



## Competitor, Supporter and Officials Information

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY - THE SCHEDULE IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH MINI SLALOM**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Mini Slalom - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**At Stafford and Stone Canoe Club**

**Westbridge Park, Stone ST15 8QW**

The Mini Slalom Series is a series of 3 warm up races in preparation for the 2025 season. The series is handicapped to allow to any competitor to win the overall race. Each class will have a handicap time in seconds that will be deducted from your actual race time. Competitors can compete in 1, 2 or all 3 races. Those that compete in all three races without winning a prize will be rewarded with race mug.

#### Safety

- On finishing their run, competitors **must** remain on the water to act as safety for the next two competitors **so that there are always 2 boats to act as safety whilst racing is in progress.**
- No safety boats are provided during free practice and we ask that full runs are taken to prevent obstruction of the course (by paddlers repeating a sequence of gates) and to give all paddlers a fair, unobstructed passage down the course.
- Each child must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or nominated adult who shall assume responsibility for the child throughout the time the child is at the event. Neither Paddle UK nor the event organiser will assume responsibility or be liable for a child who is unaccompanied or unsupervised. Note that while the definition of a child is a person under the age of 18, the statement applies particularly to children under the age of 16.
- **Participant statement:**  
Please note that "canoeing and kayaking are "assumed risk"- "water contact sports" that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own actions and involvement".
- Paddlers & those in contact with river water are reminded about hygiene e.g. wash hands, face or showering (especially before eating/drinking), cuts covered, etc, AND the need to wear footwear to protect against cuts in the river or on the river bank (a potential infection route from animal urine/faeces).

#### Invasive / Non-Native Species

- If you are not a Stone paddler, please follow the British Canoeing guidelines to 'Check, Clean and Dry' equipment and kit to help prevent the translocation of foreign plants and animals between water systems.
- [British Canoeing Guidelines to Stop the Spread of Non-Native Species](#)

#### Entries

Please use the online entry system. **Entries will open at the start of 2025.**

**Online entries will close at the end of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

There will be entries on the day until 10.00 but it would be much appreciated if you could enter online beforehand.

The cost is £9 for a first entry and £5 for subsequent entries. This will be shown as a one off launch fee of £4 + an entry fee of £5.

We will provide all race bibs for the event.

## Schedule

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - **Online entries close at midnight**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Course construction until approx. 11am. Free practice after that.

***Please note that Slalom School will be using part of the river between 10 and 12am so not all the course may be available for practice during this time***

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Free practice until 10.45

1<sup>st</sup> runs start 11.00

Lunch approx. 13.00 to 14.00

2<sup>nd</sup> runs start approx. 14.00

**Results** will be posted online. The QR code to access them will be posted on site on the day.

**IMPORTANT - In order to access the results spreadsheet, you will need to have Google Sheets installed on your device.** Please download this free app before coming to Stone. Once you have opened the link to the results spreadsheet, you can then leave it open. The results will be updated manually by us approx. every 15 mins.

**Announcements and Information** will be available via a WhatsApp event group. This can only be written to by the organisers. Please note that your phone number may be visible to others in the group but the group (including phone numbers) will be deleted 2 days after the event.

There will be no cost for protests but we ask that competitors are sensible with their protests

Any enquiries, protests or otherwise, should be with the organisers through control in the clubhouse.

This is the link to the WhatsApp group [link to WhatsApp group](#)

## Prizes

In order to give a fair distribution, prizes will be awarded by division and class according to entry numbers. The allocation of prizes will be as follows:

- Between 1 and 5 entries: 1st
- Between 6 and 9 entries: 1st and 2nd
- 10 or more entries: 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Overall Standing and Top 10 Shootout

In the final race of the series on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, a ranking will be produced based on positions within all three races. The 10 highest ranked competitors that have competed at all three races will then complete an additional final run – the Top 10 Shootout - to determine the overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and series winner.

**Refreshments** will be available in the clubhouse from about 09.30 whilst the event is running.

## Contact email:

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