



BRITISH CANOEING

# Slalom Committee

## Fifteenth

*Annual Consultative Meeting*

24<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Commencing at 10:00 (Registration from 09:00)

Location: British Canoeing HQ, National Water Sports Centre,  
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU

# Agenda



“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk” – “contact sports” may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own action and involvement”.



## 1 Welcome by the Chair

- 1.1 Apologies
- 1.2 Appointment of Tellers

## 2 Minutes

- 2.1 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting
- 2.2 2017/2018 Committee Meetings

## 3 Reports

- 3.1 Chair's Report
- 3.2 Treasurer's Report
- 3.3 Other Reports

### 3.3.1 *Reports from Co-ordinators (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)*

Andy Neave (Coaching), Dee Lindesay (Digital & Data Strategy), Steve Linksted (Divisional Development), Safety/Competition Management (Peter Curry), Technical / Timing (Andy Grudzinski), Volunteer / Safety Management (Hazel Ridge)

### 3.3.2 *British Canoeing and Home Nations (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)*

British Canoeing (Richard Ramsdale), England (Dave Spencer), Northern Ireland (Kiran Dews), Scotland (Chris Baillie), Wales (Mark Abbott)

### 3.3.3 *Athlete Representative (Martyn Setchell)*

## 4 Elections

### 4.1 Chair

Dave Spencer has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations he will be elected unopposed.

### 4.2 Treasurer

Hazel Ridge has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations she will be elected unopposed.

### 4.3 Committee Members

**Term Expiring 2018:** Andy Neave (Coaching), Steve Linksted (Divisional Development), Hazel Ridge (Volunteers). Andy Neave and Steve Linksted are nominated by the slalom committee. There are three positions available so further nominations are sought.

**Term Expiring 2019:** Dee Lindesay (Digital / Data Strategy), Andy Grudzinski (Technical / Timing), Peter Curry (Safety / Competition Management)



#### 4.4 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

*With the advent of the online ranking systems the requirement for separate Ranking Compilers and Bib Officers has reduced. In most cases these are already a single person. For the 2019 season onwards, only a single position will be elected.*

Managed Calendar Officer	TBA		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Susan Paterson
<b>Ranking Officers</b>			
Premier Men	Tracy Wells	P/1 Men's Canadian Singles	Carole McGranachan
Division 1 Men	Nick Penfold	2/3 Men's Canadian Singles	Nigel Evans
Division 2 Men	Les Saunders	Women's Canadian Singles	Mark Shaw
Division 3 Men	Karen Crowhurst	Canadian Doubles	Stuart Meakins
Division 4 Men	James Hastings	Veterans All Categories	Mike Carter
K1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson	Officials Compiler	Amanda Woodgate
K1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	TBA		

## 5 Awards

### 5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Nominees:

- *Sarah Ford*
- *Andy Grudzinski*
- *Andy Hounslow*
- *John Stoner*
- *Dave Waine*
- *John Woods*

## 6 Motions

Unless specifically listed, the motions below are proposed by the committee. Wording in *Italics* are for explanation and do not form part of the motion. **Bold Underlined** text is to be added to rules; ~~**Struck through**~~ text is to be deleted.

Where a motion is marked 75/25 it will be handled under article 5.9 (Page 190) and voted on immediately. If the motion receives 75% support it will be immediately adopted, if it fails to receive 25% support it is immediately lost. If the motion gains support of between 25% and 75% it will be debated

### 6.1 Promotion Levels (NP)

75/25

*At the 2017 ACM, the promotion targets were amended. Part of that motion proposed a further increase for the 2019 season. This motion reflects that proposals*

*Targets agreed at 2017 ACM*

				2018		2019	
	Target	5 wins	% 5 Wins	Target	% 5 Wins	Target	% 5 Wins
<i>Division 1 to Prem</i>	4,750	5,000	95	4,750	95	4,750	95
<i>Division 2 to Division 1</i>	2,250	2,500	90	2,300	92	2,350	94
<i>Division 3 to Division 2</i>	1,040	1,250	83.2	1,070	85.6	1,100	88

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#### **B4.3.2 Promotion in all other Divisions**

Promotion will be gained by attaining the following points from the five best results:

Division 1 to Premier	4750
Division 2 to Division 1	<del>2300</del> <b>2350</b>
Division 3 to Division 2	<del>1070</del> <b>1100</b>



## 6.2 Paddle Up Priority (DS)

*The current rules defining priority of entry for paddle ups are not ideal and suffer from a number of issues:*

