

Sprint Racing

Open Under 12 K1 Class

In 2018 an additional class was introduced which is open to all paddlers under 12 years. In this class paddlers are able to compete in any type of K1 which meets the ICF standards, primarily being a maximum length of 5m 20cm. Suitable craft would therefore include Mini K1, full size K1 and Lightnings.

For 2018 this was an additional class – the Lightning classes continued to be run and this will be the case again in 2019. In 2-3 years' time it is anticipated that the U12 Lightning only races will no longer be run, however for the U10 and U8 age groups these are likely to continue.

At each regatta paddlers will only be eligible to participate in one class and their choice of class should be clearly identified on their entry form and recorded prior to the start of racing. Depending on the number of entries regatta organisers, as at present, will be permitted to run the Open U12 class with another class eg. the U12 Lightnings or U14 K1 class. If a paddler enters Open U12 at their first regatta of the season they can choose to enter Lightning at the next or vice versa.

In terms of Sprint League points paddlers in the U12, U10 and U8 Lightning Classes will be permitted to score points in the Open U12 K1 class at one regatta and their appropriate Lightning class at another.

Crew boat races for the Under 12 age groups will continue to be for Mini K2's and Rocket K4's. If U12 paddlers wish to compete in full size crew boats they should enter the U14 races.