

2024 Canoe Sprint Rule Change Proposals

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1	CSP Committee	PR	3.2.7	No part of the boat (including the seat and the footrest) may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give athletes an unfair advantage (approved existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).	No part of the boat, (including the seat and the footrest) except the seat , may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give athletes an unfair advantage (approved existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).		In Favour	In Favour	
2	CSP Committee	PR	3.2.11	A boat or an athlete may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or sport presentation. The device may be used by the athlete for analysis following a race but in no circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to the athlete during a race.	Any data recording devices must be placed in a position in or on a boat or paddle so that they are not visible to athletes during a race. No devices will be permitted that are capable of emitting sound or vibration signals. These devices must not be on a boat during post-race boat control.		In Favour	In Favour	
3	CSP Committee	SR	7.3.7.d 7.3.7.e	Raise a white flag to signify to the Starter that the boats are in position to start, when they are all aligned and/or completely inside the starting boots; Raise a red flag if the boats are not aligned and/or not in the starting boots;	Raise a white flag to signify to the Starter that the boats are in position to start, when they are all aligned and/or completely inside the starting boots; Raise a red flag if the boats are not aligned and/or not in the starting machine boots ;	Propose re-wording to be consistent with Rule 10.2.5. "start machine" instead of "starting boots"	In Favour	Approved	
4	CSP Committee	SR	8.3.1	The start position numbering will be decided by the Chief Official. It will be announced at the TLs meeting	The start position numbering will be decided by the Chief Official. It will be announced at the TLs Team Leaders meeting	"Team Leaders" instead of "TLs"	In Favour	Approved	
5	CSP Committee	SR	10.2.1	The Start Line must be marked by two (2) red flags and two (2) red buoys	Scratch	Propose deleting this rule as it duplicates Rule 8.2.2: "Both the start and finish lines must be marked with red flags and red buoys at the points where lines intersect the outer limits of the course."	In Favour	Approved	
6	CSP Committee	SR	10.2.14	If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 10.2.10, the athlete/crew must be given a warning, as in 10.2.13, even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any athlete making a false start, no penalty should be imposed	If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 10.2.10 ; the athlete/crew must be given a warning, as in 10.2.13 ; even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any athlete making a false start, no penalty should be imposed	Propose deleting "as in 10.2.10" and "as in 10.2.13". They are not necessary and, as rule numbers change with amendments elsewhere, they can end up referring to a different re-numbered rule	In Favour	Approved	
7	CSP Committee	PR	6.2.4	When making the entries, NFs must give the colours of the clothing worn by the athletes and these colours must not be changed during the competition	When making the nominal entries, NFs must give the colours of the clothing worn by the athletes and these colours must attach photos of their team uniforms and specify their design and colours, which may not be changed during the competition.	I have spoken with David and he has noted that the SDP system needs improvements here because there is no mention of providing photos of the actual uniform to be used during competition. There was a file available for NFs to upload their uniforms but unfortunately we did not receive many.	In Favour	In Favour	
8	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.5.d	If a lapped athlete does not stop at the next time he/she crosses the finish line and does not leave the course after that, he/she will be disqualified (DSQ).	If a lapped athlete does not stop at the next time he/she crosses the finish line and does not leave the course after that, he/she will be disqualified (DSQ) with a 50 Euro penalty fee also imposed .	Lapped boats, athletes don't leave the course because they want to finish the race. We are not enforcing this rule.	In Favour	Approved	
8	CSP Committee	SR	13.9.2.a	Athlete's name and their country code must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit;	For senior competitions athlete's name and their country code must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit while for junior and U23 competitions only country codes are required ;	Some boat controllers read the rule as MUST and apply this rule without any flexibility. Stickers at junior/U23 level are so difficult because the athletes are constantly borrowing and changing boats.	In Favour	Approved	
9	CSP Committee	SR	13.9.2.c	Check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in articles 3.2.6 and 3.2.11;	Check for any performance enhancing foreign substances on the boat and check that all data recording devices have been removed before the boat is weighed. any forbidden devices mentioned in articles 3.2.6 and 3.2.11 ;	What are these forbidden devices? Do we have a list? If you cross check the rule, 3.2.11(PR) it does not talk about forbidden devices and 7.3.5.b should be added. Some boat controllers were stopping athletes checking for these forbidden devices. There is a new one on the market called PaddleMate which feeds to a mobile phone which the athletes put under their seat. We saw it in Auronzo and it was allowed. I do not recall this device being approved by the CSPC.	In Favour	Approved	
10	CSP Committee	SR	13.9.2.d	The athletes must wear appropriate official clothing with easy identification of the nation they represent. Every athlete must compete in the team uniform mentioned in the nominal entries or at accreditation at the latest; In a crew boat there must be uniformity among all athletes including clothing sleeve length, hats, headbands and spray deck covers.	Athletes must compete in team uniforms of the design and colours submitted with their nominal entries. In a crew boat all athletes must compete in the same team uniform and, if under-shirts are worn, they must all be of the same colour. In K2 and K4 all spray decks must be of the same colours. The front athlete in a K2 or K4 may compete without a spray deck.	Spray deck covers...Frank always let the first seat paddle without one. TLs remember this and insist on doing it. There is no mention of uniform under shirts in this rule. We have usually required all undershirts in a crew to be the same colour but it is not in the rule and the question all long sleeve or all short sleeve is unresolved.	In Favour	Approved	

