



**ICF Canoe Marathon
Group Racing and Overtaking Protocol**

10.7.1 - Overtaking: When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking boat to keep clear of other boats at all times.

10.7.2 - Collisions: All Responsible to Avoid: When athletes are racing in a group, it is duty of all the athletes in the group to avoid colliding with other athletes at all times.

10.7.3 - Collisions: Definition: A collision will be an event where an athlete's boat or paddle touches another athlete's boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages another athlete.

10.7.4-Collisions: Can happen in any race phase: A collision can happen at any manoeuvring within the group and is applicable for all parts of the course including the portages and turns.

Protests: A protest made during a competition relating to an incident in the race must be:

- in written form,
- addressed to the Competition Committee
- handed to the Chief Official not later than 30 minutes after the last of the competitors involved in the incident have a. completed the course, or b. is forced to retire.



Turns, Collision or Missed Buoy (failing to follow the correct course)

QUOTE RULE 24 GROUP RACING AND OVERTAKING

When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times.

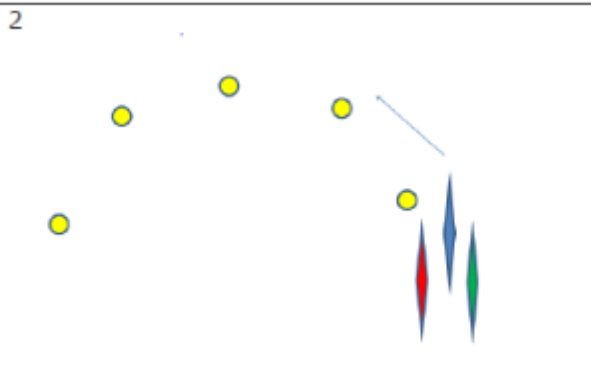
When a canoe or kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to keep clear of other competitors at all times. This rule also applies to any manoeuvring within the group and is applicable for all parts of the course including the portage and turns.

Example 1

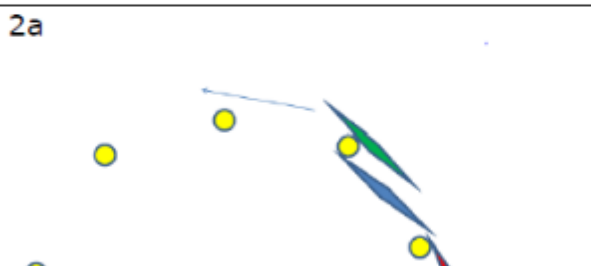
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| <p>1</p> | <p>Guidelines</p> <p>If a group of boats is approaching a turn as indicated in diagram 1 and the blue boat leaves no space for the red boat as indicated in diagram 1a resulting in the red boat colliding with the back of the blue boat causing it to capsize or miss one of the buoys then the red boat is in the wrong and should be penalised. The blue boat is allowed to follow the racing line and if there is not enough space the red boat should drop back without hitting the blue boat. If the blue boat misses a buoy and does not turn around and negotiate the buoy in these circumstances it should not be penalised.</p> |
| <p>1a</p> | <p>Penalties</p> <p>If there is no major collision, capsize or damage to the blue boat the red boat should get a 30 second penalty as specified in 29c. If there is a capsize or major damage to the blue boat the red boat should be disqualified.]</p> |



Example 2

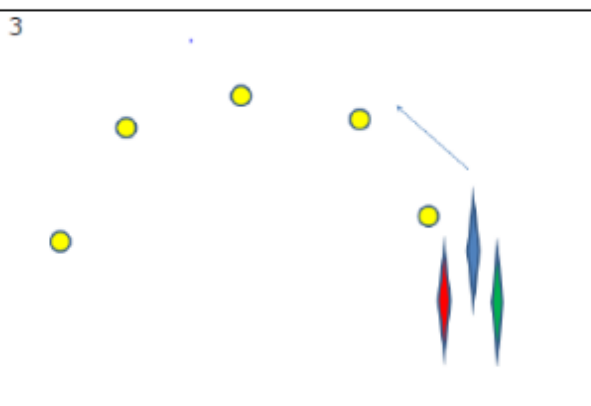


Guidelines
If a group of boats is approaching a turn as indicated in diagram 2 and the green boat overtakes the blue boat and leaves no space for the blue boat as indicated in diagram 2a resulting in the blue boat colliding with the buoy, causing it to capsize or miss one of the buoys then the green boat as an overtaking boat is in the wrong and should be penalised. If the blue boat does not turn around and negotiate the buoy in these circumstances it should not be penalised.

