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## INTRODUCTION

USA Canoe and Kayak, in accordance with its bylaws, hereby promulgates the following Racing Rules to govern Olympic sprint canoe and kayak competitions.

## I SANCTIONS

### 1. Sanctions

- 1.1 All sprint canoe and kayak competitions held within the limits of the USA shall be held under sanction from USA Canoe and Kayak (USACK) if they wish to be recognized as official.
- 1.2 USACK may require the payment of a sanctioning fee. The USACK Board of Directors, or a person or persons designated by the Board, will determine the amount.
- 1.3 Sanction fees will only be returnable in whole, when the sponsoring body, with the agreement of the USACK, effects cancellation of the proposed regatta or competition.
- 1.4 All sanctioned events will be considered "Open" for all competitors, unless declared "Closed" to international athlete participation. The decision to close an event will be made by the Sprint Racing Committee (SRC).

## II AUTHORITIES

### 2. Authorities

- 2.1 The annual National Championships Regatta and all National and International Regattas shall be held only under direct assignment and sanction from USACK.
- 2.2 Competitions to qualify USACK members for participation in international canoe and kayak championship competitions sanctioned by the International Canoe Federation (ICF), in the Pan American Games, and in the Pan American Canoe Racing Championships governed by the Pan American Canoe Racing Council shall be held only under sanction of USACK.
- 2.3 Final qualification competitions to determine the U.S. Olympic Canoe and Kayak team shall be sanctioned by USACK, which is responsible for organizing and conducting competitions.
- 2.4 Any person wishing to compete in an international sprint regatta must have his or her entry sanctioned by USACK.
- 2.5 The annual Divisional (Regional) Championship Regattas and all State Championship Regattas shall be held only under direct sanction from the USACK.
- 2.6 Local paddling competitions where more than two USACK clubs participate shall be held only under the sanction of the USACK.
- 2.7 In consideration of being awarded the National Sprint Championships or an event selecting a Team to represent USACK, it is understood and agreed that the Local Organization or Division under whose auspices the Regatta is to be held, agrees in all good faith to assume full responsibility for carrying out all provisions which are absolutely essential to ensure proper conduct of the competition.
- 2.8 Any circumstance not covered in this rulebook shall be handled by the local organizing group as the Competition Committee shall direct and any resultant expenses shall be borne by the local organization.

## III ELIGIBILITY

### 3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Competitions sanctioned by USACK shall be open to all USACK members in good standing unless declared closed by the SRC. A USACK member must:
  - a. hold a swimming certificate issued by an organization regularly conducting instruction in swimming or must be able to, upon request from the Regatta Committee, demonstrate ability to swim fifty (50) yards in reasonably good form;
  - b. be a bonafide member of the club he or she represents and a member of no other club or national federation in the 90 days preceding the competition;
  - c. race unattached if unable to satisfy the conditions of 3.1b above.
- 3.2 To compete at a regatta that the SRC has declared closed, a competitor must be:
  - a. a U.S. citizen; or
  - b. a holder of a valid permanent resident card; and
  - c. a current USACK member in good standing.
- 3.3 If the closed competition is a trials regatta for a U.S. team to compete at an ICF regatta, a Pan American Games or an Olympic Games, the competitor must be qualified to represent the U.S.A. in that regatta or Games at the time of the trials regatta.

### 4. Eligibility Classifications

- 4.1 A Bantam is one who has not reached his or her 14th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.
- 4.2 A Juvenile is one who has not reached his or her 16th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.

- 4.3 A Junior is one who has not reached his or her 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.
- 4.4 An Intermediate is one who meets the following qualifications:
  - a. shall not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a senior event or 1<sup>st</sup> in an Intermediate event at the National Championships in which the competitor desires to enter in the last Olympiad;
  - b. shall not have been a competing member of a Sr. World Championship or Olympic team in the last Olympiad;
  - c. and, shall not have entered the same event in both Intermediate and Senior classes during any one regatta.
- 4.5 Any change in classification will be effective after the end of the current season.
- 4.6 A Senior is anyone who does not meet the requirements of any other class. Seniors may paddle only in senior events.
- 4.7 A Master is a competitor who has reached his or her 30th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.
- 4.8 In addition to their own classes:
  - a. a Bantam may paddle in the Juvenile and Junior classes;
  - b. a Juvenile may paddle in the Junior and Senior classes;
  - c. a Junior may paddle in the Senior class;
  - d. an Intermediate may paddle in the Senior and Master class if he or she meets the age requirements for those classes; and
  - e. a Master may paddle in the Intermediate and Senior classes.

#### IV INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

##### 5. International Competitors

- 5.1 In competitions declared open, the following rules apply for international athletes:
  - a. meet registration deadlines and pay entry fees to participate in the competition;
  - b. will not be eligible for membership on a USACK team;
  - c. will race unattached; and
  - d. are not eligible to receive points, medals, or prizes awarded by the USACK.

#### V CLASSES AND BUILDING RULES

##### 6. Limitations

- 6.1 The official boats recognized by USACK are the following for men and women: K1, K2, K4, C1, C2, and C4
- 6.2 The Maximum length and minimum weight for sprint canoes and kayaks are as follows:

	Max Length	Min Weight
	Cm	Kilos
<b>K1</b>	520	12
<b>K2</b>	650	18
<b>K4</b>	1100	30
<b>C1</b>	520	16
<b>C2</b>	650	20
<b>C4</b>	900	30

- 6.3 Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and words.
- 6.4 Any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers shall be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitor's identification and does not affect the outcome of the race.
- 6.5 The advertising of tobacco products and strong alcoholic drinks will not be permitted.
- 6.6 Any boat, accessory or article of clothing that does not comply with the above mentioned conditions would be ineligible for use during a competition. Clubs are responsible for their own equipment.

##### 7. Construction

- 7.1 The Hull: Section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the kayak and canoe shall be convex (only horizontal and vertical).
- 7.2 The Deck: The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the cockpit.
- 7.3 No foreign substance may be added to boats that give competitors an unfair advantage.
- 7.4 All electric or electronic devices are forbidden in a boat when racing, this includes but is not limited to:
  - a. pumps
  - b. speed measuring devices
  - c. strain gauges
  - d. heart monitors
  - e. any device that performs the function of a metronome.
- 7.5 Kayaks: Kayaks may have one rudder. Over stern rudders may not be thicker than 10 mm for K1 and K2, or 12 mm for a K4.
- 7.6 Canoes:
  - a. The canoe must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length.
  - b. Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the canoe are not allowed.

- c. A keel, if any, must be straight, shall extend over the whole length of the canoe and not project more than 30 mm below the hull.
- d. The C1 and C2 may be entirely open. The minimum length if the opening shall be 280 cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunwale) can extend a maximum 5 cm into the craft along the whole defined opening. The boat can have a maximum of three strengthening bars with a maximum width of 7 cm each.
- e. The C4 canoe may be entirely open, the minimum length of the opening shall be 390 cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunwale) can extend a maximum 6 cm into the craft along the defined opening. The boat can have a maximum four strengthening bars with a maximum width of 7 cm each.

## 8. Boat Control

- 8.1 The length of a kayak or a canoe shall be measured between the extremes of the stem and the stern. Stem-bands or other projection of the stem or stern, if any, are to be included.
- 8.2 Any rudder forming a continuation of the length of a kayak is not to be included in the measurement.
- 8.3 No alterations in canoes and kayaks are permitted after the measuring and weighing and before the competition has taken place.
- 8.4 All loose fittings shall be removed.
- 8.5 Permanent knee rests attached in a definitive way to the floorboard and buoyant attachments consisting of water absorbing material must be absolutely dry at the first weighing prior to the race.
- 8.6 Three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee and on a random system shall be re-controlled immediately after the race.

