

## COMPETITORS AND COMPETITION BYELAW

Approved by the CSA Board on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006

### COMPETITORS AND AGE CATEGORIES

**NB: These rules are supplementary to the normal ICF rules for the discipline concerned and should they conflict with the ICF rules these rules will take precedence.**

#### **Competitors**

Only members of clubs affiliated to a Provincial Union which is a member of CSA and International visitors that have proof of registration in their own country, have the right to take part in official races organized by a member, club or Union of CSA. (June 06)

#### **Age Categories**

Age categories for paddlers are defined as follows:

**Guppy:** (competitor must compete in standard guppy class boats)  
U/10 up to & including the year he/she turns 10 years  
U/12 up to & including the year he/she turns 12 years

A standard Guppy class boat must not be less than 10 kilograms in weight, have a minimum width of 500mm, a maximum length of 4100mm, and have buoyancy at both ends. No small cockpits are allowed [Dec00]

**Junior:** U/14 up to & including the year he/she turns 14 years  
U/16 up to & including the year he/she turns 16 years  
U/18 up to & including the year he/she turns 18 years  
U/21 up to & including the year he/she turns 21 years

**Senior:** Open

**Sub-Veteran:** 35 - 39 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 35

**Veteran:** 40 - 44 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 40. [Dec02]

**Sub-Master:** 45 – 49 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 45. [Dec02]

**Master:** 50 – 54 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 50. [Dec02]

**Sub Grand Master:** 55 - 59 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> Jan of the year in which he/she turns 55. [Dec02]

**Grand Master 1:** 60 - 64 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 60. [Dec02]

**Grand Master 2:** 65 - 69 commencing on 1 Jan of the year in which he/she turns 65. [June 06]

- In the age-groups over 18 years - with the exception of the Senior class, where the medal/prize winners can come from any age group without this affecting their standings in their own age-group, medals and prizes must be awarded as per the paddler's/combination's actual age-group. If a paddler wants to race in a higher sub-class he must state this before the start and forfeit his rights in his natural class. e.g. If a Master(40-45) elects to race in the Sub-Veteran(35-40) age group he/she will forfeit their rights to awards in the Masters age-group but if they won the whole race overall they would receive the Senior medals/prizes and the Sub-Veterans medals/prizes but not the Master's ones[Dec 03]
- The Junior age-groups( U18 years) the U18 class shall act as the "open" class and may be won by a younger paddler/combination without this affecting their standings in their own age-group. In the younger age-groups medals and prizes must be awarded as per the paddler's/combination's actual age-group. If a paddler wants to race in a higher sub-class he must state this before the start and forfeit his rights in his natural class.e.g. An U14 electing to race in the U16 age group will forfeit the

right to medals and prizes in the U14 age-group, if however this U14 were to win the junior race overall he/she would receive both the U18 and U16 medals and prizes but not the U14 ones. [Dec 03]

## Starting at SA Championships and Major Events

In SA River Championships, and other major events where applicable, the starting arrangements should be made to suite the venue and the circumstances in consultation with the CSA Marathon Chairman. The principal that should be used is that the first batch or seeded rows, if only one batch is used, should consist of the top competitors from all the different classes. When considered appropriate or when the numbers dictate the Junior classes can be started separately. The ladies should always be started separately in a way which will not allow assistance to be gained from other classes. If necessary the rule which prevents riding the wave of boats in other classes can be enforced [Dec02][July 05]

If a lady paddler or crew elect not to start in their own separate start they will exclude themselves from being eligible for the ladies category.

