

Geoff Sanders British Series - U14 Development Racing

All the information and rules are on the Paddle UK marathon website [Geoff Sanders Series – Canoe Marathon Racing UK](#) (summary below)

Specifically for younger paddlers

Sitting alongside the Hasler Series, the Geoff Sanders (GS) Series is specifically for younger paddlers. The series is designed to introduce them to marathon racing in a positive, supportive environment and prepare them for the transition into the Hasler divisions.

Paddlers race over approximately 3.5km, in one of the three age/speed based categories, and are promoted through them based on speed.

Geoff Sanders K1 Racing

The below categories make up the GS divisions:

- **GSC** – U12, mini K1 only
- **GSB** – U14 (including faster U12 and U10 paddlers), any boat
- **GSA** – U14 (including faster U12 and U10 paddlers), any boat

Guidance for ranking prior to paddlers first race:

- **GSC** – slower then 8:15 per km
- **GSB** – 7:30 – 8:15km
- **GSA** – 7:00 – 7:30 per km

Points are scored by all competitors, and a paddler's 3 best K1 scores in the season are carried forward to their club's GS total. The British season concludes at the Hasler Finals (normally held late September or early October), where the final Geoff Sanders races also take place, and the Geoff Sanders shield is presented to the overall winning club.

Note – GS paddlers from clubs who have not qualified for the Hasler Finals, can take part in their races at the Finals.

Geoff Sanders K2 Racing

Race organisers are encouraged, where possible, to also offer GS K2 races, although these do not count towards the club's GS points.

Paddlers can race in the divisional races or in the GSK2 races if suitably ranked. Two GSA paddlers racing together must race in Division 9.

The below categories can be on offer for GS paddlers at a Hasler race:

- **GSK2 Open** – crews: GSA+GSB **or** GSB+GSB - boat: any racing K2
- **GSK2 Mini** – crews: GSB+GSC **or** GSC+GSC – boat: mini K2 only

Two GSA paddlers racing together must race in Division 9.