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WPDBA – Premier League Rules and Event dates 2017

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 is sixteen (16) paddlers and a minimum of 10.
The exception to the rule is only valid in the Century City Sports Festival where the minimum is 12 and maximum is 20.
- 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.
The exception to the rule is only valid in the Century City Sports Festival where the minimum is 12 and maximum is 20.
- 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.
- 1.4 **Composite** - Composite crews exist when two or more teams combine for the purpose of a particular competition. Composite crews compete under rule 9 as set out in the rules of competition.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 **Team** - Bona fide members belonging to the same club / organisation / school.
- 2.2 **Composite team** - Members of WPDBA affiliated clubs forming a team for the purpose of competition at a specific regatta.
- 2.3 **League** - A series of regattas held in a competition season to determine the champions for a specific year.
- 2.4 **Race** - Two or more teams competing for medals or league points.
- 2.5 **Open days** - Any prospective teams, composite teams, non – WPDBA members, schools, community groups, etc are allowed to enter and race against any teams present. Purpose thereof is for development, recruitment as either club members or the formation of new clubs.

3. Restrictions in WPDBA league regattas

- 3.1 Only WPDBA registered members including drummers may compete.
- 3.2 Captains who have not submitted their signed WPDBA Team sheet / indemnity will not be allowed to compete.

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4. Team Entry Fee

- 4.1 All teams pay R250,00 entry fee for league regattas.
- 4.2 Drummers and helms are active members of a team.

5. Captains Meeting

- 5.1 Captains meeting to be held punctually at the agreed upon area at a predetermined time.
- 5.2 All captains to hand in their team sheet / indemnity form and team entry fees at the meeting.
- 5.3 Race schedule to be handed out at the captains meeting.

6. Embarkation

- 6.1 Captains are responsible for ensuring that embarkation is smooth and hassle free.
- 6.2 The safety of the crew, life jackets, paddles, etc is the responsibility of the captain.
- 6.3 Time wasting will not be tolerated.
- 6.4 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.

7. Lanes

- 7.1 All teams to race in their designated lanes.
- 7.2 Lane one (1) is on the starboard side at the start line.
- 7.3 Lane three (3) is on the port side at the start line.
- 7.4 Helms are instructed to maintain the racing line.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 In the event of a collision during racing, the decision to re-race will be based on merit and its impact on the outcome of the race.

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 and not the regatta.
- 8.2 Teams who do not compete at a specific regatta will forfeit any points.
- 8.3 Teams provisionally registered for 2017:
 - 8.3.1 Mixed teams – 8
 - 8.3.2 Open teams – 8
 - 8.3.3 Ladies teams – 3

9. 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 fulfil 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. In the event more than one team does not qualify, the teams will be ceded in accordance to their respective race times.
- 9.3 Such teams will still receive a league point/s according to their final standing at the end of the regatta day.

10. Results

10.1 The results of all races are final once it is confirmed and announced by WPDBA and not by any other official or spectator. As per norm there is a fifteen minute window period for any protest against the outcome of a race. Therefore results will and can only be confirmed thereafter.

10.2 WPDBA is currently exploring an app to update results at events.

11. Event dates for 2017 season:

11.1	Century City	3 & 4 March	1st WPDBA League Regatta
		Century City Sports Festival 2015	- 2500m confirmed Friday evening 18:30 200m confirmed Saturday 09:00 – 11:00
		4 March	- Schools - 100m Saturday 12:00 – 16:00

Points calculated independently: Each race distances and category will be calculated individually.

Example: 2500m & possible 100m - Mixed crews only

200m - Mixed, Open & Ladies

Team A enters only Mixed 200m and finishes in 1st place. Therefore accumulates 7 points in total.

Team B enters Mixed 2500m, 1000m and 200m and finishes 1st in 2500m (7 points); 2nd in 1000m (6 points) and 3rd in 200m (5 points) will accumulate 18 points in total.

11.2	Century City	8 March 2017	Mujaji CT: Team building event
11.3	V & A Waterfront	21 March 2017 Human Rights Day	Monte: Charity event IRSA
11.4	V & A Waterfront	1 April 2017	2nd WPDBA League Regatta – 200m
11.5	V & A Waterfront	17 April 2017 (Family Day)	Monte: NAC Youth Event
11.6	V & A Waterfront	29 April 2017	3rd WPDBA League Regatta – 500m
11.7	V & A Waterfront	20 May 2017	4th WPDBA League Regatta – 200m
11.8	V & A Waterfront	22 July 2017	5th WPDBA League Regatta – 1000m
11.9	V & A Waterfront	26 August 2017	6th WPDBA League Regatta – 2000m
11.10	Century City	9 September 2017	WPDBA Corporate Games
11.11	Century City	10 or 11 September 2017 tbc	7th WPDBA League Regatta – 1000m
11.13	Zandvlei	14 October 2017	WPDBA – Rotary
11.14	V & A Waterfront	21 October 2017	8th WPDBA - Tug of War (New event)
11.15	V & A Waterfront	tbc November	Ocean Festival
11.16	V & A Waterfront	5 December 2017	Mujaji CT – Oxford / MRF Regatta
11.17	V & A Waterfront	9 December 2017	9th WPDBA League Regatta – 200m

Venues and dates may change according to circumstances / conditions or logistical issues but will be communicated timeously.

12. Officials namely starter, timekeeper

As far as possible WPDBA will provide the above-mentioned officials as done previously. In the event this may not be possible, clubs are asked to avail two standby officials at events in case WPDBA officials are unavailable.

Venue	Date	Event	Standby officials
11.1 Century City	3 & 4 March	1 st WPDBA League Regatta	
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13. New Event

The addition to the calendar is an attempt to incorporate international events into the WPDBA structure.

Category

Mixed: Min two (2) ladies and six (6) men

Open Max 8 (may include ladies)

Ladies: Max 8 ladies

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

Yours in sport



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President

15 February 2017