BUCS CANOE: WWR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-27

EVENT GUIDE

DATE

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 November 2026

VENUE

Grandtully Station Park, Grandtully, Pitlochry, Perth & Kinross, PH9 0PL

Beyond Adventure, Riverside, Aberfeldy PH15 2EB

River Level Information – SEPA Grandtully Gauge

Sprint Event (Saturday) – River Tay, Grandtully rapids

- https://www.andyjacksonfund.org.uk/wtw/map/#map

Sprint race (Saturday)

Get on water: From Grandtully Station park take Lageonan Rd and cross A827 and take the river path downstream and get on at the road bridge - on the south bank

Sprint Start: Just downstream of the road bridge on south bank, as directed

Sprint Finish: Below the "Fourth fall", the rapid below the road bridge

Get off water: Just below race finish. Exit river on south bank to the layby used by canoeists and rafters

Classic Race

Classic Event (Sunday) – River Tay, Aberfeldy

Classic Start: Upstream of Wade's Bridge, Taybridge Drive, Aberfeldy

Classic Finish: Aberfeldy Slalom Course/Beyond Adventure, Aberfeldy

ACCEPTED ENTRIES

The accepted entries will be published here when confirmed, and on the Paddle Scotland website once entries have closed.

START SHEETS

Start lists will be published and available at the venue and lists will be given to each University during registration.

The aim will be to also publish the start lists on the Paddle Scotland Website. This page also contains further information and videos about the courses, equipment, clothing and safety.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be at Race control at Grandtully Station Park. Registration will be available between 1600hrs - 1830hrs on Friday evening (13th) and 0730 - 0815hrs on Saturday morning (14th). Representatives of each university for all their Universities competitors can sign for the numbered race bibs before racing. This must be worn by the competitor to which it is issued at all times whilst on the water on Saturday and Sunday. Separate team bibs may be issued for the Classic event team competition on Sunday afternoon. Further information about team bibs will be given at the briefing sessions 08:15 Saturday and also after the Saturday prizegiving session regarding Sunday's races.

TIMETABLE

The timetable for the event will be available on the Paddle Scotland website. You can search "BUCS" on the website to find the event information page.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BUCS Canoeing Rules and Regulations

WITHDRAWALS

To withdraw from the event, please contact your Institution Administrator who should inform the event lead.

If your entry is accepted and you do not turn up to the event, you will be charged a £10 no show fee. This applies to both individuals and teams.

Please see REG 7.9 for our withdrawal policy.

PARKING

Sprint Event (Saturday)

Grandtully Station Park, Grandtully, by Pitlochry, PH9 0PL. Please park as directed by marshals. No charge for parking Saturday or Sunday during the event for competitors. Please do not park elsewhere in the village other than at the designated event parking.

Classic Event (Sunday)

Boat drop off at Start - Taybridge Terrace, Aberfeldy

Please note you should not park vehicles at the start. Please aim to drop people and boats off and then move your vehicle to the parking areas at the Finish (Beyond Adventure).

Parking at Finish - Aberfeldy Slalom Site / Beyond Adventure

Local residents

Throughout the competition please be respectful of the impact this race can have on local residents. We are able to run such events through mutual respect and cooperation.

Sprint

During the sprint event please do not leave boats or other equipment anywhere other than along the river bank leaving pedestrian access along the path, or at the campsite. If you are trying to dry items please do this at the campsite or in the drying room rather than hanging it on fences around the village.

Please **do not** leave boats around the bus stop area, in front of the Inn of the Tay, along footpaths or on the road towards the Green Bridge. Boats should be kept only at the campsite or on the river bank (leaving footpath access clear).

Classic

During the Classic event please do not leave boats along the foot path at the start, instead carry them down to the river bank leaving access for pedestrians along the river path. There is a grassy area at the start next to the road that is peoples gardens and should not be used to park boats or other equipment.

Please take care when running shuttles between the start and finish of the Classic race. Be considerate of other road users, do not park in front of people's driveways or block access to any local roads.

FIRST AID

The First Aid point will be at the finish of each day's racing. A member of the safety team will be the Lead First Aider, other First Aid trained event staff will be available to provide assistance if required.