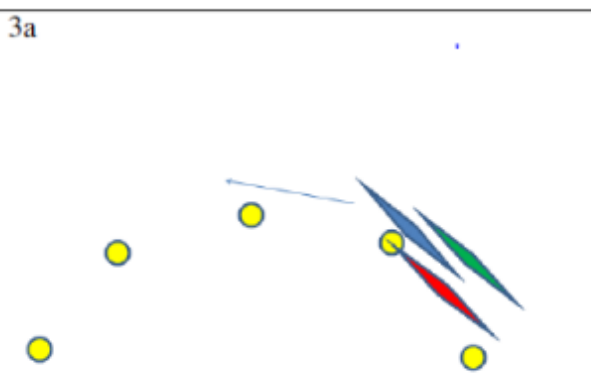


Penalties
If there is no major collision, capsize or damage to the blue boat the green boat should get a 30 second penalty as specified in 29c. If there is a capsize or major damage to the blue boat the green boat should be disqualified.

Example 3



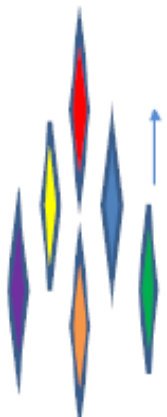
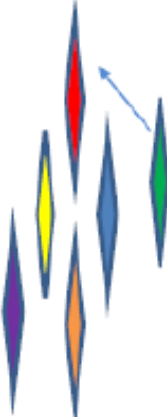

Guidelines
If a group of boats is approaching a turn as indicated in diagram 3 and the blue boat leaves no space for the red boat as indicated in diagram 3a resulting in the red boat missing one of the buoys then the red boat is in the wrong and should be penalised. The blue boat is allowed to follow the racing line and if there is not enough space the red boat should drop back without hitting the blue boat. If the red boat misses a buoy and does not turn around and negotiate the buoy in these circumstances it receive a time penalty.



Penalties
The red boat should get a 15 second penalty as specified in 29b.

