



Scottish Marathon Series (2025 onwards)

Introduction

The Scottish Marathon Series is raced over all marathon events held in Scotland throughout the season including the Scottish K1 and K2 Championships. Points, based on results, are awarded at each race. The races are a mixture of flat water and river descent races. Time trials and the Glasgow to Edinburgh Challenge are not included in the series.

Races and Entries

For **Hasler Qualifying** events, paddlers must race the course appropriate to their British Marathon divisional ranking.

For **Descent races** where multiple course lengths are offered, paddlers should select a course according to their level of competence but in general according to their divisional ranking.

For **Championship races**, paddlers compete in age groups and must paddle over the course appropriate to the age group entered.

Geoff Sanders races are designed to introduce younger paddlers to marathon racing in a positive, supportive environment and prepare them for the transition into the Hasler divisions. Geoff Sanders races are held between May to October at the following events: Glasgow Canal; Forth & Clyde (Auchinstarry); Forth & Clyde (Bonnybridge); and Linlithgow. There is also a suitable class for younger paddlers at the Scottish K1 and K2 marathon championships

Prior to a paddlers first race, club coaches should advise paddlers in which GS division they should compete based on their time over 1km.

Class	Age	Craft	Speed
GSC	U12	mini K1 only (includes lightnings)	Slower then 8:15 per km
GSB	U14	Any K1 (mini or full size)	7:30 – 8:15 per km
GSA	U14	Any K1 (mini or full size)	7:00 – 7:30 per km

Flatwater races

Points will only be awarded to paddlers who are racing over the appropriate course for their current British Canoeing Marathon Divisional Ranking (Hasler Qualifiers) or age category (Championship events). Paddlers entering a Hasler Qualifier without a current divisional ranking should enter an appropriate division based on racing standards (ref: UK Racing Handbook; <https://canoemarathon.org.uk/governance/racing-handbook/>) and will be awarded points in accordance with their finishing position.

If there are insufficient entrants to run a particular course, paddlers will be allowed to race over an alternative course however the points awarded will be kept separate.

As an example, 2 division 3 paddlers enter a race along with 20 division 4/5/6 paddlers. Since there are insufficient entries for a long course, all race short course. The division 3 paddlers are awarded 200 and 188 points respectively for position. The 20 division 4/5/6 paddlers are awarded points 150 downwards for position.

Paddlers promoted during the season will retain the points already earned. Paddlers moving from Geoff Sanders series to Div 9 will retain the points already earned from GS events.



Descent races

Paddlers should primarily race according to their divisional ranking but may select a course according to their ability. Points are awarded on finish order over each course. Where a course in a descent race is not offered or is cancelled, paddlers may race in an alternative suitable course, however they will only be eligible for points in the course in which they are racing. In general, paddlers are encouraged to race the more challenging course, but exceptions may be made in the case of newly promoted or inexperienced paddlers.

Doubles

In a doubles entry, each paddler is eligible for 75% of the points awarded for the position of the boat. (rounded up to the nearest whole point). As an example, each paddler in a K2 that wins a race in Div 7-9 will receive 75 points rather than 100. This also applies to the Scottish K2 Championship (except that the points will be 150 rather than 200).

Points

Points will be awarded depending on the type of event and the length of course raced

Points awarded	Applicability
A	Scottish Champs 13km Course (K1 and K2) Scottish Descent Champs (full length) Hasler Qualification Race Divisions 1-3
B	Scottish Champs 7km Course (K1 and K2) Hasler Qualification Race Divisions 4-6 Descent Races (single course & longer course where two courses are offered) Non-championship classes at Scottish Championships (K1, K2 and Descent)
C	Hasler Qualification Race Divisions 7-9 Descent Races (shorter course where two courses are offered)
D	Scottish Champs 3km course (K1, Mini K1 and Mini K2) All Geoff Sanders Races

The points awarded are shown in appendix A.

As an example, in Hasler qualifying race, the winner of Div 1-3 in would receive 200 points; the winner of Div 4-6, 150 points; winner of Div 7-9, 100 points; and Geoff Sanders winner 50 points.

Points will be awarded based on race time over the course. As an example, in a short course race with separate Divisional starts, a Division 6 paddler completing the course in a faster time than Division 5 paddler will be awarded more points.



Trophy Eligibility

Each paddler's points total will be based upon their total points scored in all races. To be eligible for a trophy, competitors must race a minimum of 2 races in a single seat craft.

Trophy List

Perpetual trophies are awarded to the highest total points holders over the season

Ayrshire Cup	Senior Man with the highest points total (includes Veterans and Masters)
Maureen Pennie Cup	Senior Lady with the highest points total (includes Veterans and Masters)
Junior LD Racing Trophy	U18 Man with the highest points total
D Napier Trophy	U18 Lady with the highest points total
Marathon Racing Short Course Trophy	Paddler in Div 4-6 with the highest points total
Marathon Racing Mini Course Trophy	Paddler in Div 7-9 with the highest points total

Senior and Junior trophy winners are also eligible to win the short or mini course trophies. In addition, awards will be made for each division outside of the main trophy winners (normally divisions 2,3,5,6,8,9) subject to there being a minimum of 3 eligible paddlers. Depending on entries, there may also be an award for the SUP with the highest points total.

Paddlers are eligible for prizes on the course which they are eligible to race on the last race of the season based on their Paddle UK Marathon ranking. As an example, a paddler is ranked in Division 7 and is promoted to division 6 in the **last** race of the season. They will be considered for the Mini Course Trophy and Division 7 awards on the basis that they raced the final event of the season in Division 7.

Where paddlers have competed in both Kayak and Canadian classes, their total points will be combined, however their highest-ranking division will be used for trophy consideration.



APPENDIX A – Points Awarded

	Course Type			
Finish Position	A	B	C	D
1	200	150	100	50
2	188	141	94	47
3	176	132	88	44
4	164	123	82	41
5	152	114	76	38
6	144	108	72	36
7	136	102	68	34
8	128	96	64	32
9	120	90	60	30
10	112	84	56	28
11	104	78	52	26
12	96	72	48	24
13	92	69	46	23
14	88	66	44	22
15	84	63	42	21
16	80	60	40	20
17	76	57	38	19
18	72	54	36	18
19	68	51	34	17
20	64	48	32	16
21	60	45	30	15
22	56	42	28	14
23	52	39	26	13
24	48	36	24	12
25	44	33	22	11
26	40	30	20	10
27	36	27	18	9
28	32	24	16	8
29	28	21	14	7
30	24	18	12	6
31	20	15	10	5
32	16	12	8	4
33	12	9	6	3
34	8	6	4	2
35	4	3	2	1
Other placings	4	3	2	1



Change History

Date	Change Details
12 Jan 2024	Substantially rewritten for 2024 season
16 June 2024	Clarification added on GS paddlers moving to Div 9
22 Feb 2025	Changes to points structure for 2025. Combining Marathon and GS series into single document. British Canoeing changed to Paddle UK