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COMPETITION RULES

Sprint Racing Discipline of CanoeKayak Canada (CANADIAN CANOE ASSOCIATION)

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions are made:

ICF – International Canoe Federation

IOC – International Olympic Committee

CCA – Canadian Canoe Association (Legal name of the Association)

CKC – CanoeKayak Canada (Trade name of CCA)

Council – Sprint Racing Council of CKC

DDC - Domestic Development Committee of the Council

HPC – High Performance Committee

Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships - the annual national championships of the Sprint Racing Discipline for short and long distances: e.g. 200 metres, 500 metres, 1000 metres and 6000 metres.

Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships – the annual national championships of the Sprint Racing Discipline for long distances: e.g. up to 10,000 metres.

Fiscal Year of the Association – to be as defined from time to time by the Sprint Racing Council, and currently April 1 to March 31.

I GENERAL

1.0 USE OF COMPETITION RULES

The Competition Rules contained herein shall be observed at all events sanctioned by the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association.

1.01 AMATEUR STATUS

An amateur competitor is a person who is in compliance with the amateur status statutes, regulations, rules, directives and policy statements of both the International Canoe Federation and the Canadian Olympic Committee.

1.02 MEMBERSHIP

(a) **New Competitors**

(i) All competitors competing under the jurisdiction of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association must secure a registration number. The registration number will be supplied by the Sprint Racing Council of the Association, following payment of the registration fee, such fee will be determined by a majority vote of Member Clubs upon the recommendation of the Sprint Racing Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Sprint Racing Discipline.

(ii) Applications for a registration number must be signed by the competitor and be verified by an Officer of the competitor's Club and by the Divisional Registrar.

(b) **Renewal**

A competitor must apply for a registration number as a member of a Member Club before competing in any sanctioned local, divisional or national Regatta and also for National Team Trials.

(c) **Registration, Collection and Deadline**

(i) Divisions shall be responsible for collection of these monies, and in the case of new competitors, shall ensure that a registration number has been issued before any competitor takes part in any sanctioned local, Divisional or National regatta, or any National Team selection trials.

(ii) The Division shall be responsible for the enforcement of the registration rules and shall deliver to the National Office of the Association all applications for membership renewal and newly registered competitors registration numbers at least 21 days prior to the first day of the Canadian National Sprint

Racing Canoeing Championships and/or the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships for those competitors to be eligible for entry to said Championships.

(d) **Expiration**

- (i) The CKC competitive annual membership expires on March 31st of the year following the competitive season.

1.03 **CLUB COLOURS**

- (a) Club colours worn by competitors at competitions sanctioned by CanoeKayak Canada shall only be those colours, and in the pattern and style, approved by the DDC.
- (b) Any change to the pattern or colours must be approved by the DDC, and written application for such must be submitted to the DDC not later than July 1st of the year in which the change is proposed to be made.

1.04 **CLUB ESTABLISHMENT**

- (a) Regattas shall be open to all Member Clubs which have been duly admitted to membership in the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association, have been organized three (3) months prior to the holding of the Regatta and have paid their annual dues to the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association. Entries of individuals will not be received.
- (b) Associate member Clubs of CKC are permitted to compete in all sanctioned Divisional regattas with the approval of the Division. They are not permitted to compete in CKC-SRD nationally sanctioned events including the National Sprint Championships, Canmas and National Team Trials.

1.05 **SWIMMING COMPETENCE – COMPETITORS**

All competitors in any and all races at Regattas under the jurisdiction of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association must obtain and maintain a swimming proficiency equivalent to the level of the Canadian Red Cross 'Aquaquest Level 6' as defined in the Code of Safety or wear a flotation device.

1.06 **REGULATIONS FOR OFFICIALS**

(a) **Swimming Competence**

All Officials who serve in "on-water" positions must be able to swim to the equivalent of the Canadian Red Cross Aquaquest Level 6 as defined in the Code of Safety or, wear a government approved personal flotation device.

(b) **Firearm Regulations**

All Officials, where necessary, must be certified for firearm use, under appropriate federal/provincial laws, if they will be required to use any type of firearm.

1.07

DOPING CONTROL

- (a) The Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport and the Canadian Doping Control Regulations apply to all competitors
- (b) Where it has been determined that a competitor has committed a Doping Infraction or a Doping-Related Infraction, the race results of any regatta or other canoe racing event that he or she was competing in on the date of the sample collection in the case of a Doping Infraction, or on the date of the competitor's refusal or failure to comply with Doping Control Procedures in the case of a Doping Related Infraction, or competed in subsequent thereto, shall be recalculated so that in each event the competitor raced in, either alone or in a crew boat, including as a Captain in a War Canoe, the boat in which the competitor raced shall be treated as if it did not finish the race. Any prizes or awards shall be re-presented or re-awarded as appropriate. This recalculation of race results shall also apply in the case of Doping-Related Infractions which are other than a refusal or failure to comply with Doping Control Procedures, and in the case of such other Doping Control Infractions the recalculation shall be from the date the decision of the Doping Control Review Panel determines that the Doping-Related Infraction was committed.
- (c) All regattas and other racing events under the jurisdiction of the Sprint Racing Discipline of CKC, be they at the Club, Division, or National level, shall honour the letter and spirit of any and all sanctions and suspensions pending hearing in effect pursuant to the CKC Anti-Doping Policy and Doping Control Program.

II CLASSES AND EQUIPMENT

In determining the eligibility of entries in the various events, Class status shall be determined as follows:

- 2.01 **U11**
A U11 competitor shall be under 11 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition. All U11 events shall be at a distance as determined by the Division.
- 2.02 **U13**
A U13 competitor shall be under 13 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition. All U13 events shall be at a distance as determined by the Division.
- 2.03 **U15**
A U15 competitor shall be under 15 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition. All U15 events shall be at a distance as determined by the Division.
- 2.04 **U16**
A U16 competitor shall be under 16 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition.
- 2.05 **U17**
A U17 competitor shall be under 17 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition.
- 2.06 **U19**
A U19 competitor shall be under 19 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the competition.

2.07 JUNIOR CLASS

- (a) **A competitor shall be deemed to be a Junior Class competitor if he or she is 19 years of age or older on the 1st of January of the year of the competition, provided he or she has not qualified for Senior Status under the Senior Status rule.**
- (b) A Junior Class competitor competing in the Junior or Senior events shall retain his or her Junior Class status in each of the events providing he or she has not accumulated a total of four (4) points in any one of them over two consecutive years at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships after receiving his or her initial points in that event, using the following point system:

Junior Events

8 points for 1st place
4 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place

Senior Events

8 points for 1st place
4 points for 2nd place
3 points for 3rd place
2 points for 4th place
1 point for 5th place

- (c) **Points as outlined in (b) will not be awarded to any competitors for the Senior Men's IC-4 1000 m event.**
- (d) If, after attaining 1 to 3 points in an event, a Junior Class competitor does not accumulate a total of four (4) points in that event over the next two (2) Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, the next following year he or she shall be deemed to have zero (0) points in that event.
- (e) An age class competitor i.e., U11, U13, U15, U17 or U19, who qualifies for Senior status by the foregoing method of qualification shall still be allowed to compete within his or her age Class so long as his or her age permits them to do so. He or she shall only be permitted to race Junior if and when his or her Senior status expires.

2.08 SENIOR STATUS

- (a) A competitor shall be deemed to be a Senior by accumulating a total of four (4) or more points at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships as outlined in the Junior Class rule; or by winning a Junior or Senior War Canoe event at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. A competitor classed as Senior in a specific event as per the foregoing, shall revert to Junior status with zero (0) points in that specific event upon failing to gain one (1) point in that event for three (3) consecutive years at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. Any competitor who is a member of the National Team in any one year shall be deemed to have gained the necessary one (1) point in all events that he or she is classed as a Senior in that same year, whether he or she competed at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships or not.
- (b) **Notwithstanding 2.06 (d), any competitor who is a member of the carded National Team in any one year shall be deemed to have gained one (1) point in all events that he or she is classed as a Senior in that same year, whether he or she competed at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships or not. This clause shall apply to all carded National team members from 2009 onwards.**

2.09 SENIOR STATUS WAR CANOE

A Senior Status war canoe competitor is a competitor who is a member of a winning Junior or Senior war canoe event at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. A competitor classed as Senior in the war canoe event as per the foregoing shall revert to Junior Class if he or she fails to be a member of a winning Senior war canoe crew for three (3) consecutive years at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. The Captain of a war canoe shall have no Class status.

