



BRITISH CANOEING

Slalom Committee

Nineteenth

Annual Consultative Meeting 26th November 2022

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

Minutes





1 Welcome by the Chair

The chair welcomed 32 people to the meeting, representing 23 Clubs, holding 60 votes issued.

Ashley and Keir were welcomed.

1.1 Apologies

Jason Humphries, Chris and Ken Baillie sent their apologies.

1.2 Appointment of Tellers

David Lindesay and Peter Curry agreed to act as tellers for the meeting

2 Minutes

2.1 18th Annual Consultative Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Les Ford of Yorkshire, seconded by Duncan Berriman of Kingston Kayak Club and were then accepted nem con.

2.2 2021/2022 Committee Meetings (tabled for information)

The committee meeting minutes had been circulated after each meeting and were made available electronically before this meeting.

3 Reports

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chairs report had been made available online before the meeting. It reads:

It seems a long time since we had a "normal" season and during 2022 we have managed a full racing calendar. It has not all been plain sailing (or canoeing!) and regrettably we have lost some races due to different factors, most notably no races were possible on the Washburn. However, competition entries are significantly down compared to 2019. This is of great concern to all of us here today and collectively we need to find ways to attract new entrants and encourage past competitors to race again. There are encouraging signs that club taster sessions have attracted a significant number of potential new Slalom paddlers, with some progressing into the ranking system as indicated by the numbers paddling in Division 3. Division 4 entry numbers continue to be suppressed and given that this is the route into the ranking system the prospect of a large uptick in numbers across the divisions seems unlikely in the near future.

Addressing the challenges mentioned above will require cooperation and collaboration from all those active in delivering the many aspects of Slalom and this includes volunteer and paid staff across clubs, committees, and performance. Engaging a wide range of views and opinions is essential to shape the sport moving forward. Earlier this month British Canoeing hosted a meeting with representation from clubs, GB performance, Slalom committee, England talent and BC support staff with the aim of developing a collective approach to future Slalom development. The broad themes discussed were recruitment and retention of volunteers, support for clubs promoting slalom and kayak cross within their communities, improving access to coaching at all ability levels and development of the competition framework for both slalom and kayak cross. These are early days, but this initiative will be a major focus for the sport in 2023.

Internationally we continue to see British athletes delivering strong performances across all age ranges both in Slalom and Kayak Cross which is very encouraging as we move towards the Paris Olympic Games. As pre-cursor we can look forward to hosting the World Championships in 2023 at Lee Valley and I'm sure that will be an exciting event for our volunteers and athletes alike.

This is my final ACM as chair, and I willingly pass the baton to Andy! My involvement with Slalom started as a parent in 2000. In 2011 I was co-opted to the committee as Strategic Planning co-ordinator and subsequently I joined as a full member. In 2014 I was elected to Chair, a position I have held to date.













It is natural for me to look back and think about what I have achieved over the last 8 years as Chair and in many respects, it is for others to pass judgement. I have tried to be fair and supportive to all and recognise all contributions both great and small. My natural tendency is to embrace change and support initiatives that reduce the workload of volunteers in supporting slalom competition. During the last 8 years the adoption of online systems has had a positive impact for administrators and paddlers alike and I offer a special thanks to Dee, Duncan and Matt for their efforts beavering away in the shadows. That is not to detract from the significant contribution of all the many administrators and committee members without whom we would not be where we are today.

Our sport would not function without the tremendous efforts of our volunteers. Competitions don't magically appear, and organisers, clubs and officials are beavering away months in advance to endeavour to deliver the best experience possible for athletes. Many activities are ongoing throughout the year ensuring that bibs are delivered, entries are processed, and results and rankings produced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their dedication, enthusiasm and sheer hard work in supporting our sport.

The chair made a verbal summary of the report at the meeting.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

At the previous ACM, Veronica Milne was elected as Treasurer. Early in the New Year her circumstances changed and in April she had to step down. Colin Woodgate picked up the Treasurer role temporarily, and completed the year. As temporary Treasurer he presented the accounts to the meeting.

This is the first full year of competition since 2019

The committee income for the year was $\pounds 32,779$, with expenditure of $\pounds 33,371$

There were provisions made in 2020 after a hiatus in book keeping. From experience these provisions were larger than needed and have been released into the accounts. As a result there was a surplus for the year of $\pounds 6,278$. This would have been almost $\pounds 600$ loss without the release.

Total Net Assets for the committee were $f_{,70,108}$.

The England Committee balance in the accounts was \pounds 17,270 (\pounds 13,023 previously)having spent \pounds 19988 during the year on training and equipment.

The treasurer recorded his thanks to the British Canoeing Finance director who was key in ensuring the accounts followed accounting conventions.

Stafford and Stone proposed Acceptance of the accounts Dee Lindesay seconded the motion. This was carried nem con.

The entry fees for 2023 are set with reference to the change in CPI from September 2021 to September this year. Levies are adjusted with the change in CPI from September 2019. As a result, next season's entry fees (and levies) will be

	Base		Next Season	
	Std Late		Std	Late
Premier and Division 1	£20.00	£25.00	£22.00	£27.50
Levy	£7.51		£8.57	
Division 2	£13.00	£18.00	£14.30	£19.80
Levy	£3.54		£4.04	
Division 3	£8.00	£9.30	£8.80	£10.20
Division 4	£6.00	£6.00	£6.60	£6.60

It was agreed that British Canoeing Finance will act as book keepers for the committee. Any payments will therefore be routed through them, with expected weekly payment batches. This will involve merging the committee account with the central British Canoeing accounts.

There are indications that the current methods of payment, which involve sending bank details for a first payment may cause data protection issues. A secure online route to provide this information is being developed, which may be extended to include submission of expenses.

The Meeting thanked Colin Woodgate for his efforts during the year.