## VI ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

### 9. Competition Officials

- 9.1 Competitions shall be held under the supervision of the following officials:
  - a. Chief Official\*
  - b. Deputy Chief Official\*
  - c. Technical Organizer
  - d. Competition Manager\*
  - e. Competition Secretary
  - f. Starter\*
  - g. Aligner\*
  - h. Course Umpire(s)\*
  - i. Turning Point Umpire(s)\*
  - j. Chief Finish Line Judge\*
  - k. Finishing Line Judge(s)
  - l. Chief Timer\*
  - m. Timekeeper(s)
  - n. Boat Controller(s)\*
  - o. Announcer
  - p. Press Officer
- 9.2 At the National Championships and at Sr. and Jr. Team selection events, a USACK Certified Official with current certification must fill the above positions with asterisks. All other USACK sanctioned events must be controlled by at least one USACK Certified Official with current certification.

### **9.3 If circumstances permit, one person may function in two of the above positions.**

- 9.4 **No unauthorized person may enter any official's area unless the Competition Committee has requested his or her presence.**

### 10. Competition Committee

- 10.1 The top management of the competition shall be in the hands of a Competition Committee which shall consist of the Chief Official, the Competition Manager and one additional person, appointed by the Chief Official, who may be one of the officials listed in 10.1, providing their duty is at or near the finish line at all times.
- 10.2 The Competition Committee:
  - a. may postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances which make it impossible to carry out the competition;
  - b. shall announce a time and location of an open meeting to follow the last event of the 1<sup>st</sup> day. This meeting will allow the team leaders, unattached competitors and those involved with the event to comment for discussion issues pertaining to the conduct of the regatta. The Competition Committee will announce any changes that resulted from the meeting;
  - c. must provide to the USACK a complete report covering finances; a list of the events contested; the name, club and the position of finish for each heat, semi-final and final; and a record of any protest lodged with the committee and the decision rendered within one week after the conclusion of the regatta;
  - d. must decide matters concerning disqualification in cases where the regulations are broken during a competition; and
  - e. must hear and decide the outcome of any protests and settle any disputes that may arise.
- 10.3 Before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of these rules, the Competition Committee:

- a. must obtain a complete report from the official or club leader;
  - b. hear the opinion of the official who controlled the race in which the infraction was said to have occurred;
  - c. seek the opinions of other officials in the race, if necessary, in clearing up the alleged infraction;
  - d. base decision on the USACK racing rules; and
  - e. shall make known its decision immediately and before the result of the race is announced.
- 10.4 A member of the Competition Committee who is affiliated by relation or club to a potential disqualification will be temporarily suspended from the case. A new official(s) appointed by the Chief Official will fill the temporary suspension.

## VII DUTIES OF THE OFFICIALS

### 11. The Chief Official

- 11.1 The Chief Official is also the Chairman of the Competition Committee and:
- a. shall decide all matters during the actual contest which are not dealt with in these rules;
  - b. may disqualify any competitor who behaves improperly or who by his or her conduct or speech shows contempt toward the competition officials, other competitors or onlookers;
  - c. shall ask all officials to take their positions at least 15 minutes before the start of the first race of the day and after any break in the schedule of events; and
  - d. shall make available instructions for competitors. See Rule 32

### 12. The Deputy Chief Official

- 12.1 The Deputy Chief Official will assist the Chief Official.

### 13. The Technical Organizer

- 13.1 The Technical Organizer shall make available, supervise and maintain all the technical, electronic, and physical equipment of the regatta venue.
- 13.2 The Technical Organizer shall assist Boat Control before the first day of racing, to ensure that the weight and measurement regulations are compliant.

### 14. Competition Manager

- 14.1 The Competition Manager supervises the races and is responsible for ensuring that the program is followed without unnecessary delay.
- 14.2 The Competition Manager manages the competition administration of the races. (Program, drawings, results, technical documents, boat control, press, protests, etc.)

### 15. Competition Secretary

- 15.1 The Competition Secretary shall be responsible for:
- a. receiving entries and entry fees;
  - b. notifying the USACK of any doubt of the eligibility of an entry. The USACK shall immediately investigate the same and, if the circumstances justify, empower the Competition Committee to refuse the entry;
  - c. preparing the heat, semi final, and final sheets;
  - d. recording and posting results;
  - e. preparing the list of winners;
  - f. provide for competitors printed information at least 1 hour before the specific competition;
  - g. provide the Announcer and Press Officials with all necessary information regarding the races, the results, and other information regarding the events; and
  - h. maintain a list of the events contested, the name, club and the position of finish for each heat, semi-final and final, and a record of any protest lodged with the committee and the decision rendered.

### 16. Starter

- 16.1 The starter:
- a. decides all questions concerning the start of the races;
  - b. is alone responsible for decisions as to false starts and the starter's decision is final;
  - c. shall see that the starting equipment is in good working order;
  - d. shall communicate via a signal to the officials at the finish line and after having received a response that all is ready to start, shall order the competitors to take their places and carry out the start according to the racing rules; and
  - e. may perform the duties of the aligner by calling the competitors to the start line.

### 17. Aligner

- 17.1 The Aligner receives the athletes as they check-in before the race and checks the:
- a. competitor's attire; and
  - b. boat number.
- 17.2 The Aligner may bring the boats to the starting line and when all boats are even notify the Starter.

## **18. Course Umpire**

- 18.1 At least two motorboats capable of operating at a speed of at least 18 mph will each carry a Course Umpire, an experienced operator, and anyone else authorized by the Chief Official.
- 18.2 The Course Umpire will follow 500m and 1000m races in a boat and be completely unhampered during the race.
- 18.3 For all 200-meter races, at least one Course Umpire will be stationary behind the start line and one Course Umpire will be stationary beyond the finish line.
- 18.4 The Course Umpire:
  - a. shall see to it that during a race the rules are complied with;
  - b. may give directions to the competitors during bantam races only;
  - c. shall show a white flag after the race if there is no infraction to report;
  - d. shall show a red flag after the race if there is an infraction to report. A written report must be immediately filed and delivered to the Chief Official before the next race takes place; and
  - e. in case of hindrances, must stop the competition by passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling. After this all boats shall return to the start. The Course Umpire shall report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee.

## **19. Turning Point Umpire**

- 19.1 When a race is run along a course with one or more turning points:
  - a. at least 1 Turning Point Umpire and 1 scribe must be stationed at every turning point where they gain the best view of the turn;
  - b. The Turning Point Umpire shall see that the competitors turn according to the rules and report any infraction immediately after the race; and
  - c. the scribe shall make a list of all who pass the turning point.
- 19.2 The authority and duties of the Turning Point Umpire correspond with those of the Course Umpire.

## **20. Chief Finish Line Judge & Finish Line Judges**

- 20.1 All Finish Line Judges shall be placed at the finishing post as near to the finish line as possible and in a position that allows all lanes at the finish line to be clearly seen.
- 20.2 Finish Line Judges shall be responsible for determining the order in which the competitors have passed the finish line.
- 20.3 The Chief Finish Line Judge:
  - a. shall assign duties to other Finish Line Judges;
  - b. hails all necessary boats to Boat Control;
  - c. acknowledges the Course Umpire with a flag of the same color;
  - d. shall consult with the photo\video finish system to make the final decision of all finish order disputes;
  - e. shall decide all finish order disputes in the absence of the photo\video finish system; and
  - f. shall have the final decision in cases where the finish order is in dispute.

## **21. Chief Timekeeper & Timekeepers**

- 21.1 Timekeepers are responsible for recording the times.
- 21.2 The Chief Timekeeper shall:
  - a. be the primary Timekeeper and may appoint at least one other Timekeeper;
  - b. see that at least two digital printing stopwatches are in working order. The stop-watches are to be started at the agreed upon signal from the start;
  - c. compare the official times with the other Timekeepers. When the stop watches have not
  - d. recorded the same time, the longest (worst) time shall be taken as correct;
  - e. and, immediately inform the Competition Secretary of official finish times.

## **22. Boat Controller**

- 22.1 The Boat Controller shall:
  - a. measure, weigh and certify all boats prior to the start of the event. Should any of the boats not fulfill the requirements concerning Rule 7 and 8, they shall be excluded from the competition;
  - b. check certification and weigh all boats reporting to Boat Control after a race;
  - c. and, submit a written report to the Chief Official of any limitation or construction infraction that arises from post race boat control.

