

## Sprint Competition Committee Conference Call Minutes

5/26/2018

Time of call: 6:00 p.m. EDT

Meeting participants: Morgan House, Marsh Jones, Scotty Greifenberger, Tegan Malone, Kalen Scholz, Cathy Bohlman, Mike Valentine, Melissa Baker

- I. Discussion of the outline of Sprint Competition Committee (SCC)
  - A. SCC's role is to advise ACA staff
  - B. Clarification asked on role of Sprint Official's Association (SOA) voting capabilities
    1. SOA has 10 voting members that may be elected or appointed by the chair.
    2. SOA has one vote from the chair that is presented to the SCC.
- II. Discussion of rule 55.2 The AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION Rules and Regulations will be reviewed every two years by the SOA, Sprint Coaches Association ("SCA") and Sprint Events Committee ("SEC"). Proposed amendments are to be presented to the AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION Director of High Performance and Competition by December 1st in a rule change year – even years. The proposed amendments will be discussed and ACA SPECIAL RULES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS voted on by the HPC before December 31st for final step in the approval process.
  - A. Motion made to 1 – to suspend the 2 year stipulation of rule 55.2 effective immediately and 2 – to replace verbiage of High Performance and Competition (HPC) with Sprint Competition Committee (SCC) on this rule and elsewhere as needed in the official rules. Motion made by Scotty Greifenberger and seconded by Mike Valentine. No further discussion. All in attendance are in favor and motion passes.
- III. Nationals Schedule
  - A. Discussion started to review changes to the nationals schedule. Scotty proposes to accept nationals schedule as outlined in the document presented by Marsh's e-mail. Scotty Greifenberger makes a motion to accept the schedule, and Melissa Baker seconds the motion. No further discussion occurs. All are in favor and motion passes.
- IV. Proposed Rule Changes
  - A. 7:30 a.m. start times are okay, but can be dependent on local sunrise
  - B. Discussion about rule 16.1a with regards to starters and disqualifications
    1. Clarification – starter can disqualify for false starts only
    2. Clarification – Great need to emphasize Starter and Chief Official communication before a paddler is disqualified
    3. Clarification – if a paddler fails to show at the starting line, the Chief Official retains the judgment on whether or not to disqualify. The Starter may give a warning.
    4. All are in agreement with the intent of the rule, however more time is needed to clarify language before we set the rule. This will be accomplished via e-mail and will be voted upon on the next call.
    5. Proposed language for future reference – 16.1a communicate and defer to the Chief Official's judgment concerning the start of the races when there is a problem with the start.
  - C. Highlight the need to keep the schedule even when an event is scratched.