3.3 Other Reports

The reports were made available electronically before the meeting. No questions were raised regarding the reports.

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

Coaching (Les Ford), Competition & Safety (Peter Curry), Digital & Data Strategy (Dee Lindesay), Development (Mike Mitchell), Participation (Karen Crowhurst), Technical / Timing (Andy Grudzinski), *Volunteers (Jason Humphries)*

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

British Canoeing (Richard Ramsdale), England (Martyn Setchell), Scotland (Stewart Pitt), Wales (Mark Abbott)

3.3.3 Athlete Representative (Sally Atkinson)

4 Elections

4.1 Chair

Andy Grudzinski has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations, he was elected unopposed.

The meeting thanked Dave for all his work.

4.2 Vice Chair

With Andy Grudzinski being elected Chair, the Vice Chair position is vacant. Absent any nominations the rule remains open. Sally Atkinson was nominated during meeting and elected nem con.

4.3 Treasurer

David Spencer has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations, he was elected unopposed.

4.4 Committee Members

Term Expiring 2022: Les Ford (Coaching), Karen Crowhurst (Participation), Mike Mitchell (Development) Karen Crowhurst and Mike Mitchell have indicated their willingness to stand for a further term, Les Ford will be standing down.

The Meeting thanked Les for all his work.

Donna Hawkins was then nominated to be a member of the committee.

All nominated were then elected nem con.

Term Expiring 2023: Dee Lindesay (Digital / Data Strategy), Peter Curry (Safety / Competition Management), Jason Humphries (Volunteering).

4.5 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

Managed Calendar Officer	Dee Lindesay		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Les Ford
Ranking Officers			
K1 Men Premier	Tracy Wells	C1 Men Premier & 1	Carole McGranachan
K1 Men Division 1	Nick Penfold	C1 Men Divisions 2 & 3	Nigel Evans
K1 Men Division 2	Craig Douglas	C1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson
K1 Men Division 3	Karen Crowhurst	C1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins
K1 Men Division 4	James Hastings	Canadian Doubles	Stuart Meakins
K1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson	Veterans All Categories	Paul Mew
K1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins	Officials Compiler	Amanda Woodgate
		Annual Prize Co-ordination	Fiona Pennie

All were elected nem con.











5 Awards

5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Previous Winners

2010 Irene Osbourne 2011 Ken Baillie 2012 Nick Penfold 2013 Ken Trollope 2014 Les Ford 2015 Johnny Brown 2016 Jacky Brooks 2017 Gareth Bryant 2018 Andy Hounslow 2019 Andy Grudzinski 2020/21 Mike Carter

Nominees for this year:

- Tony Chalk (Stroud Valley Canoe Club)
- David Spencer (BC Slalom Committee)
- Neal Underwood (The Sharks)
- Chris Wilde (Frome Canoe Club)
- Colin Woodgate (Proteus Canoe Club)

The award was decided by previous winners. Neal Underwood was announced as the winner and the perpetual trophy was presented to him.

6 Motions

Unless specifically listed, the motions below were proposed by the committee. Wording in *Italics* are for explanation and do not form part of the motion. <u>Bold Underlined</u> text is to be added to rules; Struck through text is to be deleted. Where page numbers are quoted this refers to the 2020 Slalom Yearbook

6.1 Veterans Ranking

6.1.1 Points

Proposed and seconded by The Sharks Canoe Club

To ensure every Veteran racer achieves points proportional to their own best score, and of different value to other veteran racers with different best scores in the same event.

The introduction of Difficulty Factor in the calculation of Veterans Points for the 2022 season did not anticipate the frequency of when the best scores of more than one Veteran would match to the same racer in the respective divisional event, thus failing to differentiate veterans from one another. Nor did it anticipate the circumstances when Veterans failed to beat the last racer in the divisional event: in effect, at Prem and Division 1 races, the achievement of the DF depends on whether a racer in the ranking event incurs a 50 penalty on both runs or not, thus is entirely detached from the proximity of the Veteran's score to that of the event winner. Concern has been expressed that a veteran athlete at a division 2 race can score significantly more points than the Division 2 winner.

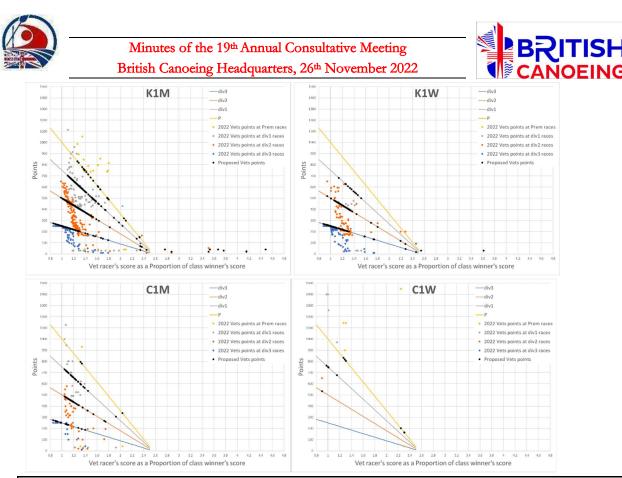
To illustrate the proposed change, the race results from the 2022 season (up to 16th October) are shown in the following chart which plots Points on the y axis and on the x axis the proportion of the Vet's best score to the event winner's best score. The actual points awarded to Vets at races of each division (coloured dots), would migrate on to the respective coloured sloping line for each division (black dots, points calculated as per this motion). Additional charts available for WK1, MC1, WC1.