- *Paddlers are released from the waiting list in earliest entry date order irrespective of their current divisional ranking*
- *Priority by earliest entry date encourages large numbers of early entries for competitions many months in advance*
- *Paddlers doubling up tend to get accepted in both events without regards to their divisional ranking in each event as their entries will have been submitted simultaneously.*
- *In the past the British Open invited the highest ranked paddlers from Div1. This is not possible under the “first come, first served” rules in place today.*
- *The idea that paddle up served as preparation for the next step to the higher division is diluted as priority is not given to the paddlers closest to making the transition.*
- *Including paddle ups ranked lower in their division may dilute the standard of the competition.*

*Most of the above applies to paddle up at Prem races where there is greater competition for places and where low numbers of paddle ups get a place. Lower divisions races are rarely oversubscribed.*

*Now that all Prem competitions are entered online and the waiting list is also openly published then any solution to address the current shortcomings will need a technology solution. Up to now the only indicator available to sort the paddle up waiting list was entry date.*

*The Online ranking system already calculates a “percentile” for each paddler that is recalculated whenever a new set of results are loaded. The percentile figure indicates a paddler’s relative position within their divisional event and crucially it also offers a method to compare across events.*

*The key point is that we would be in a position to offer places based on current performance and also take into consideration the different population size of an event, which we wouldn’t be able to do if we just took their ranking position. For example, if we compare the current ranking position in Division 1 across events and using paddlers with a percentile of 12% (picking a number at random) we get the following current ranking positions: K1W - 10th, K1M - 20th, C1W - 4th and C1M - 7th. If we had these 4 individuals in a waiting list sorted by percentile then they would all be grouped together, possibly further sorted by earliest entry date. This would be a reasonable grouping as they are all at the same relative position in their individual event ranking lists.*

*How would this work in practice? The online system will show an indicator for each paddler that shows the percentile updated with each set of results. Up to the cut off date, the waiting list will be displayed in alphabetical order. Just prior to the 4-week cut-off for paddle ups entries, the waiting list will be sorted by the current percentile value. The organiser would then release entries based on the revised order. Where there is a tie in percentile (such as two athletes with the same points total, or athletes across classes with the same relative position) all tying entries should be accepted, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries for the competition. Paddle up entries will be shown in alphabetical order prior to the priority entry date. In the case where a paddler has not earned any ranking points then their percentile at the start of the year will be used to determine their place in the waiting list. Those entering after the cut off date will be at the bottom of wait list in order of entry.*

*This would achieve:*

- *Paddle ups closest to promotion will get priority*
- *Paddlers doubling up will only get two entries if they are high enough ranked in both events*
- *The incentive to submit paddle ups as early as possible to guarantee a place is removed*
- *Prestige races (such as the British Open) would offer places based on current performance and be seen as a recognition of achievement*



UK C11.2 The deadline for entries to Ranking Competitions shall be 15 days prior to the first day of the competition (the Friday two weeks prior to the competition).

The priority entry deadline (before which host paddlers get priority of entry) is the Friday four weeks prior to the competition. The competition organiser may impose a limit on numbers, 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 paddlers, in order of receipt of entries.
- b) After the Priority Entry Deadline:

**If on line entries are being accepted:** host paddlers in order of receipt, followed by “paddling up” in order of ~~receipt~~ **ranking percentile**. **If two or more competitors have the same percentile they must be accepted, or remain on the wait list together, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> placed athlete will be  $16/70*100 = 22.85\%$ , rounded to 23%. Where an athlete has not competed, the percentile will be taken from the start of year ranking.**

**If on line entries are not being accepted: host paddlers in order of receipt, followed by “paddling up” in order of ranking position.**

If a paddler is promoted, their entry is treated as a host division entry received at the date the organiser is notified. If the Competitor 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.

### 6.3 Entry Limits (MA)

75/25

*The slalom rules allow a race organiser to set an entry limit but does not define which types of entry are included in this limit. Organisers are applying this limit in different ways, with the introduction of online entries there is a clear visibility of race entry numbers and having different interpretations of “entry limit” is confusing. Page 70*

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The priority entry deadline (before which host paddlers get priority of entry) is the Friday four weeks prior to the competition

The competition organiser may impose a limit on the **overall numbers 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:...

### 6.4 Course Erection (MS)

75/25

**Proposed and seconded by Stafford and Stone Canoe Club.**

*In an attempt to make races fairer for travelling competitors in Premier and Division 1, and to reduce the temptation for parents to remove children from school early, gates will not be positioned until Friday afternoon before the race. Recognising that manpower and location may make this difficult, lines may be positioned, and gates prepared on the bank in advance.*

C20.4 The course must consist of a minimum of 18 gates and a maximum of 25 gates, of which 6 must be upstream gates.

