



## MINI SPRINT SERIES

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The Mini Sprint Series is run alongside the National Sprint Regattas held at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham during May, June, July and September.

The Mini Sprint Series has been specifically developed to suit the needs of young people who have chosen this discipline at this time. It is part of the Paddlesport Foundation which helps them progress into whichever discipline they may eventually choose. The programme has taken into account that full sized K1s, K2s and K4s are too large for young people.

Together, the Canoe England's Paddlesport Participation Programme and the BC Sprint Racing Committee have formed the Mini Sprint Series which has evolved from the Lightning series which was originally only a K1 event. Now as a weekend event it is purely giving racing experience on the national course with the idea that the paddlers have a smooth transition into the Class D events **when they make the D class times.**

### The aim of the series

- To introduce young paddlers to the venue.
- To develop experience of sprint competition at a national event.
- To develop teamwork.
- To have the opportunity to develop competitive paddling skills.
- To become motivated to progress through the main classes.
- To meet and make friends with paddlers from other clubs.
- **To enjoy, have fun and become confident sprint paddlers.**

### Age of paddlers

To enter the Mini Sprint Series the young people must be over 9 and under 12 on 1<sup>st</sup> January, have achieved at least Paddle Power Discover standard and must be able to paddle a K1 Lightning over 500m in less than 4 minutes.

### Race categories

LTA – for those who can complete 500m in under 3 minutes 30 seconds

LTB – for those who complete 500m between 3 minutes 30 seconds and 4 minutes

### Promotion

- Promotion from Mini Sprint Category B to A will be based on K1 500m times.
- When a paddler is too old to participate in the Mini Sprint Series they do not automatically move to D classes. They must reach the required standard. They would be allowed to paddle only in D Class crew boats, **with established D Class paddlers.**