2.10.3 Difficulty factor

2.10.3.a To reflect the degree of difficult for Veterans racing in competitions hosting higher divisions, the points awarded will be increased by a difficulty factor. The points calculated under 2.10.4. will be increased by:

Division 2 event points calculated will be increased by 150 points

Division 1 event points calculated will be increased by 400 points

Premier event points calculated will be increased by 700 points

Renumber subsequent rules

2.10.4 Calculating points - Quorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

2.10.4.a Ranking points are obtained by comparing scores with the <u>winning score in the</u> corresponding divisional event <u>according to the following formula</u>

<u> Points = [(Best Score) / (Class Winner's Best Score)] x M + C</u>				
<u>Where M and C depend on the host division of the race, with the following values:</u>				
M	<u> </u>			
-640	<u> </u>			
-480	<u>1230</u>			
- <i>320</i>	<u>820</u>			
-160	<u> </u>			
	on the host divisio <u>M</u> -640 -480 -320			

Where a Veteran's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the divisional event points will be awarded for the next place lower. If the Veteran's score matches the score of more than one athlete in the corresponding divisional event, then the points awarded to the higher placed divisional athlete will be used. If the above calculation fails to match to a host division score, then the Veteran will be awarded points according to 2.10.5

2.10.4.b Where there is progression from qualification to (semi- finals and) finals, scores are compared with the corresponding divisional event scores to decide whether the athlete progresses <u>or not</u>. and the points they are awarded. Points are calculated by comparison with the score of the leading score at each phase reached; where a veteran athlete reaches more than one phase, the highest points from any phase are awarded for the race.









For example: for a Vet WK1, if the athlete's score is equal to or less than the score of the last placed divisional WK1 qualifying from the heats, the athlete proceeds to the next stage. Similarly, the athlete must match the score of the last placed divisional WK1 qualifying from the semi-final to progress to the final. Points are calculated by comparison with the scores of Divisional WK1 at the **last** <u>each</u> phase reached <u>and the maximum of those points awarded</u>.

- 2.10.4.c In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, scores will be compared with every Division in the same event and the highest points found will be awarded, for instance, at a Division 2/3 race, a WK1 Veteran's score will be compared with those of WK1 in both Division 2 and Division 3 and the higher score so found will be awarded.
- 2.10.5 Where a Veterans score is lower than any host division score the Veteran will be awarded the points below. No difficulty factor will be applied The minimum points awarded to a veteran will depend on the host division:

 •	Division 3	-10 points
 •	Division 2	-20 points
 •	Division 1	-30 points
•	Premier-	40 Points

2.10.6 Calculating points – Inquorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

- 2.10.6.a In the case of a competition hosting more one Division, ranking points will be calculated against the corresponding Men's Kayak's event using the method described in rule 6.7.
- 2.10.6.b Where there is progression from qualification to (semi-finals and) finals, modified scores are compared with MK1's scores to decide whether the athlete progresses <u>if they would have progressed</u> <u>in the ranking event</u>. and <u>t</u> The points they are awarded
- 2.10.6.c. In the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, where anyone (or more) of the corresponding divisional events is inquorate the Veteran's modified score will be compared to MK1's <u>winner's</u> scores for that division and to the corresponding quorate divisional events where available. The highest points found will be awarded. For example: A Division 2/3 race hosts a Division 3 WK1 event that is inquorate and a Division 2 WK1 event that is quorate. In this case a WK1 Veteran's modified score will be compared with th<u>e ose of MK1</u> <u>winner's score</u> in Division 3 (using the method described in 6.7.) and her raw score with Division 2 WK1 <u>winner's score</u> (using the method described in rule 2.10.4 The highest score so found will be awarded.

After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and voted on. The motion passed nem con with 37 for, none against and 23 abstentions.

6.1.2 Combined Masters / Veterans Championships

Failed

Proposed and seconded by The Sharks Canoe Club

With the aim of improved inclusivity, this motion aims to incentivise older athletes to race through provision of the reward of recognition of UK champions by age category, which is not possible currently without a means to unify the Veterans Division and unofficial Masters Leagues. Whilst there are no trophies (currently), we propose there be a published list of UK Champions based on ranking position in this a new, unified, Masters and Veterans ranking championship.

2.3 RANKING CHAMPIONSHIPS (UK)				
Championsh	ips have	been established as follows:		
Premier	MK1	The Phillip Hayward Rose Bowl		
	WK1	The Liz Sharman Trophy		
	MC1	The Trustee Savings Bank Trophy		
	WC1	The Ormskirk Trophy		
	C2	The Streamlyte Trophy		
Division 1	MK1	The Tony Brown Trophy		
	WK1	The St. Pancras Building Society Trophy		
	MC1	The Jeff Allcock Trophy		
	WC1	The Slalom Committee Trophy		

Canoe Wales









The athlete at the head of the ranking list for each Premier Division event is the champion for that event in that year. The Division 1 champion is the athlete, in each event, highest ranked at end of the season who has been in Division 1 during that year.

Combined Veterans and Masters Championship

The athlete at the head of the ranking list for each event, in each age group, is the UK age group champion for that year.

Insert new rule, renumbering 2.10 as 2.11

2.10 MASTERS/VETERANS' RANKING (UK)

2.10.1Any athlete over the age of 35 will be ranked both in their primary division (slalom, or veterans) and will also be included in these ranking lists. See 1.4.6 and 2.10.2

- <u>2.10.2.Athletes will be ranked in strict five year groups, based on their age on 31 st December. That is: 35-</u> <u>39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, over 80.</u>
- 2.10.3 It is not necessary to apply to be included in this ranking, it will be automatic for all masters and veterans.
- 2.10.4There is no additional entry fee associated with this division, entry to the ranking / veterans event fee will still be applicable.
- 2.10.5 Calculating points: Ranking points will be calculated using the method for veterans described in 2.10. An athlete paddling as a master will have two sets of points awarded, those for ranking and those for masters/Veterans ranking. These will, perforce, be different.
- 2.10.6Ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in the season.

After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and voted on. The motion failed with 15 votes for, 34 votes against and 11 abstentions.