## **23. Announcer**

- 23.1 The Announcer must have all announcements approved by the Competition Manager and shall announce:
  - a. the start time of each race;
  - b. lane assignments;
  - c. position of the competitors during the race;
  - d. the official results;
  - e. and, other announcements pertaining to the event.

## 24. Press Officer

26.3 The Press Officer:

- a. is authorized to ask for information from the Competition Manager; and
- b. must supply all necessary information to the representatives of the media about the event and its progress.

26.3 If the Press Officer is not USACK staff, the Press Officer should work with the USACK office to provide adequate pre-race publicity.

## 25. Certification Of Officials

25.1 A candidate for the USACK Official exam must have reached his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

25.2 Certification as a USACK Official will be granted to persons who have passed an examination administered by the USACK.

25.3 The examination will be based on the USACK Racing Rules and practical regatta experience.

25.4 An examination fee as determined from time to time by the SRC will be charged for the certification examination.

25.5 To maintain certification as a USACK Official, an official must:

- a. be a current member of the USACK;
- b. serve in two local USACK sanctioned events, and one national level event; and
- c. participate as an official in one official training seminar within each Olympiad.

## VIII INVITATIONS & ENTRY FORMS

### 26. Invitations

26.1 Invitations to participate at Jr. and Sr. Team Trials shall be announced to the membership by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

26.2 Invitations to participate at the National Championships shall be announced to the membership by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

26.3 An invitation to a competition shall contain the following information:

- a. the USACK as the sanctioning body;
- b. name of sponsor(s);
- c. time and place of the competition and directions thereto;
- d. declaration of an "Open" or "Closed" event;
- e. a list of local accommodations and contact numbers;
- f. schedule of events which includes classes and distances of races;
- g. type of body of water and minimum depth of water;
- h. direction of the current, if any, in relation to the direction of the course;
- i. amount of entrance fee and other fees that may be charged;
- j. address to which entries should be sent;
- k. last date for receiving entries, which shall not be earlier than 14 days prior to the first day of the competition; and
- l. late entries cannot be accepted.

### 27. Entry Forms

27.1 An entry shall contain the following:

- a. the name of the club or federation to which the competitor(s) belongs or designation of unattached;
- b. the classes and distances in which the competitor(s) proposes to compete; and
- c. the first and last name of each competitor, together with the date and year of his or her birth, eligibility classification, and USACK membership number.

27.2 A participant may be listed as the entrant or an alternate in a boat, not both.

27.3 Only 1 alternate can be named per every K-2 and C-2 entry.

27.4 Only 2 alternates can be named per every K-4 and C-4 entry.

27.5 In order for an entry to be accepted, it must be emailed, faxed, or mailed, with a date & time stamp of before midnight on the last day for receiving entries.

27.6 In the eventuality of conflicting information, the information from the participant's club coach and/or signature will take precedence.

27.7 No athlete may be entered in more than four (4) events per day at the National Championships.

27.8 No athlete may be entered in more than eight (8) events at the National Championships

### 28. Entry Fees

28.1 When entry fees are a condition for participation in a regatta, no competitor may start in any race unless his or her entry fee has been paid.

**28.2 Entry fees will not be refunded due to any alteration or withdrawal from an event.**

**28.3 Entries fees for the National Championships, National Masters Championships, Senior Team Trials, Junior Team Trials, and Olympic Trials will be set by the SRC.**

### 29. Team Leaders/Scratch Meeting

- 29.1 At least 12 hours before the start of the first race of the competition, one team leaders/scratch meeting will be held.
- 29.2 At the team leader/scratch meeting, the event organizers will describe the regatta course and all other arrangements to which participants must adhere for the duration of the competition; and
- 29.3 The Chief Official will describe the regatta program and ask for any changes to the entries.

### **30. Alterations in Entries and Withdrawals**

- 30.1 At the Team Leader/Scratch Meeting prior to the start of the event, only alternates named in the entry can be substituted for the named competitor(s).
- 30.2 If a lane is available, alternate entered in the same event may form a boat after all changes for that event have been heard at the scratch meeting.
- 30.3 The composition of a crew cannot change after the first race in an event.
- 30.4 The withdrawal of an entry at the scratch meeting or 1 hour before the first race of the day is considered final, and no renewed entry of the same crew is allowed.

### **31. Alteration in the Sequence of Events**

- 31.1 The sequence of races given in the invitation is binding on the organizers.
- 31.2 Alterations cannot be made unless all of the respective team leaders or representatives at the competition give their consent.
- 31.3 At the National Championships, the order of races shall be in accordance with the detailed schedule of events for the National Championships. If no new schedule is announced, the previous year's schedule of events will apply.

### **32. Instructions for Competitors**

- 32.1 At least 5 hours before the beginning of the regatta, the Competition Manager shall make available to all Team Leaders the following information:
  - a. all revisions made at the team leader/scratch meeting;
  - b. starting times;
  - c. location of the start and finish line for all scheduled distances;
  - d. location of the warm up area;
  - e. traffic patterns on the water and launching areas;
  - f. place where competition information may be obtained and posted; and
  - g. the location of boat control.

## **IX COURSE CONSTRUCTION**

### **33. Layout**

- 33.1 A civil engineer shall survey the racecourse.
- 33.2 The water over the entire course shall be uniform and at least 2 meters deep.
- 33.3 At least 5 hours before the start of the event, the racecourse shall be marked by means of clearly visible buoys.
- 33.4 The course at the start and finish line shall permit a maximum of 9 lanes. Lane number one shall be the far left lane then number two and so on.
- 33.5 The width of each lane shall be at least 9 meters and a maximum of 13.5 meters wide.
- 33.6 The lanes shall be marked with buoys along the length of the course and shall not exceed 1000 meters. The last buoy must be 2 meters after the finish line.
- 33.7 The start and finish lines shall lie at right angles to the course.
- 33.8 The start and finish line must be marked so that all necessary officials can maintain an accurate start and finish line at all times.
- 33.9 Two red buoys topped by flags marking the outside edges of the course shall mark the finish line. No other buoys shall be installed on the finish line.

### **34. Turning Points**

- 34.1 For races exceeding 1,000 meters, turning points are permitted.
- 34.2 The turning points shall be marked by at least four buoys.
- 34.3 Both the start and finish line shall be clearly identifiable to the competitor and take place in front of the finish tower.

### **35. Starting Facilities**

- 35.1 The start platform must:
  - a. Be located as close to the starting line as possible and securely fixed.
  - b. Contain:
    - 1) a starting device and back-up device;
    - 2) a megaphone;
    - 3) a clock; and
    - 4) technical means of communicating with the finish line officials.
- 35.2 At the National Championships and U.S. Team Trials, all races shall start from a pontoon or dock.

### **36. Finish Line Facilities**

- 36.1 A finish line stand must:
- provide an unobstructed view of the finish line for all necessary finish line officials;
  - provide adequate protection from the wind, sun and rain; and
  - have a fixed steady sight line to accurately indicate the finish.
- 36.2 A photo/video finish area will contain:
- a video camera to record all boats finishing in every race contested;
  - a line coinciding with the finishing line of the course shall show in each picture;
  - only the Chief Finish Line judge and the Chief Official may review the photo finish video to aid in any decision making process; and
  - no person shall have access to the film, unless the authority is given by the Chief Official.
- 36.3 Access to a designated finish line area will be limited exclusively to people authorized by the Competition Committee.
- 36.4 No boat of any kind shall loiter on the extended finish line or sweep past the finish line for the purpose of watching or photographing the finish of any race.

**37. Course Safety**

- 37.1 In order to insure that all manner of craft shall be kept off the course during the regatta and to act as rescue boats, there must be at least two motorboats for patrol service, each boat containing not more than two occupants, one of which should have emergency authority in order to maintain an absolutely clear course under all conditions.

