

NATIONAL SPRINT REGATTAS

Disciplinary Procedures

Offences Incurring Penalty Points

The Chief Official as Chair of the Competition Committee has the final discretion for all disciplinary matters of a minor nature, under the operation of a penalty points system (see Rule 31 of the British Canoeing Sprint Racing Competition Rules). The Competition Committee may issue penalty points to paddlers in respect of the following offences that 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 a final
- 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 to Boat Control immediately (see note 2)
- B Insufficient buoyancy (see note 3)
- T Race times below minimum Sprint Standards of Racing for National Regattas (see note 4)

Notes

1. Weights must be properly fixed to the boat or seat. Stones in a bag loose in a boat or any other temporary system will not be accepted.
2. Boats required by Boat Control will be notified shortly after the finish of the race. The required boats' lane numbers will be displayed on the pontoon by the Finish Line and the lane numbers will be announced by Commentary.
3. Boats buoyancy will be checked. Penalty points will be applied, or competitors can be disqualified from a race if Officials find a boat has been on the course without visible additional buoyancy (or fixed bulkheads).
4. Applicable only to the slowest classes for each group, i.e. when paddlers can't be demoted, (Mens D, Masters D, Womens D, Women Masters D, Boys D & Girls D)

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 Information Desk
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 may be notified when a penalty point has been issued to a paddler from his / her team. A record of all the active penalty points is listed at the end of the official results for each regatta.

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 Competition Rules which include penalties in accordance with British Canoeing Rules or 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 British Canoeing Disciplinary Regulations.