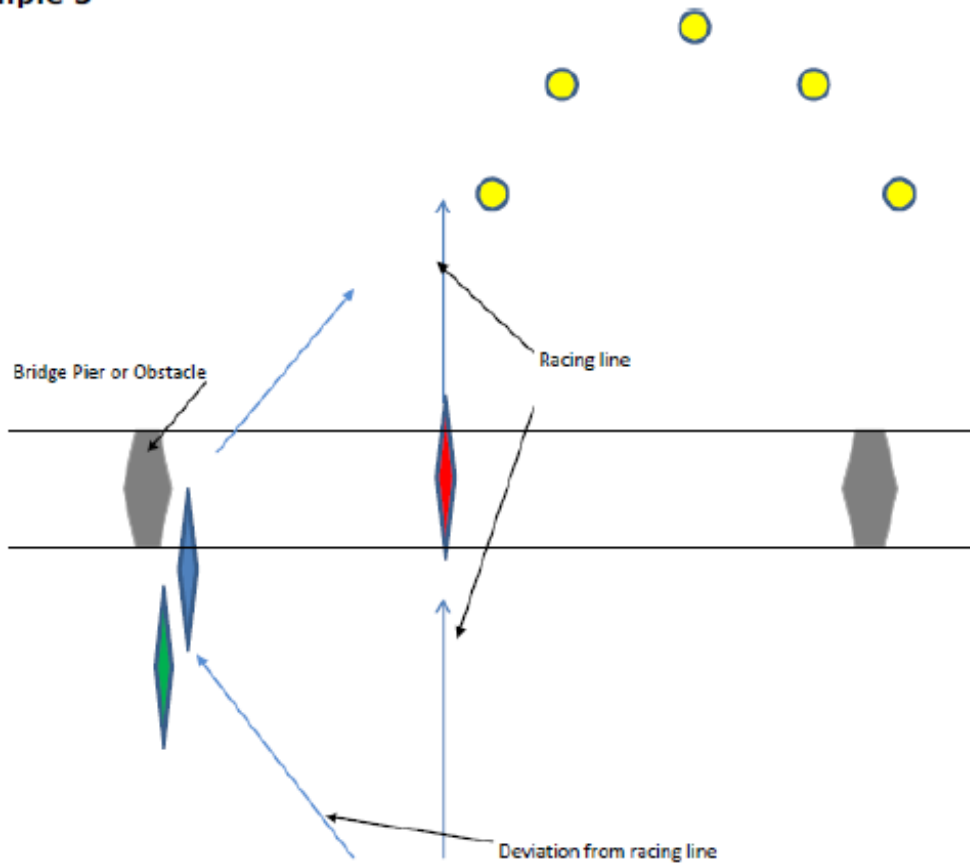


Example 4

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| <p>4</p>  | <p>Squeezing</p> <p>Guidelines In group racing as in diagram 4 the outside green boat cannot paddle forward and cut in sharply onto the lead boats wash as in 4a. If this happens and a collision is caused as in 4b then the green boat can be penalised. This will sometime happen by agreement and blue and orange boats will voluntarily adjust in the group formation, but if a collision occurs the overtaking boat is in the wrong.</p> <p>Penalties If there is no major collision, capsize or damage to the blue boat the green boat should get a 30 second penalty as specified in 29c. If there is a capsize or major damage to the blue boat the green boat should be disqualified.</p> |
| <p>4a</p>  | |
| <p>4b</p>  | |



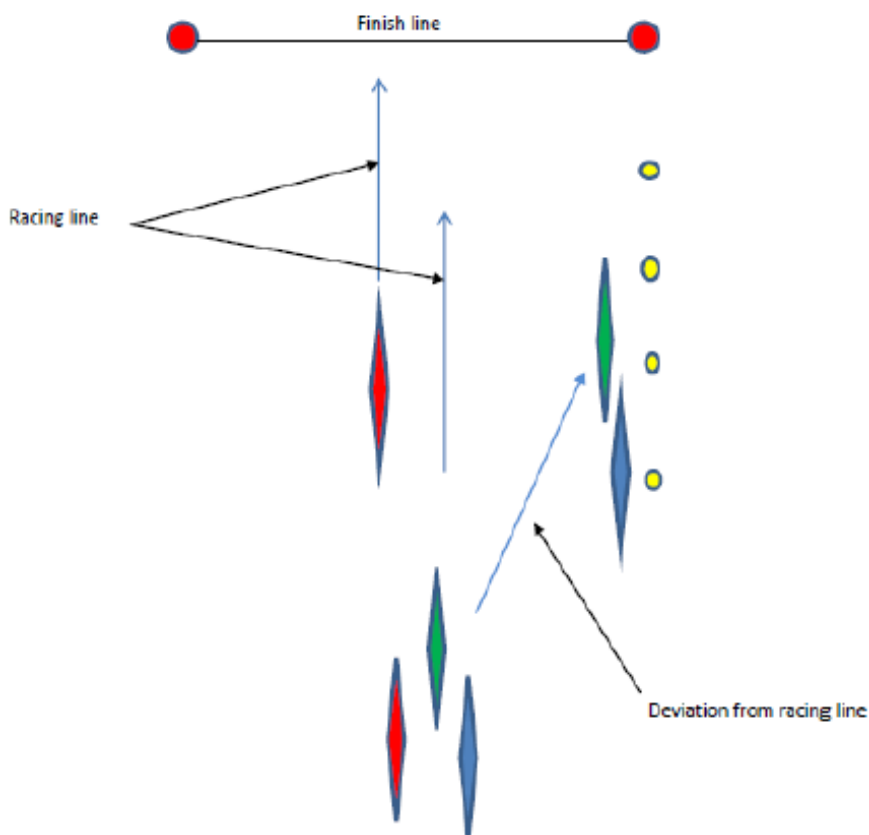
Example 5



Guidelines

In the above diagram the blue boat has moved off the racing line and obstructed the green boat preventing it from taking the shortest route and forcing the green boat off the wave of the blue boat. Unless there was a strong current which may have made this route the better line the blue boat is not racing honourably and should be penalised. A similar situation can occur when paddlers are approaching the finish line. Paddlers must take a straight line to the finish and not try and force other competitors off their line.

