



Scottish Canoe Association
Comann Curach na h-Alba

Marathon Committee

Scottish K1 Marathon Championships
Sunday 5th April 2018

Willowgate Activity Centre
Perth

New Venue + New Format

3 courses:-

All classes 14 years and over (U16, U18, Senior, Veteran and Masters)	14 km
Under 14 years	7 km
Under 12 and Under 10 Lightning championships	4 km

All classes are based on the paddlers age on the 1st of January 2018.

Schedule	10:30 – 11:30 am	Check-in open
	11:30 am	Briefing
	12:00 am	First Start, followed by others at close intervals

Start order	1) U16 and older groups (single start line for all classes)
	2) U14
	3) U12
	4) U10

Start and finish for all races will be at the Willowgate Activity Centre which is on the north bank of the Tay just downstream of the Friarton Bridge which carries the M90 over the river.

7km circuit for 7km and 14km races with a smaller circuit for the Lightning classes

All paddlers on 14km course are eligible for senior K1 championships as well as their own age groups.

Courses are on the tidal section of the Tay which has conditions similar to the Clyde at Glasgow Green. Conditions are expected to be flat with moderate flow but bad weather may generate more challenging conditions.

Safety

Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all lightning and mini course paddlers, Divs 7, 8 & 9. They are discretionary for other paddlers although **all** paddlers are advised to wear them. In adverse weather conditions the race organiser may require all paddlers to wear them.

There will be safety cover on the course, but all paddlers are reminded of their obligation to offer assistance to any other paddler in the event of a capsized. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event.

All boats must be fitted with sufficient buoyancy to support the boat and crew in the event of a capsized. Inherent buoyancy in composite boats is not sufficient to meet this requirement. Additional foam buoyancy or air bags must be fitted.

There may be other traffic on the river. Paddlers must take care particularly when negotiating bends. Paddlers must not obstruct the passage of other boats on the river and should take avoiding action as required.

Scottish Championship eligibility.

Only current SCA members are eligible for Scottish Championships. Other paddlers (other Home nations and day ticket holders) can race but are not eligible for championship medals or trophies.

Non-native invasive species

All paddlers must take precautions to avoid the risk of transfer of invasive species from their home waters to the River Tay or back to their home waters. All boats should be checked, cleaned and dried prior to and after the race particularly if used previously on waters where invasive species are present.

Photographs may be taken at this race, and any others during the season, to be used for promotional purposes. If you do not wish any picture including your image to be used in this way then please check the relevant box when submitting your entry online or advise the race organiser or the SCA Marathon Committee Safeguarding officer (Debi Ives - debiives@gmail.com)

Organiser

This event is being organised by Brian Chapman on behalf of the SCA Marathon Committee. The organiser can be contacted for any questions or requests for further information on brchapman@mac.com