BUCS CANOEING REGULATIONS

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CAN i The BUCS Canoeing Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) as modified by Paddle UK (PUK). Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship.

CAN ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

CAN iii In the event that these regulations contradict the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) as modified by Paddle UK (PUK), these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

CAN iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Canoeing Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.

CAN 1 Championships BUCS will host annually the following Championships:

CAN 1.1 Canoe Polo Championships The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

CAN 1.2 Canoe Slalom Championships The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

CAN 1.3 Canoe Sprint Championships The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

CAN 1.4 Wild Water Racing Championships The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

CAN 2 Canoe Polo Championships

CAN 2.1 All matches will be played in accordance with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Polo Rules, as varied by the Paddle UK (PUK) Canoe Polo Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise in these regulations.

CAN 2.2 Tournament format The Female Championship and Open Championship will be run as a double elimination format. The Open Trophy will consist of a group phase, followed by a knockout phase, with the number and size of groups, as well as the number of knockout rounds and how many teams progress to the knockout phase, determined by the number of teams and the number of pitches available.

CAN 2.3 Squad and team selection

CAN 2.3.1 Following teams being entered on BUCS Play, players who wish to be eligible for selection for a team must apply to join, and be accepted into, the team's squad on BUCS Play by the deadline listed in the entry information.

CAN 2.3.2 Individuals may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams at the same Championships, including where these teams are participating in different categories. For clarity:

- An individual may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a team in the Female Championship and a team in the Open Championship or Open Trophy.
- An individual may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for a team in the Open Championship and a team in the Open Trophy.
- An individual may not be fielded (including as an unused substitute) for multiple teams in the Open Trophy.

CAN 2.4 Equipment/scrutineering Equipment scrutineering will take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Helmets, buoyancy aids, paddles and boats will be inspected and must conform to Paddle UK (PUK) specifications.

CAN 2.5 Disqualifications

CAN 2.5.1 If a team is over 10 minutes late to a match, they will automatically lose the match 7-0 and it will be scratched.

CAN 2.5.2 If a team is fielding an ineligible player for a match then they will automatically lose the match 7-0 and it will be scratched.

CAN 3 Canoe Slalom Championships

CAN 3.1 All races will be run in accordance with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom Rules, as varied by the Paddle UK (PUK) Canoe Slalom Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise in these regulations.

CAN 3.2 Team events There are two types of team events: Open Classic Team Type 1 and Classic Open Team Type 2.

CAN 3.2.1 An Open Classic Team Type 1 team shall consist of three boats. Any combination of boat classes (K1/C1/C2) and gender of team members is permitted.

CAN 3.2.2 An Open Classic Team Type 2 team shall consist of three boats. Any combination of boat classes (K1/C1/C2) and gender of team members is permitted, with the exception that individuals assigned male at birth are not permitted to use a K1.

CAN 3.2.3 An individual competitor may only enter each team event once and if entering both the Open Classic Team Type 1 and Classic Open Team Type 2 events must use a different boat class in each.

CAN 3.3 Bibs Bibs must be worn at all times during practice and racing. Competitors wearing the wrong numbered bib for the class they are paddling may be disqualified.

CAN 3.4 Competition schedule A competition Schedule will be published listing the individual or team events to take place in a time period. Athletes may start at any time within the period for their event. This replaces sections 9.2, 9.3 and 10.2.3 of the Paddle UK (PUK) Slalom Rules.

CAN 3.5 Course approval The course will be approved by the Chief Judge. This replaces the course approval section of the Paddle UK Slalom Rules.

CAN 3.6 Overall Team The Overall Team standings are calculated as follows: 100 points are divided by the number of competitors who start each race and the points difference between each place will be this number, starting with 100 points for 1st place. However, those who don't finish their run receive no points. For example, if 10 people start and only eight finish in a particular category, they are awarded points as follows:

1st 100
2nd 90
3rd 80
4th 70
5th 60
6th 50
7th 40
8th 30
=9th 0 (DNF)
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In the case of team categories these scores are doubled.

The five highest points scoring finishers from an institution/Playing Entity across all the individual categories all contribute their full points to their Overall Team score. In addition, the two highest scoring teams across both team categories contribute their full points. All other finishers contribute the points of the last placed finisher in that class. So in the case of the class above that would be 30 points. The total score is then used to calculate the Overall Team positions.

CAN 4 Canoe Sprint Championships

CAN 4.1 All Championship races will be run in accordance with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Sprint Rules, as varied by the Paddle UK (PUK) Sprint Racing Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise in these regulations. Failure to observe these rules may result in a time penalty or disqualification.

CAN 4.2 Overall Team The Female Team and Open Team results will be calculated based on the results of all Championship events. The top eight finishers in each event shall contribute points towards their team's score. First place in each event shall be worth eight points, with points reducing by one for each subsequent position down to eighth place which shall be worth one point.

CAN 5 Wild Water Racing Championships

CAN 5.1 All races will be run in accordance with the International Canoe Federation Wildwater Canoeing Rules, as varied by the Paddle UK Wildwater Racing Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise in these regulations. However, the team events will not require team members to finish within 15 seconds of each other, but they must finish within clear line of sight. Results will be published on the Paddle UK Wildwater Racing website and included in the GB Rankings.

CAN 5.2 All individual and team events will be decided on one run.

CAN 5.3 Team events There are two types of team events: Open Classic Team Type 1 and Classic Open Team Type 2.

CAN 5.3.1 An Open Classic Team Type 1 team shall consist of three boats. Any combination of boat classes (K1/C1/C2) and gender of team members is permitted.

CAN 5.3.2 An Open Classic Team Type 2 team shall consist of three boats. Any combination of boat classes (K1/C1/C2) and gender of team members is permitted, with the exception that individuals assigned male at birth are not permitted to use a K1.

CAN 5.3.3 An individual competitor may only enter each team event once and if entering both the Open Classic Team Type 1 and Classic Open Team Type 2 events must use a different boat class in each.

CAN 5.4 Bibs Bibs must be worn at all times during practice and racing. Competitors wearing the wrong numbered bib for the class they are paddling may be disqualified.

CAN 5.5 Equipment All competitors must wear suitable safety equipment and boats/equipment should be in a river worthy condition.

CAN 5.5.1 All boats must be fitted with grab loops at the bow and stern and must contain two air bags.

CAN 5.5.2 All paddlers must wear CE approved buoyancy aids and helmets. Helmets fitted with polo faceguards are not suitable for use on white water.

CAN 5.5.3 Paddlers should wear sufficient warm clothing for the time of year.

CAN 5.5.4 The organisers may conduct spot checks on all equipment and reserve the right to refuse entry or disqualify anyone deemed to have insufficient safety equipment or be unsafe. Boats may be inspected following a swim and paddlers with unsafe boats will have to retire.

CAN 5.6 Capsizing If you capsize then you can get back in your boat and continue. You can have help to get back in, but you must be in the same boat as you started in, and you must be in it with your head above the water when you cross the finish line.

CAN 5.7 Overall Team The Overall Team standings are calculated from the summed points from each class. The first 15 finishers in each class gain 20,16,14,12,11,...1 point(s) and all other finishers gain one point. These points are totalled over all the classes.

CAN 6 Disputes at events In line with REG 7.7, should a dispute occur at an event, the event appeal panel for Canoeing shall comprise of the Tournament Director and a BUCS Staff Member.