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11	SVK	SR	10.3.4	After receiving a written report from the Course Umpire, the Competition Committee must decide whether any of the athletes concerned may be disqualified or not.	After receiving a written report from the Course Umpire, the Competition Committee must decide whether any of the athletes concerned may be disqualified or not. The report of the Course Umpire may be substituted by the evaluation of the competitor's behaviour by a technical method.	The aim is to substitute the course umpires by the much more precise technical method (GPS tracking, drone?). The elimination of catamarans	Not in Favour	Not in Favour	
12	DEN/FIN/NOR/SWE	SR	8.3.6	New	The starting line must be aligned towards the first buoy of the first turning point, with equal distance to the buoy from the lowest and highest starting number.		Not in Favour	Not in Favour	
13	DEN/FIN/NOR/SWE	SR	8.3.7	New	For races of more than 1000 meters, portages are permitted to be included.		Not in Favour	Not in Favour	
14	DEN/FIN/NOR/SWE	PR	13.2.1.b	The non-Olympic events at the World Championships will be decided by the ICF Board of Directors on the recommendation of the CSPC the year before the competition is held. The potential list of events is: Men MK1 5000m MK2 5000m MK4 5000m MC1 5000m MC2 5000m Women WK1 5000m WK2 5000m WK4 5000m WC1 5000m WC2 5000m Mixed XK2 5000m XK4 5000m XC2 5000m Additionally, Paracanoe events will be contested at the World Championships.	The non-Olympic events at the World Championships will be decided by the ICF Board of Directors on the recommendation of the CSPC the year before the competition is held. The potential list of events is: Men MK1 5000m MK1 5000m i.p.* MK2 5000m MK4 5000m MC1 5000m MC1 5000m i.p.* MC2 5000m Women WK1 5000m WK1 5000m i.p.* WK2 5000m WK4 5000m WC1 5000m WC1 5000m i.p.* WC2 5000m Mixed XK2 5000m XK4 5000m XC2 5000m Additionally, Paracanoe events will be contested at the World Championships. * race including portages		Not in Favour	Not in Favour	
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16	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.1	Each athlete/boat can gain World Ranking points at specific Canoe Sprint competitions. The World Ranking tables will be periodically published by the ICF.	World Ranking is a list of individual athletes in all four categories (men's kayak, women's kayak, men's canoe, women's canoe). Each athlete/boat can gain World Ranking points at specific Canoe Sprint the Ranking Competitions. The World Ranking tables will be periodically published within five (5) days of the termination of each Ranking Competition by the ICF.		In Favour	Approved	
17	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.2	Competitions that may be included in the World Ranking list are: - Olympic Games - World Championships - U23 World Championships - World Cups - Continental Championships or Continental Games - ICF invitational competitions	Ranking Competitions that may be are included in the World Ranking list and their World Ranking point multipliers are: - Olympic Games 1,5x - World Championships 1,5x - U23 World Championships - World Cups 1x - Continental Championships or Continental Games- 0,7x World Ranking Races ICF invitational competitions		In Favour	Approved	

