

Membership Requirements for participation in Canoe Slalom



As a reminder, everyone participating in slalom competitions needs to be covered by appropriate Paddle UK/Home Nations membership which provides insurance cover. This is set out in rule 1.3 as follows:

1.3.1. To compete in Premier, Division 1, 2 and 3 races, you must be a member of a National Association (PUK, PC, PNI, or PS) and this membership must have competition rights.

1.3.2. To compete in Division 4 (as an entry level event), you must satisfy 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 membership by completing the National Association taster form (this form covers you for competing on both days at a double Division 4)

Checking the Membership of Ranked Padders

For competitors ranked in Premier to Div 3 membership 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.

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

Those entering a Div 4 slalom via the slalom entries website are asked about membership, but this does not check the paddler's membership status, so organisers need to confirm the membership status of anyone entering a Div 4.

Members: Those that are members of Paddle UK / Home Nations can download a digital membership card from their membership account dashboard to their phone which they can show to organisers on the day.

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Club Associates: A Club Associate is a member of a club that is affiliated to Paddle UK who does not hold their own On the Water membership (or Home Nation equivalent). They are only insured to paddle during club activities, or to take part in specific introductory level events and competitions avoiding the need to purchase a Single Event Membership (Day Ticket). **This includes Div 4 slalom competitions.**

Clubs should be registering their member with their Home Nation to confirm this insurance, and to allow their members to access confirmation of this Club Associate Membership.

Those that are Paddle UK / Home Nations Club Associate Members can download a digital membership card from their membership account dashboard to their phone and show this to organisers on the day to confirm that they are a club associate.

Day Membership – This is now called **Single Event Membership** and can now be purchased online at <https://paddleuk.org.uk/purchase-sem/>. This costs £5 per person, covers both days of a slalom event, and is purchased for a specific event. A separate Single Event Membership must be purchased for each competition weekend that the paddler races at, so someone entering several competitions may want to consider an annual membership

The email confirmation of the purchase should be shown to the event organiser to confirm this membership.

While Single Event Membership is available through the Paddle UK website it can be purchased by paddlers from any Home Nation and is valid for events in any Home Nation.

However Scottish Residents are advised to buy **Day Membership** from Paddle Scotland as during the following 12 months they can claim their £5 off the cost of full membership. This can be done through the [Paddle Scotland Events Finder](#) – for more information see the [Paddle Scotland Membership FAQs](#).

FAQs

Why do organisers need to ensure that everyone participating is covered by membership?

This is a long-standing requirement to ensure that all participants have appropriate insurance in place for their participation in the event. It is also a requirement within the Canoe Slalom rules and within Paddle UK/Home Nations Standards for Events.

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Does the link to buy Single Event Membership cover all Home Nations?

Paddle UK have confirmed that anyone in any Home Nation can buy Single Event Membership through the link on the Paddle UK website for any Paddle UK event in any Home Nation. However Scottish residents are advised to purchase **Day Membership** via Paddle Scotland (see below for detail).

Where can I purchase Single Event Membership/Day Membership?

This is available through the Paddle UK website <https://paddleuk.org.uk/purchase-sem/> and you need to select the specific event that you are buying membership for.

Scottish Residents: can buy Day Membership from Paddle Scotland and during the following 12 month claim this off the cost of full membership. This can be done through the [Paddle Scotland Events Finder](#) – for more information see the [Paddle Scotland Membership FAQs](#).

The Single Event Membership webpage suggests that people may want to buy an annual Paddle UK membership, but the links is to English membership. What do those in other home nations do?

Paddle UK have advised that the system will recognise addresses in other Home Nations and direct them to the appropriate nation for their membership.

How do clubs register their members as Club Associates?

This can be done through the club's JustGo Portal with the Home Nation, as follows:

[England](#) [Scotland](#) [Wales](#) [Northern Ireland](#)

Further guidance on adding club members is available from their Home Nation.

We have international paddlers attending as guests, how do we check their membership?

International paddlers should be members of their national federation. However, Paddle UK have confirmed that organisers do not need to check their membership, and Paddle UK would bear any liability that may arise from international paddlers completing.

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What are the membership requirements for Kayak Cross or an Open Event?

This depends on the competition that the Open or a Kayak Cross event runs alongside.

To encourage participation from outside of ranked slalom paddlers, at Prem to Div 3 competitions participants in Kayak Cross or Open events must either:

- be a member of a National Association (PUK, PC, PNI or PS) and this membership must have competition rights OR
- purchase Single Event membership/Day Membership.

At a Division 4 competitions the membership requirements for those participating in a Kayak Cross or Open event are the same as for Division 4. Participants can hold full Paddle UK/Home Nation memberships, Club Associate Membership or purchase Single Event Membership/Day Membership.

Where a Kayak Cross or non-ranking slalom is a stand-alone event and outside of the Slalom Committee safety approval requirements it is the event organisers responsibility to follow the membership requirements set out in Paddle UK's Standards for Events

Why do the slalom rules refer to day membership rather than Single Event Membership?

Single Event Membership used to be called day membership and the rules reflect this. We will be updating the wording of the rules to reflect the current name at the 2026 ACM for inclusion in the 2027 Slalom Rule.

We will also include and clarify the membership requirements for Kayak Cross and Open events within the rules for 2027.