

NATIONAL SPRINT REGATTAS

Disciplinary Procedures

Offences Incurring Penalty Points

The Chief Official will be solely responsible for all disciplinary matters of a minor nature, under the operation of a penalty points system. At his/her discretion, he/she may issue one penalty point to each paddler involved in each of the following offences. These offences are considered to be detrimental to the efficient operation of regattas and/or potentially hazardous.

Code	Infringement
• C	Racing in incorrect colours
• N	Racing with incorrect or missing number
• Z	Failure to observe water zoning procedures
• S	Unauthorised substitution for another paddler
• F	Failure to report, having qualified, for semi-finals or finals
• D	Conduct during racing likely to cause injury or damage to equipment
• L	Use of offensive language
• U	Underweight boat (see note 1)
• R	Failure to report for boat weighing immediately (see note 2)
• B	Insufficient buoyancy (see note 3)

Notes

1. Weights must be properly fixed to the boat or seat. Stones in bags or any other temporary system will not be accepted.
2. Boats required for weighing will be notified either shortly before the start of the race or shortly after the finish of the race.
3. Buoyancy will be checked by both systematic and random inspections at launching points. If a boat is found to have insufficient buoyancy, it will be turned back.

Accumulation of Penalty Points and Penalty Fines

1. When a paddler accumulates a total of 4 or more penalty points, he/she is liable for a fine of £10 per point in excess of 3 points.
2. Fines are to be paid at the Regatta Office.
3. A paddler liable for a fine cannot race until the fine has been paid.
4. Penalty points are accumulated over 4 consecutive regattas and are not restricted to a single year. Thus, for example, penalty points incurred in the last regatta of the year will remain active until the start of the 4th regatta of the following year.

Notification

Team leaders will be notified when a penalty point has been issued to a paddler from his/her team. This notification will also be recorded on the end of regatta results sheet.

Disciplinary Matters of a More Serious Nature.

In respect to all other disciplinary matters the Chief Official, Competition Committee and the Competition Jury must act as described in the Sprint Racing Rules which include penalties in accordance with B.C.U. Rules or the Sprint Racing Section Disciplinary Regulations.

N.B. A reported incidence of dissent/abuse towards a Regatta Official, another competitor or their equipment, or a spectator must be treated as conduct prejudicial to the interests of the sport and dealt with under the Section Disciplinary Regulations.