**X PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**38. Program of Events**

- 38.1 The following table includes all eligible events that can be contested at a sanctioned USACK Sprint event:

	Men & Women			
	K1, K2, K4, C1, C2, C4			
Bantam	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m
Juvenile	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m
Junior	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m
Intermediate	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m
Senior	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m
Master	200m	500m	1000m	1000+m

- 38.2 The program for the USACK Sprint National Championships shall be determined from time to time by the SRC.

**XI RACING REGULATIONS**

**39. Heats, Semi Finals and Finals**

- 39.1 Heats, Semi Finals, and Finals shall be run on the same stretch of water.
- 39.2 One boat entry constitutes a race and may be run alone or with another race comparable in speed as a direct final.
- 39.3 Any paddler who has not taken part in the heat or semi final as instructed shall not be allowed to compete in the final.
- 39.4 If the number of entries in races up to and including 1,000 meters is so great that heats are necessary, the number of boats in each heat and semi final may not exceed nine.
- 39.5 The division of the competitors into heats and the assignment of their lane numbers shall be determined by drawing lots or by seeding. If the heats are to be seeded, then the previous year's rank will determine the first 9 athletes. The remaining assignments will be determined by lot.
- 39.6 When making the draw or seeding, the difference between the number of competitors in the heats shall not exceed one. If the number of competitors in the heat varies, the earlier heats shall have the larger number.
- 39.7 The Competition Committee has the authority to run an event with only 10 boats entered as a direct final.
- 39.8 In 1,000 meter races the interval between heats, semifinals, and finals must not be less than one and one half (1 1/2) hours; for 500 meter races not less than one (1) hour, for 200 meter not less than one half (1/2) hour.
- 39.9 For races of more than 1,000 meters, heats shall not be held, and all canoes/kayaks taking part shall start simultaneously. Should the width of water not permit a simultaneous start, starts at regular intervals shall be permitted.

**40. Progressions & Plans**

See Appendix A

**41. Start**

- 41.1 Competitors shall:
- check in with the Aligner before the start. Any boat that does not report to the Aligner will be disallowed from starting.
  - be at the start line in their appropriate lanes at the time specified in the racing program.
- 41.2 The start shall commence without reference to any absentees.
- 41.3 The position of the boats at the start shall be such that the bows of the competing boats are on the starting line.

- 41.4 Boats must remain stationary.
- 41.5 The Starter will announce to the competitors the time remaining to the start by saying, "START WITHIN TEN SECONDS"; when the Starter is satisfied, he or she will give the starting signal by a shot, a short powerful sound, or the word "GO."
- 41.6 In long distance races, the Starter shall declare "START WITHIN ONE MINUTE"; when the Starter is satisfied, he or she will give the starting signal by a shot, a short powerful sound, or the word "GO."
- 41.7 If the Starter is not satisfied with the lineup, the command will be "Stop" and the Starter or Aligner will reposition the boats.
- 41.8 In races greater than 1000 meters, the starter shall declare "start within one minute"; when the Starter is satisfied, he or she will give the starting signal by a shot, a short powerful sound, or the word "GO."
- 41.9 Any competitor who disregards the instructions from the Starter or the Aligner to take up the correct position at the start or who keeps ahead of the other competitors shall be excluded from the race in question.
- 41.10 The Starter may recall a race by means of a second shot, signal or by hailing the competitors.

#### **42. False Starts**

- 42.1 If a boat/competitor starts paddling ahead after the words "START WITHIN TEN SECONDS" or "START WITHIN ONE MINUTE," and before the starting signal has been given, the boat/competitor will be assessed a false start.
- 42.2 The Starter must immediately fire two shots and warn the offending boat/competitor.
- 42.3 If two false starts are made by the same boat/competitor, the Starter must exclude the boat from the race. A warning and subsequent disqualification by the Starter applies only to the boat/competitor which/who caused the false start.

#### **43. Failure To Start A Race**

- 43.1 If a competitor from the Junior, Intermediate, Senior or Master Classes does not start an assigned heat, semi final or final the competitor shall be disqualified for the duration of that day's events.
- 43.2 If a competitor from the Bantam or Juvenile Classes does not start an assigned heat, semi final or final the competitor shall be disqualified from that event.

#### **44. Means of Propulsion**

- 44.1 Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-bladed paddles.
- 44.2 Canadian canoes shall be propelled solely by means of single-bladed paddles.
- 44.3 The paddles may not be fixed on the boats in any way.
- 44.4 If a paddle is broken a competitor may not be provided with a new one by a supporter.

#### **45. Interruptions**

- 45.1 The Umpire has the right to interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen hindrances arise. The competitors must immediately stop paddling and await further instructions.
- 45.2 If a race is declared null and void, no change of the composition of a crew is permitted at the new start.
- 45.3 In the event of a capsized, the competitor(s) is eliminated from the race if the competitor(s) is not able to get into the boat without outside help.

#### **46. Finish**

- 46.1 The boat has finished the race when its bow crosses the finish line with all paddlers in it.
- 46.2 If two or more boats reach the finishing line at the same time they get the same place, advancement, and benefits from the result.
- 46.3 In the case where only one boat can receive the benefit of the result, then a re-race involving the boats sharing the same result will take place one hour after the completion of the day's program.

#### **47. Clothing**

- 47.1 No competitor shall be allowed to start in a race unless he or she is properly clad in his or her organization's, club's or personal racing uniform.

#### **48. Boat Numbers**

- 48.1 All kayaks and canoes shall carry a vertical plate marked with black numbers on a yellow or white non-translucent, opaque, background indicating the lane.
- 48.2 The lane number plate shall be placed on the aft-deck of a kayak and the fore deck of a canoe.
- 48.3 The size of the number plate shall be 18 x 20 cm.
- 48.4 Each boat must have a lane number holder firmly attached to the boat.
- 48.5 All numbers must be displayed without obstruction by mountings.
- 48.6 An individual paddler or Club must provide its own sufficient sets of lane number plates 1 through 9.

#### **49. Pacing and Riding Wash**

- 49.1 Taking pace or receiving assistance from another boat not in the race or by any other means is not permitted.
- 49.2 In races up to 1000 meters:

- a. competitors must keep to their lane from the start to the finish of the course. They shall keep as far as possible to the center of their lane. A competitor whose boat crosses into another lane has not kept to his or her own lane. and
  - b. no boat may come nearer than five meters in any direction to another competitor.
- 49.3 In races of more than 1000 meters:
- a. Competitors may deviate from their lane, providing they do not impede other competitors, and
  - b. each competitor shall be warned by a sound when he or she passes a point 1000 meters from the finish line.

## **50. Disqualifications**

- 50.1 Any competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than honorable means, or who breaks the racing regulations, or who disregards the honorable nature of the racing regulations shall be disqualified from the race concerned, or the day's events, or from the entire event.
- 50.2 Should a competitor(s) have completed a race in a kayak or canoe that is shown upon boat control inspection not to fulfill the USACK classification, the competitor(s) shall be disqualified from the race in question.
- 50.3 It is prohibited to receive external assistance during a race from another competitor in the regatta. All boats involved will be disqualified.
- 50.4 It is prohibited to receive external assistance during a race from anyone other than a competitor in the regatta. The boat in the race will be disqualified and the person providing the external assistance will be subject to the disciplinary provisions of Rule 62.
- 50.5 When a race is in progress, boats not taking part in the race and adjacent to the racecourse must stop paddling until all boats in the race have gone past.
- 50.6 All disqualifications by the Competition Committee have to be immediately confirmed in writing with the reasons. The competitor or team leader has to acknowledge the receipt on a copy with the exact time, which is the start of the protest time.

