



## Southern California Outrigger Racing Association RACE RULES

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## **Code of Ethics**

**We are all responsible to promote good sportsmanship and fair play in the activities we engage in. This means observance of these race rules as well as generally accepted rules of behavior and all governmental laws.**

**Paddlers are to avoid situations where a canoe is deliberately rammed, where there is deliberate interference with another crew, where assaults and/or abusive language are used.**

**Coaches are required to support and enforce these race rules and to avoid any circumvention of these rules.**

**Officials and Officers are required to do their best to be fair and not biased in their decisions and in carrying out their duties.**

**All non-paddler that are in any way affiliated with any club are required to abide by good sportsmanship standards.**

**Violation of the Code of Ethics shall be referred to the Race Committee for disciplinary action, i.e., fines, suspensions, etc.**

## **General Statement of Rules**

**Rules cannot be made to cover every situation. These rules cover the major areas of past problems. Whenever situations come up that are not covered, in the course of deliberating considerations should be given to the following:**

- What are we trying to avoid or promote?**
- Does the proposed penalty match the seriousness of the violation?**
- Would most people agree the rule is fair?**
- Does the rule apply equally to large and small clubs?**
- Is the rule clear and easily understood?**
- Does the rule generally help or hinder what we are about; that is, the racing of canoes?**

Created on 1/18/2010  
Amended on 6/27/2022  
Amended on 5/7/2026

## 1.0 Events, Scoring ,Fees, and Awards

### 1.1 Regatta Divisions (approximate order of events)

OC1 Juniors (19 and under) Women  
OC1 Juniors (19 and under) Men  
OC1 Novice (1st year paddlers) Women  
OC1 Novice (1st year paddlers) Men  
OC1 Open Women  
OC1 Open Men  
OC1 Masters Women (age 40 and up)  
OC1 Masters Men (age 40 and up)  
OC6 10 and under Girls *amended season 2015*  
OC6 10 and under Boys *amended season 2015*  
OC6 12 and Under Girls  
OC6 12 and Under Boys  
OC6 14 and Under Girls  
OC6 14 and Under Boys  
OC6 16 and Under Girls  
OC6 16 and Under Boys  
OC6 19 and Under Women  
OC6 19 and Under Men  
OC6 Novice Women  
OC6 Novice Men  
OC6 Master Women (age 40and up)  
OC6 Master Men (age 40 and up)  
OC6 Senior Master Women (age 50 and up)  
OC6 Senior Master Men (age 50 and up)  
OC6 Golden Masters Women (age 60 and up) *amended 2025*  
OC6 Golden Masters Men (age 60 and up) *amended 2015*  
OC6 Open B Women  
OC6 Open B Men  
OC6 Open A Women  
OC6 Open A Men  
OC4 Women  
OC4 Men

### 1.2 Regatta Distances

OC1 500 meters/1500 meters  
OC6 1000 meters (12 and Under)  
OC6 1000 meters (14 and Under)  
OC6 1000 meters (16 and Under)  
OC6 1000 meters (19 and Under)  
OC6 1000 meters - Novice  
OC6 1000 meters - Master Women (40and up)  
OC6 2000 meters - Master Men (40 and up)  
OC6 1000 meters - Senior Master Women (50 and up)  
OC6 2000 meters - Senior Master Men (60 and up) OC6  
2000 meters - Golden Masters Men (60 and up) OC6 2000  
meters - Golden Masters Women (55 and up) OC6 1000  
meters - all open heats  
OC6 2000 meters - Open B Finals (Women and Men)  
OC6 3000 meters - Open A Finals (Women and Men)

### 1.3 Iron and 9-man Divisions

#### 1.3.1 Iron Divisions

OC6 15-19/ boys (short course) see note 1  
OC6 15-19/ girls (short course) see note 1

OC6 19/under Men/Women (long course)  
OC6 Novice A/B Women/Men – Spec *amended 2007/2018/2024season*  
OC6 Novice A/B Women/Men – Unlimited (UL)  
OC6 NoviceA/B Coed - Spec *amended 2024*  
OC6 Novice A/B Coed – Unlimited (UL)  
OC6 Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2015*  
OC6 Master Coed – Unlimited (UL)  
OC6 Senior Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2018*  
OC6 Senior Master Coed – Unlimited (UL)  
OC6 Golden Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2018*  
OC6 Golden Masters Coed Unlimited *amended 2022*  
OC6 Open Women/Men Short Course (concurrent with novice) *amended 2019*  
OC6 Open Women/Men Short Course (concurrent with novice) – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2022*  
OC6 Open Coed Short Course (concurrent with novice) *amended 2019*  
OC6 Open Women – SCORA Spec  
OC6 Open Women – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2011*  
OC6 Open Men – SCORA Spec  
OC6 Open Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2011*  
OC6 Open Coed – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2013 season*  
OC6 Elite Men Short Course – any crew with no more than 2 paddlers registered to race a second race at the same event. Non-awardable *Amended 2017*  
OC6 Elite Women Short Course- any crew with no more than 2 paddlers registered to race a second race at the same event. Non awardable *Amended 2017*  
OC6 55+ Short Course Men/Women- any gender specific crew aged 55 or older *amended 2025*

**MINI IRON Division:** (limited to specific locations predetermined by Race and Keiki Committees)

*Amended season 2015, and 2022*

OC6 10 and under Girls and Boys *amended 2022. See Note 3*

OC6 12 and under Girls and Boys *amended 2022 See Note 3*

OC6 14 and under Girls and Boys *amended 2022 See Note*

Note 1: This division is for experienced youth paddlers only. Novices are not permitted in this Division. Coaches should pay special attention to the ability, fitness, knowledge, and safety of their paddlers when deciding to enter a crew in these races. Any crew that is deemed unprepared or unable to safely complete the course in a timely manner will be returned to the finish line early and will be under critical review by the Race Committee before it will be allowed to enter another race that season. This division is NOT for all keikis. Typically, these races will be between three and five miles of continuous paddling and water conditions are not always ideal and flat. As in all other divisions, paddlers in these races must be well trained in righting an overturned canoe

Note 2: OPEN Short Course – run concurrent with novice on the novice course. See amendment footnote at end of this document. This is an awardable division, except unlimited. Amended 2019

Note 3: All Keiki teams are required to race in UNLIMITED canoes. Experienced steersman will now sit in SEAT 6, NOT the back Manu. So that means you will be making crews of 5 keikis essentially. Your steersman can be an adult or a keiki/junior, just as long as they are experienced. If the Safety Official feels the steersman is NOT experienced, they will be turned early during the race. The steersman is not allowed to paddle, just poke. Boys race with boys and girls race with girls.

### 1.3.2 9-man Divisions

OC6 Master Women/Men – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013*

OC6 Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2015*

OC6 Masters Coed – Unlimited (UL)

OC6 Senior Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2018*

OC6 Senior Master Coed – Unlimited (UL)

OC6 Golden Master Women/Men – Unlimited (UL)  
OC6 Golden Master Coed – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2022 (Exhibition Year - All paddlers age 60)* OC6  
Open Women/Men – any canoe hull equal to or over 400lbs raced equally *amended 2018* OC6  
Open Women/Men – Unlimited (UL) *amended 2011*

OC6 Open Coed Unlimited (UL) *amended 2013*

OC6 19 and under Women/Men (10 paddlers) *amended December 2009/2018*

## **1.4 Scoring of Regatta Races**

For open Division only - Open “A” Final competition and “B” Final competition points will be as follows:

Open “A” Finals (Women and Men)

1st place - 8.0 points  
2nd place - 7.0 points  
3rd place - 6.5 points  
4th place - 6.0 points  
5th place - 5.5 points  
6th place - 5.0 points  
7th place - 4.5 points

Open “B” Finals (Women and Men)

1st place - 4.0 points  
2nd place - 3.5 points  
3rd place - 3.0 points  
4th place - 2.5 points  
5th place - 2.0 points  
6th place - 1.5 points  
7th place - 1.0 point

Every team contributes to their club point status, even if they finish last. The club with the most points for the day receives 1 point for the Regattas, second place receives 2 points, etc. The overall highest scoring club wins the State Championships for the season.

For all other divisions, points will be as follows:

1st Place - 5 points  
2nd place - 3 points  
3rd place - 2 points  
4th place - 1 point

This point system does not consider multiple entries. Therefore, please refer to Section 1.6 “Multiple Entries” below.

## **1.5 Ties (Regattas)**

1.5.1 In the event of a tie in any one event, the total points of two placing teams shall be equally divided.

1.5.2 In the event of a tie in overall points, the team with the most first place point wins, shall be declared the first-place winner for the day. If the number of first place wins are tied, then the team with the most second place wins shall be declared the winner for the day. This rule shall continue to apply for all other places.

## **1.6 Multiple Entries (Regattas)**

For clubs submitting more than one entry per division, the following shall apply:

1.6.1 In areas permitting all entries to compete in one race, the points and awards shall be as follows:

1.6.1.1 First crew of a club placing shall receive points contributing to the overall total for the day and awards for the winning place.

1.6.1.2 Second crew of a club placing, shall only receive awards for the winning place and not contribute to the day's totals.

1.6.1.3 Multiple entry rules shall NOT apply to Open A & B Divisions and junior boys and girls.

1.6.2 When more than one heat of the same division must be conducted, the overall winners will be determined by a final heat. The finalists will be determined by placement in heats.

1.6.3 Clubs with multiple entries shall limit themselves to two canoes per classification in all divisions except "Open" and junior boys and girls

1.6.4 Unofficial crews are not allowed in the racing field. The Racing Field is defined as the perimeter bounded by the lane flags.

1.6.5 Junior, Boys and Girls crews may include as part of their crew other Junior, Boys and Girls paddlers who have raced in other regatta events during the race day, but no more than 3 paddlers who have raced previously or who will participate in other race events that day may be a part of the Junior crew.

## **1.7 Multiple Entries (Long Distance)**

1.7.1 An "open" paddler may race in as many races as he or she qualifies for. All registration and race fees apply per division entered. Novices may race in a novice race and a non-novice race in one day but cannot steer the non-novice crew. In addition, no more than three novices who previously raced in the day can be in any non-novice crew, and neither of them may steer. *Amended December 2009/ January 2016*

## **1.8 Race Fees**

1.8.1 A "per paddler" race fee shall be charged at each SCORA sanctioned race in accordance with the fees fixed by the Board of Directors of SCORA.