Please notify a race official or member of event staff if you or another participant require first aid.

CHANGING FACILITIES / DISABILITY ACCESS

Sprint Event (Saturday) – There are gender neutral changing and toilets at Grandtully Station Campsite along with Accessible toilets including a changing places toilet available on request.

Classic Event (Sunday) – There are gender neutral and accessible toilets at Aberfeldy Slalom Course/Beyond Adventure that can also be used for changing along with male and female changing.

Please use the changing facilities provided.

FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drink can be purchased at the local shops in Aberfeldy including the Co-op or the Strathtay Stores which is a short walk to the other side of the river to the Campsite at Grandtully.

There is also the Inn on the Tay and Grandtully Hotel that serve food and drink as well as the Chocolatier which has a small cafe.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Taking part in outdoor watersports in Scotland in November requires appropriate kit and clothing, on and off the water. Participants should bring sufficient quality and quantity of kit/clothing, with the expectation that kit/clothing will not get dry during the event. In addition to paddling clothing please bring sufficient warm and waterproof clothing to last you through the weekend.

PRESENTATIONS

Results will be published (online and locally) as soon as they are available after each event. Prize giving will take place at Grandtully on Saturday and Aberfeldy on Sunday. Timings will be advised on the day.

BUCS POINTS

For available BUCS Points, please see Appendix 1.

Open event and Scottish Championship

An Open WWR event will run alongside the BUCS event on 14th & 15th November. Entry is available via the Paddle Scotland JustGo events finder linked here.

How do I enter a Paddle Scotland event as a member of another home nation?

In order to enter a Paddle Scotland event you will need to create a free Paddle Scotland JustGo account at sca.justgo.com. When creating your account, please select 'Outside Scotland' under the 'Local Authority' drop-down menu.

Then link your home nation membership to avoid paying the day membership surcharge by adding the 'Other Home Nation' member credential to your account.

How to add the Other Home Nation member credential -

1. Login (or create a free login) at sca.justgo.com
2. In 'My Profile' click 'Credentials'
3. Click 'Add Credentials' then select 'Other BC Home Nation member'
4. Complete the details and submit

You will be asked to provide evidence of your current membership - this can be a screenshot of your active profile or a confirmation email, as long as it shows the expiry date. A member of the Paddle Scotland staff team will then approve the credential within office hours. Once the credential has been approved you can enter the event without the day membership surcharge applying.

If you experience any difficulty creating a record, adding the credential, or getting booked on to the event, please get in touch.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Anyone wishing to take photos or video at this event must complete the BUCS Media Accreditation Form prior to the event.

BUCS reserves the right to prohibit photography equipment being used at a BUCS event. BUCS reserves the right to request that the individual ceases to take photographs, deletes any images and, if considered necessary, leaves the venue.

If you wish to take photos or videos at this event, please contact the BUCS Event Lead.

SAFEGUARDING AT BUCS EVENTS

BUCS' mission is to provide exceptional student sporting experiences that inspire, develop and unite.

Critical to our success is our commitment to always providing safe, friendly and enjoyable environments for all participants. Whether competing, coaching, officiating, volunteering, working or spectating at these events, the welfare of all is critical to our mission.

To find out more or report a concern, please click here.

Paddle Scotland will also have a safeguarding team present over the weekend, please find a member of Paddle Scotland staff should you have any concerns.

SUSTAINABILITY

The sustainability of our event matters to us and these are the positive steps we are taking to manage our environmental impact:

- All staff and volunteers are encouraged to travel to the event via public transport
- We have used local suppliers where possible
- Event programmes are all online, minimising paper use
- We will print on demand merchandise (if applicable)

- We are beginning to track our carbon footprint across BUCS events to identify areas of improvement.

How can you help at this event? Here's some ideas:

- Be self-sufficient by bringing your own refillable bottles and coffee cups to reduce waste
- Ensure you are disposing of waste correctly – Check around the venue for specific recycling and food waste bins
- Travel smarter – as a team on a minibus, cycle or use public transport
- Go paperless - use your phone for all event information

Feedback

Please can you all complete the linked feedback form.

The form will also be available at the event via QR code posters.

