



Participation Points Policy

Purpose: To encourage participation at team practices, regattas, and meetings and provide a fair and equitable way to determine regatta participation which is capped at 25 paddlers, as well as roster rotation when there are more than 21 paddlers attending a regatta.

Scope: This policy applies to all general members wishing to attend away regattas including International Festivals.

Objectives: To support the Survivors Abreast mission statement of “having a desire to improve fitness and develop the paddling skills required for dragon boating”, to provide an impartial way of determining participation and roster rotation at away regattas, to be inclusive and to allow all members to have an opportunity to fully participate in away regattas.

Procedures:

General:

- Members are awarded 1 point for every practice, 1 point per day of Survivors Abreast selected regatta and 1 point per team meeting they attend
- Points can also be earned for coming to practices and exercising on land when there is not enough room in the boat for all who attend.
- In the event of a practice or team meeting having to be rescheduled, a point will only be awarded to the members who attend the rescheduled meeting. As always, if a practice is cancelled once underway due to an unforeseen event (such as lightening), those in attendance will receive their point.

Specific:

- Points are based on the membership year and reset each November 1st.
- There is a cap of 25 participants at away regattas. (the steersperson being the 26th person).
- All members may participate in the Peterborough regatta.
- Everyone can sign up for a regatta, however out of those who sign up prior to the deadline, the 25 paddlers with the highest participation points will be listed on the roster. The rest will go on a wait list.
- Out of those who make the roster, paddlers who have less than 30 participation points will be guaranteed 1 race. The roster rotation will be based on points, and consideration will be given to members attending practices in the two weeks leading up to an away regatta.
- In order to make away regattas accessible to members returning from surgery, treatments or in their first paddling season, these members may participate in

away regattas at the discretion of the captain, coach, and president, regardless of the number of points they have. The captain will communicate this to the member.

- International Festivals are capped at 26 participants for the SA boat and any additional members attending will paddle in a composite boat.
- For International Festivals, points are accumulated during the time-line voted on by the team. (eg: November 1 to October 31 prior to the International Festival.) The 26 paddlers who have the most points will qualify to paddle in the Survivors Abreast boat. The roster rotation will be determined by the number of points.

Related Documents:

- Team Values and Mission Statement
- New Member Package
- Rules and Regulations

Rules and	Date:	Comments:
Original Policy:	2012	Points awarded for workouts outside of dragon boating and to decide who sits out one race at regattas when more than 21 in attendance
Amendment:	Feb 04, 2015 - Points system 2015 presented at Team meeting	No longer award points for workouts outside of dragon boating but to include practices and regattas
Amendment:	Feb 03, 2016 Team Meeting – Captains Report	Change from 5/10 points for practice/regatta, to 2/1 points for practice/regatta. Also award points for doing dry land training at practice when there are too many paddlers.
Amendment:	Oct 05, 2016 Team Meeting – Motion carried	Change from 2 points to 1 for away regattas and add 1 point for attending meetings.
Amendment:	April 18, 2017 Team Meeting – Motion carried	Regatta participant cap of 25 (26 for internationals). Added the 50% rule
Amendment:	May 23, 2017 Survey Monkey – Motion Carried	Clarify that % will be used to create the initial 25 member roster and additional waiting list and that actual points will be used to determine sitting out during races.
Amendment:	Feb 20, 2018 Board Meeting	Replace the % criteria with a 30 point criteria to create the initial 25 member roster and waiting list. Provide an opportunity for new members to participate in away regattas during their first membership
Amendment	March 20, 2018 Team Meeting – Motion Carried	Amend to eliminate the Implementation section. Motion to adopt the participation points policy as amended was carried at the March 20 th team meeting.
Amendment	April 24, 2018 Team Meeting – Motion Carried	Amend to clarify what happens in the event that a practice or meeting needs to be rescheduled.
Amendment:	Nov 15, 2022 Team Meeting – Motion Carried	Clarify 1 st bullet under General Procedures. Add that consideration will be given to those who attend practices 2 weeks prior to the regatta, as well as new members, those returning from surgery or treatments.
Amendment:	Apr 29, 2025 Team Meeting – Motion Carried	Updated timing to earn points to be consistent with membership year and reset each Nov 1 st .