2.10 **MASTER CLASS**

A competitor shall be deemed to hold Master Class status if he or she:

- (a) has not competed as a member of the National Team in the previous year in the discipline for which they acquired National Team Status;
- (b) a masters competitor shall be 35 years of age or older on the first day of January of the year of the competition.

2.11 **PADDLEALL/PARACANOE**

The classification of athletes as well as boat and equipment rules and the protocols associated with them shall be in accordance with ICF Paracanoe Rules and regulations.

CKC-SRD may add additional Paracanoe events beyond the ICF Paracanoe events.

Intellectual disability competitors shall meet Special O Canada standards for athlete eligibility.

2.12 **PROOF OF AGE**

All U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 and Master Class competitors shall provide proof of birth date to the Division upon registration with the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association.

2.13 **BIG BOATS**

- (a) **War Canoes** shall consist of fourteen (14) competitors, all of the same sex, plus one Captain who shall have no Class status and who may be of either sex, but who shall secure a registration number and be deemed to be a competitor.
- (b) **Dragonboats** shall consist of twenty (20) competitors, a drummer and a steersperson.
- (c) All war canoe captains qualifying for and/or competing at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships must be fully certified as an ELCC Coach or have been previously

certified as a Canoeing Level 1 coach under the National Coaching Certification Program.

2.14 **NEW CANADIANS AND VISITING FOREIGN NATIONALS**

Any competitor taking up residence in Canada shall have Senior status in all ICF events unless and until proven otherwise to the satisfaction of a Committee composed of the Chairperson of the Sprint Racing Council, Director General and Domestic Development Director. In requesting a Class status other than Senior the new Canadian or Visiting Foreign National shall make written application to the Chairperson detailing racing results for the preceding three (3) years. In the case of an age class competitor, there will be no restriction on the competitor's participation in that age class. Such an application must be made and approved prior to the Trials of the Division in which the competitor is a member.

2.15 **CLASS STATUS RECORD**

The Domestic Development Director shall maintain a Class Status Record of all those who hold Junior class and/or Senior status, both male and female, for each Junior and Senior event in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. This Class Status Record shall be up-dated immediately following these Championships. One copy of the Class Status Record shall be sent to each Division and member club no later than December 31st of each year.

2.16 **CANADA SUMMER GAMES**

- (a) Competitors shall be under 21 years of age on the first day of January in the year of the Games.
- (b) Excluded from the Canada Games are athletes that have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.

2.17 **PFD REGULATIONS**

All Class competitors must follow rules pertaining to Government of Canada approved PFD's under the small vessels regulations within Canada's Shipping Act which is governed by the Canadian Coast Guard. All Class competitors must also refer to PART 2 (Safety of Participants) of the CKC Code of Safety and abide by these rules and regulations.

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2.19 **CANOE AND KAYAKS – CLASSES, DEFINITIONS AND MEASUREMENTS**

- (a) The official boats recognized by CKC as “canoe and kayaks” are the following: K-1, K-2, K-4, C-1, C-2, IC-4, C-4 and War Canoe (WC).

(b)

	Max. length (cm)	Min. Width (cm)	Min. Weight (kg)
K-1	520	-	12
K-2	650	-	18
K-4	1100	-	30
C-1	520	-	16
C-2	650	-	20
C-4	610	76	31
IC-4	900	-	30
WC	915	91	86

- (c) A deficiency of weight in any boat may be made up by the addition of ballast.

Note: the minimum depth of a C-4 is 26 cm. A War Canoe built prior to 1941 has a minimum weight of 77 kg.

2.20 **CANOE AND KAYAKS – CONSTRUCTION**

- (a) The Hull: Section and longitudinal line of the hull of the kayak and canoe shall not be concave. (Only horizontally and vertically)
- (b) The Deck: The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the first cockpit.
- (c) No foreign substance may be added to boats which give competitors an unfair advantage.
- (d) All electric, electronic devices are forbidden in a boat when racing; this to include: pumps, speed measuring, devices, strain gauges, heart monitors.
- (e) All canoes and kayaks used in sprint racing competitions must sit on their own bottom to the satisfaction of the Referee. Splash boards, platforms, knee rests, seats and rudders, when permanently affixed, shall be included for official weighing.
- (f) Each competing Club shall ensure that its boats comply with the specifications as laid down in these Rules in respect to length, width, and weight before competing in any Regatta.

- (g) Any Club may request that such specifications be checked to ensure that any boat complies, such request to be made at any time prior to the call to Start and within ten (10) minutes after completion of the event. Notification must be made to the Chief Official in accordance with the Protest procedure.
- (h) Competitors may not be “tied”, strapped”, or “secured” to the boat or it’s floorboard in any manner.
- (i) Failure of the boat to meet these specifications shall result in the disqualification of that boat for that race.

Kayaks:

- (j) Cockpit covers, seats, rudders and rudder riggings are standard equipment for kayaks.
- (k) Boats may have one rudder. Over stern rudders may not be thicker than 10 mm for K1 and K2, or 12mm for a K4.
- (l) The boat is to be designed as to be a sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on (Surf Ski type).

Canoes:

- (m) The canoe must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length.
- (n) Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the canoe is banned. A keel, if any, must be straight, shall extend over the whole length of the canoe and not project more than 30mm below the hull.
- (o) The C-1 and C-2 may be entirely open. The minimum length of the opening shall be 280 cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunwale) can extend maximum 5 cm into the craft along the whole defined opening. The boat can have a maximum of three strengthening bars with a width of maximum 7 cm each.
- (p) The IC-4 may be entirely open, the minimum length of the opening shall be 390cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunnel) can extend maximum 6cm into the craft along the defined opening. The boat can have a maximum of four strengthening bars with a width of maximum 7cm each.
- (q) The beam of a war canoe shall be measured at the 28 cm waterline (a plane 28 cm above the lowest point on the gull), exclusive of any keel and must not lie more than 45 cm aft or forward of amidships. The depth shall be measured from the inside of the garboard next to the keel to the lower side of a straightedge placed across the gunwales at the canoe’s widest point.

- (r) Neither additional equipment shall be added to canoes nor modifications made to the original design, except splash boards, mounted horizontally or vertically at any spot on the bow deck of the canoe to a height of 15 cm. Platforms, kneeling buns or blocks, may be added if desired.

2.21 **PROPULSION**

- (a) Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-bladed paddles.
- (b) Canadian canoes shall be propelled solely by means of single-bladed paddles.
- (c) The paddles may not be fixed on the boats in any way.

2.22 **NUMBER PLATES**

All boats, except war canoes, entered in competitions sanctioned by the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association shall be fitted with rigid number plates (International Class boats and Canadian C4 on the rear decks), showing the course drawn by the crew. The numbers shall appear on both sides of the number plate and will be 15 cm high, black, on a white or yellow opaque plate approximately 20 cm x 20 cm, and shall not be visibly obstructed in any way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

III ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

3.01 **DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

All races shall be under the direction and full control of the Sprint Racing Council, a Divisional Flag Officer or his/her alternate acting on behalf of the Sprint Racing Council.

3.02 **INTER-DIVISIONAL ENTRY APPROVAL**

In order to compete in local Sprint Canoe Racing Regattas outside of his or her division, a competitor must obtain the prior approval of both the Flag Officer of his or her Division and the Flag Officer of the Division in which he or she wishes to compete.

