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SLALOM COMMITTEE DRAFT CONSTITUTION - 2009

1.1 Slalom Committee

The Slalom Racing Committee is a technical committee of the Irish Canoe Union and is responsible for the organisation, development, promotion and administration of canoe-slalom in Ireland. The Committee consists of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and one ordinary committee member. All officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Slalom Committee and the Chairperson is then ratified at the ADM of the ICU.

1.2 Aims of the Slalom Committee

- To spread Slalom Racing throughout Ireland by encouraging and organising ranking and non-ranking races.
- To encourage a broad base of slalom paddlers in Ireland through the development of introductory training courses and specialised training weekends in Slalom Racing.
- To develop the standard of Irish paddlers through International competition at home and abroad.
- To draft rules and make recommendations for National Slalom Races.

1.3 The duties of the committee members shall be as follows:-

1.3.1 Chairperson:-

The Chairperson shall be responsible for:-

- Chairing all committee meetings.
- Ensuring that meetings are held as necessary.
- A minimum of 4 meetings and preferably 6 should be held in any racing year
- Implementing policy and ensuring action is taken on committee decisions.
- Representing the committee at ICU Board meetings or in their absence request another committee member to attend.

1.3.2 Secretary:-

The Secretary shall be responsible for:-

- Calling meetings and taking minutes.
- Dealing with correspondence in conjunction with the chairperson.
- Arranging venue, date and time of meetings and notifying all committee members.
- Notifying all clubs of the date, venue and the time of Slalom AGM (14 days notice must be given).
- Taking minutes of all meetings and circulation to all committee members.
- Publish changes in Slalom Canoe/Kayak Rules and Regulations on website.
- The secretary shall delegate for the chairperson in his/ her absence.

1.3.3 Treasurer:-

The Treasurer shall be responsible for:-

- All monies paid to the Slalom Committee.
- The Collection of levies for all ranking and non-ranking events.
- Preparing a Balance Sheet for the Slalom AGM and the ICU ADM.

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- General financial affairs of the Committee.
- The preparation and presentation of the financial accounts at committee meetings.

1.3.4 PRO:-

The PRO shall be responsible for:-

- Obtaining publicity for Slalom racing via Press, Radio and T.V.
- Preparation of programmes for major events.
- Compiling Slalom news for ICU communications.
- Keeping all points and records of all ranking races.
- End of season ranking divisional lists and notification of national champions.
- Keeping a record of all international results for selected Irish teams.
- The distribution and collection of national trophies.
- Maintaining an active and regularly updated web site.
- Maintaining a database of active and potential participants and working with race and event organisers to communicate directly with clubs, club members, individuals and interested parties in slalom racing.

1.4 The Collective Committee shall be responsible for:-

- Production of fixture list each year for Slalom racing.
- The organisation and promotion of coaching courses for coaches at varied levels.
- Promoting the sport of Slalom Canoe/Kayak Racing.
- Producing and publishing a set of guidelines and rules for running competitions.

1.5 Election of the Committee

All committee members elected or appointed as provided above, as officers or committee members are eligible for re-election or re-appointment but should not serve more than four consecutive years in any one position. The Term of the committee members will be for a 1 year term.

2.0 Annual General Meetings

- An annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held at least every 12 months.
- The secretary shall notify the general slalom population of General meetings (AGMs & EGMs) at least 14 days in advance using email (if provided), the Slalom website (www.irishcanoeslalom.com), or the ICU website, via text message or any other useful or applicable means of communications.
- Proposals should be submitted to the Slalom committee at least 7 days in advance of the General meeting.
- Proposals shall be posted on the committee web site at least 5 days in advance of the General meeting.
- Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) can be called if a minimum of 10 slalom paddlers sign the request for an EGM.
- A minimum of 15 people will be deemed to be a quorum for a general meeting.

2.1 VOTING RIGHTS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- All members of the Irish Canoe Union shall be entitled to vote.

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- Junior paddlers over the age of 18 (on 1st of Jan of the year of the General meeting) can vote at general meetings or as per ICU rules, if in compliance with the above requirements.

2.2 VOTING PROCEDURES:

Decisions at general meetings shall be taken by a simple majority expressed by a show of hands. The Chairperson shall not vote, except that in the case of equality of votes he/she shall be entitled to a casting vote. The Returning officers, if required shall be appointed by the outgoing Chairperson, or may be agreed by the voting majority.

3. COMPETITIONS

3.1 All competitions will be run under I.C.U./I.C.F. competition rules.

4. ANTI-DOPING

4.1 The use of performance enhancing substances by anyone taking part in the sport is strictly prohibited.

4.2 Abuse of any other substance while involved in a competition that puts at risk the player's safety or any other participants is deemed a disciplinary offence.

4.3 All competitors must comply with the ICU and ISC anti-doping regulations.

5. SAFETY

5.1 All members competing in competitions must wear buoyancy aids and helmets.

6. Complaints & Appeals Process

6.1 Complaints and grievance procedures will be followed in accordance with the ICU disciplinary procedures.