

Paddle SA - 2019 Winter LD Series Points System

Overview

A points system will be used in the 2019 Winter LD Series to determine “Divisional Winners” in the various gender, age divisions and boat classes, as well as “Overall Champions” for Junior, Open, Masters and Para categories.

Age Divisions

The following age divisions will be available to compete in:

- Under 14
- Under 17
- Open
- Masters (35+)
- Grandmasters (60+)

The age of a competitor will be determined by their age on the 1st January 2019.

All competitors may choose to compete in the Open category, but must declare this before the competition

Boat Class Divisions

The following boat class divisions will be available to compete in:

- Single & Double Kayak
- Single & Double Canoe
- Paracanoes & Va’a (U17 & Open only)
- Outrigger & SUP (Open only)
- Surf Ski, Ocean Ski & Ocean Kayak (Open only)

Combinations of Divisions

A division will exist for all valid combinations of gender, age and boat class.

As such, there will be a total of 32 possible division combinations, 16 for women and 16 for men, as per the table below:

Championship Category	Age Divisions	Boat Class
Junior	U14 Kayak	Single & Double Kayak
	U17 Kayak	Single & Double Kayak
	U14 Canoe	Single & Double Canoe
	U17 Canoe	Single & Double Canoe
	U17 Paracanoes	Paracanoes & Va’a
Senior	Open Kayak	Single & Double Kayak
	Open Canoe	Single & Double Canoe
	Open Paracanoes	Paracanoes & Va’a
Masters	35+ Kayak	Single & Double Kayak
	60+ Kayak	Single & Double Kayak
	35+ Canoe	Single & Double Canoe
	60+ Canoe	Single & Double Canoe
Paracanoes	U17 Paracanoes	Paracanoes & Va’a
	Open Paracanoes	Paracanoes & Va’a
Non-championship	Open Ski	Surf Ski, Ocean Ski & Sea Kayak
	Open Outrigger	Outrigger & SUP

Points System

All competitors will score one point for competing per event (this promotes participation).

If there are two or more athletes in a division, then bonus points will be awarded as per the table below (this promotes competition):

	2 athletes	3 athletes	4 athletes	5 athletes	6+ athletes
1 st	1 bonus point	2 bonus points	3 bonus points	4 bonus points	4 bonus points
2 nd	0 bonus points	1 bonus point	2 bonus points	3 bonus points	3 bonus points
3 rd	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	1 bonus point	2 bonus points	2 bonus points
4 th	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	1 bonus point	1 bonus point
5 th +	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	0 bonus points	0 bonus points

Bonus points will only be awarded to competitors that paddle over the longest distance for their age division and boat class (this promotes performance)

Double points will be awarded in the single boat classes for the Trevor Gallard Memorial Race, which would be promoted as the Paddle SA Marathon State Singles Titles.

Double points will be awarded in the double boat classes for the Brother Howard Memorial Race, which would be promoted as the Paddle SA Marathon State Doubles Titles.

Portages will be added to certain events to promote true Marathon racing with time imposts added to competitors who choose not to portage.

Para-athletes can compete simultaneously in both Open and Paracanoe divisions with their placings in each division counting towards the points score in each division (this promotes inclusion).

Divisional Winners & Overall Champions

The highest point scorer across the LD Series in each division will be declared the "Divisional Winner".

The following "Overall Champions" will also be declared:

- Junior Women's Champion – highest total points in the Junior Women's Divisions
- Junior Men's Champion – highest total points in the Junior Men's Divisions
- Senior Women's Champion – highest total points in the Open Women's Divisions
- Senior Men's Champion – highest total points in the Open Men's Divisions
- Masters Women's Champion – highest total points in the Masters Women's Divisions
- Masters Men's Champion – highest total points in the Masters Men's Divisions
- Paracanoe Women's Champion – highest total points in the Paracanoe Women's Divisions
- Paracanoe Men's Champion – highest total points in the Paracanoe Men's Divisions

The calculation of points for the Overall Champions will be done across all age divisions and boat classes that are applicable for each of the championship categories as defined in the table on the previous page.

Point scores will be published after each LD race on the Paddle SA website.