6.2 Athletes Changing Events

There are paddlers that take up C1 late and their progress or ability in C1 is out paced by their ranking in K1. For them to race C1 in a division just below their K1 is not appropriate and if enforced would be demotivating and potentially unsafe.

6.4.3 Changing Event

Any athlete wishing to compete in another event, must compete in the division below their lowest current ranking, unless it is considered more appropriate for them to compete in a higher <u>different</u> division, in which case, application must be made to the Ranking Status Officer.

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.3 Points for inquorate Women's C1

Currently in inquorate events points awarded will be those given to the athlete in the corresponding Men's Kayak event whose score matches the athletes modified score, which is calculated by dividing by the following factor and rounding down to the accuracy of the competition.

Our observations are that WC1 is disproportionately modified and given the relative difference in performance standards between the class should be enhanced to 1.28.

This aligns with the relative class differences for Junior team % performance when compared to the MK1. Although this is not directly applicable (as the assumption with this methodology is that the relative difference in classes at a Junior World Championship level is the same/similar at a domestic level) it gives a more robust and evidence based baseline

Class	Junior team % performance	difference to MK1 as %	Suggested value score
MK1	<116%	n/a	n/a
WK1	<127%	11%	1.11
MC1	<124%	8%	1.08
WC1	<144%	28%	1.28







CanoeWales

CanwCymru

Accepted



6.7.2 In the case where a Women's Kayak or any Canoe event is inquorate, points awarded will be those given to the athlete in the corresponding Men's Kayak event whose score matches the athletes modified score, which is calculated by dividing by the following factor and rounding down to the accuracy of the competition.

Women's Kayak Singles.	<u>1.12–<i>1.11</i></u>
Men's Canoe Singles.	1.08
Women's Canoe Singles.	<u>1.20</u> . <i>1.28</i>

After a short debate this was voted on and accepted with 47 votes for, 8 votes against and 5 abstentions.

6.4 Multiple Division Races

Accepted

The rules currently exclude a competition being run for division 1 and premier on the same day or indeed Division 1 and 2. The committee has posited this motion and the current draft calendar assumes that this will be accepted. This was introduced when the numbers entering these races precluded running both on a weekend. With reduced entries, increased transport costs, and probably increased running costs (especially on pumped sites) it is felt that this should be re-evaluated. This apply for the 2023 and 2024 seasons and will be revaluated for confirmation at the next ACM.

Replace 5.1.1 with:

5.1.1 Competitions may be for single divisions or may be for two divisions.

For double division events

In each event there is a separate race for each division and separate points are awarded.

Prizes are offered for both Division

The course is to be designed to highest Division's standard but may incorporate changes to accommodate the other Division

There is no paddle up option at double division races.

Division 4 Competitions - Single division events, open to novices and other Division athletes. May be free-standing or combined with Division 3, Division 2/3 events and open events

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.5 Introduction of a new, plastic boat event

Proposed by Mold Canoe Club

Amended motion accepted Seconded by Wyedean Canoe Club

As many of us are aware our sport is in need of modernisation to allow and encourage greater participation. The introduction of Kayak Cross has hopefully encouraged the participation of other paddlers into the sport, although at the minute it is early days and the main participation appears to be from slalom paddlers.

Many parents whose children participate in slalom are themselves paddlers many of whom are plastic boat paddlers and would like to participate in the sport. Many enjoy paddling and training with their club/children, but are unable to compete due to not having the right equipment and would be handicapped if they did compete in the lower divisions by not being able to compete on an equal basis. Many also don't want to compete in Division 4 where they could be taking potential promotion away from junior paddlers.

The proposal is to introduce a new division for plastic kayaks/canoes for anyone over the age of 18 (who are not already competing in slalom kayaks) to compete against each other paddlers on a division 3 or a division 2 course on an equal playing field. Two divisions would be created one for men and one for women.

Points would be awarded the same as they are at present when racing in a slalom kayak and would initially use the veterans points system (section 2.10) with a multiplication factor of 1.2 and with a difficulty points addition for paddling a division 2 course (A points uplift as in the veterans system).

Should anyone purchase a slalom kayak and have sufficient ranking points in the 'plastic boat' division they would gain ranking entry into either division 2 or division 3 (depending on the points they have and the decision of the ranking officer). The points would not be transferable between the divisions.





Canoe Wales







The introduction of a maximum length and a minimum weight would be for discussion at a later date due to the difficulties of initially regulating, but similar controls as Kayak cross could be used. The boat must not have any dangerous sharp or jagged edges (anything that could cause a cut or injury) due to the craft having probably been used for river running etc.

2.9 THE DIVISIONAL SYSTEM (UK)

2.9.1 Divisions

The divisional system of five divisions (Premier, 1, 2, 3 and 4) in each of the four events (MK1, WK1, WC1 and MC1) and one division in the C2 event ensures that there is a standard of competition suitable for athletes of all degrees of ability.

In addition, there is a Veterans division in each of the four events (MK1, WK1, WC1 and MC1)

There are also two divisions for plastic craft (WP1 and MP1) that competes at division 2 and 3 competitions

A competition series for Officials is also run.

INSERT NEW 2.11 and renumber existing 2.11 as 2.12

- 2.11 Plastic Craft ranking (UK)
- 2.11.1 The Divisional System

Plastic craft are ranked in a single division and can enter any division 2 or division 3 ranking competition or Championship event.

2.11.2Eligibility

2.11.2.a

An athlete whose 18th birthday is on or before the 31st December in the year in question may elect to paddle plastic in any event, but not necessarily in all the events in which they compete.

2.11.2.bUpon application to the Ranking Status Officer (see Rule 6.4.2), any athlete may take up to divisional status in an event. The revised ranking will start immediately Any ranking points will be lost on taking up the divisional status.