1.8.2 Disbursement

Host clubs hosting an event shall be entitled to reimbursement of race related expenses, Appendix "C" defines host club responsibilities, fines and procedures.

## **1.9 Awards**

1.9.1 Regattas/Sprints: 1st through 3rd place will be acknowledged with suitable awards for each paddler. 4th place will be acknowledged (awards optional).

1.9.2 Long Distance: 1st through 3rd place will be acknowledged with suitable awards for each paddler. 4th place will be acknowledged (awards optional)

1.9.3 As a courtesy, coaches should contact host clubs with their intentions to enter Golden Master, and 19, 16, 14, and 12 and underage groups.

1.9.4 Award Allocation Table. Race Committee will conduct a preseason survey and end of season review of all SCORA clubs to assist race hosts in determining the number of awards for their races based on the following:

#### 1.9.4a Allocation Table

1 entry no awards / 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> place only/ /3 entries 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
4 entries 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place // 5 entries 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> with 4<sup>th</sup> place optional

## 2.0 Classification of Paddlers

### 2.1 Age Group Divisions

- 2.1.1 12 and Under: Any paddler who will not reach his/her 13th birthday in the calendar year of competition.
- 2.1.2 14 and Under: Any paddler who will not reach his/her 15th birthday in the calendar year of competition.
- 2.1.3 16 and Under: Any paddler who will not reach his/her 17th birthday in the calendar year of competition.
- 2.1.4 19 and Under: Any paddler who will not reach his/her 20th birthday in the calendar year of competition.
- 2.1.5 Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her 40th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
- 2.1.6 Senior Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her 50th birthday during the calendar year of competition
- 2.1.7 Golden Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of competition. *Amended 2015/2025* Golden Mixed crews: Any paddler who will reach their 60th birthday.

## 2.2

### Other Divisions

- 2.2.1 Novice A Men/Women: Any male/female paddler who is a first-year paddler and has not raced in any race sanctioned by a recognized outrigger association in any prior year.  
Novice B Men/Women: Any male/female paddler who is a second-year SCORA paddler, and has not raced a SCORA 9-man race
- 2.2.2 Open Men/Women (A,B, SCORA Spec, "Unlimited/UL"; Coed): Any male/female paddler participating in any OC6 division in a given event. "Open" is related to any age, the gender is specific, i.e., *open* women is any age all women, *open* men is any age, all men.
- 2.2.3 Coed Crew Defined: A coed crew for Iron divisions must consist of at least 1 but no more than 3 men; A coed crew for 9-man divisions must consist of at least 1 and no more than 4 male paddlers at any time. *Amended December 2009*

## 2.3 Division Rules

- 2.3.1 Formation of New Divisions: Any request for forming a new division must follow the SCORA Race Rule Proposal submission procedures. (See policy)
  - a. Three clubs must join in the proposal requesting a new division
  - b. Two separate clubs must enter to hold a race.
- 2.3.2 **JUNIOR TEAMS ONLY.** Short course, sprints, iron and 9man races- clubs are allowed to enter mixed gender 19and under teams. The entry will be in the "Boys/Men's" Division, and it is awardable. *Amended season 2015/2016/2017*

## 3.0 Eligibility to Race

### 3.1 Paddlers

- 3.1.1 Any male or female who is a member of a recognized SCORA member club is eligible to participate, subject to registration requirements and other requirements as set forth in the Race Rules and Bylaws of SCORA. *Amended 2007 season*
- 3.1.2 A paddler is ineligible to transfer to another association club during the racing season unless an official release is obtained. This release should be a written release by the presiding officer of the parent association club.
- 3.1.3 At the start of any season, before competition, paddlers will be free to change clubs providing they do not have club property or are in debt to the parent club.

- 3.1.4 Any paddler who feels he/she has been unjustly restrained from legitimate transfer/release between association clubs, may petition to the Race Committee to render a decision.

### 3.2 Clubs

- 3.2.1 Any club which is an accredited member of SCORA and has complied with the SCORA membership dues payment provision and other requirements as set forth in the SCORA By-laws, shall be eligible to compete in SCORA sanctioned racing events. Distance and/or invitational races will have specified eligibility rules. Any club which is not a member of SCORA may be eligible to race only if they meet the following two requirements prior to racing 1) they must provide proof of membership in another recognized outrigger association. 2) they must provide an acceptable certificate of insurance (COI) naming SCORA and its member clubs as Additional insured.

Any Club that is not a member but holds regular practices within SCORA's traditional geographic area (Mexico/US Border to Monterey/San Luis Obispo County line to Las Vegas and Arizona) shall pay an increased race registration fee.

*Amended December 2011/Amended season 2015/2017*

- 3.2.2 **Guest Members:** Individuals, crews, or clubs who do not belong to a SCORA Member Club, may apply for Guest Membership, as defined in SCORA By Law 4.02.01, for participation in up to 1 race per year. Prospective Guest Members must complete and submit a Guest Membership Application Form prior to any race that they intend to participate in. That application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the SCORA Race Committee prior to race registration being completed. Guest Members shall have no voting rights, shall have membership status for only 1 race per year, and shall pay increased participation fees. *Amended 2017*

### 4.0 Registration

- 4.1 Registration of all paddlers participating in age limit races is subject to verification by the Race Committee and/or other race officials. If requested, valid proof of age must be made available by the Club's presiding officer for paddlers entered by the Club in age limit races. Failure to provide proof of age may subject that particular team to disqualification at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.2 Failure to register on SCORA Approved Forms and pay fees on the day of any event will subject the club to a fine of \$50.00 in addition to any race fees, late registration changes and other penalties at the discretion of the Registrar and Race Committee Chairperson(s). Awards will be withheld pending payment of all race fees, fines, and other penalties at the discretion of the Race Chair
- 4.3 All long distance (Iron and 9-man) crew entries must register at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the day's first race. Any crew entry failing to register at the designated time may not participate in the day's events. Any crew that races in violation of the registration rules will be disqualified from the day's events and, in addition, may be monetarily penalized, determined to be ineligible to race a future race, or both, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.4 All participants, helpers, officials, and volunteers must sign an approved Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Assumption of Risk form before they may participate in a SCORA-sanctioned event.
- 4.5 Clubs will not be allowed to compete if they are not in compliance with the SCORA membership dues structure unless arrangements have been made with the SCORA President and signed approvals have been accepted by the Race Committee.
- 4.6 A list of paddlers and their signed Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Assumption of Risk documents shall be present at all SCORA-sanctioned events. These lists and Assumption of Risk documents shall be submitted for inspection by the Race Committee, Registration staff, and race officials on the proper form to the designated registration officer on or before the date so appointed by the registrar officer. Only the Race Chair(s), Race Committee, registration staff, and race officials shall have access to these forms at the event.
- 4.7 All race lists submitted prior to the race day will be kept as the official classification of each paddler.

These lists must be present at all races.

4.8 In the case of Regatta events, each participating club will give notice to the Seeding Committee of the number and classification of crew entries at least two (2) days prior to race day to facilitate the timely seeding of division races and heats.

4.9 Any additions or classification changes to crew entries on the day of a Regatta event shall be subject to a \$10.00 filing fee in addition to registration fees paid to the Registrar. Changes that effect lane assignments, heats or otherwise impact race scheduling shall only be allowed by petition to and at the discretion of the Race Chairperson(s).

## **5.0 Equipment**

### **5.1 Canoe Specifications**

5.1.1 Bradley – The canoe must have been built entirely from one of the original Bradley molds. The hull of the canoe must remain unaltered.

5.1.2 SCORA Spec – Any canoe that meets the current SCORA Specifications. Canoes in the Bradley Division (see 5.1.1) are not included in this classification.

5.1.3 UL- Unlimited – Any canoe that meets “general canoe specifications” outlined below, regardless of weight

### **5.2 Canoe Specifications – General**

5.2.1 Hulls of canoes used in SCORA-sanctioned races can be made of any material.

5.2.2 All long canoes built after 1986 will be subject to HCRA Canoe Specifications (1984). All Boat Spec recommendations and memorandums to date are listed in Appendix A.2 and have been accepted by SCORA Race Committee as the final decision.

5.2.3 Names, colors, weight certifications, SCORA canoe specifications and proof of General Liability insurance must be on file with SCORA and maintained by the Race Committee through its appointed Race Secretary.

5.2.4 No attachable fins, keels, or other devices that aid in steering or shall be allowed.

5.2.5 All canoes shall be numbered and identified in accordance with the “SCORA List of Certified Canoes”, (Appendix A.1). The numbers shall be on both sides of the canoe bow and stern, at least 6” in height and 1” stroke width and remain on both sides of the canoe (bow and stern) at the start and end of the race. These numbers must be white on black, or black on white. The numbers must be in bold font. No cursive or italics. *Amended 2017*

5.2.6 All “Spec” and Bradley canoe hulls must weigh a minimum of 400 pounds. Hull weight is inclusive of seats, wai’s, seat pads, spray-skirt tracks and permanently attached weight. Rigging, amas, iakos

and spray covers are not to be included in hull weight.

5.2.7 All canoes must be equipped with a 100’ tow-line attached to the forward wai as instructed by SCORA Safety Officials at Annual Safety and Coaches clinic. *Amended 2010.December*

### **5.3 OC-1/OC-2 Specifications**

See Appendix D

### **5.4 Paddles**

Paddles must be of a single blade design.

## 5.5 Miscellaneous

5.5.1 Canoes, paddles, rigging, etc., not meeting the safety specifications may not be used in SCORA races, and the ruling of the Race Chairperson(s) on this matter shall be final. The Race Chairperson(s) may call for the weighing and inspection of canoes at his/her discretion.

5.5.2 Any crew using non-standard equipment during a race will be subject to disqualification. The Race Chairperson(s) or the Safety Chairperson(s) may conduct inspection of equipment at any time.

5.5.3 All canoes must have six (6) USCG approved PFD's during races.

5.5.4 A 5-gallon bailing bucket in addition to a smaller bailing bucket must be aboard all canoes during races. Canoes may also be equipped with any additional bailing system.