3.03 **DIVISIONAL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

Each Division of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association shall appoint, prior to the first regatta of the year, a Discipline Committee of four from the executive representatives of the Clubs forming the Division, or from Past Chairpersons of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association who, with the Flag Officer of the Division as the Chairperson, shall have charge of investigating all complaints against the conduct at Regattas of individual competitors, crews or Clubs within the jurisdiction of the Division.

3.04 **DIVISIONAL RACE ORDER**

The Order of Races for Divisional Regattas are at the discretion of the Division.

3.05 **DIVISIONAL REGATTA ENTRIES**

- (a) Any Club intending to compete at a Divisional Regatta must file with the Secretary of the Division, or other designated person, a list of entries together with the names of the competitors on or before the day appointed for closing the entries. No assumed names shall be submitted.
- (b) Objections to any entry at a Divisional Regatta shall be made to the Divisional Secretary and to the Secretary of the Club making the entry. Such objections shall be investigated by the Division Executive and a decision made relative to same prior to the holding of the Divisional Regatta.

3.06 **DIVISIONAL U13 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (a) Each Division may organize and hold a Divisional Sprint Racing CanoeKayak Championship annually for U13 Class competitors.
- (b) If a U13 Class Divisional Championship is held, the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association will provide:
 - a Burgee for the Overall Points Winner (Club);
 - a Burgee for the Total Points Winner (Men); and
 - a Burgee for the Total Points Winner (Women)

provided a request for these Burgees is received in the National Office no later than May 31st of the year in which the event is to be held.

3.07 DIVISIONAL U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Each Division may organize and hold a Divisional Sprint Racing CanoeKayak Championship annually for U15 Class competitors.
- (b) If a U15 Class Divisional Championship is held, the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association will provide:
 - a Burgee for the Overall Points Winner (Club);
 - a Burgee for the Total Points Winner (Men); and
 - a Burgee for the Total Points Winner (Women)

provided a request for these Burgees is received in the National Office no later than May 31st of the year in which the event is to be held.

IV RACING REGULATIONS

4.01 **OFFICIAL'S ATTIRE**

- (a) All Officials on the water shall wear white or grey trousers or shorts, and white shirts. Official's badges, hats, or other identification as an Official may be worn, but Club Colours or other insignia shall not be worn. Protective rain gear, of any colour, may be worn when necessary.
- (b) The competition committee, finish line judges, timers and boat controller shall wear a navy blue blazer, white shirt or blouse with a tie or scarf, white or gray pants or skirt. Official's badges, hats, or other identification as an Official may be worn, but Club Colours or other insignia shall not be worn. Protective rain gear, of any colour, may be worn when necessary.

4.02 **REFEREE'S ROLE AND JURISDICTION**

- (a) The Referees, in separate boats, each patrolling one half, or the proportion as agreed by them, of the course, shall have equal power to judge, stop the race, caution or disqualify any crew or competitor as provided in these Rules.
- (b) The jurisdiction of the Referee extends over the race and all matters connected with it from the time the race has started until its final termination.
- (c) A Referee shall be the judge of a boat's own water and proper course during the race.
- (d) The Referees shall give their decision to the Chief Official at the finish of the race by means of the showing of a white flag meaning "race okay as run" or a red flag meaning "an infraction of the Rules. The Competition Committee shall acknowledge having seen the Referee's flag by waving a similar coloured flag in return. All infractions of the Rules, however they occur, shall be reported to the Chief Official immediately following the completion of the race. The Official who called the infraction shall submit a written report to the Chief Official within twenty (20) minutes after the completion of the race.
- (e) When **an Official disqualifies** a crew for an infraction of the Rules during a race, the crew so disqualified must be advised at the time of the infraction, **except for 200m events when the crew will be advised at the conclusion of the race.**

4.03 **DISQUALIFICATIONS AND RACE INFRACTIONS**

- (a) A Referee may, at his discretion, disqualify a crew without stopping the race.
- (b) It shall be considered a foul when, after the race has commenced, any competitor by his paddle, canoe or person comes in contact with the paddle, canoe or person of another competitor or who deliberately steers into another crew, whether such crew is or is not on its own course unless, in the opinion of a Referee, such contact is so slight as not to influence the race.
- (c) In the case of a foul or other infraction of the rule during a race, a Referee shall have the power:
 - (i) to stop the race by a short powerful sound and at his discretion, disqualify the offending crew or crews. If the race is stopped, the Referee shall order the crews, other than any he may have disqualified, to paddle the race over again;
 - (ii) to allow the race to continue to its termination. If the race is not stopped but even so a Referee disqualified an offending crew or crews, he must do so at the time of the infraction of a rule and not after the race has terminated. In this circumstance, the Referee shall notify the offending crew that it has been disqualified and the said crew must stop paddling and not complete the course. Failure to comply with the Referee's instructions could result in further disciplinary action, including disqualification for the remainder of the competition.
- (d) If during a race a canoe, while on its own water, is interfered with by an outside canoe or boat, a Referee shall stop the race and order it paddled over, if in his opinion such interference will affect its chances of winning a medal or advancing to medal competition.
- (e) Any competitor refusing to obey the directions of a Referee and/or Starter or to abide by their directions shall be disqualified by a Referee and/or Starter.

START PROCEDURE

- (a) The objective is to give all competitors a dead, even start on the defined start line.
- (b) Competitors shall be at the starting area in time to allow satisfactory preparation for the start.
- (c) The start procedure shall commence without reference to any absentees. Crews not in their starting positions on completion of the published time interval will not be permitted in the race by the Referee unless instructed otherwise by the Chief Official.
- (d) The Starter shall communicate the countdown exactly as follows:
 - "5 minutes to start"
 - "3 minutes to start"
 - "1 minute to start"
- (e) The Referee(s) will space crews behind the start line. The position of the boat at the start shall be such that the bows of the competing boats are on the starting line. Boats must be stationary.
- (f) The Referee furthest from the Starter shall say "Starter, the race is yours". The Starter will acknowledge with; "Thank-you, Referee, I have the race."
- (g) The starting command will be "READY – SET - GO" ("Go" can be a shot or strong sound signal). At the "READY" command the competitors begin their preparation to paddle. At the "SET" command the competitors place their paddle in the catch position. The competitor must not paddle forward or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure. The starter when satisfied with the competitors positioning and attention will say "GO" (or shot or powerful sound). The competitors must only react to the start command/signal "GO" and are not permitted to anticipate it. The competitors can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command "GO".
- (h) The Starter will report any false starts, disqualifications, and absentees to the Chief Official
- (i) The Starter's Duties are not complete until the sterns of all boats have cleared the 25 metre marker.

FALSE STARTS

If any competitor starts paddling ahead after the word "SET" and before the word "GO" (or shot or powerful sound), he/she has made a false start and will be disqualified.

Any competitor, attempting to gain an unfair advantage at the start, shall be disqualified by the Starter. Failure to comply with the Starter's instructions could result in further disciplinary action, including disqualification for the remainder of the competition.

4.06 **RACE RECALL**

If the Starter is not satisfied with the line-up he/she will call "Stop" and hand the race over to the Referees for repositioning.

The Referee(s) and/or Starter may interrupt the start procedure or recall a race after it has started in the event that the alignment and/or spacing of a competitor's canoe jeopardized a fair start.

The Referee(s) may interrupt the start procedure by raising a red flag and announcing to the Starter: "Starter, I have the race". The Starter will acknowledge same by announcing: "The Referee has the race". When the Referee(s) is satisfied with the alignment of canoes, he will raise a white flag and say, Starter, the race is yours." The Starter will acknowledge with "Thank-you, Referee, I have the race" and will recommence the countdown with "1 minute to start".

The Referee(s) will recall a race after it has started by a short powerful sound if, in either situation, the alignment and/or spacing of a competitor's canoe jeopardized a fair start. A race will be deemed to be a false start if a red flag is up.

