

BCU Marathon Racing Committee

Marathon Racing Rule Changes

Announcement to Clubs, Race Organisers and Team Leaders

Marathon Racing Committee has agreed changes to the provision of K2 classes at Hasler events.

All the changes will be incorporated into the HRM and a new version will be available in good time for the first Hasler race in 2009 which is at Gailey on 29 March.

A complete set of new rules will be posted on the MRC website
<http://www.marathon-canoeing.org.uk>

1. Changes to Regional Hasler Races

- 1.1 From 1 January 2009 racing will be split into nine single and nine double divisions.
- 1.2 The races offered at all Hasler events for divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be either:
 - (a) K1 races in divisions 1 and 3 plus a K2 race in division 2, **OR**
 - (b) A K1 race in division 2 and K2 races in divisions 1 and 3.

Regional Hasler Advisers will be asked to liaise with race organisers to ensure there are approximately equal offerings of both combinations during each season.

- 1.3 All Hasler events will offer races in each K1 and K2 divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- 1.4 Points will be scored in divisions 1 to 8 by those within 110% of the fastest boat not promoted (in K1 divisions) and by those within 110% of the winning time in K2 divisions.
- 1.5 The K2 ranking will be the simple average of rankings with halves rounded down – so the old basis.
- 1.6 The restrictions on promotions of Junior Men, Women and Junior Women no higher than divisions 2, 3 and 4 respectively, are removed.

2. Hasler Final

- 2.1 The Hasler Final will have all nine K1 divisions and all nine K2 divisions.

3. National Championships

- 3.1 In the divisional categories there will be no races for divisions 1, 2 and 3 in either K1 or K2.
- 3.2 There will be K1 and K2 races in each of divisions 4 to 9.

4. Promotions/demotions

- 4.1 The configuration of races for divisions 1, 2 and 3 will make it difficult to apply automatic promotions and demotions in these divisions. All promotions to divisions 1 and 2 and all demotions from divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be made by the Rankings Officer in consultation with the Regional Hasler Adviser.

The committee is well aware that not all regions or events will be able to stage races in every division but it is right to give that opportunity at events where this does prove possible. Where this is not possible divisions will be combined under the same rules for transfer as now where are less than three boats in a race.

If you do have to transfer one or two boats to another division then where possible (a) transfer to a lower division, and (b) transfer to a race of the same distance. Boats that are transferred under Rule 25 will count for Hasler points and prizes but their times will be not be used in the 110% calculations.

The committee encourages all paddlers ranked in divisions 1, 2 and 3 to race in the K1 or K2 division advertised for a given event. However, whilst we consider it reasonable to restrict the number of races offered at events in divisions 1, 2 and 3 because of the relatively low numbers ranked in these divisions, we do wish to give all paddlers a chance to race. So if a paddler or a K2 crew in these divisions attends an event where there is no race scheduled for his or their division, the Race Organiser shall allow the competitor(s) to race in an alternative division. The entry will count as a qualifying Hasler race, but will not score points nor be entitled to a prize and the finish time will not count in the 110% calculations. For example:

- a) if an event advertises a div 3K2 race and a div 3 competitor attends to enter in a K1 race, he should be allowed to race in the div 2K1 race (or that is not quorate, the next lower K1 division that is quorate);
- b) if the event advertises a div 3K1 race and competitors attend to enter a div 3 K2 race, they should be allowed to race in the div 2K2 race (or that is not quorate, the next lower K2 division that is quorate);

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