5.5.4a Penalties for non-compliance of safety equipment in or on the canoe: time will be added to finish time initially, after subsequent violations a monetary fine may be imposed. *Amended 2017*

5.5.5 Manu to Manu spray covers may be required at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.5.5a Canoes with positive flotation throughout the hull (most unlimited) may be exempt from spray skirts at the Race Committee's discretion. *Amended 2017*

5.5.6 Any additional accessories shall be petitioned to the Race Committee for discussion and approval.

5.5.7 Crews shall wear the same color and design jersey or rash guard during races, however, coed crews may wear jerseys of dissimilar color. Jersey must be worn at start and finish of race. *-2014*

5.5.8 It shall be the responsibility of the club fielding a crew in a race to see that their crew members wear like racing jerseys or rash guards, however, non-club crew members who join the crew to temporarily fill out the crew for a race event may wear their home club jersey or rash guard. *-2014*

## 6.0 Officials

### 6.1 Race Chairperson(s)

6.1.1 The position of Race Chairperson is an elected position per the Bylaws of SCORA.

6.1.2 The Race Chairperson shall:

a. presides at and serve as the Race Director for all races sanctioned by SCORA b. enforces and abide by the Race Rules of SCORA at such races.

c. be responsible for approval of the racecourse(s), and the race day schedule of racing events, and shall have authority to change the racecourse if conditions cause the initial racecourse to be unsafe. d. sign all races official documents of SCORA concerning race day procedure. e. has authority to interpret and enforce the Race Rules, levy fines and other penalties as set forth in the Race Rules and in any instance where the reputation of the Association is suffering degradation

by a member of the Association. The Race Chairperson's decision shall be final, unless upon petition, the Race Committee overrules the decision by a majority vote.

f. submits reports to the Board of Directors of SCORA in accordance with the Bylaws of SCORA.

### 6.2 Race Secretary:

6.2.1 The Race Secretary shall be appointed by the Race Committee.

6.2.2 The Race Secretary shall:

a. retains all records of SCORA sanctioned races

b. be responsible for updating and maintaining the race rules and all race forms and distributing them to all Member Clubs of SCORA

c. be responsible for administrative duties as deemed necessary by the Race Committee and/or the President of SCORA.

- d. be responsible for working with the timing officials to collect race results data and for posting the results in a timely manner.
- e. be responsible for maintaining and timely publishing any amendments to the Race Rules, attending all Race Committee meetings and prepare meeting minutes in accordance with the bylaws of SCORA.

### 6.3 Race Registrar

6.3. The Race Registrar, and registrar assistances as may be needed, shall be appointed by the Race Committee:

#### 6.3.2 The Race Registrar shall:

- 5. manage all registration needs at all scheduled sanctioned races of SCORA.

### 6.4 Race Committee

6.4.1 Committee Make Up: The Race Committee shall consist of not less than 6 and no more than 8 individuals recommended by the Race Chairperson and approved by a majority of the Board of SCORA.

#### 6.4.2 The Race Committee Duties:

- a. The Race Committee shall preside and officiate at all Association sanctioned races scheduled by the Association. Sanctioned races shall include the following: races are conducted in accordance and compliance with SCORA Race Rules, SCORA Safety Policies and all other policies and guidelines adopted by SCORA concerning racing. All other recognized events that are not sanctioned but requested, shall abide by the SCORA Safety Policies and SCORA Guidelines including the filing of the proper Insurance Forms adopted by SCORA in a timely manner.
- b. The Race Committee shall act upon all petitions and protests submitted in accordance with Sections 8.0 and 11.0 and shall render a decision as soon as possible, not to exceed seven (7) days following the submission of the petition or protest. The decision of the Race Committee on matters within its authority shall be binding and final.
- c. The Race Committee, through its appointed Race Committee secretary, shall be responsible to timely publish meeting calendars and deadlines for submission of race rule revisions and bids for races.
- d. The Race Committee shall be responsible for assigning lanes or when applicable, making arrangements for the drawing of lanes
- e. The Race Committee shall be responsible for inspecting equipment when required and maintain the SCORA canoe registry.
- f. The Race Committee members shall have in their possession at every SCORA-sanctioned race a copy of the most current Race Rules.
- g. The Race Committee shall monitor insurance requirements for all non-SCORA visiting teams/clubs in accordance with the Race Rules.
- h. The Race Committee may cancel or terminate a race at any time by majority vote. The

reimbursement or subsidy of costs incurred by the Host Club in sponsoring a canceled, terminated or inadequately attended race, will be addressed on a race-by-race basis by the Race Committee and subject to approval by the SCORA Board of Directors.

- i. The Race Committee shall be required to assist the Race Chairperson(s) in any matter deemed necessary by the Race Chairperson(s) to promote and properly conduct SCORA-sanctioned and scheduled races.
- j. The Race Committee shall submit reports to the Board of Directors of SCORA in accordance with the Bylaws of SCORA; *Amended 2007*
- k. In situations not covered by these rules, the Race Committee shall, in the course of deliberating, give consideration to the guiding principles contained in the Preamble: General Statement of the Rules, in its decision-making. *Amended December 2009*

**6.5 Additional SCORA Race Officials** shall be appointed as needed by the Race Chairpersons and/or Race Committee and identified at the beginning of each race day.

6.5.1 Each club will provide two (2) persons to make up a Volunteer pool, to be called upon to be Officials at SCORA events. Each person will attend instruction classes prior to the racing season. *Amended 2007/2015*

6.5.2 A fine of \$25 will be levied against any club not furnishing their required volunteers on race day. The fine will be increased to \$50 for each offense thereafter. If no names are submitted by a member club that club's Board of Director will fill the volunteer's duty for that race day. *Amended 12.2009/2.2015*

6.5.3 Race Officials that are requesting certification shall attend classes or show proficiency to obtain certification in the expertise as listed in Appendix B in these rules. Those shall have gone through performance classes and have been so certified by the standards set by the Race Committee that are listed in the Officials Policy of the Association. *Amended season 2015*

## **7.0 General Racing Rules**

**7.1 Starting:** All starts will be in accordance with the instructions from the Starter. Starting of races may be any of the following types:

- a. Voice Start, typically "Paddles across the gunnels, Paddles up, Start!"
- b. Dropping a series of flags, typically:
  - Red Flag Up, signaling approximately 5 minutes until start.
  - Red Flag Waiving, signaling approximately 15 to 20 seconds until start.
  - Red Flag Down/Green Flag Up, signaling start paddling, race begins.
- c. Shot of starter's gun, or loud blast of horn.

## **7.2 Recall**

7.2.1 Reasons for recall:

7.2.1.1 Breakage of equipment within the first 10 seconds. This must be signaled by the raising and waving of a paddle by any crewmember. It shall be the duty of the Race Committee Official to check all recalls and report their findings to the Race Chairperson(s) before a race shall be re-run. Any crew causing an illegal recall may be automatically disqualified at the discretion of the Race Official. The ten-second period shall be determined by the Starter.

7.2.1.2 Swamping of a canoe within the first ten seconds of a race.

7.2.1.2 Failure to follow the Starter's instructions, such as deliberately paddling contrary to the instructions or crossing the starting line before the starting signal, may subject a crew to a time penalty.

7.2.2 Stalling: A lagging canoe shall have no right of protest on the ground of unfair start in the event the race is started. However, a lagging canoe shall not be deprived of a recall for swamping, capsizing, or equipment breakage.

## **7.3 Turns – Right of Way**

The lead canoe in the turn has the right of way. Any collision in or around the turn will be cause for disqualification or time penalty. For definition of "lead canoe" see Section 13.4 – Overlap.

## **7.4 Unofficial Crews**

An unofficial crew is one that is not in compliance with section 3.0 of the race rules and/or has not complied with the registration requirements as set forth in the Race Rules.

Unofficial crews are not allowed on the designated racecourse of any SCORA sanctioned race.

## **7.5 Designated Racecourse**

The designate racecourse is defined as the field of racing canoes in an imaginary diamond whose sides are defined by the lead canoe, the hindmost canoe, the first canoe on the farthest left and the first canoe on the farthest right.

## 8.0 Protest

- 8.1 Protest Fee: A fee of \$50.00 shall accompany any protest filed. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned to the club filing the protest. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will go into the SCORA treasury. The \$50.00 fee may be billed to the protesting club and must be paid no later than the next SCORA sanctioned event or meeting.
- 8.2 All decisions by the Race Committee regarding protests shall be final.
- 8.3 All properly filed protests shall be presented to the Race Committee by the Race Committee Chairperson(s) upon the finish of that particular race. Protests must be filed by a coach or his representative on official forms provided by SCORA. Coaches or crews involved in a protest shall be notified immediately. While the Race Committee is hearing and apprising itself of the facts surrounding the protest, only coaches, officials involved and/or other persons designated by the Race Committee Chairperson(s) shall be present. After the hearing is completed, the Race Committee Chairperson(s) shall immediately exclude all non-voting persons. The Race Committee shall deliberate on the testimony and evidence and render a decision. Protests which have been acted upon become a part of SCORA's permanent record.
- 8.4 The Race Committee Chairperson(s) shall announce the Race Committee's decision in accordance with the requirements specified in Section 6.1.3 – Officials.

## 9.0 Penalties

- 9.1 Any violation of the Race Rules may result in a fine, the disqualification of the crew or crews involved or a determination of ineligibility to participate for a period of time in the future, or any combination thereof, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.2 The penalty for entering an unofficial canoe or for failing to remove an unofficial canoe when asked to do so by an official will result in a fine. (To be determined by the Race Chair and committee) *amended 2007 season*
- 9.3 During regatta races, clubs will be allowed a maximum of ten minutes to have their succeeding crew at the starting line ready. The 10 minutes will commence when the last finisher from the previous heat crosses the finish line. Failure to observe this may disqualify a crew
- 9.4 The penalty assessed for each touching of the flag violation in regattas, shall be the addition of three (3) seconds to the finish time of the crew.
- 9.5 The penalty assessed for interference, finishing in the wrong lane, turning on the wrong flag, false start, or violations called by a Race Official shall be the addition of seconds according to the length of the race as follows:
- 500 meter race 5 seconds
  - 1000 meter race 6 seconds
  - 1500 meter race 7 seconds
  - 2000 meter race 8 seconds
  - 3000 meter race 9 seconds
- Long Distance Races: 1 minute for every 5 miles of the race (or any portion thereof)  
Penalties on Novice long distance races shall be 1 minute for every 5 miles raced (or any portion thereof).
- 9.6 A disqualification may be called by a Race Official with the approval of the Race Committee Chairperson(s).
- 9.6.1 In the event a Race Official witnesses a gross and/or willful violation of these rules and/or willful unsportsmanlike conduct, then that Race Official may exercise his or her sole and absolute discretion and disqualify the offending crew or individual.