## **51. Turns and Rights of Way**

- 51.1 When a race is run on a course with turning points, these shall be passed to port (i.e., in a counter clock-wise direction).
- 51.2 When approaching the first turning point proper overlap determines right of way: if the bow of the inside boat is level with the front edge of the cockpit of the outside boat, then the inside boat has right of way and the outside boat must allow the inside boat room to maneuver around the turning points. With respect to K-2 and K-4, this refers to the fore cockpit. With respect to C-1, it refers to the level of the competitor's body, and for C-2, it refers to the level of the body of the foremost member of the crew.
- 51.3 If the inside boat does not establish right of way before the first turning point, then the outside boat has right of way around the turning points.
- 51.4 A competitor will not be disqualified for touching a turning point buoy, unless, in the opinion of the Turning Point Umpires, an advantage has been gained.

## **52. Overtaking**

- 52.1 The overtaking craft must always give way to the boat being overtaken.
- 52.2 The boat being overtaken is not allowed to alter its course to make difficulties for the overtaking craft.

## **53. Collision or Damage**

- 53.1 Any competitor who is responsible for a collision with another boat, or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another, can be disqualified and can be required to pay damages.

## **XII POINT SCORING & AWARDS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **54. Club Championship Awards**

- 54.1 Club Championships Awards at the annual National Championships shall be based on points scored from the following classifications:
  - a. Senior National Championships - Washington Canoe Club Trophy: points scored in Senior, Intermediate, and Master events.
  - b. Junior National Championships - Black Anvil Trophy: points scored in Junior events.
  - c. Juvenile National Championships - Thomas Horton Trophy: points scored in Juvenile events.
  - d. Bantam National Championships - Columbia-Murphy: points scored in Bantam events.
  - e. Overall National Championships, Yonkers Trophy: sum of all points scored in every classification during the National Championships
- 54.2 If there is a tie in points between clubs, then the club with the most complete team boats that earned points will be awarded the trophy.

### **55. Individual Awards for National Champions**

- a. Winner of the K1 500 Jr. Women - Mimi Le Beau Memorial
- b. Winner of the K1 1000 Jr. Men - Greg Barton Memorial
- c. Winner of the K1 500 Sr. Men - Donald Dodge Memorial
- d. Winner of the K2 1000 Sr. Men - Beachem & Van Dyke Memorial
- e. Winner of the K4 1000 Sr. Men - Eric Feicht Memorial

## **56. Points**

- 56.1 To score points for a club at a National Championships a competitor must have been a member of his or her club for the 90 days preceding that National Championships.
- 56.2 Unless otherwise specified, points from the National Championship Final A shall be rewarded as follows:
  - a. First Place six (6) points
  - b. Second Place four (4) points
  - c. Third Place three (3) points
  - d. Fourth Place two (2) points
  - e. Fifth Place one (1) point
- 56.3 Complete club tandem boats will receive 1 extra point when placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 56.4 Complete club quad boats will receive 2 extra points when placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 56.5 If ties occur, points shall be assigned equally and duplicate awards will be given.
- 56.6 Points won by team boats shall be divided equally among the team members and credited to the club that they represent.
- 56.7 No boat containing an international athlete may earn points for a club.
- 56.8 Points shall be awarded to the top 5 U.S. boats based on order of finish. International athletes placing in the top 5 will be disregarded in order to achieve this

## **57. Awards**

- 57.1 No awards are necessary, nor do they have to conform to any rule or regulation set forth by the USACK, except for the awards presented at the National Championships.
- 57.2 At the National Championships a separate medal shall be used for awards in the Bantam, Juvenile, Junior Intermediate Senior, and Master events.
- 57.3 The medal shall be 1 1/2 inches in diameter and shall have a gold, silver and bronze finish with neck ribbons. The design to be used on the medal must be approved by the SRC. Only the SRC may approve trophies for award in the National Championships Regatta.
- 57.4 Any competitor may display a club pennant or U. S. flag on the awards stand. No other pennant will be allowed.

## **XIII PROTESTS & APPEALS**

### **58. Protest**

- 58.1 A protest against the right of a crew to take part in a race shall be referred to the Chief Official not later than one hour before the start of the race. A protest can be made within 30 days from the date when the race in question was held, if the person filing the protest can prove that the facts on which the protest is based were discovered less than one hour before the start of the race in question.
- 58.2 A protest filed during a competition must be addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official no later than 20 minutes after the team leader/coach has been informed of the decision against his competitor and/or has signed a receipt.
- 58.3 A fee of twenty-five (25) dollars shall be paid to the USACK with every protest filed. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 58.4 At local and regional races all protests shall be made in writing.
- 58.5 At the National Championships and U.S. Team Trials all protests shall be made in writing on USACK protest forms. The Competition Committee will not hear protests in cases where the form is incomplete.
- 58.6 When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the team leader/coach of the athlete/team in question shall be presented the protest or report to read.

### **59. Appeals**

- 59.1 Competitors have the right to appeal the decision of the Competition Committee within 30 days from the date when the decision was rendered.
- 59.2 A fee of twenty-five (25) dollars shall be paid to the USACK with every appeal filed. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- 59.3 All appeals shall be made in writing and filed on USACK appeal forms.
- 59.4 An appeal will only succeed if an appellant can show that the Competition Committee erred in applying the rules governing the conduct of the competition.
- 59.5 An appellant must specify on the USACK appeal form the error in applying the rules alleged to have been made by the Competition Committee.
- 59.6 A jury will not hear an appeal in any case where the appeal form is incomplete.

### **60. Regional Jury**

- 60.1 When an appeal is filed contesting the decision of a local or regional event, it must be submitted to the Regional Representative and the office of USACK.
- 60.2 The appeal will be heard by a jury consisting of:
  - a. the Regional Representative;

- b. an SRC Athlete's Representative; and
  - c. one official who attended the event in question but was not part of the Competition Committee.
- 60.3 If one of these jury members is involved in the protest, the USACK Executive Director will appoint a replacement jury member.
- 60.4 The regional jury must submit a written verdict to the appellant and a copy to the USACK office.
- 60.5 All decisions made by the Regional Jury will be considered final.

**61. USACK Jury**

- 61.1 When an appeal is filed contesting the decision made by the Competition Committee at a National Championships, Junior or Senior Team selection event, it must be submitted to the Chair of the SRC and the office of USACK.
- 61.2 The appeal will be heard by a jury consisting of:
- a. the Chair and Vice Chair of the SRC;
  - b. one certified official who attended the event in question but was not part of the Competition Committee;
  - c. an SRC Athlete's Representative; and
  - d. one other person appointed by the Athlete's Representative.
- 61.3 If one of these jury members is involved in the protest, the USACK Executive Director will appoint a replacement jury member.
- 61.4 All decisions made by the USACK Jury will be considered final.

**XIV DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

**62. Disciplinary Measures**

- 62.1 Disciplinary measures can be taken against individual members for breach of the USACK Articles of Incorporation, USACK By-Laws, Sprint Racing Rules, or for having harmed the interest of the USACK.
- 62.1 The disciplinary measures of USA Canoe and Kayak are:
- a. Caution: a verbal warning.
  - b. Reprimand: a verbal reprimand.
  - c. Exclusion: excludes the individual from attending the event.
  - d. Suspension: suspension bans the individual from participation in USACK competitions (national, regional or international) until the suspension is lifted.
  - e. Expulsion: Membership in USACK ceases.

**63. Disciplinary Action**

- 63.1 The Chief Official is the only official who may issue a caution during an event. Otherwise, the Chair of the SRC will issue a caution. A written report must be filed with the Competition Secretary and included in the final report to the USACK.
- 63.2 The Competition Committee and an SRC Athlete's Representative will render by majority vote the final decision when there is cause to reprimand and/or exclude a competitor during an event. If an SRC Athlete's Representative is not available, then the Competition Committee will appoint a senior athlete attending the event to act as an Athlete's Representative. A written report must be filed with the Competition Secretary and included in the final report to the USACK. A copy of the report must be filed with the SRC and USACK Board within one week of when the reprimand was issued.
- 63.3 Suspension and Expulsion are governed by the USACK bylaws and determined by the USACK Board of Directors on a two-thirds majority vote.
- 63.4 Appeals of a decision of the USACK Board must be made according to the grievance procedures included in the USACK Constitution and the USACK By-laws.

