

# **WILDWATER RACING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

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The Wildwater Racing Committee is a technical committee of the Irish Canoe Union and is responsible for the organisation, development and administration of Wildwater Canoe/Kayak Racing in Ireland.

The Committee consists of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and two committee members. All officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Wildwater Committee by those who have raced in a wildwater race in the preceding three calendar years (to include the current year) and are also members of the ICU. All attendees who are ICU members are entitled to vote on any other motions at the AGM

## **The duties of the members shall be as follows:-**

### **Chairperson:-**

The Chairperson shall be responsible for:-

- Chairing all committee meetings.
- Ensuring that meetings are held as necessary.
- Implementing policy and ensuring action is taken on committee decisions.
- Representing the committee at ICU Council meetings.
- Preparation of yearly Government Grant Application in liaison with the Treasurer.
- Representing committee views.

### **Secretary:-**

The Secretary shall be responsible for:-

- Calling meetings and dealing with correspondence in conjunction with the chairperson.
- Arranging venue, date and time of meetings and notifying all committee members.
- Notifying all clubs of the date, venue and the time of wildwater AGM /EGM (21 days notice must be given).
- Taking minutes of all meetings and circulation to committee members.
- Notifying clubs of changes in Wildwater Canoe/Kayak Rules and Regulations.

### **Treasurer:-**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for:-

- All monies paid to the Wildwater Committee.
- The Collection of levies for all ranking and non-ranking events.
- Preparing a Balance Sheet for the Wildwater AGM and the ICU AGM.
- Preparation of yearly Government Grant Application in liaison with the Chairperson
- General financial affairs of the Committee.

### **The Collective Committee shall be responsible for:-**

- Production of race rules and fixture list each year for Wildwater racing
- The organisation of coaching and training sessions for junior and senior squad
- Selection of international teams or the establishment for a selection Committee to do same.
- Promoting the sport of Wildwater Canoe/Kayak Racing.

### **Aims of the Wildwater Racing Committee**

1. To spread Wildwater racing throughout Ireland by encouraging and organising ranking and non-ranking races.
2. To encourage a broad base of wildwater paddlers in Ireland through the development of introductory training courses and specialised training weekends in wildwater racing.
3. To promote and improve the standard of Irish paddlers through International competition at home and abroad.
4. To improve our International image by promoting good Irish International wildwater competition an by sending good standard teams abroad.
5. To foster the development of suitable craft and equipment for wildwater

### **WILDWATER RACING COMPETITION**

Wildwater competition rules shall be defined, maintained and upheld by the Wild Water Racing Committee of the Irish Canoe Union. These rules shall only be updated during the off season, that is, after the last race of the season and before the first race of the following season. All members shall be bound by the rules contained in the rulebook.

## **RULES FOR SELECTION, ORGANISATION AND BEHAVIOUR OF IRISH WILDWATER TEAMS**

### **1 Selection**

- 1.1 The Wildwater Racing Committee shall be responsible for the selection of teams to represent Ireland at International wildwater events.
- 1.2 Irish team selection can only be made for I.C.U. Wildwater Racing Committee approved International events or events awarded International status by the I.C.F. Wildwater Racing Committee.
- 1.3 All financial assistance by host organisers to the I.C.U. shall be paid only to the selected team for the event.
- 1.4 Teams shall be selected on ability only and there will be no discrimination to the basis of club, colour or creed.
- 1.5 A competitor may earn the right to wear an Irish racing kit, Irish team blazer or tracksuit on having been selected and having represented Ireland on one occasion.
- 1.6 In certain events it may be desirable to send a large team; these may be selected to represent the I.C.U., thereby receiving a proportion of any expense money made available.
- 1.7 Upon selection, all members of the team shall be available for training schedules proposed by the Wildwater Racing Committee of the I.C.U.
- 1.8 A team manager shall be appointed and may be given financial assistance.
- 1.9 An experienced member of the team shall be appointed captain.
- 1.10 Selection policy to be identified by end of November of each year.

### **2. Team Manager**

- 2.1 The manager shall be responsible for arranging all travel for the selected team.
- 2.2 The manager shall arrange to their satisfaction that the selected teams are adequately and comfortably accommodated in a manner that will ensure their fitness to race.
- 2.3 The manager shall ensure that the teams shall arrive at the venue in time for studying and/or practising the course.
- 2.4 The manager shall ensure that all the equipment is available for practising and in good order on the day of the competition.
- 2.5 The manager shall support the team to the best of his/her ability throughout the event.
- 2.6 The manager shall be responsible for team discipline.
- 2.7 After each trip the team manager must submit a detailed report to the Wildwater Racing Committee for Irish competitors.
- 2.8 A full list of results from all National and International events where Irish competitors partake must be forwarded to the secretary.

### **3 The Team**

- 3.1 The team shall race in a fair manner and they shall behave and dress in a proper manner as befits representatives of their country.

- 3.2 The team shall behave in such a manner as to ensure their maximum fitness to compete.
- 3.3 All members of the (including team manager, coach etc.) will sign and abide by the code of conduct which was agreed by the committee.