9.6.2 The coach or representative of the canoe club which has been disqualified will be notified by a race official before public announcement. *Amended 2017*

## **9.7 Escort/ Spectator Boat Violations**

9.7.1 The penalty for an escort or spectator boat entering the field of racing canoes without permission of the Race Chairperson(s) and/or the Race Committee shall be the addition of 15 minutes to the canoe that the boat is escorting. *–amended December 2006*

9.7.2 The second warning by a Race Official or the Race Chairperson(s) to an escort boat to keep away from a canoe, or any other infraction, may cause the disqualification of the canoe the boat is escorting.

9.7.3 No escort or spectator boat identified with a racing team can assist the team by proceeding to flatten the water or follow closely enough to create a wake to push the canoe.

9.7.4 No escort/spectator boat shall impede the progress of any other canoe in the racing field. Failure to adhere shall cause disqualification of the team the boat is escorting.

## **10.0 Illegal and Ineligible Paddler**

10.1 For purposes of definition, the following shall apply:

10.1.1 Illegal Paddler – Any paddler who has not met the conditions specified in the Race Rules under Registration and Eligibility and who paddles as part of a crew in a SCORA-sanctioned event. 10.1.2 Ineligible Paddler – The name submitted on the race list or roster and the person actually paddling the race differ.

10.2 The penalty for a club using an illegal or ineligible paddler shall be disqualification of the crew and a fine of \$50.00. The fine must be paid by the canoe club and until paid, the club may not enter any further event in a regatta on race day, nor any further regattas or races. The regatta or race shall not be interrupted or stopped because of this disqualification and the fine must be paid.

10.3 A crew of a canoe club who proceeds on the water to enter an event without permission shall be warned and asked to leave the course. Failure to do so will involve a \$50.00 fine or disqualification of the entire crew, or both.

10.4 The second offense of using an illegal or ineligible paddler during the same calendar year shall be a disqualification and a fine of \$100.00. The fine of \$100.00 must be paid by the canoe club and until paid, the club may not enter any further event of a regatta on a race day, nor any further regatta or race. The regatta or race shall not be interrupted or stopped because of this disqualification and fine, which must be paid.

## **11.0 Petitions**

11.1.1 A petition is a written request, submitted to the Race Committee for its approval concerning any race related matter therein set forth.

11.1.2 Any and all petitions must be submitted to the Race Committee, in writing, along with a \$50.00 fee, no later than the date so appointed by the Race Committee, and the Race Committee shall render its decision at the same time.

## **12.0 Flat Course/Modified Regatta Rules**

A Modified Regatta is raced on a closed course with lanes and includes all divisions in their own events. It should be visible and spectator friendly, and the races should be over short distances.

### **12.1 Course:**

The official SCORA racecourse shall be 500 meters in length and shall be laid out in equal lanes, preferably 100 feet wide, and not less than 80 feet wide. Each lane shall be identified at both ends by a colored flag, which will be the same color at both ends. Flags for the designation of lanes shall remain the same color for all regattas. With the exception of OC1 and 1,500-meter events, all races will be started and finished from

the same end of the course.

12.1.1 All turns shall be left around assigned lane flags. All parts of the canoe must pass the turn line. The canoe may not touch any flag. Touching of any flag during a race shall constitute a three-second penalty per infraction.

12.1.2 Lane width is defined as the full lateral distance between adjoining flags. All canoes must remain in their own lanes while passing the lane flags, which shall be to the left of each canoe. Canoes shall keep in their respective lanes as closely as possible throughout the race and in no way may they interfere with other participating canoes. Where two canoes approach each other from opposite directions within the same lane, each canoe must occupy as nearly as possible the one-half width of the lane nearest its own line of flags so that the canoes pass each other hull to hull.

## **12.2 Alternative Format**

Alternative Format, or "sprint" racing, shall be any form of short distance racing other than traditional flat course racing.

12.2.2 Proposal to do Alternative Race shall be made by SCORA Affiliate Club on Race/Bid proposal.

12.2.1 Course and race format shall be approved by SCORA Race Committee.

**12.3 Swamping:** A canoe that swamps during a regatta race may be bailed out by its crew and allowed to continue in the race. Outside assistance will disqualify a crew. All canoes must finish with a full crew of six (6) members.

## **12.4 Drawing of Lanes and Entries:**

12.4.1 The Seeding Committee, which Committee shall be appointed by the Race Chair, shall receive entries and conduct the assignment of lanes.

12.4.2 An entry for a six (6) man crew will include six paddlers and alternates not to exceed three (3). The same three alternates may be used for all classifications in which they qualify.

12.4.3 Clubs will be required to submit a roster of crews to be raced during the regatta to the Race Committee no later than the date agreed upon by the Race Committee, according to Section 4.0, prior to the start of the first race of any scheduled regatta. No rosters will be accepted after the time mentioned above. Names will not be changed after the rosters have been turned in. Names not on the roster will not be allowed to compete in an official status.

## **13.0 Open Sea (Distance) Races – Additional Rules**

Note: When sanctioned races are held in open seas, the foregoing rules shall apply in addition to the following:

### **13.1 Starting of Race**

13.1.1 When each club entry and their escort boats have been checked in, the Race Committee shall call a meeting of all inspectors, coaches, and/or crew captains prior to the start of the race for the purpose of final instructions on the race and other pertinent matters.

13.1.2 The race will be started by the Official Starter.

13.1.3 A canoe entry is free to follow any course during the race, provided it starts, finishes, complies with all designated turning points, and thus completes the full racecourse.

### **13.2 Passing.**

In races that do not require the canoes to maintain their respective lanes, a canoe that is attempting to pass another shall keep clear at all times, and in no way may it interfere with the canoe it is attempting to pass, nor shall the canoe in the lead attempt to prevent another from passing.

### **13.3 Rounding Mark.**

In races that do not require canoes to maintain their respective lanes and a double marker flag and float are to be rounded, the following rule applies:

13.3.1 If an overlap (see below) occurs when two canoes are approaching a marker to be rounded, the outer canoe shall give way to allow the canoes closest to the mark to round the mark. The lead canoe is under no obligation to give way before an overlap is established. In case of doubt, it will be presumed that the overlap was not established in the proper time.

13.3.2 Passing around the mark (buoy, flag turn) is allowed providing the passing canoe, in attempt to pass another canoe(s), does not impede that canoe's progress or create a safety hazard to the other canoe(s). *amended 2017*

### **13.4 Overlap.**

Overlap is defined as a condition that exists when no open water can be seen between the stern of one canoe and the bow of another, when the canoes are viewed at right angles to their course.

13.4.1 An overlap must occur at least 2 canoe-lengths prior to reaching a buoy (turning point) for the overlap to be considered established for purposes of rounding the mark. *Amended 2017*

### **13.5 Paddlers and Relief Paddlers**

13.5.1 There may be no more than six (6) paddlers paddling in any canoe at any time during a race.

13.5.2 Original and/or relief paddlers may be used at the discretion of the captain or coach in accordance with the procedures for that particular race.

13.5.3 Each canoe must finish the race with six (6) paddlers in order to qualify for placement and awards.

### **13.6 Swamping or Overturning of Canoes**

13.6.1 If a canoe swamps or overturns after the start of a race, the canoe may be righted and/or bailed out and will be allowed to continue the race. A time limit of twenty (20) minutes will be allowed to right a swamped canoe in order to finish a race. Beaching an overturned canoe is not allowed and is cause for disqualification.

13.6.2 Relief paddlers on an escort boat may assist in righting and/or bailing out a swamped canoe.

### **13.7 Escort Boats**

13.7.1 Each escort boat must follow behind its assigned canoe throughout the race. It can, at no time, come alongside closer than 45 feet or ahead of seat five (5) except during transfer of relief paddlers or in case of an emergency.

13.7.2 Unsafe conditions due to an escort boat being overcrowded with spectators or helpers may cause the boat to be declared unfit as an escort boat by the Race Committee. For safety purposes, all U.S. Coast Guard rules apply.

13.7.3 On all starts, escort boats will be prohibited from entering the field of racing canoes for a minimum of ten (10) minutes or as specified otherwise by the Race Chairperson(s).

13.7.4 All safety/escort boats must adhere to SCORA Escort Boat Policy – Appendix H (pending) *amended 2017*

13.7.5 All 9-person crews must have an escort boat.

### **13.8 Safety**

13.8.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Host club to supply at least four (4) official boats (one lead/safety boat and three chase/safety follow-up boats) for all Iron races, three (3) official boats (one

lead/safety boat and two chase/safety follow-up boats) for all 9-man distance races, and two (2) boats for Regattas/Sprints (one start boat and one turn boat).

13.8.2 The Host club will receive a SCORA subsidy to cover operating costs for these official boats

13.8.3 Safety boats are mandatory items for all open sea events. A Host club which fails to provide safety boats will forfeit its race expense reimbursement.

13.8.4 Minimum requirements for mandatory safety boats are as follows: Mandatory safety boats must be capable of carrying six (6) persons in addition to the vessel's crew, must have radio communications, towline, water and First Aid equipment. (To be amended as Coast Guard requirements dictate).

13.8.5 All crews must adhere to SCORA Safety Policy (See Appendix E).

13.8.6 All safety/escort boats must adhere to SCORA Escort Boat Policy – Appendix H (pending)*amended 2017*

#### **14.0 Drug Policy**

It is the policy of the Association that it be forbidden for any competitor to engage in the sport of outrigger paddling, whether in competition or practice, while under the influence or effect of a non-prescribed drug, or other medical practice such as blood doping, that may enhance athletic capabilities or that is prescribed as a controlled dangerous substance under the laws of the United States. (See Appendix F).

