

The Divisional System

- D01** There will be nine divisions and a promotion and ranking scheme that will provide a challenge for everyone.
- D02** Each year a divisional ranking list will be made out for the divisions 1-9.
- Division 9 will be limited to junior paddlers under 14 years
 - Division 8 will be limited to juniors paddlers under 14 years, under 16 years and under 18 years
- Ages are determined as from the first of January in the year of competition.
- D03** Prior to the start of each season a ranking list will be sent to all clubs and put onto the Marathon web page. This list is re-graded each year and any paddler who did not compete in the previous year will be downgraded at least one division.
- A paddler's name may be removed from the list after two years of non-competition.
 - Changes to the paddler's ranking will only generally take place after a singles race.
 - The race committee may re-rank paddlers after an event or at any other time during the season.
 - Paddler rankings will regularly be updated on the marathon website and be on display at all races.
- D04** **Rankings**
- No canoe paddler will be promoted higher than division 3
 - No U18, V45, V50 or V55 paddler will be promoted to a ranking higher than division 3
 - No U16, V60 or V65 will be promoted to a ranking higher than division 5
 - No U14 paddler will be promoted to a ranking higher than division 7
 - Promotions and rankings for juniors and veteran paddlers may be negotiated with the race committee.
- D05** Divisional paddlers will be provisionally promoted if they are placed in a divisional race (to be confirmed by the race committee) and may be re-ranked on any performance.
- D06** Once promoted, paddlers must paddle in their correct division or higher and may be disqualified for competing in a lower division. Paddlers may race in a higher division if they wish.
- D07** Any paddler who believes they have been incorrectly or unfairly ranked may apply to the race committee (in writing) for a review. Any agreed changes will take effect immediately.
- D08** **Doubles Races:** Any paddler ranked two or more divisions higher than their partner may compete in a lower division. The paddlers' rankings will be added and then divided by two.
- E.g. A div 3 paddler and a div 6 paddler may paddle in div 4 ($3 + 6 = 9$ $9/2 = 4.5$)
- Crews in this situation will be placed in the higher division (e.g. 4.5 crews race in division 4)
- D09** **Divisional groupings in doubles races** will be 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7, 8, 9

D10 Sub Juniors (U12) are not considered as part of the divisional system. However they may compete in Division 9 if they wish. This must be negotiated with the race committee and the parent/guardian of the competitors.

D11 Un-ranked paddlers in their 1st race will commence in:

- Division 9 if they are U14
- Division 8 if they are U16 & U18
- Division 7 if they are an adult

Any competitor returning after one year will resume one division lower than their previous classification. No adult paddler will be ranked below division 7.

D12 Doubles and singles days. On race days designated for doubles boats single boats will be most welcome and catered for (& vice versa). However ribbons will only be awarded to the designated classes. (i.e. no ribbons will be awarded to a single boat on a doubles day and vice versa). Classes may be amalgamated to create a constituted class of 4 boats. Junior paddlers racing in a constituted class will receive ribbons regardless whether it's a single or a doubles race.

D13 Touring boats in the divisional system. Paddlers in touring boats have the choice as to whether they compete in the divisional system or in age/craft/gender categories. Many paddlers chose to compete in the divisional system because of the distances available.

If uncertain as to which system you should opt for please inquire with the race committee or at the entry table.

D14 Race Distances

- Division 1 25 km (5 laps of 5 km loop)
- Division 2 25 km (5 laps of 5 km loop)
- Division 3 20 km (4 laps of 5 km loop)
- Division 4 20 km (4 laps of 5 km loop)
- Division 5 15 km (3 laps of 5 km loop)
- Division 6 12 km (3 laps of 4 km loop)
- Division 7 8 km (2 laps of 4 km loop)
- Division 8 8 km (2 laps of 4 km loop)
- Division 9 8 km (2 laps of 4 km loop)

- All paddlers of international class boats in divisions 1 to 4 in shall portage in accordance with the number of laps.
- Veteran paddlers in those classes need not portage but can do so if they wish.
- Under age paddlers in div 4 and up must portage.