The starts of the second and subsequent stages of the race must be in the form of an elapsed time start. The time span of the start must be sufficient to cover at least the first 30 boats and never be shorter than 30 minutes. Wherever possible the women's race should have its own elapsed time start. Where elapsed time starts are used the ladies should be started in such a way which will not allow assistance to be gained from other classes. This could be by only allowing elapsed time amongst the men on merit and/or if necessary the rule which prevents riding the wave of boats in other classes being enforced. [Dec02]

Separate category starts must be made for SA flatwater marathon events, for seniors, veterans, masters, ladies and juniors. The different Veteran and master age groups should be grouped together if numbers are lower than 25. The format and seeding for other races should be based on the National Grading System. [Dec02]

## Seeding

Seeding and batching for SA River Championships and all other major River races where seeding or more than one start batch is required with strong interprovincial representation must be done using the National Grading System for K1s and K2s.. This must be updated after every designated ranking event and published in all CSA media, including the CSA website, and any other relevant websites. [Dec02]

- Using the Grand Prix events as the base an initial National Ladder be established. Any paddler who did no GP races in the year prior to setup will start at 175%.
- The ladder will be used very strictly to batch day 1 of all races where batching is required. This ladder will be based on the paddlers percentage of the winners time averaged over his best three results, or his only three results or only two results or only result in the year prior to the establishment date.
- In the case of K2's, each paddler in the combination will take the same percentage as his/her personal percentage on the ladder. There will be no separate K1 and K2 ladders. However, K1 and K2 race percentages are considered separately.
- When a K2 enters a race the individual ladder percentages will be averaged to get the combinations percentage for seeding or batching purposes.
- Each race percentage earned will degrade as follows – **1<sup>st</sup> 90 days = 1%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30 days 2%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 30 days 3%, 4<sup>th</sup> 30 days 4%, 5<sup>th</sup> 30 days and thereafter 5% every 30 days.**
- All races all around the country will be used in the updating of the National Ladder updated on a weekly basis.
- If the race is a GP event the results in the main class will stand as they come. However if the race is not a GP event or the class is not the main one in a GP race the winning boat's starting percentage will be the ceiling for percentages in that race and all other results will be relative to it.

- In the case of a race with a restricted entry all the entries will be placed on a ladder created from the National Ladder percentages and priority given to acceptance from the top down. Rejected entries will have their entry fee refunded.
- The only cases where manipulation of the batching is allowed is in the case of visiting paddlers and the final seeding within the first batch at races and where seeding trials are held for the starting positions within the first batch.
- If a paddler wishes to drop a race from their National Ladder calculation for sweeping or beginner assistance reasons they may apply to the race organizer to be classed as a sweep. If this is acceptable, that race will not count as a grading race. All designated sweeps will be excluded from the grading.
- K2 ranking will be determined by combination. Each paddler will therefore have a different K2 ranking with each different partner
- All SA River Championship and other major river races requiring seeding and batching must use the ranking ladder for batching. All age-groups and both sexes will be ranked according to overall performance.
- Combinations and K1 paddler's who do not take part in ranking races will not be seeded and will be batched randomly at the back of the field, except that International paddlers may be catered for separately and A Graded paddlers in K2 combinations that have not raced together before in ranking races will be ranked as a combination by averaging their current K1 ranking percentages.
- Races to be used for ranking: SA Flat Marathon Champs(Senior Race only), Berg, Breede, Fish, Lowveld Croc, 50 Miler, Vaal, Dusi, Umko and Drakensberg Challenge.
- Any other race wishing to be used must apply to be allocated status of national ranking event and will only be approved after the event if it had participation from at least three boats from the top 103% of the current ranking list at the time in the class to be used for ranking.
- Percentage of the winners time will be used as the marker, K1's and K2's separately. The only single result, an average of the only two results, an average of the only three results, or an average of the best three results will be used for each boat. The last 12 months races will be used .i.e. last year's Fish will count for this years Fish after which it will fall away and this years Fish will be the most recent race used - and so on

If seeding is required which falls outside of that provided for by the National Grading System (e.g. for a flatwater marathon event), then it is to be done by the National Selectors. Unions are to submit their nomination timeously, two weeks before the event. [Dec02]

### **K2 COMBINATIONS AT SA AND MAJOR EVENTS**

It is understood that with a mixed age category team in a K2 one can paddle up in class, but never down class.

Mixed Provincial crews (i.e. paddlers from different Unions) may compete in SA K2 marathon events, and are eligible for medal awards, but are not eligible for team points and team awards.

Mixed Provincial crews are eligible for seedings.

