



## Scottish Marathon Series (2024 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, Geoff Sanders races 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.

### Points

Points will be awarded for each course (Long, Short and Mini) within the event as follows:-

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	100	11	62	21	38	31	19	41	9
2	95	12	59	22	36	32	18	42	8
3	90	13	56	23	34	33	17	43	7
4	85	14	53	24	32	34	16	44	6
5	80	15	50	25	30	35	15	45	5
6	77	16	48	26	28	36	14	46	4
7	74	17	46	27	26	37	13	47	3
8	71	18	44	28	24	38	12	48	2
9	68	19	42	29	22	39	11	49	1
10	65	20	40	30	20	40	10	50	1

49<sup>th</sup> and subsequent finishers – 1 point

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.

### 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 100 and 95 points respectively for position. The 20 division 4/5/6 paddlers are awarded points 100 downwards for position.

Paddlers promoted during the season will retain the points already earned.

### **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.

For descent races where multiple course lengths are offered, paddlers racing the longer course will receive a 10 point bonus per boat. (75% rule applies for doubles on the total finish points plus bonus – see also below)

### **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 will receive 75 points rather than 100. This also applies to the Scottish K2 Championship.

### **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. There will 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 British Canoeing 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.



### Change History

Date	Change Details
12 Jan 2024	Substantially rewritten for 2024 season