**XV AMENDMENTS**

**64. Amendments**

- 64.1 Upon a majority vote by the SRC these Rules may be amended only after the complete proposed amendment has been made public for at least two weeks. Any amendment may be modified by the SRC in accordance with Robert Rules of Order without being republished.

**APPENDIX A Progressions & Plans**

40.1 USACK Progressions for Senior Events Only:

Competitor	Plan	Heats	Semi-finals	Finals
1 to 9				A: 1 x 9
10 to 18	AA	2 x 9 1-2 to Final A Rest to S.F.	2 x 7 1-2 + 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. to Final A Rest to Final B	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
19 to 27	BB	3 x 9 1 <sup>st</sup> to Final A 2/7 to S.F. Rest to Final C	2 x 9 1/3 to Final A 4/7 + 8 <sup>th</sup> BT to Final B Rest to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9
28 to 36	CC	4 X 9 1-6 to S.F.+ 3 best next by time Rest out	3 X 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9

40.2 In case of a tie at the finish for any position advancing to the next round of competitions, both boats will advance. The drawing of lots will determine to which race and lane these boats will advance, using lane 10 if necessary.

40.3 USACK Plan AA:

**PLAN AA**

**COMPETITORS 10 / 18**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
	AA/1 S.F. 1	AA/1 S.F. 2	
<b>H H</b>			<b>FINAL A</b>
<b>1 2</b>	3/1 H... 5	4/1 H... 6	1/1 H..... 5
10. 5 5	5/1 H... 7	6/1 H... 4	2/1 H..... 7
11. 6 5	8/1 H... 3	7/1 H... 8	1/2 H..... 6
12. 6 6	4/2 H... 6	9/2 H... 2	2/2 H..... 4
13. 7 6	6/2 H... 4	3/2 H... 5	1/1 S. F..... 3
14. 7 7	7/2 H... 8	5/2 H... 7	2/1 S. F..... 2
15. 8 7	9/2 H... 2	2/2 H... 3	1/2 S. F..... 8
16. 8 8			2/2 S. F..... 1
17. 9 8			3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. S. F..... 9
18. 9 9			
----- <b>1/2 to Final A</b> <b>Rest to S.F.</b> -----		----- <b>1/2 + 3<sup>rd</sup> B.T.</b> <b>to Final A</b> <b>Rest to</b> <b>Final B</b> -----	<b>FINAL B</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T S. F..5 4/1 S. F..... 6 5/1 S. F..... 3 6/1 S. F..... 8 2/1 S. F..... 1 4/2 S. F..... 4 5/2 S. F..... 7 6/2 S. F..... 2 7/2 S. F..... 9

40.4 USACK Plan BB:

**PLAN BB COMPETITORS 19 / 27**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
	BB/1 S.F. 1	BB/2 S.F. 1	
<b>H H H</b> <b>1 2 3</b> 19. 7 6 6 20. 7 7 6 21. 7 7 7 22. 8 7 7 23. 8 8 7 24. 8 8 8 25. 9 8 8 26. 9 9 8 27. 9 9 9	2/1 H... 5 4/1 H... 7 6/1 H... 1 3/2 H... 4 5/2 H... 2 7/2 H... 9 3/3 H... 6 4/3 H... 3 6/3 H... 8	3/1 H... 6 5/1 H... 2 6/1 H... 9 3/2 H... 4 4/2 H... 7 6/2 H... 8 2/3 H... 5 4/3 H... 3 7/3 H... 1	<b>FINAL A</b> 1/1 H..... 5 1/2 H..... 4 1/3 H..... 6 1/1 S. F..... 3 2/1 S. F..... 8 3/1 S. F..... 1 1/2 S. F..... 7 2/2 S. F..... 2 3/2 S. F..... 9
	B/1 S.F. 2	B/2 S.F. 2	<b>FINAL B</b> 4/1 S. F..... 5 5/1 S. F..... 3 6/1 S. F..... 7 7/1 S. F..... 1 4/2 S. F..... 4 5/2 S. F..... 6 6/2 S. F..... 2 7/2 S. F..... 8 8 <sup>TH</sup> B.T..... 9
	3/1 H... 6 5/1 H... 7 7/1 H... 1 2/2 H... 5 4/2 H... 3 6/2 H... 8 2/3 H... 4 5/3 H... 2 7/3 H... 9	2/1 H... 5 4/1 H... 3 7/1 H... 9 2/2 H... 4 5/2 H... 7 7/2 H... 1 3/3 H... 6 5/3 H... 2 6/3 H... 8	<b>FINAL C</b> 8/1 H..... 2 9/1 H..... 9 8/2 H..... 4 9/2 H..... 8 8/3 H..... 6 9/3 H..... 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> B.T. S. F. 5 9/1 S. F..... 7 9/2 S. F..... 3
----- <b>1<sup>st</sup> to Final A</b> <b>2/7 to S.F.</b> <b>Rest to Final C</b> -----		----- <b>1/3 to Final A</b> <b>4/7+8<sup>th</sup> BT to</b> <b>Final B</b> <b>Rest to</b> <b>Final C</b> -----	

**PLAN CC COMPETITORS 28 / 36**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
	C/1 S.F. 1	C/2 S.F. 1	
<b>H H H H</b> <b>1 2 3 4</b> 28. 7 7 7 7 29. 8 7 7 7 30. 8 8 7 7 31. 8 8 8 7 32. 8 8 8 8 33. 9 8 8 8 34. 9 9 8 8 35. 9 9 9 8 36. 9 9 9 9	1/1 H... 5 5/1 H... 8 2/2 H... 4 6/2 H... 1 2/3 H... 6 5/3 H... 2 3/4 H... 3 4/4 H... 7 1st best next by time..9	2/1 H... 4 6/1 H... 8 1/2 H... 6 6/2 H... 1 3/3 H... 3 4/3 H... 7 1/4 H... 5 5/4 H... 2 1st best next by time..9	<b>FINAL A</b> 1/1 S. F..... 5 2/1 S. F..... 3 3/1 S. F..... 8 1/2 S. F..... 4 2/2 S. F..... 7 3/2 S. F..... 1 1/3 S. F..... 6 2/3 S. F..... 2 3/3 S. F..... 9
	<b>C/1 S.F. 2</b> 3/1 H... 6 4/1 H... 2 1/2 H... 5 5/2 H... 8 3/3 H... 3 4/3 H... 7 2/4 H... 4 6/4 H... 9 2nd best next by time..1	<b>C/2 S.F. 2</b> 3/1 H... 6 5/1 H... 8 3/2 H... 3 4/2 H... 7 1/3 H... 5 6/3 H... 9 2/4 H... 4 4/4 H... 2 2nd best next by time..1	<b>FINAL B</b> 4/1 S. F..... 5 5/1 S. F..... 7 6/1 S. F..... 2 4/2 S. F..... 6 5/2 S. F..... 3 6/2 S. F..... 1 4/3 S. F..... 4 5/3 S. F..... 8 6/3 S. F..... 9
	<b>C/1 S.F. 3</b> 2/1 H... 6 6/1 H... 1 3/2 H... 3 4/2 H... 7 1/3 H... 4 6/3 H... 8 1/4 H... 5 5/4 H... 2 3rd best next by time..9	<b>C/2 S.F. 3</b> 1/1 H... 5 4/1 H... 7 2/2 H... 6 5/2 H... 2 2/3 H... 4 5/3 H... 8 3/4 H... 3 6/4 H... 9 3rd best next by time..1	<b>FINAL C</b> 7/1 S. F..... 6 8/1 S. F..... 8 9/1 S. F..... 1 7/2 S. F..... 5 8/2 S. F..... 3 9/2 S. F..... 9 7/3 S. F..... 4 8/3 S. F..... 7 9/3 S. F..... 2
----- <b>1/6 To Semi-Final +                      3 Best next by Time                      Rest Out</b> -----			----- <b>1-3 to Final A                      4-6 to Final B                      7-9 to Final C</b> -----