Example 6

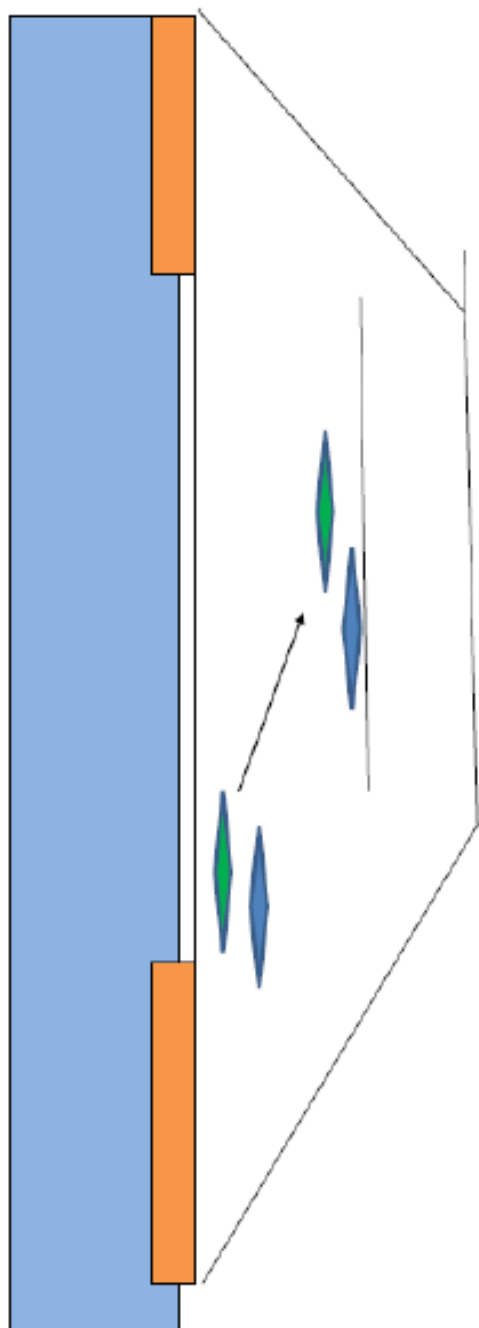


Guidelines

In the above diagram the green boat has moved off the racing line and obstructed the blue boat preventing it from taking the shortest route to the finish. The green boat is not racing honourably and should be penalised. Paddlers must take a straight line to the finish and not try and force other competitors off their line.



Example 7



Guidelines

Competitors must run a straight line on the portages. It is not acceptable to block another competitor or force them off line as the green boat is doing in this diagram.

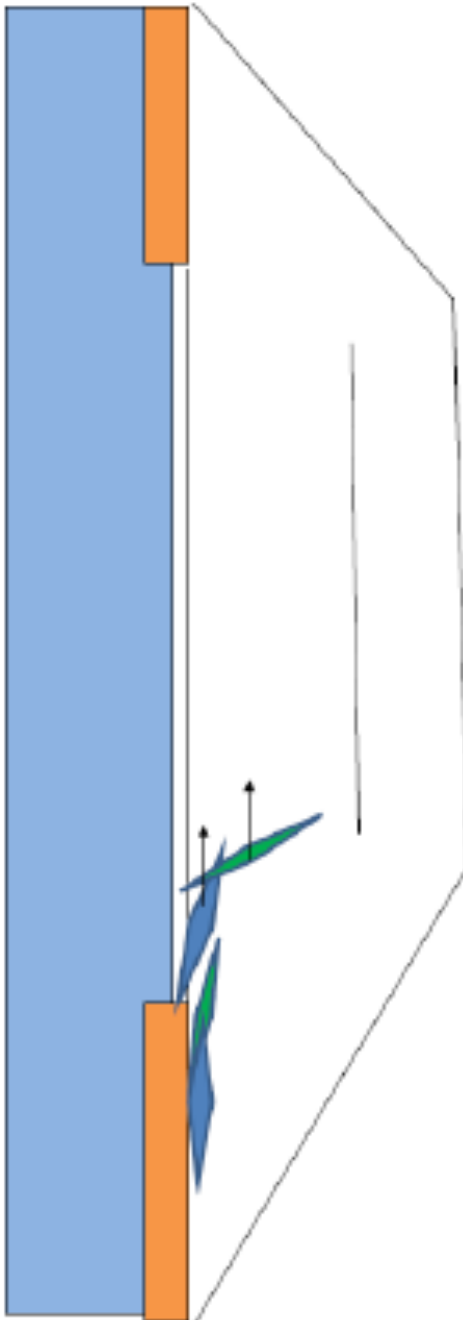
Penalty

If there is no major collision or damage to the blue boat or competitor the green boat should get a 30 second penalty as specified in 29c. If there is major damage to the blue boat or competitor the green boat should be disqualified.



Guidelines: Overtaking, Turning & Collision Avoidance

Example 8



Guidelines

Competitors must not try and push past competitors while boats are making contact. It is not acceptable to turn another competitor's boat and spin them off line as the blue boat is doing in this diagram. However, the green boat should not deliberately run with boat blocking the path of other boats or deviate his or her path to block another competitor.

Penalty

If there is no major collision or damage to the green boat or competitor the blue boat should get a 30 second penalty as specified in 29c. If there is major damage to the green boat or competitor the blue boat should be disqualified.



THE START

Example 9

Guidelines

The green boat should not cross the line of the boats to the right unless it is clear of them.

Penalty

If a collision is caused by the green boat it should be penalised according to rule 29c.