In sprint events mixed provincial K2 & K4 crews are allowed and points are shared between two provinces.

In marathon events mixed doubles (male/female) are eligible for prizes as a mixed double and only in a male only class provided that separate start requirements do not dictate that they cannot be in both classes. If separate starts or seeding are required the combination will be required to nominate which category they will be in.

### **ORGANISATION AND REGULATIONS FOR SA CHAMPIONSHIP AND MAJOR EVENTS**

The date and venue of SA Championship events should be announced at least six months before the event is to take place. Details as per invitations in the ICF rules to be included with the entry form and sent to each union at least one month before the event.

Organizers of SA Championship events are required to submit timeously a proposed budget for the event if they wish to charge an entry fee in excess of 50% of the current senior CSA affiliation fee per paddle per day. [Dec02]. Entry fees for Juniors may not exceed 2/3rds of the senior entry fee, and are recommended at 50% of the senior entry fee. [Nov 99]

In the case of a K2 entry, the event organisers may accept the late replacement of an entrant, provided that satisfactory proof of medical illness or other unforeseen circumstance is provided in writing to the organisers. The replacement entrant must meet all the proficiency and qualification criteria. The race organisers may charge a fee not exceeding 10% of the race entry fee for accepting the change of entry.

Any Province/Club organizing a South African Championship or SA Grand Prix event must present results to CSA and all Unions within 48 hours following the event.

A race organizer may request a medical doctor to examine a paddler, and if the doctor's opinion is that the paddler would be at risk if he paddled, then the organizers are empowered to stop the paddler from paddling.

The venues of SA events will be decided by the CSA Board on the recommendation of the discipline committees. Where appropriate the venue should rotate around the country.

SA Flatwater [Sprint] Racing, Canoe Polo and all team events at Championships will only be held on an inter-Provincial basis.

Persons must qualify to become Officials and a minimum of three [3] qualified Officials must be used at all SA Championship events. The competition committee for SA Championship events should be approved by the discipline chairman and include one member that is not from the host province.

### **COMPETITION CLOTHING AT SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

Paddlers are to paddle in Club/Provincial colours.

### **JURY AND COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

Final authority at SA events shall rest with a Jury of at least three [3] qualified members appointed by the organizers prior to the event. In so far as it is possible at SA events all participating Provinces should be represented by one person. The Chief Official and Competition Committee are subordinate to the Jury.

In all SA events, each Province should be asked, by the host Union, to nominate a qualified Official to serve on the Jury. If no nomination is received with the entries of the Union, the host Union may nominate Officials, to bring the number of Jury members up to not less than three. (Aug. '90)

The jury shall:

- Hear any appeals which may be received and settle any disputes that may arise as a result of decisions made by the Competition Committee. Such appeals should be made in writing, with the reasons for the appeals and lodged with the Jury Chairman not later than 20 minutes after the competitor or manager has been informed of the decision and signed the receipt. A fee of R50 must accompany the appeal, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- If the competitor involved in the incident is still competing the course, the times for lodging an appeal shall be extended until one hour after either completing the course or withdrawing from the event.
- Decisions of race Juries are not subject to appeal and are final, and are subject to review only on the legal grounds upon which administrative decisions are subject to review. Any application to review must be lodged with the Secretary General of CSA within 10 calendar days of the decisions, and the decision of the CSA Board thereon shall be final.
- At events other than SA Championships, where no jury is in place, appeals should be considered by the province in which the event is held.

The Competition Committee, consisting of the chief official, the Technical Organiser and one additional Official, shall -

- Decide matters concerning disqualification in cases where the regulations have been broken during the competition. The decision of the Competition Committee shall be based on the ICF Rules. Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed (i.e. disqualification for a longer period than the duration of the competition in question);
- Before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of the rules, hear the opinion of the official/s who were in control of the race, if it is felt to be of importance in clearing up the alleged offence.

The Competition Committee may disqualify any competitor who behaves improperly or who, by his conduct or speech shows contempt towards the officials, other competitors or onlookers.

A protest made during a competition relating to an incident in the race must be made in writing and within one hour of competing the course, and be accompanied by a fee of R50 which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.