**APPENDIX B INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION**

**A1 ICF Progressions**

Competitor	Plan	Heats	Semi-finals	Finals
10/18	A	2 X 9 1/3 to Final 4/7 to S.F. + 8 <sup>th</sup> B.T. Rest out	1 X 9 1/3 to Final Rest out	1 x 9
19/27	B	3 X 9 1 <sup>st</sup> to Final 2/7 to S.F. Rest Out	2 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/7 +8 <sup>th</sup> B.T. to Final B Rest Out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
28/36	C	4 X 9 1/6 to S.F.+ 3 best next by time Rest out	3 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/6 to Final B Rest Out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
37/45	D	5 X 9 1/7 to S.F. + 8 <sup>th</sup> B.T. Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. to Final A 3/4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. + 2 best next by time to Final B Rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
46/54	E	6 X 9 1/6 to S.F. Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. to Final A 3/4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. + 2 best next by time to Final B Rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
55/63	F	7 X 9 1/5 to S.F. + 6 <sup>th</sup> B.T. Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + 3 <sup>rd</sup> B.T. to Final A 3/4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT. + 2 best next by time to Final B Rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9

**PLAN A COMPETITORS 10 / 18**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
	A/1	S.F. 1	
<b>H H</b> <b>1 2</b> 10. 5 5 11. 6 5 12. 6 6 13. 7 6 14. 7 7 15. 8 7 16. 8 8 17. 9 8 18. 9 9	4/1 H... 5 1/1 5/1 H... 6 2/1 6/1 H... 2 3/1 7/1 H... 8 1/2 4/2 H... 4 2/2 5/2 H... 3 3/2 6/2 H... 7 1/1 7/2 H... 1 2/1 8 B.T... 9 3/1	<b>FINAL A</b> 1/1 H..... 5 2/1 H..... 3 3/1 H..... 7 1/2 H..... 4 2/2 H..... 6 3/2 H..... 2 1/1 F..... 8 2/1 F..... 1 3/1 F..... 9	
----- <b>1/3 Direct to Final</b> <b>4/7 + 8 B.T. to S.F</b> <b>Rest Out</b> -----		----- <b>1/3 To Final</b> <b>Rest Out</b> -----	

**PLAN B COMPETITORS 19 / 27**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS				FINALS
	B/1	S.F. 1	B/2	S.F. 1	
<b>H H H</b> <b>1 2 3</b> 19. 7 6 6 20. 7 7 6 21. 7 7 7 22. 8 7 7 23. 8 8 7 24. 8 8 8 25. 9 8 8 26. 9 9 8 27. 9 9 9	2/1 H... 5 4/1 H... 7 6/1 H... 1 3/2 H... 4 5/2 H... 2 7/2 H... 9 3/3 H... 6 4/3 H... 3 6/3 H... 8	3/1 H... 6 5/1 H... 2 6/1 H... 9 3/2 H... 4 4/2 H... 7 6/2 H... 8 2/3 H... 5 4/3 H... 3 7/3 H... 1	<b>FINAL A</b> 1/1 H..... 5 1/2 H..... 4 1/3 H..... 6 1/1 S. F..... 3 2/1 S. F..... 8 3/1 S. F..... 1 1/2 S. F..... 7 2/2 S. F..... 2 3/2 S. F..... 9		
	<b>B/1</b>	<b>S.F. 2</b>	<b>B/2</b>	<b>S.F. 2</b>	<b>FINAL B</b> 4/1 S. F..... 5 5/1 S. F..... 3 6/1 S. F..... 7 7/1 S. F..... 1 4/2 S. F..... 4 5/2 S. F..... 6 6/2 S. F..... 2 7/2 S. F..... 8 8 <sup>TH</sup> B. T..... 9
----- <b>1st To Final</b> <b>2/7 to S.F.</b> <b>Rest Out</b> -----				----- <b>1/3 To Final A</b> <b>4/7 + 8th B.T. to</b> <b>Final B</b> <b>Rest Out</b> -----	

**PLAN C**

**COMPETITORS 28 / 36**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
	C/1 S.F. 1	C/2 S.F. 1	
<b>H H H H</b> <b>1 2 3 4</b> 28. 7 7 7 7 29. 8 7 7 7 30. 8 8 7 7 31. 8 8 8 7 32. 8 8 8 8 33. 9 8 8 8 34. 9 9 8 8 35. 9 9 9 8 36. 9 9 9 9	1/1 H... 5 5/1 H... 8 2/2 H... 4 6/2 H... 1 2/3 H... 6 5/3 H... 2 3/4 H... 3 4/4 H... 7 1st best next by time..9	2/1 H... 4 6/1 H... 8 1/2 H...6 6/2 H...1 3/3 H...3 4/3 H...7 1/4 H... 5 5/4 H...2 1st best next by time...9	<b>FINAL A</b> 1/1 S.F..... 5 2/1 S.F..... 3 3/1 S.F..... 8 1/2 S.F..... 4 2/2 S.F.....7 3/2 S.F.....1 1/3 S.F..... 6 2/3 S.F..... 2 3/3 S.F..... 9
	<b>C/1 S.F. 2</b> 3/1 H... 6 4/1 H... 2 1/2 H... 5 5/2 H... 8 3/3 H... 3 4/3 H... 7 2/4 H... 4 6/4 H... 9 2nd best next by time..1	<b>C/2 S.F. 2</b> 3/1 H... 6 5/1 H... 8 3/2 H... 3 4/2 H... 7 1/3 H... 5 6/3 H... 9 2/4 H... 4 4/4 H... 2 2nd best next by time..1	<b>FINAL B</b> 4/1 S.F..... 5 5/1 S.F..... 7 6/1 S.F.....2 4/2 S.F.....6 5/2 S.F.....3 6/2 S.F.....1 4/3 S.F.....4 5/3 S.F.....8 6/3 S.F.....9
----- <b>1/6 To Semi-Final +                      3 Best next by Time                      Rest Out</b> -----	<b>C/1 S.F. 3</b> 2/1 H... 6 6/1 H... 1 3/2 H... 3 4/2 H... 7 1/3 H... 4 6/3 H... 8 1/4 H... 5 5/4 H... 2 3rd best next by time..9	<b>C/2 S.F. 3</b> 1/1 H... 5 4/1 H... 7 2/2 H... 6 5/2 H... 2 2/3 H... 4 5/3 H... 8 3/4 H... 3 6/4 H... 9 3rd best next by time..1	----- <b>1/3 To Final A                      4/6 To Final B                      Rest Out</b> -----