2.11.3 Difficulty factor

2.11.3.1To reflect the degree of paddling a plastic craft in competitions hosting higher divisions, the points awarded will be increased by a difficulty factor. The points calculated under 2.11.4 will be increased by: a factor of 1.2.

2.11.4 Calculating points – Quorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

- 2.11.4.aRanking points are obtained by comparing scores with the host divisional event. Where a Plastic Craft's score does not correspond exactly with a score in the divisional event points will be awarded for the next place lower. If the Plastic Craft's score matches the score of more than one athlete in the corresponding divisional event, then the points awarded to the higher placed divisional athlete will be used.
- 2.11.4.bIn the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, scores will be compared with every Division in the same event and the highest points found will be awarded, for instance, at a Division 2/3 race, a Women's Plastic Craft's score will be compared with those of WK1 in both Division 2 and Division 3 and the higher score so found will be awarded.
- 2.11.5 Where a Plastic Craft's score is lower than any host division score the Plastic Craft will be awarded the points allocated the points below. No difficulty factor will be applied:

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Division 2	-	20 points
Division 3	-	10 points

2.11.6 Calculating points – Inquorate Divisional Event (See Rule 1.7)

CanwCymru

2.11.6.aIn the case of a competition hosting more one Division, ranking points will be calculated against the corresponding Men's Kayak's event using the method described in Rule 6.7.









2.11.6.2bIn the case of a competition hosting more than one Division, where any one (or more) of the corresponding divisional events is inquorate the Veteran's modified score will be compared to MK1's scores for that division and to the corresponding quorate divisional events where available. The highest points found will be awarded. For example: A Division 2/3 race hosts a Division 3 WK1 event that is inquorate and a Division 2 WK1 event that is quorate. In this case a Women's Plastic Craft's modified score will be compared with those of MK1 in Division 3 (using the method described in 6.7.) and her raw score with Division 2 WK1 (using the method described in rule 2.10.4 The highest score so found will be awarded.

2.11.7 End of season results

2.11.7.aRanking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results obtained in the season.

2.11.8 Additional Information

- 2.11.8.aFor single division competitions the entry fee charged shall be the same as for those athletes entering the divisional event.
- 2.11.8.bAt multi divisional competitions the entry fee charged will be that for the highest division competing on that day.

2.11.8.c All registered Plastic kayakers must apply to the appropriate ranking officer for a bib.

3.1 Boat Definition

- 3.1.1 Kayaks are decked boats, propelled by double bladed paddles. The athlete must be sitting inside the kayak.
- 3.1.2 Canadian canoes are decked boats propelled by single-bladed paddles. The athlete must be kneeling inside the canoe.

3.1.3 (UK) Plastic Craft are kayaks or canoes, where the athlete sits or kneels on or in the craft. Only mass produced (manufactured in large quantities by an automated mechanical process) plastic (rotomoulded, thermoformed or blow-moulded) boats freely available for purchase on the open market are permitted.

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- 3.1.34 (UK) Boats must be designed to, and remain within, the required dimensions and weight. Any additional weight needs to be permanently fixed in the boat.
- 3.2.1 Minimum length and width

All types of K1	Minimum length 3.50 m
	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C1	Minimum length 3.50 m
	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C2	Minimum length 4.10 m
	Minimum width 0.75 m
All types of Plastic Craft	No maximum or minimum measurements applies

Rule 3.2.5 applies to all craft, canoe, kayak and plastic

3.2.5 Rudders are prohibited on all boats. Any object protruding from the hull must be manufactured into the hull mould and be no higher than 20mm and no narrower than 8mm with a minimum radius of 4mm on its outside edge

The motion was debated, for a short period. During which a Committee amendment was tabled.

Committee Amendment

Accepted

Whilst supporting the principle, this is untried and the committee proposes that this is held for the next ACM. A series of Open 'plastic' races should be held, or a mechanism of identifying people paddling plastic boats in ranking races be developed to enable the approach to be trialled, with a shadow ranking being produced.

After a short debate the Committee Amendment was voted on and accepted nem con.

The amended motion was then accepted. Clubs wanting to run such an event should send the information to calendar officer as soon as possible.









6.6 Required NA Membership

Membership classes and names have changed through all home nations. With different rights associated with the different classes, and names, of membership.

This leaves organisers with an uncertain position and difficulty of proof. This motion seeks to simplify the position in the rules, whilst the home nations sort out a consistent approach.

- 1.3.1 UKOnly full members of National Associations with competition rights but including SCA Introductory Members and Canoe Club Youth Section members at Division 4 events only, have the right to participate in a national competition.
- 1.3.1.d UKDivision 4 athletes must prove appropriate membership at the competition by showing their National Association membership card or Canoe Club Youth Section CW Associate membership card to the Organiser at times specified on the start list and advertised at a convenient location (e.g. control).
- 1.3.1.e UKAt Division 4 competitions, an athlete not previously a member of a National Association may use the National Federation Taster form, where applicable, to apply for day membership at a standard cost of the National Association minimum plus £1 to be retained by the Organiser.
- 1.3.1.f UK If the appropriate membership card proof cannot be produced then membership must be purchased at the competition. Receipts for such membership must be issued and remain valid for competition for four weeks from date of issue. (Athletes who have to obtain duplicate membership will be refunded the amount paid less f_{1} by the National Association.)
- 1.2.1 To compete in Premier, Division 1,2 and 3 races, you must be a member of a National Association (BC, Canoe Wales, CANI, or SCA) and this membership must have competition rights.
- 1.2.2 To compete in Division 4 (as an entry level event), you must satisfy one of the following -
 - be a member of a National Association (BC, Canoe Wales, CANI or SCA) and this membership does not need to 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)

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.7 'Yearbook' references

Accepted

References to Yearbook' need revision for context with no yearbook now being produced.

