



Scottish K2 Marathon Championship

Introduction

The Scottish K2 Marathon Champions are determined over a single race over the championship course.

Course and Race Rules

The championship courses will be of minimum length as shown below.

Class	Course Length	Portages
Mini K2 U10	Over 3km (max 5km)	0
Mini K2 U12		
U12	Over 5km (max 7km)	0
U14		
Master Ladies (49 and Over)		
U16	Over 10km	As determined by organiser
U18		
Senior		
Veteran (34 and Over)		
Master Men (49 and Over)		
Mixed K2 (U16 and over)		

The age is that on 1 January of the year in which the race is held.

Depending on race conditions, the organiser may amend or shorten the course as required to allow safe racing.



All entrants racing over the same course will start racing at the same time irrespective of class. If there are too many entrants to allow a fair start for all, then the start may be split as appropriate.

Paddle Scotland Marathon Racing Rules (the Rules) will apply. Where there is any conflict between the Rules and this document, this document will prevail.

Safety

All paddlers must be able to swim adequately in the waters on which the race is being held.

All boats must be fitted with sufficient buoyancy to support the boat and crew in the event of a capsize. **Inherent buoyancy in composite boats is not sufficient to meet this requirement.** Additional foam buoyancy or air bags must be fitted.

All paddlers who are ranked in divisions 7,8,9, and paddlers without a marathon ranking (for clarity, younger paddlers participating in the Geoff Saunders series are considered unranked) must wear a PFD (compliant with EN393, EN395, ISO12402-5 or ISO12402-6). The PFD must be worn in accordance with manufacturer's instructions at all times on the water. Team Leaders/Club coaches, or in the absence of these, the individual (or in the case of junior paddlers, their parent or guardian) shall determine if a paddler racing in the higher divisions must wear a PFD.

The organisers may require other/all competitors to wear a PFD and/or impose additional safety requirements depending on local conditions. The organiser's decision is final.

Any competitors failing to comply with these rules will not be allowed to participate in the race.

Eligibility

Only members of Paddle Scotland are eligible for championship medals. Visiting paddlers are welcome to race, however they will not count towards class numbers.



Classes

Paddlers enter the overall championship and their age category (class). Paddlers can choose to enter any age category for which they are eligible, ie racing up.

It is not permitted to race down. To be clear, racing up means (from left to right): -

U10 > U12 > U14 > U16 > U18 > U23 > Senior
O49 (Masters) > O34 (Veteran) > Senior

As an example, an O49 masters crew could choose to race as O49, O34 or Senior.

Where the crew's ages span categories, the crew races in the age category closest to senior (eg Senior/Master race as Senior; U16/U18 race as U18; U18/Veteran race as Senior).

Once a crew has chosen and entered their class, they are not allowed to change.

There will be no consolidation or amalgamation of classes.

Prizes and Trophies

There are perpetual trophies awarded as follows: -

Mens K2 Scottish Marathon Champions	Torquemada Trophy
Ladies K2 Scottish Marathon Champions	Ladies K2 Trophy

The male and female Scottish Marathon Champions will be the first male crew and first female crew finishing the long (10km+) course.

There must be a minimum of 3 crews competing for any trophy to be presented.



Medals will be awarded for each class with the appropriate number of entrants. To be eligible for a medal, paddlers must complete the race.

Gold – 1 finisher per class

Gold and silver - 3 starters per class

Gold, silver and bronze – 5 starters per class

Paddlers can win both Class medals and overall trophies.



Change History

Date	Details
May 2022	Separate course added for O49 women. "Lightnings" replaced by "mini K2"
April 2023	Rewritten
May 2023	Mixed K2 added to table
April 2025	Safety requirements added. Updated to Paddle Scotland