## **TEAM AWARDS AND POINTS AT SA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

### **Marathon Racing**

Any paddler may be nominated for a team from within the categories which start together, i.e. not necessarily an Open male.

In national events the team award will be the total time of the first four nominated paddlers [K1]; and the first two nominated boats [K2] from each Province, irrespective of which team they were nominated for. (May '89)

For a team to be included in the results it must have consisted of selected paddlers at the start of the race. (May '89)

### **Flatwater [Sprint] Racing**

Points to be awarded per boat : K1 : 20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

K2 : 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2

K4 : 20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

In events where fewer than 9 entrants are involved the winner gets points equal to the number of entrants confirmed at the team leaders meeting, working from the lower end of the scale.

In sprint events mixed provincial K2 & K4 crews are allowed and points are shared between the provinces.

The paddler with the highest points the K1 & K2 categories will be awarded victor/victrix ludorum medal.

The Province with the highest points including K4 points will be the winning Province.

**Slalom and Wildwater Racing** - ICF rules to apply.

### **MEDAL ISSUE**

At the discretion of the Discipline Committees with the attached schedule as a guide

If a nominated provincial team or paddler does not attend the prize-giving at a national or major event, the team or paddler shall forfeit the medals, unless satisfactory prior arrangements were made with the organizing body. (Nov. '90)

**ANTIDOPING** - as per SASCOC and ICF/WADA Directives

## **SA `WILLEM VAN RIET' CANOEING GRAND PRIX SERIES**

The Grand Prix Series will consist of the following events:

Dusi Canoe Marathon - K1/K2  
Umkomaas Marathon - K2  
Berg River Canoe Marathon - K1  
SA Marathon Championships - K1 and K2  
SA Sprints (Dec 00)  
50-Miler [opposite to Dusi]  
Breede River Canoe Marathon - K2  
SA K1 River Championships – K1  
SA K2 River Championships – K2  
World Marathon Cup – K1 and K2  
World Marathon Champs – K1 and K2  
Fish Marathon - [same as Dusi] ( Dec03)  
Lowveld Croc – K1 (Dec 04)  
Vaal Marathon – K2 (Dec 04)  
Drak Challenge – K1 (Dec 04)

The trophy will be awarded to the paddler earning the most points from his best five results out of the above events.

The competition will be run in the senior men, senior women, junior boys and junior girls categories. The series culminates in the winner being awarded the Willem van Riet trophy to the senior men's champion, and trophies to the other category winners, and any other prizes that are available through sponsorship of the Grand Prix from time to time. The marathon committee shall formulate the rules for the distribution of Grand Prix prizemonies or prizes.

Points scored will be as follows:

K1 Points - The first twenty canoeists score points beginning with 1 point for number 20, increasing with 1 point per position up to the top three positions. Here special recognition is given with two extra points to third position, three extra points to second and four extra points to first position.

K2 Points - K2's points are spread in such a way that the equivalent individual position in a K2 race corresponds more or less to the same K1 position. For example, the third K2 represents the 5th and 6th individual canoeist in the race and scores 16 points, the same as the 5th canoeist in a K1 race.

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
K1	26	22	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
K2	24	19	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Pos	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
K1	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Results in the international events (World Marathon Cup and Championships) earn 150% of the above points.

## CANOEING SOUTH AFRICA

### SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL AWARDS

#### K1 MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS – FLATWATER AND RIVER

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>TEAM = 4</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<b>4 K1 Boats (open)</b>
Large Medals Senior (Men & Women)	1	1	1	Gold
Small medals (Boys & Girls) Sub Juniors U/10	1	1	1	-
U/12	1	1	1	-
Juniors U14	1	1	1	-
Under 16	1	1	1	-
Under 18	1	1	1	-
Under 21	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Sub Veterans	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Veterans	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Sub Masters	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Masters	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Sub Grand Masters	1	1	1	-
Small Medals Grand Masters	1	1	1	-