- 5.2.1.a This is the format to be used if no other format is listed in the *yearbook <u>calendar</u>*. Each athlete has two timed race runs. The final result for each event in the competition is in order of their best run from the two runs.
- 6.2.1 Entry Fees are listed on various web sites or may be confirmed by email to the Slalom Committee Treasurer. The entry fee for the team event is at the Organiser's discretion but may not be higher than that listed in the yearbook published details.
- 6.2.5 Where organisers cannot realistically plan to cover the costs of organising races, e.g. water fees are excessive, they may charge an enhanced entry fee. Justification for this enhanced fee must be submitted to, and agreed by, the Slalom Committee in advance. Clubs must declare in the yearbook <u>all published details</u> if enhanced fees may apply.
- 7.4.1 The Technical Organiser is responsible for the local preparations for the competition, the conduct of the entire competition and the installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition. See also 20.2.1
- 7.4.2 The **Technical Organiser** is a member of the Course Approval Committee.
- UK The Technical Organiser is the person named in the published details Yearbook and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the event and will be the person held responsible for completing all post competition tasks defined in rule 20.7











20.2.1.a The Organiser is the person named in the Yearbook <u>calendar</u> and must be prepared to answer correspondence on any aspect of the competition and will be the person held responsible for taking entries, issuing start lists and results and forwarding records and entry fees (less the retained share - see Rule 20.7). Premier competitions' organisation is coordinated by a Competition Management Co-ordinator. All persons concerned with the organisation of the slalom are responsible to the Organiser. The Chief Judge / assistants are separately responsible for ensuring that the competition is run fairly and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.8 SUP in Slalom

6.8.1 Include SUP in Slalom

Amended motion accepted

Proposed and Seconded by Salisbury Canoe Club

The major growth area within paddle sport is Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP). The SUP community has grown extensively over the past few years and is continuing its rapid expansion. Within this, Whitewater Paddle Boarding (WW SUP) is attracting a lot of interest, with many paddle boarders and kayakers / canoeists seeing this as a fun way to paddle whitewater. Many of the skills for manoeuvring the craft align with similar skills for manoeuvring kayaks and canoes on whitewater, so naturally WW SUPers are wanting to formally compete at SUP Slalom.

A small number of amendments will be required to the existing Canoe Slalom Competition Rules to formally include SUP. The initial proposal is to make these amendments to include SUPs within the C1 competitions (in a similar way to the initial inclusion of WC1 within C1). This will be until a critical mass of paddlers is reached making it logical for SUP to have its own separate Class.

The Glossary of the Canoe Slalom Competition Rules already include SUP in the definition of boat, so the changes are intended to assist in the definition of the SUP as a permissible boat.

Initial boat dimensions and weights are proposed as the same as a popular White Water Sup board to ensure the rules are complete, and there is no specific advantage, remembering that boat lengths, widths and weights do not apply at divisions 2 to 4.

3.1 Boat definition

- 3.1.1 Kayaks are decked boats, propelled by double bladed paddles. The athlete must be sitting inside the kayak.
- 3.1.2 Canadian canoes are decked boats propelled by single-bladed paddles. The athlete must be kneeling inside the canoe.
- 3.1.3 (UK) SUPs are inflatable or rigid boards propelled by a single-bladed paddle. The athlete may adopt any position on the board.
- 3.1.34 (UK) Boats must be designed to, and remain within, the required dimensions and weight. Any additional weight needs to be permanently fixed in the boat.
- 3.2.1 Minimum length and width

All types of K1	Minimum length 3.50 m
· · ·	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C1	Minimum length 3.50 m
	Minimum width 0.60 m
All types of C2	Minimum length 4.10 m
	Minimum width 0.75 m
UK All Types of SUP	<u>Minimum length 2.9 m</u>
	<u>Minimum width 0.80 m</u>











3.2.2	Minimum weight	
	All types of K1	9 kg
	All types of C1	9 kg
	All types of C2	15 kg
UK	All types of SUP	7.9kg
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3.2.3 * During the weighing process, residual water and loose items must be removed from the boat. At division 2 to 4 competitions, all whitewater boat types may be used without complying to boat specifications provided the boat meets all applicable safety requirements as defined in rule 3.3.

- 3.2.5 Rudders are prohibited on all boats.
- 3.2.5.a* Any object protruding from the hull <u>(*UK of a canoe/kayak*)</u> must be manufactured into the hull mould and be no higher than 20mm and no narrower than 8mm with a minimum radius of 4mm on its outside edge.
- 3.2.5.b UK Any object protruding from the SUP must be in the rear third of the board, no higher than 150mm and must be of a commercial, mass produced design. These may be fixed, or replaceable.
- 3.3.1 All boats must be unsinkable

*3.3.1.a * Canoes and Kayaks* must be equipped at each end with a handle attached no more than 30 cm from the bow and from the stern

3.3.1.b (UK) SUP must be equipped one end with a handle or attached leash, within 60cm of the stern, and a central handle.

