

Warwick Canoe / Kayak Sprint 2017

This year the event takes a new twist, with a simpler schedule of events. There will be more sprint races for all competitors, no marathon event, and a slightly earlier finish to give those travelling longer distances a bit of a less tiring day!

There are two main events, the “Warwick Sprint” and the “Warwick Knockout”.

Warwick 200m Sprint

The sprint event this year adopts a different format to previous years. The paddlers will be assigned to a Sprint Groups, groups are below. These are calculated on the 200m times everyone submitted, and aim to give good competitive and fun races for everyone. The actual group the paddlers are allocated to is in the paddler sheet emailed to everyone.

Warwick Canoe Sprint		<u>Warwick Sprint Race Groups</u>							Warwick Canoe Sprint	
Warwick Sprint Category	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3 (<55 sec)	Group 4 (< 61 sec)	Group 5 (>61 sec)	Group 6 (<65 sec)	Group 7 (>65 sec)	Group 8		
	Mens A	Boys B	Boys C			Girls C		Boys U12 Lightning		
	Boys A	Mens C	Mens D			Girls D		Boys U10 Lightning		
	Mens B		Womens A			Womens C		Girls U12 Lightning		
			Girls B			Womens D		Girls U10 Lightning		
			Boys D			Boys D				
Prizes	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st = Craft Top	Combined Races. Individual medals for BU12, BU10, GU12, GU10. Winner of each also receives craft top		
Number of entries	10	11	16	16	16	14	14	16		

Note: Paddler grouping in 3,4,5,6,7 are based on previous 200m sprint times, in order to create competitive races

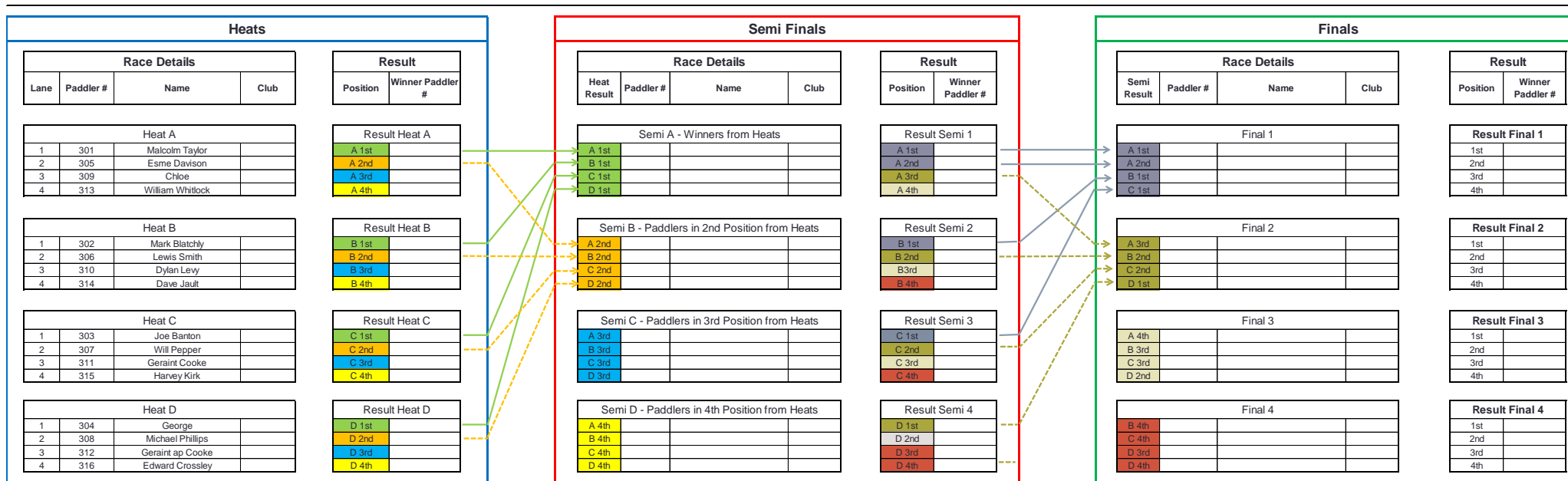
Each group will consist of several ‘heats’ ‘semi finals’ and ‘finals’. The winners of each heat go through to Semi A, those who are 2nd in each heat go to Semi B etc. Hence, progression depends upon the place in each race, and not time.

The highest placed paddlers in Semi A and Semi B progress to Final A, and so on. Hence, even if you do not win a heat, you still have the chance to fight and get into Final A to win overall!

Every paddler will therefore have 3 sprint races. The 1st 2nd and 3rd in Final A will receive medals & potentially some excellent prizes.

The races will not be timed this year. This is to both simplify the event, whilst enabling more races for each paddler. The races will be over a 200m course.

The table below shows the pathway from Heat → Semi → Final. It will be easier than it looks!



There will be a table such as that above for every Sprint Group.

Warwick Knockout

The knockout brings excitement and skill into a fast paced event. There will be a knockout event for each Sprint Group. Each Sprint Group has ~12 to 16 paddlers.

All paddlers in the group will start simultaneously. They will race over a distance of 150m. The last few paddlers (2 or 3) to cross the finish line will be knocked out of the event.

The remaining paddlers turn round, and again start simultaneously racing in the opposite direction over 100m. Again, the last few paddlers to cross the finish line will be knocked out of the event.

The race repeats until there are only a few paddlers remaining. The final race then commences, and the 1st 2nd and 3rd to cross the line are declared the winners.

The paddlers who were knocked out in the 1st leg will be entered into a runners-up 'knockout', taking the same format as above. This is race depends if we have enough time in the day, and subject to confirmation on the day. Likewise, winners from each knockout will all compete against each other.

Food

As last year, we will have a BBQ during the day, with some good quality food, drinks and snacks,