4.07 **PADDLE BREAKAGE**

If a competitor breaks a paddle in any race, other than a war canoe race, within 25 metres of the start line, and if the Starter and/or Referee decides it is not intentional, then the race shall be stopped by the Starter and/or Referee and re-started after a replacement paddle has been obtained. Paddle breakage must occur prior to the stern of the boat clearing the 25 metre line.

4.08 **POSITIONING OF CREWS AND THEIR WATER**

- (a) The lanes must be marked from No.1 to No.9. The numbering goes from the left to the right on the right hand side of the competitor with the competitor facing down the course.
- (b) The water of a boat is the lane to the left of the crew's numbered marker buoy.
- (c) Canoes shall be started by their bows, and their position shall be to the left of their numbered course marker, and they shall have completed their course when the bows reach the finish line between the marginal buoys with all crew members in the boat.
- (d) Each canoe shall keep to its own water throughout the race.

4.09 **ASSISTANCE**

- (a) It is prohibited to receive external assistance during a race.
- (b) No crew may be accompanied along and adjacent to the racecourse by other boats while the race is in progress.
- (c) Any infraction will result in the disqualification of the crews involved.

4.10 **COMPETITOR'S UNIFORMS**

All competitors competing in any and all races must be uniformly dressed in the approved colours and design of their club. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from that race by the Referee or Starter prior to the start of the race.

4.11 **ENTRIES**

- (a) In each case two or more entries shall be required to ensure a race and should withdrawals, after the entries are closed, reduce the number to one canoe, the crew thereof must report to the Referees and Starter at the scheduled time of the race, and complete the course, to be entitled to the prize and points for first place finish, unless excused by the Chief Official.
- (b) No one shall be allowed to be entered twice for the same race.

- (c) (i) No competitor shall be allowed to enter or compete in more than eight (8) events including a 6,000 metre event, at a regatta sanctioned by the Sprint Racing Council. Any competitor entered in more than eight (8) events is ineligible to compete in any and all races after the eighth event for which he or she has had an entry submitted. Where more than the allowed eight (8) events have been raced, the crew and its finish place for those additional events beyond the eight shall be disqualified, and the competition results adjusted accordingly.
- (ii) The war canoe event shall not be counted as one of the races contributing to the maximum number permitted for war canoe captains.
- (d) No member of a Club shall be allowed to be substituted for another, unless approved by the Competition Committee, and the crew that races a Heat shall be the crew that races the Final unless otherwise approved by the Competition Committee. No member of a Club shall be allowed to paddle with more than one crew for the same prize.

4.12 **PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOUR**

Any competitor or Club official using abusive language, fighting, splashing an official or guilty of any misbehaviour detrimental to the paddling game, either on the water or at a Regatta shall be liable to:

- (a) disqualification from a particular race by an Official;
- (b) disqualification from participation in the remaining races of the particular Regatta by the Competition Committee, who may consult the Discipline Committee, or;
- (c) more severe punishment by the Sprint Racing Council at a later date.

Composition of the Discipline Committee

NOTE: In the case of the Canadian Championship Regatta the Discipline Committee shall be composed of the Sprint Racing Council Chairperson, as the Chairperson, and the Flag Officers.

4.13

STANDARD OF CONDUCT POLICY

All athletes, club officials, coaches and officials will be subject to and shall comply with the CanoeKayak Canada Standard of Conduct Policy.

4.14

POINTS TOWARD BURGEES

- (a) Points towards class burgees and the aggregate burgee shall be awarded for each race with the exception of war canoe events to clubs on the following basis:

1 st	16 points
2 nd	8 points
3 rd	6 points
4 th	5 points
5 th	4 points
6 th	3 points
7 th	2 points
8 th	1 point

- (b) War Canoe points towards class burgees and the aggregate burgee shall be awarded on the following basis:

1 st	24 points
2 nd	14 points
3 rd	9 points
4 th	6 points
5 th	5 points
6 th	4 points
7 th	3 points
8 th	2 points

- (c) Points for Open races will be applied toward the Senior Class burgee.
- (d) Points will not be awarded for "B" Finals.

IV RACING REGULATIONS

5.01 DATE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) The Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association shall be held each year on a date, and at a site, upon recommendation of the Domestic Development Committee, approved by the Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting of the Sprint Racing Discipline two (2) years preceding the event.
- (b) The site selection will be based on the following rotation, beginning in 1995: WOD/EOD, Atlantic, Quebec and Prairie/Pacific. This rotation will be subject to change if approved by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting three years in advance of said event being voted upon.
- (c) Should a region decline or the site be deemed unacceptable by the Council on the recommendation of the DDC, that region forfeits their hosting opportunity within the rotation. Such case would result in the tendering of bids for that specific year, after which the rotation cycle would resume with the next region on the list.
- (d) The Division in which the Championship is to be hosted must approve of the bidding site(s). The Protocol Agreement must be signed by three parties, ie., the Host Organizing Committee, the Sprint Racing Discipline and the Division(s).

5.02 APPLICATION FOR HOSTING

All applications to host the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships together with a signed Protocol Agreement, shall be delivered to the National Office by December 31st, three (3) years prior to the year of the Championships in question and must conform with the minimum course and facility requirements as determined by the Domestic Development Director and ratified by the DDC of the Council; said requirements and the Protocol Agreement to be available to possible hosts upon request.

5.03 DOPING CONTROL

All competitors whose names are submitted as entries in an Olympic-class canoe or kayak boat event at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships are subject to doping controls. (See Section 1.07 - Doping Control)

5.04 BOAT CONTROL

- (a) The appropriate equipment for weighing and measuring of canoes and kayaks shall be provided by the local Organizing Committee for the use of the Boat Controller for the day preceding the competition and throughout the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. This shall include and not be restricted to a certified scale suitable for the weighing of boats, a steel metric tape measure and template or other device for the measuring of length, width and depth of a canoe or kayak.
- (b) Boats must be turned over before weighing; anything that does not remain affixed to the boat shall not be weighed with the boat. Water and the boat number must be removed before weighing.
- (c) The top four boats and one random boat as selected by the Competition Committee shall be re-controlled immediately after every final, and boats shall be randomly selected by the Competition Committee for re-control immediately after the heats.

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5.06 ENTRIES

- (a) **Qualifying Process**
Each Division shall determine, by majority vote of the Member Clubs comprising the Division, the method by which it will select the entries from their Division to the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships.
- (b) (i) **Number Of Entries – Divisions**
Each Division shall be entitled to a maximum of four (4) entries in each 200 metre, 500 metre and 1,000 metre event and a maximum of five (5) entries in each 6,000 metre event at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. Entries in the Senior, Master and Open Events are EXCEPTIONS to this rule and shall be handled on a direct entry basis at the discretion of the Division. **Notwithstanding the aforementioned, see "U19 Singles Entry Process" below for additional information.**
- (ii) **Random Entries**
Any entry(ies), from the four (4) per Division, which are not filled by the Division itself shall be put into a random draw selection process available to all other Divisions who wish for additional entry(ies) beyond the initial four (4) to which they are entitled.

Where entries for an event do not fill up three (3) complete heats, Divisions may submit additional entries beyond the initial four (4) to which they are entitled. Divisions shall rank their additional entries (i.e. 5th, 6th, 7th, etc.).

A random selection process of 5th ranked entries shall take place until the remaining heat lanes are filled. If still unfilled, the random draw will continue with 6th ranked entries, then 7th ranked entries, etc. until all heat lanes are filled.

Where the addition of a Division's 5th, 6th, etc. ranked entries cause(s) a conflict with regard to the 8 race rule and/or the naming of spares, changes will be made to the Flag Officer of the Division. The Flag Officer shall present any and all changes received to the Domestic Development Committee meeting which immediately precedes the Championships.

(iii) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, any selected random draw entry will always be a valid entry and cannot be forfeited.

(iv) **U19 Singles Entry Process**

The three (3) additional entries permitted in the U19 singles events (beyond the 4 entries per Division) will be allocated to the Divisions whose athletes achieve top three finishes at National Team Trials events as determined by the HPC.