4.1.1 Canoe Slalom programme

4.1.1	Canoe Statom programme		
	MK1	Men's Kayak	
	WK1	Women's Kayak	
	MC1	Men's Canoe	
	MC2	Men's Canoe Double	
	WC1	Women's Canoe	
	WC2	Women's Canoe Double	
	XC2	Mixed Canoe Double (1 Woman, 1 Man)	
UK	All C2s currently compet	e in the same event and are ranked using the same system, separate prizes	
	may be offered		
4.1.2	Extreme Canoe Slalom <u>K</u>	Z <u>ayak Cross</u> (CSLX) programme	
	MX1	Men's Extreme Slalom <i>Kayak Cross</i>	
	WX1	Women's <u>Kayak Cross</u>	
<u>4.1.3</u>	UK Stand Up Paddleboa	rding programme	
	MS1	<u>Men's SUP</u>	
	WS1	Women's SUP	
	Note at the present MS1	and WS1 compete and are ranked with MC1 and WC1 respectively	
4.1. 3 4	UK An athlete may partic	cipate in more than one (1) individual event, subject to the Organiser being	
	willing and able to give su	fficient start time intervals. In the case of C2, an athlete may compete with	
	multiple partners.		
4.2.1	MK1x3	Men's Kayak	
7.2.1	WK1x3	Women's Kayak	
	MC1x3	Men's Canoe	
	MC1x3 MC2x3	Men's Canoe Double	
	WC1x3	Women's Canoe	
	WC1x3 WC2x3	Women's Canoe Double	
	XC2x3	Mixed Canoe Double (1 Woman, 1 Man)	
	MS1x3	Mixed Carloe Double (1 woman, 1 Man) Men's SUP	
	WS1x3	Women's SUP	
UK		ined into a single team competition.	
<u>0.4.1.</u>	e UK WSI and MSI are ra	nked, promoted, and earn points as part of the corresponding Canoe event	









10.6.5.b Part of the boat must cross the gate line at the same instant as the whole head crosses the line. (UK) The SUP paddler is not physically on the board, but remains in contact with the board (see rule 10.15.2), i.e. not standing, kneeling or lying with at least the torso on the board unless correctly renegotiated before any subsequent gate is negotiated.

10.9.4 (UK) SUP: The athlete is not physically on the board, i.e. not standing, kneeling or lying with at least the torso on the board [unless correctly renegotiated]

Renumber the rest of rules under 10.9 to reflect this insertion.

10.15.2 - It is considered to be a capsize when the athlete (or an athlete in C2) has left the boat completely. For SUP it is considered to be a capsize when the athlete has left and is no longer in contact with the board (remaining attached to the board via a leash is not considered to be in contact with the board)

Before the motion was debated, a Committee amendment was tabled.

Committee Amendment

Whilst supporting the principle, this is untried and the committee proposes that this is held for the next ACM. Discussions should be opened with the BC SUP Committee to agree appropriate rule changes to bring to the next ACM.

After a short debate the Committee Amendment was voted on and accepted nem con. The Amended motion was also accepted nem con.

The committee will consider inclusion of SUP for a 2023 ACM motion. Where organisers feel confident, and have assessed the risks, SUP paddlers could be included in Open events

6.8.2 Existing SUP Promotions

Proposed and Seconded by Salisbury Canoe Club

As the primary motion above failed, then this motion was withdrawn.

Some athletes have competed in Slalom already. If they were fast enough, they should be granted automatic ranking in Division 3.

Any SUP athlete that has previously achieved a score at a competition that would have gained promotion to Division 3 can apply to the ranking officer and will be immediately ranked in Division 3.

This was withdrawn as the previous motion had failed.

6.9 Rejected protest fees

Rule and process for forfeited protest fee to a charity need clarifying. E.g. if the club is a charity, the protest fees cannot go the club itself

11.2.5.a UKThe Chief Judge or Enquiry Desk will accept a protest from an athlete upon receipt of a deposit. The deposit is returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, or the protest is withdrawn, it shall be donated to a pre-designated charity <u>(not to be the club</u> <u>itself</u>) of the Organiser's choosing. The amount of the donation shall be recorded on the summary sheets sent to the Slalom Treasurer pursuant to rule 19.7.9....

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.10 ICF Changes

The recent ICF board meeting and congress considering a number of rule changes, that are not considered controversial, including

Changing 'Extreme Slalom' to 'Kayak Cross'

clarifying issues for kayak cross,

changing all references to 'articles' to rules

This meeting authorises the Secretary to include ICF rule changes into the UK rules for the 2023 season.

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.







Accepted

Accepted

Withdrawn





6.11 Two races in a day

6.11.1Ability to hold two races in one day.

Proposed by Pinkston Panthers Club

Ability to hold two races in one day. Attendance at Scottish events (Division 2 and below) is such that there is capacity to run 2 races in one day. This would reduce the travel / accommodation costs to competitors and maximise the benefit to organising clubs of getting everything set up.

In order to specifically allow for this, a new clause will be added to the rules

5.2.5 Double day events (only applicable to Division 2 and below)

5.2.5.a Where the Organisers believe there is sufficient time a race can be held in the morning and a second race held on the same venue in the afternoon.

5.2.5.b To provide a different challenge for each race, the course for the second race must include at least 6 major changes to the course.

The motion was debated. A Committee amendment was tabled.

Committee Amendment: Any organiser wanting to run two events in a day will need pre approval from the slalom committee before the race is put on the calendar.

After a short debate the Committee Amendment was voted on and accepted nem con.

There was then a spirited debate on the principal motion. This was voted on and failed with 26 votes for, 30 votes against and 4 abstentions.

6.11.2Ability to hold four races in one weekend, two on each day

Proposed by Pinkston Panthers Club

This motion was withdrawn as the previous motion fails

Ability to hold two races each day over a weekend. a "double double". Same benefits as previous motion, i.e. savings on travel and accommodation when divided by races entered but also hopefully encourage people from farther afield to travel as it would be much more worth their travel time and cost.

One objection has been people being promoted based on results only from one venue. This is exactly what happens for British team selection and so should not be seen as a major issue for lower divisions. It is more important to maximise racing opportunities in lower divisions and help make running events more financially viable for clubs.

5.2.5.c A weekend may consist of two Double day races on subsequent days. In this case, each course must contain at least 6 significant changes from all other courses of the weekend.

6.12 Clarification of National Age Group Prizes

Whilst the rules for ranking competition age group prizes are clear in the rules (Rule 20.8.4), these rules were introduced in 2018, and omitted to recognise that different rules are applied for British Championships. In order to recognise that British Champion' has a different purpose to that at ranking races.