#### **15.0 Race Committee Governance**

If the Race Committee is called upon to render a decision on a protest, appeal, penalty imposition, race rule interpretation or any other act requiring a decision to be rendered by the Race Committee on race day or in connection with a particular SCORA sanctioned race, the affirmative vote of a majority approval of the voting power represented at the meeting shall be the act of the Race Committee.

The Race Chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie on any item of action presented to the Race Committee for rendering a decision.

Amended on 6/27/2022

APPENDIX A.1

**CERTIFIED CANOE LIST**

Canoes registered with SCORA and certified by the SCORA weigh master are eligible to participate in SCORA sanctioned races. All canoes must remain in compliance with Section 5.0 of the Race Rules and have weights and/or other features properly affixed as indicated below.

The Canoe Registration shall be updated annually with the addition of new canoes recognized by the Association and the deletion of canoes that are no longer in use.

Appendix

SPECIFICATIONS AND I

Hawaiian Canoe Racing Hulls – Design Specifications

**Appendix**

**A.2**

# SCORA Race Rules- HCRA Race Rules

## I. GENERAL

The design specifications set forth in the addendum were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (HCRA) at its regular monthly meeting held July 10, 1978. These specifications were taken from pages 8-16 inclusive, of the document entitled "illustration of Hawaiian SCORA Racing Canoe Hulls in Present Day Use" prepared and copyrighted for HCRA in 1978 by Mr. George Downing. (Reference Section VI, Items A to M inclusive, and section VII, Items A to M inclusive). These specifications were adopted for the purposes of serving as measurement standards which racing canoes must meet to qualify for participation in HCRA sanctioned races and regattas.

## II. SPECIFICATION CHANGES

At the 1979 annual meeting, the membership approved the following change to the design specifications.

When measuring canoes, fixed lead weights or equivalent (rather than people) shall be used to establish the 1500lb load requirement. These weights shall be located and equally distributed at the following three points: a) center of the canoe (station -0-); b) 14 ft aft of center (station S-1); and c) 14 ft forward of center (station B-1).

## III. Rules covering the design specifications for SCORA Racing Canoes

The following rules cover the design specifications for SCORA racing canoes referred to under SCORA's Race Rules, Section V. Equipment

**A. RULE: Maximum Length of Canoe**

That the maximum length of a canoe that will be allowed to compete in the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association sanctioned or sponsored races will be 45 feet in overall length which means from end of hull to end of hull, or end of manu to end of manu, or any combination thereof that represents the longest measured length. This length is to be determined by the use of a plumb-bob or the establishment of a right angel from a level base line

(diagram here)

**B. RULE: Maximum Length of Load Water Line**

That the maximum load water line length be 39 ft 0 inches plus a 5% allowance for design error, etc. This water line is to be determined by the use of the methods used to establish the measurement by the Committee. The method used is described in the following:

The weight used in determining the load water line, where measurements are taken is a total weight of 1500 lbs including weight of canoe and weight of each lead weight or equivalent. Example: if canoe weight is 400 lbs then the lead weight placed in the canoe must be 1100 lbs.

(diagram here)

Canoe must be rigged and balanced when water line is marked. Water must be calm with no swells or wind chops over ½ inch in height. Canals and rivers are the most suitable for these markings. Person marking the load water line should be in the water, independent and not touching the canoe other than to mark the water line at the designated stations, S-1, -0-, and B-1 which are determined prior to the canoe being set in the water. Markings should be made with black grease marker that can be wiped off but will not wash away with water.

**C. RULE: Minimum Load Water Line Dimensions at Stations**

Minimum measurements

LWL S-1 Located 14 ft. aft of center of length 16-1/8 in.

LWL -0- Located in center of length of canoe 17 inches

LWL B-1 Located 14 ft. forward of center 11 inches

The above measurements listed are the smallest measurements that will be allowed at these stations at the load water line.

**D. RULE: Minimum Load Water Line Stern Run Curve Measurements**

That the minimum LWL Stern Run Curve Measurements at Station R-end, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7 and R8 shall be as listed on the diagram below

(diagram here)

Stern run station measurements taken every three inches, starting from extreme end of water line for a total distance of two feet, working towards Station S-1.

The method used to determine stern run curve Stations R-end, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 is the same as explained in section VI, B page 8.

Once the end of the water line on the stern is determined you are then able to mark off Stations R-end to R8. Set the canoe back in the water and mark the water line to establish your run curve measurements.

-Example of interpreting stern run curve measurements as shown above:

The dimensions of the LWL in the diagram above, 9 inches from the end of the LWL at Station R3. The measurement is 8 ½ inches.

#### **E. RULE: The Minimum Load Water Line Bow Entrance Curve Measurements**

That the minimum LWL bow entrance curve measurements at Stations E-end, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8 shall be as listed on the diagram below

(diagram here)

Bow entrance curve LWL measurements taken every 3 inches starting from end of LWL for a total distance of 2 feet towards station B-1.

-Example of interpreting bow entrance curve measurements as shown above:

The dimensions of the LWL in the diagram above, 9 inches from the end of the LWL, the measurement is 5 inches.

Once the end of the water line on the bow is determined, you are then able to mark off Stations E-end to E8. Set the canoe back in the water, mark the water line to establish your entrance curve measurements.

#### **F. RULE: Minimum (1500lbs) Draft at Station -0-**

That the minimum (1500lbs) draft at Station -0- shall be no less than 7 1/2 inches.

Minimum allowed draft at Station -0- or deepest part \_\_\_\_\_

#### **G. RULE: Minimum Freeboard at Station -0-**

That the minimum freeboard at Station -0- shall be no less than the 9 1/4 inches from the LWL to the top edge of the gunwale

Minimum allowed freeboard

**H. RULE: Minimum Rocker Dimensions at Station s-1, -0-, and B 1**

That the minimum rocker dimensions at Station S-1, -0-, and B-1 shall be no less than 2 inches at Station S-1, zero inches at Station -0- and 4 inches at Station b-1. Measurements taken from baseline at Station points.

**I. RULE:** Ama and iako rigging allowed only on the left (port) side of canoe for all regatta races. Ama may be rigged on either side for all open races.

**J. RULE:** Iako blocking on pepeiaos for the purpose of balancing ama may not be more than 5 inches from bottom of iako to gunwale.

**K. RULE:** Iako must be rigged behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seats only.

**L. RULE:** No concave line curves or straight lines are allowed in the load water line (LWL) over all length curve. Elliptical lines must be used when conforming to LWL water line measurements.

Please refer to the following diagram for what is meant by straight line V's and concave water lines:

**M. RULE:** no concave or straight line curves are allowed in the cross sections of water line draft. Only parabolic elliptical convex lines permitted when conforming to LWL draft shape. Straight lone permitted in freeboard area only.

**N. RULES covering the design for the “unlimited” racing canoe *amended December 2013***

## IV. Condensed Rules

**RULE A - Maximum length of canoe 45 feet**

**RULE B - Maximum load water line length – 39'0”**

**RULE C - Minimum widths at Stations S-1, -0-, B-1 shall be**

S-1	Width = 16 1/8”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
-0-	Width = 17”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
B-1	Width = 11”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error

**RULE D - Minimum widths at Stations R-end to R8 shall be:**

R-end	Width = 0”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-1	Width = 4”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-2	Width = 7”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-3	Width = 8 ½ “	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-4	Width = 10”	plus a 2% design and or measurement error

R-5	Width = 11"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-6	Width = 12 ½"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-7	Width = 13 ¼ "	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-8	Width = 14"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error

**RULE E - Minimum widths at Stations E-end to E8 shall be:**

R-end	Width = 0"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-1	Width = 2"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-2	Width = 3 ½"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-3	Width = 5 "	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-4	Width = 6"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-5	Width = 7"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-6	Width = 7 ½"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-7	Width = 8 ½ "	plus a 2% design and or measurement error
R-8	Width = 9"	plus a 2% design and or measurement error

**RULE F: Minimum draft at station -0- or deepest part of the canoe shall be:**

Station -0- or deepest part - 7½" plus a 2% design and or measurement error

**RULE G: Minimum Freeboard at Station -0- shall be 9¼"**

**RULE H: Minimum rocker of bottom (keel curve) at stations S-1 and B-1 shall be:**

S-1 = 2 inch minimum rocker B-1 = 4 inch minimum rocker

**RULE I: Ama and iako rigging allowed only on the left (port) side for all regatta races where turning around a flag is required. Ama may be rigged on either side for all open ocean races.**

**RULE J: Iako blocking on pepeiaos for the purposes of balancing ama may not be more than 5" from bottom of iako to the top of gunwale.**

**RULE K: Iakos must be rigged behind seats 2 and 4 only.**

**RULE L: No concave line curves or straight-line curves are allowed in the load water line curve length.**

**RULE M: No concave or straight-line curves are allowed in the cross sections of the load water line draft. Only parabolic, elliptical, convex lines are permitted when conforming to the load water line**