(c) **Substitutions**

Entries shall consist of: C15 – fourteen names (plus Captain); C4/K4 – four names; C2/K2 – two names. Substitutions may be offered for crews entered composing no more than one half of the entry (ie. one for C2/K2; two for C4/K4; seven for C15.)

In addition, each Division may declare a Divisional Spare in singles events. The listing of an individual as a Spare does not constitute an entry for that individual; however, if a Spare is inserted into a crew, and competes in the Regatta, that becomes an entry for that person and counts toward the maximum number of entries permitted. Crew substitutions must be reported at least two hours prior to the race and be verified and approved by the Competition Committee.

(d) **Entry Process**

(i) Entries for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall be submitted to the Domestic Development Director of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the

Association using the competition software designated by CKC.

(ii) First and last names of all competitors together with their registration number must be shown on the entry lists when submitted to the Domestic Development Director by the Divisions. No assumed names shall be given to the Domestic Development Director.

(iii) Entries for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships submitted by the Division to the National Office of the Association must be verified by the Flag Officer, or other Division officer, certifying the entry is a valid one.

(iv) An inability of a Division to complete the forms in the appropriate fashion without numerous changes by the Domestic Development Committee will be levied a surcharge. The amount of this surcharge will be recommended by the DDC and approved by the Sprint Racing Council.

(v) A complete list of all entries for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships must be in the competition software designated by CKC fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Championships.

Divisions failing to execute a complete and verified submission of their entries within the specified deadline shall be levied a 10% surcharge on the total fees of the late entries to a maximum of \$500.

(e) **Competitors**

All entries in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships must meet the following criteria:

(i) be in the name of a Member Club,

(ii) competitors representing a Member Club must have been a member thereof for at least thirty (30) days preceding the Championships.

(iii) a) competitors representing a Member Club must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, or

b) competitors from other countries may participate in CKC sanctioned events provided that they are registered with a Member Club of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association.

c) Such competitors must not have competed for another country in an ICF Sprint/Flatwater sanctioned competition in the 18 months preceding the Canadian

Sprint Racing Championships, nor may they represent another country whilst competing for a Canadian club.

- (f) The Domestic Development Director of CanoeKayak Canada shall not be permitted to declare any entry, nor to report the state of the entrance list until such list shall be closed.
- (g) The Domestic Development Committee shall have power to reject any entry for just cause and shall communicate their reason for rejection to the entry's club.
- (h) All questions of eligibility or qualifications of an entry or interpretation of the rules bearing upon the question of an entry that arise once the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoe Championships are underway shall be referred by the Competition Committee to the Domestic Development Committee and the Flag Officers acting as a single committee, and its decisions shall be final.

5.07 **ENTRY FEES**

- (a) A separate entry fee for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoe Championships shall be established for Singles, Tandems, Fours and War Canoes annually at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote of the Member Clubs upon the recommendation of the Sprint Racing Council.
- (b) All Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoe Championships entry fees due from a Club must be collected by the Division and paid by the Division in full prior to the review of the entries at the Club Representatives meeting on the day preceding the Championships in default of which all entries made by the individual(s) in arrears shall be declared ineligible to compete by the Chairperson of the Sprint Racing Council.

5.08 **SCRATCH PENALTY**

The Domestic Development Director will assess each Member Club, following the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, an amount of \$20.00 for each crew entered by them and included in the Official Draw of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships and which subsequently fails to report to the start line for the race entered without just cause. In the case where a crew fails to report to the start line for a race which is a Final that was preceded by heats, the amount shall be \$50.00.

5.09 **OFFICIAL DRAW**

- (a) The number of lanes that are to be used at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall be nine. The lanes

shall be in accordance with the CKC National Sprint Championship Technical Package

The Draw for Lanes shall be conducted using the competition software designated by CKC for this purpose. The software shall be designed to implement the competition rules of CKC-SRD.

The Draw for Lanes shall be under the direct supervision of the Domestic Development Director and an observer, if appointed by the SRC of the DDC.

Once completed, the Draw for Lanes shall be posted on the CKC website at least nine (9) days prior to the first full day of the competition.

- (b) When more entries are received for a specific event than there are lanes for the Final, heats will be drawn. Once it has been determined how many lanes are to be used at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, the following procedure will apply in advancing to the Final from the heats.

When 2 heats are required:

8 lanes for Final, First 3 in each heat and 2 next fastest
9 lanes for Final, First 3 in each heat and 3 next fastest
10 lanes for Final, First 3 in each heat and 4 next fastest

When 3 heats are required:

8 lanes for Final, First 2 in each heat and 2 next fastest
9 lanes for Final, First 2 in each heat and 3 next fastest
10 lanes for Final, First 2 in each heat and 4 next fastest

When 4 heats are required:

8 lanes for Final, First finisher in each heat and 4 next fastest
9 lanes for Final, First finisher in each heat and 5 next fastest
10 lanes for Final, First finisher in each heat and 6 next fastest

The heats shall be seeded in accordance with the following procedures:

- In the draw for lanes, no entry shall race in the same heat with the entries seeded directly before and/or after it on the official entry form, except as required to balance the heats to within a single entry.
- No more than two first place entries in a heat where four Divisions are entered.

- No more than three first place entries in a heat when five or six Divisions are entered.
 - Division pairings done by draw in each event.
 - Divisional responsibility to rank entries into first three Senior Class entries.
 - Remainder of entries from the Division subject to draw with first three handled as per above arrangement.
 - Four Divisions entered: Draw Divisions by pairs to determine in which heats the first and third entries of the respective Divisions shall be entered. Ensure the second and fourth place entries of each Division are in opposite heats. Draw as normal for lanes.
 - Five or Six Divisions Entered: Draw Divisions by threes to determine in which heats the first and third entries for the respective Divisions shall be entered. Ensure the second and fourth place entries of each Division are in opposite heats. Draw as normal for lanes.
 - All heats in a given event will be run back-to-back.
 - When the draw for heats results in one heat having an excess of two or more entries over the other heat, the lowest seeded entry in the larger heat will be switched to the other heat. When two or more Divisions have the lowest seeded entry, a random draw will determine which of these entries will be switched to the smaller heat.
- (c) The assignment of lanes for the 200, 500 and 1000 metre races shall be randomly seeded from the centre of the course.
- (d) For the 6000 metre races, crews shall be randomly assigned lanes within their Divisional ranking. Crews shall line up from the right hand side of the course (facing up the course). For example, Divisional 'Rank 1' entries shall be placed closest to the buoy marked '0'. The assignment of lanes shall be random within the 6 Divisional 'Rank 1' entries. Likewise, the Divisional 'Rank 2' entries shall be randomly assigned lanes between the 7th and 13th boat, and so on.
- (e) Objections to any entry appearing in or missing from the Official Draw for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall be made to the Flag Officer. The Flag Officer shall present any and all objections received to the Domestic Development Director, in writing, two days prior to the first day of the Championships.

All objections must be accompanied by a written rationale from the Flag Officer AND appropriate administrative back-up documents. The Domestic Development Committee will not consider any objections without said documentation. Appropriate administrative back-up documents shall include official Divisional CKC Qualifying Regatta results and/or official original Canadian Sprint Canoe Championship entry forms. In those cases where the decision of the Domestic Development Committee may result in the addition of a late entry, an additional administrative surcharge will be applied, the amount being equal to the original entry fee.

The Domestic Development Committee of the Sprint Racing Council shall investigate any and all objections presented and a decision shall be given relative to same prior to the holding of the Championships. The decision of the Domestic Development Committee shall be final and not subject to change or appeal.

5.10

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

All Clubs and individuals must be in good financial standing with the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association prior to the review of entries at the Club Representatives' meeting on the day preceding the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships in default of which all entries made by the Club in arrears shall be withdrawn by the Chairperson of the Sprint Racing Council, or in the case of an individual, he or she shall be declared ineligible to compete.

5.11

LIST OF EVENTS

The Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships will consist of the following events and be of the distance indicated below.