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18	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.3	Every athlete/boat can collect points at one (1) World Championships/Olympic Games and one (1) Continental Championships/Games each year. If an athlete/boat participates in more than one (1) Championships per calendar year the best result of the athlete/boat will be counted towards the World Ranking tally.	Every athlete/boat can collect points at one (1) World Championships/Olympic Games and one (1) Continental Championships/Games any Ranking Competition each year. An athlete can register a maximum of five results on the World Ranking in each calendar year. All five results must be from different Ranking Competitions and one of these results must be from a Ranking Competition that is held on a different continent than the others. If an athlete/boat participates in has more than one (1) Championships five (5) valid results per calendar year the best five (5) results (meaning highest scores) of the athlete/boat will be counted towards the World Ranking tally.		In Favour	Approved	
19	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.4	World Ranking points will only be given to events represented in the World Cup program. If the World Cup events list changes at the beginning of the calendar year, points already won from removed events of the previous year will expire 12 months from the date they were obtained.	World Ranking points will only be given to all events represented in any of the Ranking Competitions World-Cup program. If the World Cup events list changes at the beginning of the calendar year, points already won from removed events of the previous year will expire 12 months from the date they were obtained. The observed period of the World Ranking is the previous two (2) calendar years and the ongoing season. Expired results drop out on the first day of the first Ranking Competition of every calendar year.		In Favour	Approved	
20	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.5	In each event only the first crew per NF will be given points.	In each event only the first crew per NF every individual will be given points.		In Favour	Approved	
21	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.6	In single events, World Ranking points will be awarded to the athlete.	In single events, 100% of the World Ranking points according to the point tables will be awarded to the athlete for potential registration. In double boats or teams of two 180% of the World Ranking points will be awarded to the crew and distributed equally between the athletes for potential registration. In 4-person boats or teams of four 320% of the World Ranking points will be awarded to the crew and distributed equally between the athletes for potential registration. In case crew changes between phases of a competition happen, the replaced and the replacing athletes divide the points earned by one athlete between themselves equally, irrespective of the		In Favour	Approved	
22	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.7	In team boats, World Ranking points will be given to the NF regardless of the athletes in the crew.	In team boats, World Ranking points will be given to the NF regardless of the athletes in the crew. From the date of officially announcing pregnancy to the ICF the respective athlete's World Ranking points will be frozen for 24 months.		In Favour	Approved	
23	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.8	If an athlete has a doping violation or other disciplinary sanctions, all World Ranking points will be annulled for the athlete/boat concerned. The points for athletes/boats ranked after will not be re-attributed.	If an athlete has a doping violation or other disciplinary sanctions, all World Ranking points will be annulled for the athlete/boat concerned. In such cases, the World Ranking points achieved in team(boat) events will also be scratched from all the other members of the crews. The points for athletes/boats ranked after will not be re-attributed.		In Favour	Approved	
24	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.9	If an athlete changes sporting nationality the World Ranking points in the single boats will stay under his/her name. For team boats points will stay attributed to the previous NF.	If an athlete changes sporting nationality the World Ranking points will be annulled in the single boats will stay under his/her name. For team boats points will stay attributed to the previous NF.		In Favour	Approved	

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25	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.11	If two (2) or more athletes /crews have equal points in the final ranking, they will receive equal rank.	If two (2) or more athletes /crews have equal points in the final ranking, they will receive equal rank the following tie breaker rules decide in ranking them: 1, The athlete with the higher registered ranking point from any result in the most recent complete season will rank higher. 2, The athlete with the higher registered ranking point from any result in all observed seasons will rank higher. 3, Draw will decide the ranking.		In Favour	Approved	
26	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.12	The points system will be determined by the ICF and published the year before the competitions.	The points system will be determined by the ICF and published the year before the competitions five (5) days after the termination of each Ranking Competitions.		In Favour	Approved	
27	CSP Committee	SR	16.1.13	New	DNS, DNF, DSQ and DQB result in zero or negative points according to the following: DNS - zero (0) points DNF - zero (0) points DSQ - minus one hundred (-100) points DQB - minus three hundred (-300) points		In Favour	Approved	
28	CSP Committee	CR	1.8.6.e	New	In case of a crew change in crew boats during the competition, medals will be awarded only to the athletes who competed in the last phase of the competition.	Missing information, in line with other sports	In Favour	In Favour	
29	CSP Committee	SR	5.1.5	The composition of a crew, which has qualified for semifinals or for the final, must not be changed.	The composition of a crew, which has qualified for quarterfinals , semifinals or for the final, must not be changed with the only exception of illness or injury.	Add quarterfinal because of Olympic Games, plus resolve the contradiction with 13.4.8	In Favour	Approved	
30	CSP Committee	SR	8.2.3.e	The numbered buoys (white cubes with black numbers on them) should be fixed no closer than one (1) metre and no further than two (2) metres behind the finish line;	The numbered cube-shaped buoys (white cubes with black numbers on them) should be fixed no closer than one (1) metre and no further than two (2) metres behind the finish line;	Flexibility for the look of the Games.	In Favour	Approved	
31	CSP Committee	SR	9.1	Duties of the Host Organising Committee paragraph	Scratch	Outdated section, it should be incorporated in the Operational Requirements	In Favour	Approved	
32	CSP Committee	SR	10.6.3.b	Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme or drawing lots. The decision will be made by the Chief official.	Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme or drawing lots as soon as possible but not earlier than 60 minutes after the initial race. If a re-race can't be held due to exceptional circumstances, drawing of lots will determine the outcome. The decision will be made by the Chief Official.	More clarification needed. The current wording creates a problem if two phases of the same competition are within the same session (e.g. Olympic Games).	In Favour	Approved	
33	CSP Committee	SR	10.6.5	New	If the photo finish can confirm the ranking between two or more boats despite finishing with the same time in 1/100's of a second, it must be specifically indicated on the results page.	Clarification needed, currently no such rule.	In Favour	Approved	
34	CSP Committee	SR	10.6.6	New	Athletes eliminated in the Heats, Quarterfinals and Semifinals will be ranked according to their results by time in the last completed phase.	Clarification needed, currently no rule for ranking eliminated athletes.	In Favour	Approved	

