



MARATHON COMMITTEE
DIVISIONAL RACING RULES 2010

The format for the 2010 Marathon 10 Series shall be Divisional Racing over a course of several laps, with portages for some divisions where possible.

Marathon 10 2010 is a 10 race series, with the best 8 results and a minimum of 5 counting for the prize pool.

Please ensure you are placed in your correct division early. Even if you are currently paddling below your usual level, but will improve through the year, then select the higher division from the start, rather than progress through the ranks.

Division 7 has been reintroduced for paddlers wishing to gain valuable portage practice for higher level competition.

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1. **There will be 9 Divisions.** Rankings are based on speed, NOT boat type, or paddler age/gender. Non-competitive paddlers must participate in Division 9.
 2. Re-ranking will be by the following manner:
 - a. The median time for each Division will be determined at each race
 - b. Paddlers whose time is faster than the median for the next higher division will be re-ranked to the higher division.
 - c. Paddlers whose time is slower than the median for the next lower division **for 2 consecutive races** will be re-ranked to the lower division.
 3. Courses shall be set as follows:
 - a. Division 1 = 20km with up to 4 portages
 - b. Divisions 2 – 6 = 20km, no portages
 - c. Division 7 = 15 km, up to 3 portages
 - d. Division 8 = 15km, no portages
 - e. Division 9 = 10km, no portages

Host Clubs must ensure their course distances are accurate and within 1% of the specified distance.

4. **There will be NO ranking race. Every race shall be counted towards a paddler's total pointscore, with a maximum of 8 races counting toward the total.**
5. The following table represents the approximate "Time Slot" for each Division (speeds in brackets are approximate).

Division	Time to paddle 10km	Time to paddle 15km	Time to paddle 20km
1	n/a	n/a	< 1:40 (= >12kph)
2	n/a	n/a	1:40~1:45 (=11.5~12kph)
3	n/a	n/a	1:45~1:50 (=11~11.5kph)
4	n/a	n/a	1:50~1:55 (=10.5~11kph)
5	n/a	n/a	1:55~2.00 (=10.0~10.5kph)
6	n/a	n/a	> 2.00 (= <10.0kph)
8	n/a	n/a	n/a
9	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. Appeals against re-ranking must be made to the Committee prior to the next race after any re-ranking results are published. Appeals can be made in any form, ie, email, phone, etc.
7. The 10km & 15km distances are available to any competitive paddler who legitimately cannot manage the greater distance, eg, juniors, vets, novices. Promotion will not take place automatically from Div 9 to Div 8 or from Div 8 to Div 6 if the paddler does not wish to compete over the greater distance. However, disqualification may occur if paddlers are considered to be unfairly using the

shorter distance to accumulate points when they are perfectly capable of paddling the greater distance.

8. Paddlers ranked in any 15km or 20km division must continue to paddle those distances throughout the season. If they choose to paddle a shorter distance (due to illness or injury for example) after having previously entered a 15km or 20km division, they will be deemed to be non-competitive for that race and no points shall be awarded.
9. Starting orders shall be: Div6, Div 1, Div2, Div3, Div4, Div5, Div8, Div9. In other words, every division shall have its own separate start. Starting intervals should be no greater than 2 minutes.

Starts may be combined (depending on numbers) at the discretion of the Host Club. Divisions 1, 2, & 3 must NEVER be combined. Starting order may be changed at the discretion of the Host Club.

10. Points shall be awarded as per the following system:

- a. Every boat's race time shall be ranked fastest to slowest in each Division
- b. The fastest boat in each division receives 50 points
- c. The second fastest boat in each division receives 49 points
- d. Third receives 48 points, etc, etc

11. Individual paddlers receive the points in team boats. Eg, if a double comes 8th, each paddler receives 43 points.

12. All paddler's points shall be retained and carried through regardless of re-ranking or whether in singles, doubles, or quads. **However, for determination of prizes, we look at where a paddler has spent MOST of their time, and a minimum of 4 races** (keeping in mind that there is a total 5 race minimum for eligibility for prizes)

13. A K4 shall compete in Division 1 or 2 regardless of the ranking of the individual paddlers in the crew.

14. Doubles teams must compete in at least the next higher division of the highest ranked paddler. **There shall be a separate competition for prizegiving purposes for doubles. Prizes shall be awarded for the highest accumulated points to paddlers who compete in a double with the same partner in every race.**

15. Boats in each division shall earn points for their Club towards the "Brian Norman Club Trophy" as follows:

1 st Place	8 Club points
2 nd Place (only if from another Club)	6 Club points
3 rd Place (only if from another Club)	4 Club points
4 th Place (only if from another Club)	2 Club points

Doubles paddlers from the same Club only receive one set of points. Doubles paddlers from different clubs receive points for each Club.

This system worked very well for the last couple of years, and provides a very close and hotly contested competition for the Club Trophy.

16. Best 8 results will be used to determine eligibility for prizes. Prizes shall be awarded at the end of the Season as follows:
 - Highest points overall
 - Highest points in each Division
 - Highest points in each Division per gender/age (Open, Vet65, Juniors; male & female)
 - Most improved paddler in each Division (other than placegetters)
 - Highest accumulated Club Points for the Club Trophy
 - **Highest Doubles points (per division if numbers permit)**

There may also be lucky draw prizes at each race drawn from the boat numbers allocated on the day. Entrants must be present to claim these prizes.

17. Paddlers must have completed at least 5 races **and a minimum of 4 in any one division** to be considered for the End of Season prizes.