is unaccompanied or unsupervised.

Note that while the definition of a child is a person under the age of 18, the statement applies particularly to children under the age of 16.

# PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Whilst the Slalom Committee will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of participants, all participants accept that they attend and partake in the events and competitions at their own risk. Please read the following and confirm that you understand and accept the following statements:

- I understand that Canoeing and/or Kayaking activities at an event or competition may be of a strenuous and adventurous nature that carries a higher level of risk. I acknowledge that watersports carry an element of risk and therefore accept the need for responsible behaviour and actions
- I confirm that I have declared any relevant medical conditions to the Competition Organiser and confirm that I am able to swim and am confident in open water
- I accept that other than liability that cannot legally be limited or excluded by law, neither the Slalom Committee, the Competition/Event organisers, or British Canoeing (trading as Paddle UK), nor their officers accept any liability for any loss or personal injury arising from, or during participation at the event or competition.

**By entering this competition all participants entered and their guardians (where the paddler is under 18) understand and accept the "Participation Statement".**

## **Water quality** advice for paddlers



Cover cuts and abrasions, including blisters, with waterproof dressings.



Avoid swallowing river water. Keep your water bottle clean and dry.



Check the weather. Poor water quality is more likely after heavy rain.



Check, clean, dry equipment to remove contamination and invasive species.



Always wash your hands before eating or drinking.



If you become sick, contact your GP with details of when and where you paddled.



Report pollution to the Environment Agency hotline: 0800 807060