U17 6000 metre events will be removed from the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships when the National Sprint Long Distance Championships are scheduled to be held in the same year.

'B' Finals in Senior Singles events will be included at the discretion of the High Performance Committee (HPC)

<u>U17 Women</u>		<u>U17 Men</u>	
*U16 C-1	200 m	*U16 C-1	200 m
*U17 C-1	200 m	*U17 C-1	200 m
*U16 C-1	1000 m	*U16 C-1	1000 m
*U17 C-1	1000 m	*U17 C-1	1000 m
C-1	6000 m	C-1	6000 m
C-2	1000 m	C-2	1000 m
C-4	1000 m	C-4	1000 m
C-15	500 m	C-15	500 m
*U16 K-1	200 m	*U16 K-1	200 m
*U 17 K-1	200 m	*U 17 K-1	200 m
*U16 K-1	1000 m	*U16 K-1	1000 m
*U 17 K-1	1000 m	*U 17 K-1	1000 m
K-1	6000 m	K-1	6000 m
K-2	1000 m	K-2	1000 m
K-4	1000 m	K-4	1000 m

*** A competitor in a U17 singles race event cannot also race in a U16 race in the same class.**

<u>U19 Women</u>		<u>U19 Men</u>	
C-1	200 m	C-1	200 m
C-1	500 m	C-1	500 m
C-1	1000 m	C-1	1000 m
C-2	200 m	C-2	200 m
C-2	500 m	C-2	500 m
C-2	1000 m	C-2	1000 m
C-4	500 m	IC-4	1000 m
C-15	500 m	C-15	500 m
K-1	200 m	K-1	200 m
K-1	500 m	K-1	500 m
K-1	1000 m	K-1	1000 m
K-2	200 m	K-2	200 m
K-2	500 m	K-2	500 m
K-2	1000 m	K-2	1000 m
K-4	500 m	K-4	1000 m

<u>Junior Women</u>		<u>Junior Men</u>	
C-1	200 metres	C-1	200 metres
C-1	500 metres	C-1	500 metres
C-1	1000 metres	C-1	1000 metres
C-2	200 metres	C-2	200 metres
C-2	500 metres	C-2	500 metres
C-2	1000 metres	C-2	1000 metres

C-4	500 metres	C-4	1000 metres
C-15	500 metres	C-15	1000 metres
K-1	200 metres	K-1	200 metres
K-1	500 metres	K-1	500 metres
K-1	1000 metres	K-1	1000 metres
K-2	200 metres	K-2	200 metres
K-2	500 metres	K-2	500 metres
K-2	1000 metres	K-2	1000 metres
K-4	500 metres	K-4	1000 metres

<u>Senior Women</u>		<u>Senior Men</u>	
C-1	200 metres	C-1	200 metres
C-1	500 metres	C-1	500 metres
C-1	1000 metres	C-1	1000 metres
C-2	200 metres	C-2	200 metres
C-2	500 metres	C-2	500 metres
C-2	1000 metres	C-2	1000 metres
IC-4	500 metres	IC-4	1000 metres
C-15	500 metres	C-15	1000 metres
K-1	200 metres	K-1	200 metres
K-1	500 metres	K-1	500 metres
K-1	1000 metres	K-1	1000 metres
K-2	200 metres	K-2	200 metres
K-2	500 metres	K-2	500 metres
K-2	1000 metres	K-2	1000 metres
K-4	500 metres	K-4	1000 metres

<u>Open Women</u>		<u>Open Men</u>	
K-1	200 metres (Intellectual Dis.)	K-1	200 metres (Intellectual Dis.)
C-4	200 metres	<u>IC-4</u>	200 metres
K-4	200 metres	K-4	200 metres

Open Mixed Gender K-2
(Intellectual Dis.)

Paracanoe events shall match Paracanoe events included in the ICF World Canoe Sprint Championships. (Events may be run concurrently where low participation rates allow).

<u>Master Women:</u>		<u>Master Men:</u>	
K-1	500 metres	C-1	1000 metres

5.12 ORDER OF EVENTS

Races shall follow the order as determined by the SRC on the recommendation of the Domestic Development committee. The order of events shall be published no later than April 30th of the year of the National Championships. Each heat shall be started immediately following the preceding heat at the discretion of the Starter and/or the Chief Official. Each final shall be started at the time indicated in the published order.

Events shall start at 8:00 am each day. 20 minute breaks and one hour lunch breaks shall be included where feasible.

The Referee and/or the Starter shall be equipped with stop watches which shall be activated after the loud sound to start the race.

Competitors will need to be aware of the heats preceding their event(s) and follow the order of the Official Draw. Times for Finals are NOT subject to change.

Senior Single races used for National Team carding purposes shall be scheduled at the start of each day.

5.13 COMMODORE'S SALUTE

Prior to the start of the afternoon events on the final day of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, a salute of honour shall be given and the Commodores Cup presented to the Commodore of the Association, by the athletes participating at the Championships, in a format designated by the Sprint Racing Council.

5.14 NATIONAL TEAM CARDING RACES

The following ICF rules will be applied to each of the heats and finals of the Olympic singles events in the Senior category used to award points toward ranking for National Team carding nominations.

(a) **False Starts**

If the competitor starts paddling ahead after the words "Start within ten seconds" and before the starting signal has been given, he has made a false start. The starter must immediately fire two shots and warn the offending competitor/s. If two false starts are made by the same competitor/s the starter must exclude him/them from the race. A warning and subsequent

disqualification by the starter applies only to the boat/competitor which/who caused the false start.

(b) **Boat Control**

Three or more boats, according to the decision of the competition Committee and on a random system shall be re-controlled after the race.

(c) **Pacing and Wash Riding**

Taking pace or receiving assistance from boats not in the race or by any other means is not permitted. When a race is in progress crews not taking part in the race are strictly forbidden to proceed over the whole or part of the course, even outside the marking buoys.

In races up to 1000 metres, competitors must keep their lane from the start to the finish of the course. They shall keep as far as possible the center of their lane. No boat must come nearer than five metres in any direction to another competitor

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5.16 PRIZES/AWARDS

The prizes shall be presented at the conclusion of the Championships or at the end of each race to their respective winners, who in the case of a challenge prize, shall furnish such bonds as may be required by the Sprint Racing Council.

In the event of a dead heat for first place, first place prizes shall be awarded to each crew and Club and no second place prizes awarded. In the event of a dead heat for second place, second place prizes shall be awarded to each crew. Club points shall be divided equally in the event of a dead heat. If two Clubs paddle a dead heat for first place, first and second place points shall be divided equally between the two Clubs, and no Club will place second. A similar procedure would apply when more than two Clubs paddle a dead heat for first place and it would also prevail when a dead heat occurs in any other of the remaining places.

In the event of a dead heat for a first place involving a challenge prize, the trophy shall be formally presented but not retained and each crew's and their Club's names shall be engraved thereon.

5.17 CHAMPIONSHIP BURGEES

(a) A Championship Burgee shall be awarded to the Club winning the most points. In the event of two or more Clubs winning the same number of points, a Burgee shall be awarded to each such Club.

- (b) In addition, a Burgee shall be awarded to the Club(s) winning the most points in U17 Men, U19 Men, Junior Men, Senior Men, U17Women, U19 Women, Junior Women, Senior Women, and Master **combined** Classifications. Points in the Open events shall be awarded to the Senior Burgees.

5.18 **MANAGEMENT**

- (a) The top management of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall be in the hands of the Competition Committee which shall consist of:

- Chief Official;
- Chief Finish Line Judge, and;
- Competition Secretary.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall:

- (i) in the event of inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstance which makes it impossible to carry out the competition, postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held;
- (ii) receive and resolve any protests that may be filed and settle any disputes that may arise and their decision shall be final;
- (iii) verify and approve all crew substitutions;
- (iv) have jurisdiction and supervision over all Championships Officials and have the authority to replace any absent or delinquent Championships Official; and
- (v) notwithstanding decisions made during the competition, the Competition Committee has the ultimate authority to decide on any rule infractions.
- (vi) decide matters concerning disqualification in cases where the regulations are broken during a race.
- (vii) file a written report to the Sprint Racing Council within 14 days following conclusion of the Championships.

