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WCDDBA – Senior League Rules 2012

1. Categories of racing in the league:

- 1.1 Open** - Refers to a male category but not excluding women. The category can be contested by an all ladies crew as well. Maximum total within the league 2012 is sixteen (16) paddlers and a minimum of 10.
- 1.2 Ladies** - Refers to an all ladies paddling crew. Maximum 16 minimum 10. Drummers and helms, for the purposes of the league, may be male.
- 1.3 Mixed** - A maximum of 12 men and a minimum of 6 women. Teams may race with full crews of twenty where the additional two are women, making it 12 men and 8 women.
- The opposite to the rule 1.3 (where the maximum of 12 women and a minimum of 6 men) applies where the natural composition of the teams are predominantly women.

2. Restrictions in WCDDBA league regattas

- 2.1 Age restrictions of minimum age 11 years in all categories including drummer.
- 2.2 Only WCDDBA registered members including drummers may compete.
- 2.3 Captains who have not submitted their signed WCDDBA Team sheet / indemnity will not be allowed to compete.

3. Team Entry Fee

- 3.1 Entry fee R250,00 per team, payable via EFT to WCDDBA bank account by the first Friday after the regatta.
- 3.2 Drummers and helms are active members of a team.
- 3.3 March Festival 2012 entry fee R60,00 per paddler.**

4. Captains Meeting

- 4.1 Captains meeting to be held punctually at a predetermined time.
- 4.2 All captains to hand in their team sheet / indemnity form.
- 4.3 Race schedule to be handed out at the captains meeting.

5. Embarkation

- 5.1 Captains are responsible for ensuring that embarkation is smooth and hassle free.
- 5.2 The safety of the crew, life jackets, paddles, etc is the responsibility of the captain.
- 5.3 Time wasting will no longer be tolerated.
- 5.4 Captains who encounter a genuine problem should report it to the finish line officials who will inform race control and start line officials. Please note that waiting on paddlers, helms, drummers, or changing of uniforms are not genuine problems.

6. Lanes

- 6.1 All teams to race in their designated lanes.
- 6.2 Lane one (1) is on the starboard side at the start line.
- 6.3 Lane three (3) is on the port side at the start line.
- 6.4 Helms are instructed to maintain the racing line.
- 6.5 The 500m race line has a dog leg in it. Teams racing in lanes 1 & 2, that are guilty of cutting their racing line, to decrease the distance, will be disqualified by a race line official without hesitation.

7. Flag system

- 7.1 A flag system will be used for WCDBA regattas.
- 7.2 Red flag indicates there is a stoppage in racing.
- 7.3 Yellow flag indicates a call up for the next race. Teams have 5 minutes to report to the start line.
- 7.4 White flag indicates an all clear to start the next race. In the event a team has not reported to the start line, the race will continue without the defaulting team.

8. Points system

- 8.1 Points allocated in accordance to total amount of teams registered to compete in a category for the duration of the league.
- 8.2 Teams who do not compete at a specific regatta will forfeit any points. However the team finishing in the last position will be in a favorable position to collect an additional point. If there are two teams not competing on the day, the team finishing in the last position will accumulate two extra points, etc.

9. A relaxation of the rules

To encourage mixed team racing the following conditions are relaxed in terms of rules 1 and 8:

- 9.1 Teams who do not fulfill the minimum requirement of 6 ladies may race with the total amount of women at their disposal, but will not qualify for a major or minor final even if their times are faster than other teams.
- 9.2 Teams who fail to meet minimum requirements will automatically go into the last position on the regatta standings.
- 9.3 Such teams will still receive a league point/s according to their final standing at the

end of the regatta day.

10. Event dates for 2012 season:

10.1	V & A Waterfront	4 February 2012	Distance 200m League Regatta
10.2	Zandvlei / Marina Da Gama	25 Feb 2012	Twilight 12 (Peninsula Canoe Club)
10.3	Century City	2,3 & or 4 March 2012	WCDBA 2012 Festival
10.4	Century City	24 March 2012	WCDBA Youth Festival 2012
10.5	V & A Waterfront	14 April 2012	Distance 500m League Regatta
10.6	V & A Waterfront	12 May 2012	Distance 200m League Regatta
10.7	Century City	9 June 2012	Distance 1000m League Regatta
10.8	V & A Waterfront	16 June 2012	Corporate Games (Team build)
10.9	Century City	14 July 2012	Distance 2000m League Regatta
10.10	V & A Waterfront	1 September 2012	Distance 1000m League Regatta
10.11	V & A Waterfront	6 October 2012	Distance 500m League Regatta
10.12	Zandvlei	13 October 2012	Rotary Event: WCDBA facilitating
10.13	Century City	1 December 2012	Distance 200m League Regatta
10.14	Century City	15 December 2012	WCDBA Fundraiser: Endurance Challenge

Please familiarize yourself with the above-mention rules so as to avoid any misunderstanding.

Yours in sport

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