## draft shape.

### APPENDIX B

#### **RACE OFFICIAL DUTIES**

#### SCORA OFFICIALS DUTIES

#### From SCORA Race Rules Procedures and Interpretations Manual

#### Race Officials: Race-Day Duties and Equipment

1. Race Chairperson(s)
  - a. Oversee SCORA sanctioned race-day functions and properly conduct races
  - b. Coordinate all SCORA Race Officials
  - c. Other (see Race Rules)
2. Race Committee
  - a. Assist SCORA Race Chairperson(s) on race day
  - b. Conduct and manage all race related aspects at all SCORA sanctioned race events
  - c. Review and evaluate each race, and maintain all race-day related records
  - d. Other (see Race Rules)
3. Head Officials
  - a. Responsible for all race-day related issues and personnel under their designated jurisdiction
  - b. Responsible to report all race-day related issues to the Chairperson(s)
  - c. Responsible for the upkeep and storage of all their particular race-day related equipment
4. Race Secretary
  - a. Shall have available on race-day all current SCORA race-day related forms, ex:
    - Race Rules –Incident Reports –Entry forms
    - Canoe Registry (assign new #'s) –Protest Forms –Waivers
    - Canoe Weights & Inspection –Petition Forms –Results Forms
  - b. Responsible for collecting all data and posting all race-day results
  - c. Shall coordinate with that particular Area Official Coordinator for race-day officials
  - d. Equipment needed: Laptop computer and access to printer, cell phone
  - e. Other (see Race Rules)
5. Race Registrar
  - a. Shall collect pre-race and race-day entry forms, waivers and related fees
  - b. Shall provide and coordinate with the Head Timer the official race-day entry list
  - c. Shall report race-day irregularities to Chairperson(s)
  - d. Responsible for seeding process, process registration dates
  - e. Equipment needed: Laptop computer and access to printer, cell phone
6. Head Timer
  - a. Responsible for all race-day finish line activities, communication, setup and breakdown
  - b. Shall coordinate with Head Course Judge all start times
  - c. Shall record all race finishes on paper and video
  - d. Responsible for coordinating with Race Secretary all data for posting results
  - e. Assess time penalties
  - f. Video recorder, clerks, timers, spotters
  - g. Equipment needed: Laptop computer and access to printer, timing equip, video equip, radios, cell phone, binoculars, prepare for foul weather
7. Head Course Judge
  - a. Responsible for race-day management decisions on the racecourse for SCORA sanctioned races
  - b. Responsible for all on-water SCORA officials during race-day
  - c. Responsible for any on-water emergency/irregular racing incidents on the racecourse
  - d. Responsible for all management issues for SCORA safety and escort boats, as well as any non-SCORA vessel traffic issues occurring on the racecourse during races
  - e. Personnel needed: starters, aligners, course officials, water safety officials, escort drivers, etc.
8. Head Safety Coordinator
  - a. Responsible for land safety officials: check canoes for equipment, first aid equipment and personnel
  - b. Responsible for water safety officials: paramedic availability, incidental and witness statements
  - c. Collect and file CPR and first aid cards

9. Race Communications and Public Address Announcer
  - a. Setup PA system
  - b. Responsible for keeping SCORA personnel and public informed of race day functions
10. Canoe and Weight Certification Officials
  - a. Responsible for setting dates for yearly weighing and inspection of canoes
  - b. Responsible for informing Chairperson(s) of any canoe deficiencies
  - c. Race Day: see to it that canoes are checked prior to racing for proper equipment and unsafe conditions
  - d. Certifying scale
11. Equipment Coordinator
  - a. Responsible for maintaining SCORA equipment and storage of vehicle
  - b. Responsible for informing SCORA Treasurer if any supplies needed for SCORA vehicle and SCORA equipment
  - c. Work with host club Logistics Director and Chairperson(s) for parking and site logistics
12. Photographer
  - a. Photograph start lines
  - b. Record potential incidents at turns
  - c. Record finish line placing
  - d. Record awards presentation
13. Others

## **APPENDIX B.2**

### **SCORA OFFICIALS' MANUAL** *added Season 2015*

#### APPENDIX C

### **HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

Listed below are the responsibilities of the Host Club. These responsibilities should be coordinated by the Logistics Director for the Host Club and status of these items, except those items not applicable to the particular race event, should be submitted to the Race Committee prior to the start of the day's events or as set forth below.

#### Host Club Logistic Director's Responsibilities

1. Provide complete permit package for racing event and site to SCORA Insurance Coordinator.
2. Provide complete race packet to member clubs, including maps to race site location no later than 2 weeks prior to the race. If hand delivered, host club must obtain signature of person receiving package.
3. Provide a map of the approved racecourse spelling out any navigational requirements or hazards applicable to the course.
4. Coordinate sponsors and awards that meet SCORA's Approval Committee requirements.
5. Responsibility for safety boats (MANDATORY) – Refer to section 13.8 of these Race Rules for requirements of safety boats.
6. Supply turn judges and spotters at critical race points.
7. Responsibility to obtain written authorization for race from Harbor Departments, Coast Guard, all harbor and open ocean permits, race event insurance, etc., with copies available throughout race day.
8. Responsible for coordinating with SCORA officials, public address (PA) systems, SCORA flags and other SCORA race related and even related equipment.
9. Responsible for awards ceremony immediately after the race, at the race site.
10. Provide volunteer workers knowledgeable in outrigger canoe racing and canoe identification to assist the SCORA race officials with timing, starting and registration (See Appendix B).
11. Race hosts and sites will be considered by the Race Committee Attempt will be made to keep the races reasonably spread out among the three Association territories (North, Central and South),

and the “championship” races will be held at their traditional sites (Iron Champs – San Diego, State Regatta Championship – Santa Barbara, 9-man “championship”- Newport/Catalina)

APPENDIX D

## **ONE MAN AND TWO MAN CANOE SPECIFICATIONS**

Specifications in these two categories are  
pending.

## APPENDIX E

### **SCORA Best Practices and Procedures**

1. All practices should be run by instructors who have demonstrated skill and knowledge of outrigger canoe racing and canoe handling on the open ocean in a variety of weather and water conditions and have the ability to communicate this knowledge as well as an innate concern for the safety and wellbeing of their crews.
  - 1.1. Coaches (head, intermediate, novice, kid instructors) shall attend or have proof of knowledge of instruction not just participation in the sport.
  - 1.2. Safety, water course, and other officials deemed necessary shall attend and pass a course of instruction and demonstrate such skills.
  - 1.3. Clubs shall provide names for all volunteer’s duties throughout the season. These persons will become familiar with duties prescribed by the Race Committee.
  - 1.4. Coaches and clubs shall post at their training site the “SCORA Safety Reminder List” and to see to it that all members are aware and have acknowledged the items listed in regard to safety
2. Novices shall not be permitted in open ocean alone during SCORA sanctioned events. 3. Coaches and steers persons are responsible for making sure the canoe and canoe parts are in seaworthy condition including:
  - 3.1. Proper lashing/ rigging material
  - 3.2. Proper flotation tanks and ama's
  - 3.3. No rough gunnels, loose seats and spray cover tracks, etc.
  - 3.4. Responsible for two bail buckets of adequate size.
  - 3.5. 6 USCG Approved PFDs at all SCORA sanctioned races.
  - 3.6. Responsible for tow ropes being properly attached to canoes, at every race.
4. Spray covers must have elastic bands at spray skirts.
5. Crews shall obey all California State Navigational water laws, especially in regard to responsibility and avoidance of collisions.
6. Steers persons are responsible for the actions of their crew members.
7. If a medical emergency while on the water arises, a crew may continue as an Iron-man crew in a 9-man race only if drinking water is available, life jackets are on board, and there is a USCG approved visual signal device on board.
8. Safety Boats
  - 8.1. Their purpose is to be aware prior to, during and at the conclusion of the race, that all canoe entrants are accounted for and if assistance is needed, it is given.
  - 8.2. A safety boat- so designated- is solely a safety boat and will never take the place or position of lead or finish boat.
  - 8.3. Safety boats shall have an operating VHF radio for the entire event.
  - 8.4. Coaches and host clubs will see to it that every escort driver for 9man races be given an Escort Boat Skipper Manual well prior to their respective event. See SCORA Policy and Procedure Manual.
9. Surf Races (Regatta/Sprints)
  - 9.1. All crews must follow beach master instructions explicitly.
  - 9.2. At no time shall a club allow a novice crew to be outside harbor unattended (i.e., with an experienced steersperson or an escort vessel at hand).
10. Club personnel and paddlers, a coach shall acknowledge:
  - 10.1. Club paddlers medical condition

- 10.2. Know and acknowledge your paddlers' physical abilities
- 10.3. All paddlers will pass a swim and treading water test, to be acknowledged by the coaches of the club.
- 10.4. Coaches shall instruct all crew members in the procedure and steps of righting a flipped and swamped canoe
- 11. The club coach shall have a person on board to become the point person whose responsibility will be the person who communicates with the driver of the change vessel. He will be knowledgeable of open sea race rules and abide by said rules. He or the skipper shall also be that person that communicates to officials of concerns within the race.

## Record of Amendments to Race Rules

### Amended, 2006

Race Rule 1.3.1

Old rule:

#### 5.5.1 Iron Divisions

OC6 16/under Boys (run concurrently with novice) *See Note 1.*

OC6 16/under Girls (run concurrently with novice) *See Note 1.*

OC6 19/under Men

OC6 19/under Women

**OC6 Novice Women**

**OC6 Novice Men**

**OC6 Master Women – Bradley**

**OC6 Master Men – Bradley**

OC6 Senior Master Women – Bradley

OC6 Senior Master Men – Bradley

OC6 Golden Master Women – Bradley

OC6 Golden Master Men – Bradley

OC6 Open Women – Bradley

OC6 Open Women – SCORA Spec

OC6 Open Men – Bradley

OC6 Open Men – SCORA Spec

OC6 Novice Coed

OC6 Open Coed

OC6 Master Coed – Bradley

**OC6 Senior Master Coed – Bradley**

New rule:

#### 5.5.1 Iron Divisions

OC6 16/under Boys (run concurrently with novice) *See Note 1.*

OC6 16/under Girls (run concurrently with novice) *See Note 1.*

OC6 19/under Men

OC6 19/under Women

**OC6 Novice Women- Spec** *amended 2007 season*

**OC6 Novice Women- Bradley** *amended 2007 season*

**OC6 Novice Men-Spec** *amended 2007 season*

**OC6 Novice Men- Bradley** *amended 2007 season*

**OC6 Master Women – any canoe hull raced equally** *amended 2006 season*

**OC6 Master Men – any canoe hull raced equally** *amended 2006 season*

OC6 Senior Master Women – Bradley

OC6 Senior Master Men – Bradley

OC6 Golden Master Women – Bradley

OC6 Golden Master Men – Bradley

OC6 Open Women – Bradley

OC6 Open Women – SCORA Spec

OC6 Open Men – Bradley

OC6 Open Men – SCORA Spec

OC6 Novice Coed – any canoe hull raced equally

OC6 Open Coed – any canoe hull raced equally

## **OC6 Master Coed – any canoe hull raced equally** *amended 2006 season*

Language pursuant to the decision made by the SCORA Board of Directors at the December 2005 Annual Meeting. Refer to minutes of that meeting.