5.19 **COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

The major Officials at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall consist of the Chief Official, Chief Finish Line Judge, Competition Secretary, Referees, Starters, Timer, Boat Controller, and a minimum of two Finish Line Judges who are nationally accredited

and they are appointed by the Sprint Racing Council upon the recommendation of the National Officials Committee and should be nationally accredited. All other Officials shall be appointed by the Division in which the Championships are to be held. All Championships Officials shall be responsible to the Chief Official.

5.20 **OFFICIAL CLUB SPOKESPERSON**

Each Member Club must appoint an Official Spokesperson and an alternate to deal with the Competition Committee on any matter which may arise regarding the competition, during the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. The name of this spokesperson shall be given, in writing, on forms provided for the purpose and available from the CKC National Office, to the Chief Official prior to the start of the Championships.

5.21 **PROTESTS**

Should a Member Club believe it or one of its entries in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships has been unfairly dealt with in a particular event, said Member Club may file an Official Protest with the Competition Committee accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 refundable if protest is upheld. Notification to the Chief Official must be made verbally within ten (10) minutes after completion of the event under protest. Written details of the protest must be delivered to the Chief Official within thirty (30) minutes after completion of the event under protest, using an Official Protest Form, available from the Competition Secretary. All communication with the Competition Committee must be carried out by the official spokesperson or alternate, of the Member Club filing the protest. In the content of this Rule, an event shall be deemed to have been completed when so signaled by the Referee. All decisions by the Competition Committee shall be final. The Competition Committee must make every effort to deliver decisions on protests within two (2) hours of the written protest being received.

5.22 **FAIRPLAY**

Any competitor in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships shall have the right at any time prior to the closing of the Championships to object to any Club or person participating in, or being declared the winner of, any race where it may appear to the person making the objections that such Club or person has not entered such contest with the intention of participating therein in an honest manner, and making all reasonable efforts to be successful.

The evidence shall be presented to the Discipline Committee, in writing, who, after hearing the implicated party(ies) or their representative, shall, by a majority vote, decide the objection, The Council shall have power to order the race paddled over or to award the prize in whomsoever, in their judgment, is entitled to it.

5.23 **VIDEO RESULTS**

The Club Spokesperson may view the results of the photofinish and/or finish video at the time a written protest has been ruled on.

Photofinish results, when available, will be posted with the official results of the event.

5.24 **6000 METRE RACES**

Rules 6.06 (Course), 6.07 (Turning Points), 6.18 (Turning Point Officials), 6.20 (Overtaking), 6.21 (Turns) of the SPECIAL RULES FOR THE CANADIAN NATIONAL SPRINT RACING LONG DISTANCE CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS govern the 6000 metre races of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships. All other Rules apply to the 6000 metre races.

VI SPECIAL RULES FOR THE CANADIAN NATIONAL SPRINT RACING LONG DISTANCE CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.01 **DATE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships may or may not be held in the same geographic area within the same time period as the Canadian National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, as determined by a majority vote of the General Membership at the Annual General Meeting three years prior to the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships in question.

6.02 **APPLICATION FOR HOSTING**

All applications to host the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships, together with a signed Protocol Agreement, shall be delivered to the National Office two (2) years prior to the year of the Championships in question and must conform with the minimum course and facility requirements as determined by the Domestic Development Director and ratified by the Sprint Racing Council of the Association; said requirements and the Protocol Agreement to be available to possible hosts upon request.

6.03 **BOAT CONTROL**

The appropriate equipment for weighing and measuring of canoes and kayaks shall be provided by the local Organizing Committee for the use of the Boat Controller for the day preceding the competition and throughout the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships. This shall include and not be restricted to, a certified scale suitable for the weighing of boats, a steel metric tape measure and template or other device for the measuring of length, width and depth of a canoe or kayak.

6.04 **DOPING CONTROL**

All competitors whose names are submitted as entries in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Championships are subject to doping controls.

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6.06 **COURSE**

On Long Distance races, the course shall ideally meet the following conditions:

- (a) Open stretch, at least 500 metres and straight.
- (b) Home stretch, at least 500 metres and straight.
- (c) Distance between the centre of the turns excluding the first turn, of at least 500 metres
- (d) Radius of the turns, at least 40 metres.
- (e) Depth of water, at least 2 metres.
- (f) The course at the start shall permit a clear width of at least 3 metres for each boat.

6.07 **TURNING POINTS**

The turning points shall be marked by at least six (6) flags mounted on marker buoys.

6.08 **ENTRIES**

- (a) A complete list of all entries to the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships shall be made on a Provincial basis and must be received by the Domestic Development Director in the National Office of the Association by midnight on the 10th day preceding the Championships. There shall be no limit to the number of entries a Province may submit.
- (b) First and last names of all competitors, together with their registration number, must be shown on the entry lists when submitted to the Domestic Development Director. No assumed names shall be given to the Domestic Development Director
- (c) All entries in the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships must meet the following criteria:
 - (i) be in the name of a Province;
 - (ii) competitors representing a Province must have been a member of Member Club of the CKC for at least thirty (30) days preceding the Championships and

(iii) competitors representing a Province must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Competitors from other countries may participate in CKC sanctioned events provided they are registered with a Member Club of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association. Such competitors must not have competed in an ICF Sprint Canoe sanctioned competition in the 18 months preceding the Canadian Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships, nor may they represent another country whilst paddling for a Canadian club.

- (d) The Domestic Development Director of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association shall not be permitted to declare any entry nor to report the state of the entrance list until such list shall be closed.
- (e) The Sprint Racing Council shall have the power to reject any entry for just cause and shall communicate their reason for rejection to the Province submitting the entry.
- (f) All questions of eligibility or qualifications shall be referred to the Sprint Racing Council and its decision shall be final.
- (g) Post entries will be accepted three (3) days prior to the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championship Regatta with a late entry fee of \$15.00, in addition to the regular entry fee.

6.09 **ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

No competitor shall be allowed to enter or compete in more than two events.

6.10 **ENTRY FEES**

- (a) A separate entry fee for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships shall be established for Singles and Tandems annually at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote of the Member Clubs upon the recommendation of the Sprint Racing Council.
- (b) All Canadian Long Distance Canoeing Championship entry fees due from a Province must be paid in full by midnight of the day preceding the Championships.

6.11 **OFFICIAL DRAW**

Course numbers shall be drawn for by the Official Draw Committee immediately following the closing of entries. The Official Draw Committee shall consist of the Domestic Development Director, or his/her appointee, and Chairperson; one representative of the Domestic Development Committee; and the Director General, or his/her appointee. Each Province shall be entitled to have a representative present at the Official Draw as an observer.

Once completed, the Official Draw for courses shall then be dispatched as expeditiously as possible to all members of the Sprint Racing Council, the Competition Committee, and to all Provinces which have an entry in the Championships.

6.12 **SCRATCH PENALTY**

The Domestic Development Director will assess each Province, following the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships, an amount of \$20.00 for each crew entered by it and included in the Official Draw of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships, or accepted as a post entry and which subsequently fails to report to the start line for the race entered without just cause.

6.13 **EVENTS & ORDER OF EVENTS**

The "EVENTS" and the "ORDER OF EVENTS" for the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championship Regatta is subject to a review to be approved by the SRC. The EVENTS and their ORDER must be published six months prior to the Regatta.

6.14 **POINT SCORING**

Point scoring shall be kept on both an individual and provincial team basis. The top three individual finishers in each event will receive appropriate awards similar to the Sprint Championships. A Provincial Team shall consist of:

in singles: a minimum of five (5) competitors
in tandems: a minimum of three (3) crews

6.15 **PROVINCIAL TEAM POINT SCORING**

Scores shall be totaled by Provincial Team (the top five competitors for Singles and the top three crews for Tandems) with the Province having the lowest total points being awarded the Team Championship in that event. There must be two or more Provinces entered on the 10th day preceding the Championships in order for there to be a Provincial competition in that event. The scores shall be totaled according to finish place, e.g. First place - 1 point, Second place - 2 points, etc.

