

CANOEKAYAK BC - WHITEWATER BC RANKINGS & CHAMPIONSHIPS PROCEDURES

Provincial Championships

Each calendar year a BC Championships event will be held. This is intended to be a high performance event, generally conforming to ICF rules. Ideally this will also be a multi-discipline event, including slalom, wildwater, and freestyle. Canoe polo, surf kayak, and other disciplines utilize different types of venues and will likely be held separately in most cases. These championship events will ideally be the last of the season. For slalom and wildwater the classes will include:

K1M Senior	K1M Junior	K1M Cadet
K1W Senior	K1W Junior	K1W Cadet
C1M Senior	C1M Junior	C1M Cadet
C1W Senior	C1W Junior	C1W Cadet
C2M Senior	C2M Junior	C2M Cadet
C2W Senior	C2W Junior	C2W Cadet

Freestyle championships will not include C2 classes. Canoe polo and surf kayak championships will typically only include kayak classes. For all classes competing, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers. The gold medallists will be considered the BC Champions until the next championships are held. Results will be published on the CanoeKayak BC website.

Final BC Rankings

Each year final BC rankings will be compiled; separate rankings will be compiled for each discipline. This will be done in the fall after all the BC events have been held, and after the national championships have been held.

These final rankings may be used to identify or select athletes for various development, support, or high performance programs. These may include the BC Athlete Assistance Program and the PacificSport Bronze Card program.

Classes included in the ranking will be:

K1M Senior	K1M Junior	K1M Cadet
K1W Senior	K1W Junior	K1W Cadet
C1M Senior	C1M Junior	C1M Cadet
C1W Senior	C1W Junior	C1W Cadet
C2M Senior	C2M Junior	C2M Cadet
C2W Senior	C2W Junior	C2W Cadet

There is no separate class for Masters; these athletes will be ranked in the Senior category. However they will be identified as Masters.

Freestyle ranking will not include C2 classes. Canoe polo and surf kayak championships will typically only include kayak classes. These disciplines may also use other classes or performance levels.

Athletes accumulate points for results in BC competitions, and also for their final national ranking of the same calendar year.

National ranking and/or national championships results are factored into the BC ranking. Since there is no separate class for Masters in the BC ranking, the national ranking will be modified; Masters will be inserted into the Seniors national ranking, and that is the national ranking that will be used for the BC ranking.

When this ranking method is applied to disciplines where no national ranking is produced (i.e. typically for wildwater and freestyle), the athlete rank from the national championships may be used as a substitute. If no

national championships have been held, or results are not available, this element may simply be omitted, and the ranking based entirely on BC competitions.

ALL BC competitions held on whitewater within the calendar year will be used for earning points. The list of events will be published as early in the year as possible, ideally at least one month prior to the first event.

If an insufficient number of whitewater events are available in the province of BC (i.e. less than three), the Performance Director may include events held in the state of Washington, USA, or province of Alberta.

If an insufficient number of whitewater events are available in total (i.e. less than three), the Performance Director may also include *flatwater* events in the ranking.

If enough events are available, additional regional rankings may be compiled in addition to the provincial ranking.

Athletes may compete in, and be ranked in more than one class (i.e. K-1 and C-1).

The final BC ranking, and any final regional rankings, will be compiled after last BC competition of the calendar year, and after the national championships of that calendar year have been completed.

For disciplines with multiple event/race types (i.e. wildwater classic and sprint), each event/race will be considered equally for ranking purposes.

Rankings will be posted on the CanoeKayak BC website.

POINT SYSTEM

National Ranking Points

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 or less
Points	30	27	24	20	15	13	11	9	7	5	1

The athlete's final national ranking for the current calendar year, as published by CanoeKayak Canada, will be used (with the exception of inclusion of Masters athletes in Senior ranking).

BC Competitions Points

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or less
Points	10	8	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	1

Sample Final BC Ranking (points summary)

Athlete	Event 1		Event 2		Event 3		Event 4		Event 5		National Rank		Total
	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	
F. Wosk	3	7	1	10	3	7	3	7	4	6	6	13	50
A. Doe	1	10	2	8	2	8	4	6	3	7	10	5	44
J. Smith	2	8	3	7	1	10	7	2	5	5	9	7	39

Interclass Rankings

For the purposes of some selection procedures (i.e. PacificSport Bronze Card ranking), interclass rankings may be compiled. These will be based on the final BC ranking. All athletes will be ranked together, regardless of class, based on their final point total. It is recognized that this method may favour athletes who compete in classes with fewer competitors. This is considered acceptable since over time it may help to increase the depth of the class, and thereby minimize inequities between classes.

Interim Rankings

Interim rankings may be compiled. The primary use of these rankings is for the selection of the BC Team(s) prior to the national championships.

ALL BC competitions held on whitewater *up to one month prior to the national championships* of the same calendar year will be used for earning points.

Since the interim ranking is compiled before the national championships, points will be awarded for the athletes final national ranking of the **previous** calendar year.

For disciplines where no national ranking is produced (i.e. typically wildwater and freestyle), results from the national *championships* of the previous calendar year may be substituted. If national championships were not held, or results are not available, this element may simply be omitted, and the ranking based entirely on BC competitions.

All other aspects of the ranking will be identical to the final BC ranking.

Flatwater Rankings

Athlete rankings for flatwater competitions may be produced, primarily for the benefit of developing athletes who are not yet able to attend whitewater competitions. The rankings may also be beneficial for masters age paddlers.

At least three competitions must be available for ranking purposes. All flatwater competitions in BC will be used for the ranking.

Additional regional rankings may also be compiled, if there are at least three competitions available in that region.

The flatwater ranking(s) will be compiled after the last event. Ideally prizes or medals will be awarded at the last event, for the top three athletes in the ranking in each class.

Classes included in the ranking will be:

K1M Masters	K1M Senior	K1M Junior	K1M Cadet
K1W Masters	K1W Senior	K1W Junior	K1W Cadet
C1M Masters	C1M Senior	C1M Junior	C1M Cadet
C1W Masters	C1W Senior	C1W Junior	C1W Cadet
C2M Masters	C2M Senior	C2M Junior	C2M Cadet
C2W Masters	C2W Senior	C2W Junior	C2W Cadet

Points will be awarded as follows:

Flatwater Competitions Points

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or less
Points	10	8	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	1

Sample Flatwater Ranking (points summary)

Athlete	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Race 5		Total
	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	
A. Doe	1	10	2	8	2	8	4	6	3	7	39
F. Wosk	3	7	1	10	3	7	3	7	4	6	37
J. Smith	2	8	3	7	1	10	7	2	5	5	32

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