Old rule:

**3.2.1** Any club which is an accredited member of SCORA and has complied with the SCORA membership dues payment provision and other requirements as set forth in the SCORA Bylaws, shall be eligible to compete in SCORA sanctioned racing events. Distance and/or invitational races will have specified eligibility rules. All entries in SCORA races must be from a recognized club and/or association and must have proof of insurance

New Rule:

**3.2.1** Any club which is an accredited member of SCORA and has complied with the SCORA membership dues payment provision and other requirements as set forth in the SCORA By-laws, shall be eligible to compete in SCORA sanctioned racing events. Distance and/or invitational races will have specified eligibility rules. All entries in SCORA races must be from a recognized club and/or association and must have proof of insurance. All entries in SCORA races must be from a recognized SCORA member club and/or provide proof of membership in other recognized outrigger association AND must have proof of insurance. *Amended 2006 season*

Language pursuant to decision reached by Race Committee at a Special Meeting called in August of 2006. Refer to minutes of that meeting.

### **Amendments to race rules as a result of the Annual Meeting December 2006, to be incorporated, and put into effect for the 2007 racing season.**

Old Rule:

#### **9.6 Escort/ Spectator Boat Violations**

9.6.1 The penalty for an escort boat entering the field of racing canoes without permission of the Race Chairperson(s) and/or the Race Committee shall be the addition of 15 minutes to the canoe that the boat is escorting.

New Rule:

#### **9.6 Escort/ Spectator Boat Violations**

9.6.1 The penalty for an escort *or spectator* boat entering the field of racing canoes without permission of the Race Chairperson(s) and/or the Race Committee shall be the addition of 15 minutes to the canoe that the boat is escorting.

Old rule:

#### **6.3 Other Officials**

Additional SCORA Race Officials shall be appointed as needed by the Race Chairpersons and/or Race Committee and identified at the beginning of each race day.

New Rule adds:

**6.3.1** Each club will provide two (2) persons to make up an Officials pool, to be called upon to be Officials at SCORA events. Each person will attend instruction classes prior to the racing season.

### **Amendments to race rules as a result of Special Meeting called March 2007, to be incorporated, and put into effect for the 2007 racing season.**

Old Rule:

#### **~~6.1 Race Chairperson(s)~~**

~~6.1.1 The Race Chairperson shall enforce and abide by the adopted Race Rules of SCORA and sign all official documents of SCORA concerning race day procedures. The Race Chairperson(s), during the sanctioned racing events of this Association, shall have the complete and sole power in any decision making role where racing is concerned, in the interpretation and enforcement of the association's adopted Race Rules, and further, shall possess the power to levy fines in accordance with the Race Rules and in any instance where the reputation of the Association is suffering degradation by a member of the Association.~~

~~The Race Chairperson shall be the judge where rule violations or interpretations occur and his or her decision shall be final, unless upon petition, the Race Committee overrules the decision by a majority vote.~~

~~The Race Chairman shall be responsible for approval of the racecourses, and the race day schedule of racing events, and shall have authority to change the race course if conditions cause the initial race course to be unsafe.~~

## **6.2 Race Committee Officials and Duties**

~~6.2.1 The Race Committee shall preside and officiate at all Association sanctioned races scheduled by the Association and ensure that races are conducted in accordance and compliance with Race Rules, safety policies and all other policies and guidelines adopted by the Association concerning racing.~~

~~The Race Committee shall act upon all petitions and protests submitted in accordance with Sections 8.0 and 11.0 and shall render a decision as soon as possible, not to exceed seven (7) days following the submission of the petition or protest. The decision of the Race Committee on matters within its authority shall be binding and final.~~

~~The Race Committee shall appoint a Race Secretary who shall on race day be responsible for collecting race results data and posting of the results in a timely manner. In addition, as part of his or her duties, the Race Secretary is responsible for maintaining and timely publishing any amendments to the Race Rules, attending all race committee meetings and prepare meeting minutes.~~

~~The Race Committee shall appoint a Race Registrar and registrar assistances as may be needed to manage all registration needs at all scheduled sanctioned races of this Association.~~

~~The Race Committee, through its appointed Race Committee secretary, shall be responsible to timely publish meeting calendars and deadlines for submission of race rule revisions and bids for races.~~

~~6.2.2 The Race Committee shall be responsible for assigning lanes or when applicable, making arrangements for the drawing of lanes, and inspecting equipment when required. Race Committee members shall have in their possession at every SCORA sanctioned race a copy of the most current Race Rules.~~

~~6.2.3 The Race Committee may cancel or terminate a race at any time by majority vote. The reimbursement or subsidy of costs incurred by the Host Club in sponsoring a canceled, terminated or inadequately attended race, will be addressed on a race by race basis by the Race Committee and subject to approval by the SCORA Board of Directors.~~

~~6.2.4 The Race Committee shall be required to assist the Race Chairperson(s) in any matters deemed necessary by the Race Chairperson(s) to promote and properly conduct SCORA sanctioned and scheduled races.~~

New Rule:

## **6.0 Officials**

### **6.1 Race Chairperson(s)**

6.1.1 The position of Race Chairperson is an elected position per the Bylaws of SCORA.

6.1.2 The Race Chairperson shall:

- a. preside at and serve as the Race Director for all races sanctioned by SCORA
- b. enforce and abide by the Race Rules of SCORA at such races.
- c. be responsible for approval of the racecourse(s), and the race day schedule of racing events, and shall have authority to change the race course if conditions cause the initial race course to be unsafe.
- d. sign all race official documents of SCORA concerning race day procedure.
- e. have authority to interpret and enforce the Race Rules, levy fines and other penalties as set forth in the Race rules and in any instance where the reputation of the Association is suffering degradation by a member of the Association. The Race Chairperson's decision shall be final, unless upon petition, the Race Committee overrules the decision by a majority vote.
- f. submit reports to the Board of Directors of SCORA in accordance with the Bylaws of SCORA.

### **6.2 Race Secretary:**

6.2.1 The Race Secretary shall be appointed by the Race Committee.

6.2.2 The Race Secretary shall:

5. retain all records of SCORA sanctioned races

b. be responsible for updating and maintaining the race rules and all race forms and distributing them to all Member Clubs of SCORA

c. be responsible for administrative duties as deemed necessary by the Race Committee and/or the President of SCORA.

d. be responsible for working with the timing officials to collect race results data and for posting the results in a timely manner.

e. be responsible for maintaining and timely publishing any amendments to the Race Rules, attending all Race Committee meetings and prepare meeting minutes in accordance with the bylaws of SCORA.

### **6.3 Race Registrar**

6.3.1 The Race Registrar, and registrar assistances as may be needed, shall be appointed by the Race Committee:

5.5.1 The Race Registrar shall:

5. manage all registration needs at all scheduled sanctioned races of SCORA.

### **5.5 Race Committee**

6.4.1 Committee Make Up: The Race Committee shall consist of not less than 6 and no more than 8 individuals recommended by the Race Chairperson and approved by a majority of the Board of SCORA.

6.4.2 The Race Committee Duties:

5. The Race Committee shall preside and officiate at all Association sanctioned races scheduled by the Association and ensure that races are conducted in accordance and compliance with Race Rules, safety policies and all other policies and guidelines adopted by the Association concerning racing.

b. The Race Committee shall act upon all petitions and protests submitted in accordance with Sections 8.0 and 11.0 and shall render a decision as soon as possible, not to exceed seven (7) days following the submission of the petition or protest. The decision of the Race Committee on matters within its authority shall be binding and final.

c. The Race Committee, through its appointed Race Committee secretary, shall be responsible to timely publish meeting calendars and deadlines for submission of race rule revisions and bids for races.

d. The Race Committee shall be responsible for assigning lanes or when applicable, making arrangements for the drawing of lanes

e. The Race Committee shall be responsible for inspecting equipment when required and maintain the SCORA canoe registry.

f. The Race Committee members shall have in their possession at every SCORA sanctioned race a copy of the most current Race Rules.

g. The Race Committee shall monitor insurance requirements for all non-SCORA visiting teams/clubs in accordance with the Race Rules.

h. The Race Committee may cancel or terminate a race at any time by majority vote. The reimbursement or subsidy of costs incurred by the Host Club in sponsoring a canceled, terminated or inadequately attended race, will be addressed on a race-by-race basis by the Race Committee and subject to approval by the SCORA Board of Directors.

5. The Race Committee shall be required to assist the Race Chairperson(s) in any matter deemed necessary by the Race Chairperson(s) to promote and properly conduct SCORA-sanctioned and scheduled races.

j. The Race Committee shall submit reports to the Board of Directors of SCORA in accordance with the Bylaws of SCORA.

### **Record of 2009 race rule amendment**

#### Section 1.3.1 Iron Divisions \*

OC6 Open Women Short Course

OC6 Open Men Short Course

- a. These 2 divisions are raced in 2009 on a trial period. The decision to award this division is up to the race host. SCORA is not financing awards for this division. The success of this division will determine its continuance and financial support from SCORA. Normal face fees and adherence to all other race rules apply.
- b. The course will be run on/during the novice race for Iron season only and will start 5-10 minutes after the novice race. ~~There is no Coed division, but a female may race in a men's crew.~~ Amended 2022
- c. An open paddler can race this and the long course ONLY if NOT racing the short course would preclude the short course crew from participating.
- d. It was determined by Kai Elua that finish results from this division will not be tabulated in the overall points towards the perpetual award given at the Iron championship race.

### **Record of 2010 race rule amendments**

Add:

5.2.7 All canoes must be equipped with a 100' tow-line attached to the forward wai as instructed by SCORA Safety Officials at Annual Safety and Coaches clinic. Amended 2010.December

Delete:

~~13.5.3 During the course of a race which allows relief paddlers, each coach or captain must report to the assigned Race Official, if present, before making substitutions.~~

### **Record of Amendments 2011**

3.2.1 Any club which is an accredited member of SCORA and has complied with the SCORA membership dues payment provision and other requirements as set forth in the SCORA By-laws, shall be eligible to compete in SCORA sanctioned racing events. Distance and/or invitational races will have specified eligibility rules. ~~All entries in SCORA races must be from a recognized club and/or association and must have proof of insurance. All entries in SCORA races must be from a recognized SCORA member club and/or provide proof of membership in other recognized outrigger association AND must have proof of insurance.~~ Any club which is not a member of SCORA may be eligible to race only if they meet the following two requirements prior to racing 1) they must provide proof of membership in another recognized outrigger association. 2) they must provide an acceptable certificate of insurance naming SCORA and the Host Club of the event as additionally insured. Amended December 2011

1.1.1 Iron Division and

1.1.2 9-man divisions add OC6 Women "unlimited" and OC6 Men "unlimited" to both categories

## **Appendix A**

### **RULES covering the design for the "unlimited" racing canoe *amended December 2011***

- Sign restrictions for the hull, ama or iakos
- The minimum weight for the hull is 200lbs
- Must have bow and stern flotation tanks
- Bailing devices allowed

- Foot braces allowed
- No mechanical steering devices allowed

### Record of Amendments 2013

2.1.5 Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her ~~(35<sup>th</sup>)~~ 40<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of competition.