6.16 **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

(a) The top management of the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships shall be in the hands of the Competition Committee which shall consist of:

- Chief Official;
- Chief Finish Line Judge, and;
- Competition Secretary.

(b) The Competition Committee shall:

- i. in the event of inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstance which makes it impossible to carry out the competition; postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held;
- ii. receive and resolve any protest that may be filed and settle any disputes that may arise;
- iii. verify and approve all crew substitutions;
- iv. have jurisdiction and supervision over all Championships Officials and have the authority to replace any absent or delinquent Championships Official, and;
- v. file a written report to the Sprint Racing Council within 14 days following conclusion of the Championships.

6.17 **COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

The major Officials at the Canadian National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships shall consist of: the Chief Official, Chief Finish Line Judge, Competition Secretary, 3 Referees, 1 Starter, 2 Turning Point Umpires, 2 Timers, Boat Controller, and a minimum of 2 Finish Line Judges who shall be appointed by the Sprint Racing Council upon the recommendation of the National Officials Committee and should be Nationally accredited. All other Officials shall be appointed by the Division in which the Championships are to be held.

All Championships Officials shall be responsible to the Chief Official.

6.18 **TURNING POINT OFFICIALS**

When a race is run along a course with one or more turning points, one or more Turning Point Officials and one secretary must be stationed at every turning point where they gain the best view of the turn.

The Turning Point Official shall see that the competitors turn according to the rules. The secretary shall make a list of all who pass the turning point. Immediately after the race, the Turning Point Official shall provide a written report to the Chief Official as to whom has turned and if any infraction of the rules has taken place.

All races shall be accompanied by at least two (2) Referees in two (2) separate boats.

6.19 **START PROCEDURE**

- (a) The objective is to give all competitors a dead, even start on the defined start line.
- (b) Competitors shall be at the starting area in time to allow satisfactory preparation for the start.
- (c) Competitors will align themselves on the start line in ascending order by their course numbers. The athlete assigned course number 1 will line up at the end of the starting line closest to the Judges Stand/Tower.
- (d) The Referee will space crews behind the start line. The position of the boats at the start shall be such that the bows of the competing boats are on the starting line. Boats must be stationary.

- (e) The start procedure shall commence without any reference to any absentees. Crews not in their starting positions on completion of the published time interval will not be permitted in the race by the Referee unless instructed otherwise by the Chief Official.
- (f) The Starter shall communicate the countdown as follows:
 - "5 minutes to start"
 - "3 minutes to start"
 - "1 minute to start"
- (g) The starting command will be "READY – SET - GO" ("Go" can be a shot or strong sound signal). At the "READY" command the competitors begin their preparation to paddle. At the "SET" command the competitors place their paddle in the catch position. The competitor must not paddle forward or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure. The starter when satisfied with the competitors positioning and attention will say "GO" (or shot or powerful sound). The competitors must only react to the start command/signal "GO" and are not permitted to anticipate it. The competitors can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command "GO".
- (h) The Referee may interrupt the start procedure or recall a race after it has started, in the event that the alignment and/or spacing of a competitor's boat jeopardized a fair start.
- (i) A competitor attempting to gain an unfair advantage at the start shall be disqualified by the Starter.
- (j) If a competitor breaks a paddle in any race within 25 metres of the start line, and if the Starter and/or Referee decide it is not intentional, then the race shall be stopped by the Starter and/or Referee and restarted after a replacement paddle has been obtained.
- (k) The Starter will report any false starts and disqualifications to the Chief Official.
- (l) The Starter's duties are not complete until the sterns of all boats have cleared the 25 metre marker.

6.20 **OVERTAKING**

When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak in a race, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear at all times of the boat being overtaken. On the other hand, the craft being overtaken is not allowed to alter its course to make difficulties for the overtaking craft.

Failing to comply with this may result in disqualification by the Competition Committee at the end of the race.

6.21 **URNS**

When a race is run on a course with turning points, these shall be passed to port (i.e. in an anti-clockwise direction).

When going around a turning point, the competitor on the outer course must leave room for the competitor on the inner course if that competitor has the bow of his boat at least level with the front edge of the cockpit of the boat on the outer course. 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.

A competitor will not be disqualified for touching a turning point buoy unless, in the opinion of the Turning Point Officials, an advantage has been gained there from. In making a turn, the boat shall follow as closely as possible the course as marked by the buoys at the turning point.

VII AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPETITION RULES OF THE SPRINT RACING DISCIPLINE

The Competition Rule Amendment clause is in the Sprint Discipline "Rules of Structure". It is outlined below for information purposes.

RULES OF STRUCTURE

10.0 COMPETITION RULES

10.01 *Scope of Rules* - At a meeting of members of the Sprint Racing Discipline, rules governing the sport of competitive sprint racing and long distance sprint racing in Canada may be enacted, repealed, amended and added to by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast; and such rules shall be called the "Competition Rules". Without in any way restricting the generality of the foregoing, such rules may include rules regulating competitor, club and division eligibility and discipline, registration of competitors, competition uniforms, equipment, classes of competition, organization of, holding of, hosting of and selection of site of the National Sprint Racing Canoeing Championships, and rules similarly regulating in all respects long distance sprint and National Sprint Racing Long Distance Canoeing Championships.

10.02 *When Rule Changes Can be Made* - Subject always to compliance with the provisions of Paragraphs 10.01 and 10.03, the Competition Rules may be repealed, amended or added to, but only ***at every other AGM, commencing with the meeting for*** the year 1987; provided however, the meeting of members of the Sprint Racing Discipline if at such meeting, on a vote restricted to only the Member Clubs present in person or by proxy and otherwise eligible to vote at the meeting, not less than 90 % of such Member Clubs vote in favour of opening the Competition Rules for repeal, amendment or addition to.

10.03 Mode of Making Rule Changes - The Competition Rules may only be amended, repealed or added to by motion of either the Sprint Racing Council, a Division or a Member Club, in the latter two cases in good standing both at the time the motion hereinafter required is delivered and at the time of the meeting at which the repeal, amendment or addition to the Competition Rule is to be considered (which motion shall not require seconding at the meeting in order to be properly before the meeting for consideration, except in the case of a motion from a Member Club which shall require seconding at the meeting in order to be considered).

Notice in writing shall be delivered to the Director General by the moving party, at least five months prior to the meeting at which the repeal, amendment or addition to the Competition Rules is to be considered. The Domestic Development Committee will review and divide the rule proposals into two categories:

- i. Housekeeping
- ii Substantive

Housekeeping rule proposals will be forwarded directly to the Sprint Discipline AGM for decision. Substantive Rules will be forwarded to an ad hoc technical committee appointed by the SRC. The purpose of the Technical Committee will be to review the proposals within the context of the of the Sprint Racing Discipline's strategic goals in order to ensure compliance. The Technical Committee will submit their recommendations to the DDC for distribution to the member Clubs thirty (30) days in advance of the AGM.

The Director General shall send a notice of such motion(s), both Housekeeping and Substantive, to each Member Club of the Sprint Racing Discipline of the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. Once a rule change (amendment, repeal, addition to) is properly before a meeting of members for consideration, any person or club entitled to vote at the meeting may move, in proper order, an alternative to the rule change, provided there is a seconder to such motion and the motion is restricted to the subject of the same rule change. If a rule change properly put before a meeting of members requires, in order to ensure consistency and a proper sense to the Competition Rules, amendment to or repeal of another rule, or addition of a rule not referenced in the motion delivered to the Director General as aforesaid, such other rule may be considered for amendment, repeal or addition, by either amendment to the motion by the moving party, or by motion of any person or club entitled to vote at the meeting, provided there is a seconder to such motion.