UK Where appropriate, for example at weirs where some of the course may flow in an upstream direction, the maximum number of upstream gates may be exceeded, provided that the spirit of the rule is adhered to.

**UK At Premier and Division 1 competitions gates will not be positioned until Friday afternoon before the race, lines may be positioned, and gates prepared on the bank in advance**



**6.5 Extreme Slalom Rules (CDW)**

75/25

*Aka Slalom Cross, aka Boater Cross aka Kayak Cross. As men's and women's extreme slalom are World Cup and World Championship events, and there was a British team selected in 2018 (albeit self-funding), the rules for extreme slalom in the UK should be documented.*

*With the limited experience of these events in the UK, the ICF rules will be adapted to remove nationality restrictions and limits.*

The UK Slalom Rules will be extended with Rules 68 to 87 as in the separate Extreme Slalom Rule paper available at the meeting

**6.6 Bib Deposit (HR)**

75/25

We haven't found a simple on-line payment option, and for the growing number of people who don't have cheque books paying a £9 deposit is difficult and this would at least mean they could just stick a £10 note in - some already do, and putting £1 change in with the bib isn't very practical.

Actual cost of bibs:

- Canyon Gear nylon bibs are £6.50 each. Iron-on bib numbers cost about £1 each, so the cost price of a bib is £8.50, £10.50 or £12.50 depending on whether a one-digit, two-digit or three-digit number is required (front and back). Average about £11, plus about 50p as a share of the delivery charges.
- Lycra bibs are £15 each, plus again say 50p for delivery

There are no specific rules for bib deposit, this is part of the process, but put to the meeting for completeness.

**6.7 Voting (CDW)**

*This motion affects the Regulations, so requires a 2/3 majority and approval by the BC board*

*At the 2017 ACM, the Slalom Committee was asked to consult on voting options and bring proposals to the 2018 ACM. After some discussion, a consultation was issued on the web. There were a relatively small number of respondents (27) with a variety of responses. Taking into account these responses and feedback delivered personally to Committee members the motion below reflects the dual priorities for the sport, increasing participation, and having competitions run. It also addresses the perceived imbalance where a club can have an excessive influence.*

*For the avoidance of doubt, the changes proposed need adoption by the British Canoeing Board of Directors before taking effect, so voting at this ACM will not be affected.*

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- 6.1 Each Voting Club will have 1 vote **and will be allocated an additional vote if it has 21 Ranked Members or more.**
- 6.2 Each such club will have an additional vote for each Ranking Slalom it has organised in the last full competition year, for which Administration fees have been paid.
- 6.2 **Each Voting Club is allocated 1 vote for each Ranking Slalom it has organised in the immediately preceding 12 months. If a Ranking Slalom is organised by more than one club, or a consortium of clubs, the vote relating to that Ranking Slalom may be assigned to a Registered Club by notifying the Secretary of the allocation. There is no vote for any competition organised by the British Canoeing Slalom Committee, or a Home Nation Slalom Committee.**
- 6.3 If an event is organised by more than one club, or a consortium of clubs, the vote relating to that event may be assigned to a Registered Club by notifying the Secretary of the allocation.
- 6.4 There is no vote for any competition organised by the Slalom Committee.
- 6.3 Each Voting Club may have a maximum of five votes.**
- 6.4 Voting Clubs may not vote at a Consultative Meeting unless all money due to the British Canoeing Slalom Committee by them at the time has been paid by no later than 48 hours before the appointed start of the Consultative Meeting.**



### 6.8 Terms of Reference (CDW)

*This motion affects the Regulations, so requires a 2/3 majority and approval by the BC board*

*The 'Regulations' in the year book, were an interim adaptation of the 'Constitution' at the time of the federalisation of the British Canoe Union. After some consultation, within the committee and with British Canoeing, these should be replaced with 'Terms and Conditions', adapted to reflect the current structure within British Canoeing, and the Home Nations, and the way slalom is carried out in this country. Draft Terms of Reference have been circulated before this meeting.*

This meeting adopts the circulated Terms of Reference for the Slalom Committee.