2.1.6 Senior Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her ~~(45<sup>th</sup>)~~ 50<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of competition

2.1.7 Golden Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least his/her ~~(50<sup>th</sup>)~~ 55<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year of competition.

#### **Appendix A**

#### **RULES covering the design for the “unlimited” racing canoe *amended December 2014***

- ~~Sign restrictions for the hull, ama or iakos~~
- ~~The minimum weight for the hull is 200lbs~~
- ~~Must have bow and stern flotation tanks~~
- ~~Bailing devices allowed~~
- ~~Foot braces allowed~~
- ~~No mechanical steering devices allowed~~

#### “iron” divisions

OC6 Novice Coed – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013 season*

OC6 Open Coed – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013 season*

OC6 Open Coed – “unlimited” *amended 2013 season*

OC6 Master Coed – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013 season*

#### 9-man

OC6 Coed – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013 season*

OC6 Coed “unlimited” *amended 2013 season*

OC6 Master Coed – any canoe hull equal to or over 400 lbs raced equally *amended 2013 season*

### Record of Amendments 2014

#### **ELIMINATED:**

~~OC6 Novice Coed “unlimited” *amended 2013 season*~~

#### **Rewritten:**

~~5.5.7 Crews shall wear the same color and design of jersey and/or rash guard during races.~~

~~5.5.8 It shall be the responsibility of the club fielding a crew in a race to see that their crewmembers wear like racing jerseys or rash guards, including providing extra jerseys or rash guards for non-club crew members who join the crew to temporarily fill out the crew for a race event.~~

**CORRECTED:** regatta division ages to reflect previously approved 40 masters; 50 sr masters; 55 golden

### Record of Amendments for season 2015

2.3.3 – eliminate ~~e. must submit a scora race rule proposal form with petition~~ (redundant)

2.1.7 Golden Masters: Any paddler who will reach at least **his 60<sup>th</sup> /her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday** during the calendar year of competition. *Amended 2015*

ADD RR 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 Masters Men and master’s Women UL division

ADD 1.9.4 Award Allocation Table. Race Committee will conduct a preseason survey and end of season review of all SCORA clubs to assistance hosts in determining the number of awards for their races based on the following:

- 1.9.4a Allocation Table
- 1 entry no awards
  - 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> place only
  - 3 entries 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - 5 entries 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - 5 entries 1<sup>st</sup> 0 3<sup>rd</sup> with 4<sup>th</sup> place optional

ADD RR 1.31. **Note 3:** All Junior age group teams are currently required to race in Spec canoes. Prior to race day every attempt should be made to acquire a spec canoe. If the club is unsuccessful, that coach can petition the RC requesting to race in an UL canoe, if that is the only canoe type left on the beach. The race Chair will do everything possible to facilitate fair racing in "like" canoes; if impossible to get a full fleet of same weight canoes, the ULs can race but not be eligible for awards.

Add 3.21. Any Club that is not a member but holds regular practices within SCORA's traditional geographic area (Mexico/US Border to Monterey/San Luis Obispo county line to Las Vegas and Arizona) shall pay an increased race registration fee.

6.4.2 The Race Committee Duties:

- ~~a. The Race Committee shall preside and officiate at all Association sanctioned races scheduled by the Association and ensure that races are conducted in accordance and compliance with Race Rules, safety policies and all other policies and guidelines adopted by the Association concerning racing.~~

Rewritten:

6.4.2 The Race Committee Duties:

5. The Race Committee shall preside and officiate at all Association sanctioned races scheduled by the Association. Sanctioned races shall include the following: races are conducted in accordance and compliance with SCORA Race Rules, SCORA Safety Policies and all other policies and guidelines adopted by SCORA concerning racing. All other recognized events that are not sanctioned but requested, shall abide by the SCORA Safety Policies and SCORA Guidelines including the filing of the proper Insurance Forms adopted by SCORA in a timely manner.

ADDED 6.5.3 Race Officials that are requesting certification shall attend classes or show proficiency to obtain certification in the expertise as listed in Appendix B in these rules. Those shall have gone through performance classes and have been so certified by the standards set by the Race Committee that are listed in the Officials Policy of the Association *season 2015*

**Record of Amendments for 2016 Season**

~~A. Bradley canoes must have the letter "B", meeting the same specs outlined in 5.2.5, after the number in all bow/stern, port/starboard locations. Amended 2014~~

RR 2.3.2 allow JUNIORS to race as mixed teams- register as BOYS; and is awardable

1.7.1 An "open" paddler may race in as many races as he or she qualifies for. All registration and race fees apply per division entered. Novices may race in a novice race and a non-novice race in one day but cannot steer the non-novice crew. In addition, no more than ~~(previously 2)~~ **three** novices who previously raced in the day can be in any non-novice crew, and neither of them may steer.

**RECORD of AMENDMENTS or SEASON 2017**

**5.2.5** All canoes shall be numbered and identified in accordance with the "SCORA List of Certified Canoes", (Appendix A.1). The numbers shall be on both sides of the canoe bow **and stern**, at least 6" in height and 1 1/2" stroke width and remain on both sides of the canoe **bow and stern** at the start and end of the race. These numbers must be **white on black, or black on white. The numbers must be in bold font. No cursive or italics.**

**3.2.1** added COI clarifying; and made grammar corrections only- NO impact to previous rule. **3.2.2 Honorary Members:** Individuals, crews, or clubs who do not belong to a SCORA Member Club, may apply for Honorary Membership, as defined in SCORA By Law 4.02.01, for participation in up to 1 race per year. Prospective Honorary Members must complete and submit an Honorary Membership Application Form prior to any race that they intend to participate in. That application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the SCORA Race Committee prior to race registration being completed.

Honorary Members shall have no voting rights, shall have membership status for only 1 race per year, and shall pay increased participation fees. *Amended 2017*

2.3.2 **JUNIOR TEAMS ONLY**. Short course, sprints, iron and 9man races- clubs are allowed to enter mixed gender 19and under teams. The entry will be in the "Boys/Men's" Division and it is awardable. *Amended season 2015/2016/2017*

9.6.2 The coach or representative of the canoe club which has been disqualified will be notified by a race official before public announcement. *Amended 2017*

13.3.2 Passing around the mark (buoy, flag turn) is allowed providing the passing canoe, in attempt to pass another canoe(s), does not impede that canoe's progress or create a safety hazard to the other canoe(s). *amended 2017*

13.7.4 All safety/escort boats must adhere to SCORA Escort Boat Policy – Appendix H (pending) *amended 2017*

13.4.1 An overlap must occur at least 2 canoe-lengths prior to reaching a buoy (turning point) for the overlap to be considered established for purposes of rounding the mark. *Amended 2017* 5.5.4a Penalties for non-compliance of safety equipment in or on the canoe: time will be added to finish time initially, after subsequent violations a monetary fine may be imposed. *Amended 2017* **1.3.1**

OC6 Elite Men Short Course – any crew with at least 2 paddlers registered to race a second race at the same event. Non-awardable *Amended 2017*

OC6 Elite Women Short Course- any crew with at least 2 paddlers registered to race a second race at the same event. Non awardable *Amended 2017*

5.5.5a Canoes with positive flotation throughout the hull (most unlimited) may be exempt from spray skirts at the Race Committee's discretion. *Amended 2017*

#### Record of Amendments 2018

##### 1.3.1 Iron divisions

Bradley division was eliminated from NOVICE racing

Bradley division was eliminated from 9-man racing but can be raced equally in SCORA Spec Division

Senior Master Men and W omen UNLIMITED division was added

##### 1.3.2 Change races

19 and under men and women allows 10 paddlers

#### RECORD of AMENDMENTS or SEASON 2019

##### **1.3.1 IRON DIVISIONS**

OC6 Golden Masters UNLIMITED division was added

OC6 Novice UNLIMITED division was added

OC6 Senior Master COED Spec division was added

OC6 Senior Master COED UNLIMITED division was added

OC6 Master COED UNLIMITED division was added

#### RECORD of AMENDMENTS or SEASON 2022

##### **1.3.1 IRON DIVISIONS**

OC6 Unlimited short course was added to Iron Season

OC6 Open Coed UNLIMITED was added to short course

OC6 Golden Masters Coed UNLIMITED division was added

##### 1.3.1 Iron Divisions OC6 Open Women/Men Short Course

Note 2: OPEN Short Course – run concurrent with novice on the novice course. ~~OPEN paddlers, men's/women's teams only, (no coed) see amendment footnote at end of this document.~~ This is an awardable division. Section was rewritten due to addition of Coed Division. *Amended 2022*

~~Note 3: All Junior age group teams are currently required to race in Spec canoes. Prior to race day every attempt should be made to acquire a spec canoe. If the club is unsuccessful, that coach can petition the RC requesting to race in an UL canoe, if that is the only canoe type left on the beach. The race Chair will do everything possible to facilitate fair racing in~~

~~"like" canoes: if impossible to get a full fleet of same weight canoes, the ULs can race but not be eligible for awards.~~ *Amended 2015* Note 3 amended to remove note 3 for cleanup race rule notes. Juniors allowed to race in unlimited and voted years back but not noted. If an unlimited boat is not available, they can acquire spec canoe. *Amended 2022*

Mini Iron Division

Added Note 3: Keiki to race UNLIMITED *Amended 2022*

### **1.3.2 9-Man DIVISION**

Golden Master Men & Women UNLIMITED division was added

### **1.4 SCORING**

The overall highest scoring club wins the state championship for the season (corrected typo).