So add in clause 20.8.5 renumbering the following clauses:

20.8.4In all divisions when there are three or more eligible athletes, Organisers shall provide a prize for the Junior athlete who gains the best score during the competition in each event and a prize for the best under 16 performance which has not attracted any other prize. Organisers may, at their discretion, provide a prize for the best J10, J12, J14, under 23 and Master performance, but if they do so should state the rules for deciding the winner in the start list.

20.8.5 For British National Championships age group prizes are awarded to the highest placed athlete. For example: the J16 prize can be won by any J16 or younger. Therefore, a paddler can win more than one age group prize if they beat all the paddlers their own and a higher <u>age group(s).</u>







Rejected

Seconded by CR Cats Canoe Club

Withdrawn

Accepted

Seconded by CR Cats Canoe Club





This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted with fifty nine for, one against and no abstentions.

The slalom committee undertook to issue guidance regarding some issues raised for prizes at individual ranking events.

6.13 Athletes as Officials

Organisers frequently struggle to persuade enough helpers to judge and/or otherwise assist in the running of a competition. There is already a rule 20.5.3 that allows the Organiser to require athletes to assist, and a rule 1.12.4 that could potentially be used to enforce this. This proposal is to clarify this and ensure that the rule can be used when needed. No change to 1.12.4 is proposed; it is shown here for reference only

1.12.4 UK The Chief Judge may discipline any athlete or official whose behaviour is detrimental to the proper and orderly conduct of the competition. The Chief Judge must notify the Jury, who may after continued offences by the person, disqualify him/her from the competition (DQB).

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20.5.4At any competition, if there is a shortage of judges, the Organiser may require athletes (or their nominated substitutes) to judge or undertake other official duties, in consultation with the Chief Judge. Failure to carry out such duties when requested may result in disqualification from the race.

This was handled in accordance with Terms of Reference 9.8 and voted on immediately. It was accepted nem con.

6.14 Maximum number of Opportunities for Gathering Points

It is often said that the number of Premier and Division 1 races has increased over time. This has the potential to reduce the number of attendees at each race and to make it harder to plan races for the lower divisions. It is therefore proposed to restrict the number of opportunities for gaining points at Prem and Division 1 level from 2024 onwards.

Note that this will not impact the proposed calendar for 2023 which currently has 11 Prem Races and 19 Division 1 races.

20.1.8 Number of Races
20.1.8.a The maximum number of ranking races on the calendar will be as follows:
For Premier Division – 11 races
<u>For Division 1 – 18 races</u>
For Divisions 2, 3 and 4 – no limit
20.1.8.b For clarity, where a race is over two days, e.g. heats and finals, but only one set of point

20.1.8.b For clarity, where a race is over two days, e.g. heats and finals, but only one set of points can be obtained then this counts a single race for the limits above; a double competition where points can be obtained on either or both days counts as two races.

20.1.8.c When the applications to run competitions result in the number of races being above the limit then the Slalom Committee will ask a club to withdraw their application.

20.1.8.d The committee's decision on which applications to accept in any one year will take into consideration geographical spread of competitions, standard of water, variety of venues, reliability of venue, whether the club had a race at that venue refused the previous season and timing of application

20.1.8.e If a club refuses to withdraw their application, then the calendar will be taken to the ACM with the committee recommendation and the ACM will decide which competition should be removed via a vote. There will be no option to increase the number of races in that same year.

After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and accepted nem con.









Accepted



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7 Calendar for 2023

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

Lee Valley Paddlesports Club have been granted until mid-December to negotiate with the Lee Valley operator to arrange a Division 2 race in April /May on a weekend with no other Division 2 races organised. The clubs involved are considering a switch of the September HPP and Graveyard races. Again they must reach an agreement by mid-December.

Subject to those changes the Calendar was approved.

It was noted that Division 4 races can still be added to the Calendar during the year.

8 Discussion areas for 2023

There are key areas that the slalom community needs to move on over the next 12 months, through working groups with outputs fed through to the slalom committee or escalated to other parts of British Canoeing. A number of proposed areas to take forward are:

8.1 The process for feedback on Selection Policy

A description of the process to give the International Panel feedback on Selection Policy was provided. It was suggested that it should be clear on the feedback form that the names are used to confirm that the comments come from a member of the slalom community. Comments are made anonymous before being seen by the International Panel.

8.2 Junior Selection

There have been a number of discussions regarding Junior selection, and the appropriateness of including Junior selection with Senior selection. Selection is no longer within the remit of the Slalom Committee or this Consultative Meeting.

The meeting did however discuss a number of issues including:

- The availability of quality sites that can provide reliable, consistent conditions with the ability to provide some form of video for review.
- Having selection at a single site (single weekend) leads to having most of the training at that site. This means that the juniors are good at paddling at the site, not better paddlers.
- Junior selection location could be targeted at a site similar to where the European and World Championships will be held that year. E.g. If Paris would use Lee Valley, if a natural river then Tully may be considered.
- Holding selection over one weekend for juniors puts a lot of strain on them if there are health issues.
- Multiple venues also has an effect on the travel required to be familiar with more than one site. During the consultation before settling on one site for junior selection Scotland and Wales agreed a single site, to reduce the training requirement.
- Joining the Under 23 and Senior Selection races is advantageous due to the large overlap between those seeking selection for those two teams.

8.3 Interclubs

The history of the event was summarised, with thanks to Viking and Llandysul for running the competition for so long. Other venues were discussed, such as Wark, HPP, Tryweryn or a new organiser at Cardington. A club, or consortium of clubs who are willing to run the competition in 2024.

8.4 Further actions

Various groups will be set up to develop thoughts and approaches for various areas, including SUP, The Officials competition, Interclubs. Volunteers for these groups should contact the Chair or Secretary.





Canoe Wales