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35	CSP Committee	SR	10.6.7	New	The general order of ranking for IRMs (Irregular Ranking Marks) is the following: DNF, DSQ, DNS, DQB Athletes with DNF, DSQ or DNS on the final ranking are ranked in the next available position after the athletes with a valid result in the last phase they progressed to. Athletes with DNF and DSQ are always ranked within the phase they were qualified, in the next available ranking position after the athletes with valid results. Athletes with DNS are only ranked if the DNS occurred in Quarterfinals, Semifinals or Finals - in this case they are ranked within the phase in which they progressed to, in the next available position after the athletes with valid results, DNF and DSQ. If an athlete receives a DNS in the heats, the athlete will not be ranked. Athletes with DQB will not receive a rank neither in the phase rankings, nor in the final rankings of the event. Multiple athletes/boats with the same IRMs will receive the same rank and will be sorted in alphabetical order of their NF code.	Clarification needed, currently no rule for ranking IRMs.	In Favour	Approved	
36	CSP Committee	SR	10.6.8	New	If an event is not completed for any reason, the Jury and the Chief Official may (in these exceptional circumstances) establish the final rankings of the competition based on the time results of the last completed phase of the event. If an event must be cancelled after one of the finals (e.g. Final C) was completed, the athletes who competed in the completed finals (e.g. Final C) will be ranked according to the results in the completed final, the remaining athletes of the not completed finals (e.g. Final B, Final A) will be ranked based on their results by time of the last completed phase of the event.	Clarification needed, currently no rule for interrupted completions	In Favour	Approved	
37	CSP Committee	SR	11.3.1	The fastest race times will be recorded officially and included in the World Best Times (WB) list for Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, multi-sport Games, Continental, and Regional Championships.	The fastest race times will be recorded officially and included in the World Best Times (WB) list for Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, multi-sport Games, Continental, and Regional Championships. WBs are kept in mm:ss,00 format (down to 1/100's of a second).	Clarification needed.	In Favour	Approved	
38	CSP Committee	SR	11.3.5	New	If two or more boats achieve WB with the same time, they will all hold the WB jointly.	Clarification needed, currently no rule for joint WB	In Favour	Approved	
39	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.1.d	If there is a capsized athlete or the crew is eliminated (DNF) from the race if they are not able to get in the boat;	If there is a capsized athlete or the crew is eliminated (DNF) from the race if they are not able to get in the boat without assistance;		In Favour	Approved	
40	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.3.a	Should an athlete have failed to follow the correct course of the race (for example missed a turning buoy) the athlete has broken the racing rules and will be subject to a penalty;	Should an athlete have failed to follow the correct course of the race (for example missed a turning buoy) the athlete has broken the racing rules and will be subject to a penalty; If a boat passes inside a turning point buoy, that boat will be disqualified.		In Favour	Approved	
41	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.3.b	If the Course Umpire believes the athlete has gained no positional advantage on other athletes: A time penalty of 10 seconds will be given to the offending athlete;	If the Course Umpire believes the athlete has gained no positional advantage on other athletes: A time penalty of 10 seconds will be given to the offending athlete; It is the responsibility of a trailing boat to avoid being forced inside a turning point buoy by a leading boat.		In Favour	Approved	
42	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.3.c	If the athlete has gained a major advantage and obtained positional places in the race by not following the course: A disqualification (DSQ) will be imposed;	Scratch		In Favour	Approved	

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43	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.3.d	Should a buoy be missed as a result of a collision in group racing during a turn this will be investigated and the boat that caused the collision will be penalised or disqualified (DSQ). The athlete who missed the buoy due to collision will not be penalised.	Scratch		In Favour	Approved	
44	CSP Committee	SR	10.5.6	New	Portages All athletes must disembark in the defined area, carry their boat through the portage and embark in the defined area. Athletes may only portage at points designated by the race organisers. No assistance is allowed during the portages. The rules of collision and damage are in effect during all phases of the portages as well.	Missing information	In Favour	Approved	