#### K2 MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS – FLATWATER AND RIVER

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>TEAM = 4</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<b>2 K2 Boats (open)</b>
Large Medals Senior (Men & Women)	2	2	2	Gold
Small medals (Boys & Girls) Sub Juniors U/10	2	2	2	-
U/12	2	2	2	-
Juniors U14	2	2	2	-
Under 16	2	2	2	-
Under 18	2	2	2	-
Under 21	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Sub Veterans	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Veterans	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Sub Masters	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Masters	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Sub Grand Masters	2	2	2	-
Small Medals Grand Masters	2	2	2	-

#### K4 LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
Large Medals Senior (Men & Women)	4	4	4	
Small medals (Boys & Girls) Sub Juniors U/10	4	4	4	-
U/12	4	4	4	-
Juniors U14	4	4	4	-
Under 16	4	4	4	-
Under 18	4	4	4	-
Under 21	4	4	4	-
Small Medals Sub Veterans	4	4	4	

Small Medals	Veterans	4	4	4
Small Medals	Sub Masters	4	4	4
Small Medals	Masters	4	4	4
Small Medals	Sub Grand Masters	4	4	4
Small Medals	Grand Masters	4	4	4

**TEAM MEDALS WILL ONLY BE AWARDED IF 3 PROVINCIAL TEAMS, NOT NECESSARILY FROM THE SAME PROVINCE, ARE REPRESENTED IN THE EVENT.**

**SPRINT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SENIOR A MEN AND SENIOR WOMEN**

<b>(Large Medals)</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>		<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
K1	200m	1	1	1
	500m	1	1	1
	1000m	1	1	1
K2	200m	2	2	2
	500m	2	2	2
	1000m	2	2	2
K4	200m	4	4	4
	500m	4	4	4
	1000m	4	4	4

**VICTOR/VICTRIX LODORUM AWARDS**

Determined on a Victor/Victrix Ludorum basis – all events except K4 events to count

**SENIOR B/ UNDER 21/ SUB VETERAN/ VETERAN/ SUB MASTER/ MASTER/ SUB GRAND MASTER / GRAND MASTER**

<b>(Small Medals)</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>		<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
K1	200m	1	1	1
	500m	1	1	1
	1000m	1	1	1
K2	200m	2	2	2
	500m	2	2	2
	1000m	2	2	2
K4	200m	4	4	4
	500m	4	4	4
	1000m	4	4	4

**VICTOR/VICTRIX LODORUM AWARDS**

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**UNDER 18 (JUNIORS) (Boys and Girls)**

<b>(Small Medals)</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>		<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
K1	200m	1	1	1
	500m	1	1	1
	1000m – U18 Boys <u>only</u>	1	1	1
K2	200m	2	2	2
	500m	2	2	2

	1000m – U18 Boys <u>only</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
K4	200m	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	500m	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	1000m – U18 Boys only	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

#### **VICTOR/VICTRIX LODORUM AWARDS**

Determined on a Victor/Victrix Ludorum basis – all events except K4 events to count

#### **SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>TEAM = 3</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	
Senior (Men and Women) – Large	1	1	1	Gold
Sub Juniors U/10 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Juniors U/12 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Juniors U14 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 16 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 18 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 21 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Veterans – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Veterans – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Grand Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Grand Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-

#### **WILD WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>TEAM = 3</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	
Senior (Men and Women) – Large	1	1	1	Gold
Sub Juniors U/10 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
U/12	1	1	1	-
Juniors U14 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 16 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 18 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Under 21 - Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Veterans – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Veterans – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Sub Grand Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-
Grand Masters – Small medals	1	1	1	-

#### **SA SCHOOL SPRINT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Open/ Under 21/ Under 18/ Under 16/ Under 14/Under 12/ Under 10 (Boys and Girls)

<b>Small (29 mm) medals</b>		<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>Minimum number of boats</b>		<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
K1	200m	1	1	1
K1	500m	1	1	1
K1	1000m – Open & U16 Boys <u>only</u>	1	1	1
K2	200m	1	1	1
K2	500m	1	1	1
K2	1000m – Open & U16 Boys <u>only</u>	1	1	1

#### **VICTOR/VICTRIX LODORUM AWARDS**

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