NATIONAL REGATTAS

Following trials over the last 2 years of Under 12 K1 events this will now be expanded to include U14’s for the 2020 National Regattas

**Intermediate Sprint Kayak (U14) K1 events**

**Boys Intermediate Kayak (BIK) and Girls Intermediate Kayak (GIK)**

These races will replace the BU12 and GU12 classes. They would allow paddlers who are under 14 and have not reached the qualifying time for D classes but who meet the qualifying times for the Intermediate classes, 500m K1: 2:46 for boys and 2:59 for girls.

The races are designed to provide a transition into D classes. They will support last year’s paddlers who raced in the U12 events, Lightning age paddlers who are already racing sprint K1s, U14 paddlers who are too old for Lightning events and new U14 paddlers.

The BIK and GIK will run over 500m in K1s at the June, July and September regattas. The April regatta is the National Championship event for juniors when all events are age-related.

**It will be the club’s team leaders/coach’s responsibility to make sure that their paddlers have achieved BC 2 Start Explore qualification or have the paddling competency equivalent to that award and are confident and competent to paddle down the HPP course in a sprint K1.**

For this event:

- Any sprint K1 boat, other than a Lightning may be paddled.
- Boys must be able to paddle 500m in a minimum of 2:46 and they will be all boys events
- Girls must be able to paddle 500m in a minimum of 2:59 and they will be all girls events
- Existing Lightning paddlers may enter the event providing they have reached the required time in a sprint K1 and their team leaders have registered them in the database with this K1 time as BIK or GIK.
- Those juniors registered in the Intermediate classes will be able to paddle with D classes for crew boat events. Lightning and Intermediate paddlers will not be able to race together in K2 as 50% of the boat’s crew must be qualified for Girls or Boys D classes. Intermediate paddlers could paddle K4 in D classes as long as at least 2 of the crew are registered as Girls or Boys D.
- All Intermediates for this class must always wear a buoyancy aid when they are on the water. The buoyancy aids must conform to the standards of the I.C.F. or E.N. 393 and 395.
- Once they have achieved the time for a Junior D class they will be promoted and not be allowed to race the Intermediate classes
• Any Junior D class paddlers who are under 14 are not allowed to enter the Intermediate class
• The Intermediate K1 events will score points towards their club at the McGregor Inter-club regatta.

The Intermediate classes will be trialled this year and a review will be undertaken to determine future developments.