

Allocating Racing Division Categories:

The annual series of Marathon events is managed using Four Divisions as the basis of organising paddlers into start waves on the day and as the basis for event results.

Paddlers are distributed as evenly as possible with approximately 25% of the field, for the relevant event, in each Division.

The intention of the Divisions is that paddlers compete directly with other paddlers of similar speed regardless of craft, age or gender.

Paddlers will be requested to nominate their Division as part of the event registration. Paddler speeds from previous races are used as a reference to check if the paddlers have entered the correct Divisions.

Team Boat Divisions are set up dependent on entries on the day.

Paddlers of unknown ranking are expected to consult with race organisers to discuss most appropriate Division. They will be re-allocated subsequent to the first race.

Moving between Divisions: If race results show paddlers have faster or slower times than more than one paddler in the Division above or below on two consecutive races, the committee will discuss and consider the circumstances and will decide whether to approach the paddler to inform them that they will be moved to the other Division.

This system applies to all events except the 10km Championships, the State Marathon Championships and any other Special Events.