

SCA Canoe Polo

Scottish League Appendix

The following notes must be read in conjunction with the BC Rules in the 2015/2017 rule book.

Club Affiliation

Any team applying for a Scottish Regional League place must be affiliated to the SCA before the division's entry date and maintain their affiliation throughout the season.

SCA Membership

The class of membership must permit competitive events to be entered. Membership cards must be shown at the beginning of the first tournament attended. Membership cards can be inspected at any tournament so must be brought to all tournaments. SCA Day Membership is available for Divisions 2 and 3 ONLY. Annual membership of Canoe England, Canoe Wales and CANI is also acceptable (providing it is the Competitive Membership where applicable)

One Club Rule

A player may only register for one club in a season. All players MUST be members of the club that they are registered for. Any player wishing to move teams within the season (including playing up a division for 1 tournament) must have permission from the league organiser(s). Request to play up must be made by email to sca.polo@canoescotland.org at least a week in advance. Players playing up may not play in more than one additional tournaments than they were original registered (see rule 4.3 in BC Canoe Polo Rules)

Fees

Will be paid in full by cheque (made payable to 'Scottish Canoe Association Ltd' by the **league entry date**).

Division Placement

Your League Placement should be based on the final standings from the previous season, see Canoe Polo Update Meeting Notes to find your recommended placement. The SCA Polo Committee reserves the right to move teams up a league if a team above them in the rankings does not enter a team for the new season.

Team Sheets

One team can field a maximum of 10 players per team in a season. Team sheets must be submitted to League Organiser(s) on the first tournament date. You may add players to your team sheet by collecting your team sheet from the League Organiser(s) providing you do not exceed 10 players.

Start of Game

To minimise down time every team should be on the water at half time of the game before you play. After your game please get off the playing area as quickly as possible, especially if you are a referee.

In the Scottish Regional League Rule 56.1 has been relaxed so a team may start a game with **four (4)** players. Although any team that falls below three (3) players will forfeit the match, as per rule 45.1.

Play Lists

You will receive the play lists for all the tournaments before the 1st tournament. There will be no changes to playlists. Teams missing games will receive -1 point per game. Teams are liable to pay their league fees in FULL, regardless of games missed. Teams failing to field a team for more than 1 tournament will be removed from the leagues.

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At the discretion of the polo committee (and in consultation with the league organiser), the automatic points deduction for not attending a fixture may be waived should a team unable to attend be able to provide a 'scratch' team for all games. The scratch team will still lose 3-0, but may avoid the additional loss of points.

Equipment

All equipment used must meet the standards set out in the 2015-2017 BC Canoe Polo Rulebook. We also have the following expectations for each division.

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
- Same colour BAs	- Same colour BAs	- Same Colour BAs
- Same colour helmets	- Same colour helmets	- Upper arm must be covered
- Same colour kayaks	- Same colour kayaks	
- Upper arm must be covered	- Upper arm must be covered	
- Same colour sleeves (Except in inclement weather)		

EVERY team should be striving to meet Division 1 standards of equipment. There will be no compromise on the safety elements of equipment.

Please ensure all equipment is clean prior to arriving at tournaments. Dundee Olympia may be request that boats are cleaned on arrival at the pool. This request **must** be followed.

League Organisers

Are volunteers there to aid in the smooth running of tournaments. Please aid them by arriving in good time to help set up the pitch and be ready to start playing as soon as possible. At the end of the night please help take down the goals and take all your rubbish off the poolside. At each tournament the league organiser will answer all queries. Their decision is final.

Please remember that if we over run fees will increase.

League Organiser Imposed Sanctions

Each league organiser is empowered to apply the following sanctions to teams competing in their divisions. These sanctions are final and cannot be appealed or rescinded.

- Any team fielding unmatched coloured equipment after a previous warning which in line with the leagues expectations, may be deducted one point for that tournament.
- Repeated tardiness in providing a referee at the allotted time may be deducted one point for that tournament.
- Repeated tardiness in providing a Timekeeper or Scorekeeper at the allotted time may be deducted one point for that tournament.
- Failure to provide a complete team sheet on the night may be deducted one point for that tournament.
- Any team that fails to provide a valid governing body card for an athlete on the night may be deducted one point for that tournament.

Referee

Teams must try and provide the minimum of a grade 4 referee for all the tournaments. Referee courses will be held prior to the start of league dates. (Please note from 2017 – 2018 season there will be a point penalty if you fail to provide a qualified referee.)

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Committee Imposed Sanctions

The following sanctions may be applied by the committee, usually as a result of a red card, but also may be applied following a report of violent, aggressive, unsporting behaviour or any behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute, by an athlete(s), team, coach or any other team or club officials at an event organised by the National Committee or its subcommittees. These guidelines are outlined in the relevant code of conducts.

- An individual Lifetime ban on all Canoe polo activity organised by the BC or its affiliated organisations and clubs.
- An additional levy of up to a maximum 10 point deduction on a team, after a player is awarded a red card.
- Exclusion of an athlete(s) for the remaining season.
- Disqualification of a team or club from competition organised by the National Committee or its subcommittees for a specified period, on which, the team or club may be required to start in the lowest division, at the committee's discretion.
- These sanctions are exclusively in the authority of the committee as they fall within 'on-field' matters, as defined by the BC. As a result no appeal is possible to the BC.
- Appeals may be directed to the Chairman of the Canoe polo committee as outlined in the BC Canoe Polo Discipline procedure.

The BC Canoe Polo Discipline Procedure provides more information on how committee sanctions are imposed, how to appeal against a sanction and 'off-field' discipline matters. This is published on the committee's website www.canoepolo.org.uk.

Cancellations

Where a pool cancels a booking without notification to the National League Organiser or Divisional Organiser then this is outside the control of the Committee. Any claims for recompense must be directed to the venue management without any involvement from the Committee.

Where a pool is closed due to bad weather or 'acts of God' the Committee will reschedule the tournament to the best of its ability to suit the teams within the league affected.

Where the venue remains open but teams make the decision not to travel the tournament will proceed as scheduled and teams not attending forfeit the games they have missed.