**PLAN D**

**COMPETITORS 37 / 45**

<b>HEATS</b>					<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>				<b>FINALS</b>			
					<b>D/1 S.F. 1</b>		<b>D/2 S.F. 1</b>					
<b>H H H H H</b>					1/1 H... 5		2/1 H...6		<b>FINAL A</b>			
<b>1 2 3 4 5</b>					5/1 H... 2		5/1 H... 2		1/1 S.F. .... 5			
37.	8	8	7	7	4/2 H... 7	1/2 H... 5		2/1 S.F. .... 8				
38.	8	8	8	7	7/2 H... 1	4/3 H... 7		1/2 S.F. .... 4				
39.	8	8	8	8	6/3 H... 8	7/3 H... 1		2/2 S.F. .... 7				
40.	8	8	8	8	2/4 H... 6	4/4 H... 3		1/3 S.F. .... 6				
41.	9	8	8	8	4/4 H... 3	5/4 H... 8		2/3 S.F. .... 2				
42.	9	9	8	8	1/5 H... 4	1/5 H... 4		1/4 S.F. .... 3				
43.	9	9	9	8	7/5 H... 9	8 B.T ... 9		2/4 S.F. .... 9				
44.	9	9	9	9					3rd B.T. .... 1			
45.	9	9	9	9								
					<b>D1 S.F. 2</b>		<b>D2 S.F. 2</b>					
					2/1 H... 6		1/1 H... 5		<b>FINAL B</b>			
					1/2 H... 5		4/2 H... 7		2nd 3rd B.T.... 5			
					5/2 H... 2		6/2 H...2		3rd 3rd B.T.... 6			
					4/3 H...7		3/3 H... 4		4th 3rd B.T. ... 4			
					7/3 H... 1		6/3 H... 9		4/1 S.F. .... 3			
					3/4 H... 3		2/4 H... 6		4/2 S.F. .... 2			
					7/4 H... 9		7/4 H... 1		4/3 S.F. .... 7			
					2/5 H... 4		3/5 H... 3		4/4 S.F..... 8			
					6/5 H... 8		5/5 H... 8		1st best next by time..... 1			
									2nd best next by time .....9			
					<b>D1 S.F. 3</b>		<b>D2 S.F. 3</b>					
					3/1 H... 6		4/1 H... 7					
					7/1 H... 9		6/1 H... 1					
					2/2 H... 4		3/2 H... 6					
					6/2 H... 8		5/2 H... 2					
					1/3 H... 5		1/3 H... 5					
					3/3 H... 3		3/4 H... 3					
					6/4 H... 1		6/4 H... 8					
					4/5 H... 7		2/5 H... 4					
					5/5 H... 2		7/5 H... 9					
					<b>D1 S.F. 4</b>		<b>D2 S.F. 4</b>					
					4/1 H... 7		3/1 H... 3					
					6/1 H... 1		7/1 H... 9					
					3/2 H... 6		2/2 H... 6					
					2/3 H... 4		7/2 H... 1					
					5/3 H...8		2/3 H... 4					
					1/4 H... 5		5/3 H... 8					
					5/4 H... 2		1/4 H... 5					
					3/5 H... 3		4/5 H... 7					
					8 B.T.... 9		6/5 H... 2					
----- <b>1/7 To Semi-Final 8th Best Time Rest Out</b> -----									----- <b>1/2 + 3rd B.T. To Final A 3/4 - 3rd B.T + 2 best by Time to Final B Rest Out</b> -----			

**PLAN E**

**COMPETITORS 46 / 54**

HEATS	SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
<p><b>H H H H H H</b>  <b>1 2 3 4 5 6</b>                      46.8 8 8 8 7 7                      47.8 8 8 8 8 7                      48.8 8 8 8 8 8                      49.9 8 8 8 8 8                      50.9 9 8 8 8 8                      51.9 9 9 8 8 8                      52.9 9 9 9 8 8                      53.9 9 9 9 9 8                      54.9 9 9 9 9 9</p> <hr/> <p><b>1/6 To Semi-Final Rest Out</b></p> <hr/>	<p><b>E/1 S.F. 1</b>                      1/1 H... 5                      5/1 H... 8                      4/2 H... 7                      4/3 H... 2                      6/3 H... 9                      2/4 H... 6                      1/5 H... 4                      3/6 H... 3                      6/6 H... 1</p>	<p><b>E/2 S.F. 1</b>                      2/1 H... 6                      1/2 H... 4                      3/3 H... 3                      4/3 H... 7                      4/4 H... 2                      5/4 H... 8                      1/5 H... 5                      5/5 H... 1                      6/6 H... 9</p>	<p><b>FINAL A</b>                      1/1 S.F..... 5                      2/1 S.F..... 2                      1/2 S.F..... 4                      2/2 S.F..... 7                      1/3 S.F..... 6                      2/3 S.F..... 8                      1/4 S.F..... 3                      2/4 S.F..... 9                      3rd B.T..... 1</p> <p><b>FINAL B</b>                      2nd 3rd B.T.... 5                      3rd 3rd B.T.... 6                      4th 3rd B.T. ... 4                      4/1 S.F..... 3                      4/2 S.F..... 2                      4/3 S.F..... 7                      4/4 S.F..... 8                      1st best next by                      time..... 1                      2nd best next by                      time .....9</p> <hr/> <p><b>1/2 + 3rd B.T. To Final A 3/4 - 3rd B.T + 2 best by Time to Final B Rest Out</b></p> <hr/>
	<p><b>E1 S.F. 2</b>                      2/1 H... 4                      1/2 H... 5                      5/2 H... 9                      3/3 H... 7                      3/4 H... 3                      2/5 H... 6                      6/5 H... 1                      4/6 H... 8                      5/6 H... 2</p>	<p><b>E2 S.F. 2</b>                      3/1 H... 3                      5/1 H... 8                      4/2 H... 2                      6/2 H... 9                      2/3 H... 6                      6/3 H... 1                      2/4 H... 4                      3/5 H... 7                      1/6 H... 5</p>	
	<p><b>E1 S.F. 3</b>                      3/1 H... 3                      2/2 H... 6                      6/2 H... 9                      1/3 H... 5                      4/4 H... 7                      6/4 H... 1                      4/5 H... 2                      5/5 H... 8                      1/6 H... 4</p>	<p><b>E2 S.F. 3</b>                      1/1 H... 5                      4/1 H... 7                      3/2 H... 3                      1/3 H... 4                      6/4 H... 1                      2/5 H... 6                      6/5 H... 9                      4/6 H... 2                      5/6 H... 8</p>	
	<p><b>E1 S.F. 4</b>                      4/1 H... 2                      6/1 H... 9                      3/2 H... 7                      2/3 H... 4                      5/3 H... 8                      1/4 H... 5                      5/4 H... 1                      3/5 H... 3                      2/6 H... 6</p>	<p><b>E2 S.F. 4</b>                      6/1 H... 9                      2/2 H... 4                      5/2 H... 8                      5/3 H... 1                      1/4 H... 5                      3/4 H... 7                      4/5 H... 2                      2/6 H... 6                      3/6 H... 3</p>	



## APPENDIX C GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITIONS

### **B Guidelines for the Local Organizing Committee**

**B1** The local organizing committee shall:

B1.1 Provide a certified measurement survey of the course along with a proper bid proposal to the SRC.

B1.2 Issue a written invitation least 5 weeks in advance of the date set for the competition.

B1.3 See that proper provisions are made for the presentation of the Awards to the contestants.

B1.4 Provide a printed program for the National Championships that may be sold or distributed free. The program will include and not be limited to:

- a. schedule and time of events;
- b. name of clubs and competitors competing, and
- c. name and position of officials.

B1.5 Provide for the Competition Secretary with the following essential list:

- a. computers
- b. printers
- c. a copy machine, and
- d. all Competition Secretary supplies.

B1.6 Provide and assist the Technical Official with the following essential list:

- a. photo/video/timing system;
- b. score board;
- c. radios/communication equipment for officials, a public address system;
- d. the laying out and buoing of the race course;
- e. umpire and safety boats;
- f. boat traffic before and during the races;
- g. boat control scale and measuring jigs;
- h. start platform; stake boats, starting devices;
- i. finish tower; video camera, 2 printing stop watches;
- j. a large bulletin board to post results and messages;
- k. 3 red flags, 3 white flags for course umpire and chief finish line judge;
- l. 3 megaphones;
- m. toilet facilities;
- n. shelter from sun and rain should be available;
- o. drinking water;
- p. a boat storage area where the possibility of damage to the equipment will be minimized;
- q. a designated location where meetings can take place, announcements posted, and other pertinent event activities can take place;
- r. event and equipment security day and night;
- s. and, a first aid center should be established.
- t.

### **B2 Guidelines for Race Courses exceeding 1000 meters**

#### **B2.1 Turning Points**

- a. The turning points shall be marked by at least six flags. The flags shall be diagonally divided, with one half in red and the other yellow.
- b. The distance between the starting line and the first turning point buoy (1st open leg) shall be straight and a maximum of 1,859.25 meters.
- c. The distance between the last buoy of the first turning point and the first buoy of the second turning point (2nd leg) shall be straight and a maximum of 1,759.25 meters.
- d. The distance between the last buoy of the second turning point and the first buoy of the third turning point (3rd leg) shall be a maximum of 500 meters.
- e. The specifications for all other stretches shall be in accordance with (c).
- f. The radius of each turn shall be at least 40.5 meters.