### 6.9 Rule Book Restructure (CDW)

75/25

*The ICF congress is considering a restructure of the, rules changing the presentation of the rules and making them more consistent in terminology. The intent is to create a structure in the rule books that are consistent across the various ICF disciplines. As the bulk of section C of the rules is based on the ICF rules these should change, provided there is time before the year book is produced.*

*There will be three types of rule:*

*ICF Sport Governance Rules:*

- *Common Rules across all disciplines*
- *Exactly the same wording as the first chapter of every rule book*

*ICF Principle Rules*

- *Principles applicable to all disciplines*
- *Rules tailor made for each discipline*
- *The principle affects all NFs to a high extent*

*ICF Sport Rules*

- *Competition and Field of play rules*
- *All technical aspects*

*Glossary*

<i>Chapter A</i>	<i>Sport Governance</i>	<i>Chapter I</i>	<i>Competition</i>
<i>Chapter B</i>	<i>Introduction</i>	<i>Chapter J</i>	<i>Post Competition</i>
<i>Chapter C</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Chapter K</i>	<i>Olympic Games</i>
<i>Chapter D</i>	<i>Programme and Formats</i>	<i>Chapter L</i>	<i>World Championships</i>
<i>Chapter E</i>	<i>Invitations and Entries</i>	<i>Chapter M</i>	<i>Junior and Under 23 World Championships</i>
<i>Chapter F</i>	<i>Competition Officials</i>	<i>Chapter N</i>	<i>World Cups</i>
<i>Chapter G</i>	<i>Field of Play</i>	<i>Chapter P</i>	<i>International Technical Officials.</i>
<i>Chapter H</i>	<i>Pre Competition</i>		

The secretary shall be empowered to revise the structure of the rulebook to reflect the changes to the ICF rule book structure.

### 6.10 Rule Book Tidying (CDW)

75/25

*There are places where the rules are inconsistent. There are also several minor rule changes introduced by the slalom committee. The minor rule changes, and the ICF imposed changes are listed in a separate document 'Rule Tidy and ICF Changes'. This is an inclusive motion to make the, hopefully, non-controversial changes.*

This meeting accepts the changes listed in the document 'Rule Tidy and ICF Changes'.





## 6.11 British Team Ranking (MS)

75/25

*Although some members of the British Team go to extreme levels to compete in 5 Premier races a season, this is difficult to fit in with training camps and competing internationally. Some manage to complete a couple of races, and are ranked in the middle of the division, not ideal for those they follow. Others have decided not to compete in any Premier races, to avoid demotion. This is not ideal as we would like to see the best in the country competing at Premier races.*

*To remove the current perceived hurdles Senior World Championship team athletes will be offered different coloured bibs for the rest of the season, allowing them to compete at premier competitions and protecting them from demotion at the end of the season. This group of paddlers will compete before or after the corresponding event as agreed with the organisers. Their runs will be ranking runs, counting for the calculation and accrual of points.*

*In addition, representations will be made to senior coaches and performance director to encourage team members to compete at a minimum of three competitions a year.*

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\*C13.1.1 The organiser is responsible for the start list at Ranking Competitions. Competitors will start in the reverse bib order. Competitors without a Ranking Bib are placed at the beginning of the start order. Their position on the start order is drawn and is the responsibility of the organiser.

**Paddlers in the GB Senior World Championship team, will paddle, in bib order, as a group at the end of the corresponding event, these paddlers will be suitably identified.**

The start order of the semi-finals will be the reverse order of the individual event heats results. The start order of the individual event final run will be the reverse order of the individual semi-final results.

## 6.12 Late Entry Fees (MA)

75/25

*Late entry fees are not uniformly enforced across the divisions. Rather than having a rule patchily enforced, the rule is being amended to reflect current practice.*

UKC11.3 Add discretion across all divisions

UK C11.3 Late entries made after the closing deadline will only be accepted:

- (a) at the discretion of the Organiser and,
- (b) where there is space on the published timetable and the entry limit has not been reached.

A late entry fee is payable, unless the Competitor has been promoted after the closing deadline. The organising club retains the extra charge in each case and may waive the charge at their sole discretion ~~at Divisions 2 and 3 events~~. There is no late entry charge for Division 4 events. The late entry fees are linked to inflation as in Rule UK C11.6.3.

## 7 Approval of the Calendar for 2019

Clubs are reminded that their competition cannot be accepted unless a Safety Plan has been supplied.





## 8 General Discussion

### 8.1 Behaviour (SL)

Some behaviours during the season have been inappropriate. This includes swearing on or after a run, treatment of officials, and evening behaviours at the interclubs?. What can we as a community do to ameliorate this.

### 8.2 Entry Level Competition (AN)

Is there an opportunity to co-ordinate and encourage competitions to be run in a reasonable proximity to provide a continuing experience for new slalomists.

Are there other steps that can be taken to encourage people to try slalom and then retain them in the divisional structure.

Please be aware that club votes will only be issued to the registered club representative on the most recent registration form. If a club wishes anyone else to exercise their vote, whether a club member or not, a proxy form MUST be completed. This can give the proxy holder full discretion to vote as they see fit, but authorises the secretary to give the papers to a different individual.

Paper forms must be registered with the secretary at least 30 minutes before the meeting. Electronic proxies ([online proxy form](#)) must be completed by midnight 22<sup>nd</sup> November.