

27.6 At each Transmission position, the number sequence of the gates being judged must be clearly displayed.

## 28 NEGOTIATION

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28.1 All the gates must be negotiated in numerical order.

28.2 All gates may be negotiated in any presentation from the correct side of the gate as displayed by the gate number panels.

28.3 The gate line, in all circumstances is defined as the line between the outside edge of the bottom of the two poles. ~~In cases of swinging gates~~ The gate line is defined as the line between the outside edge of the bottom of the pole projected vertically to the ~~river bed~~ ~~water surface~~.

28.4 The following conditions must be satisfied for negotiation of the gate:

28.4.1 Negotiation of the gate begins when the boat or the body or the paddle touches a pole of the gate or part of the head of the competitor (in C2, one of the two competitors) breaks the gate line.

28.4.2 Negotiation of a gate is ended when the negotiation of any subsequent gate begins or the finish line is crossed.

28.5 The following conditions must be satisfied for a gate to be considered correctly negotiated:

28.5.1 The whole head of the competitor or competitors must cross the gate line in accordance with the correct side of the gate and the course plan.

28.5.2 Part of the boat must cross the gate line at the same instant as the whole head crosses the line.

## 29 PENALTIES

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**29.1 Zero (0) Penalty seconds**

Correct negotiation without touching the pole with any part of the body, equipment, paddle or boat.

**29.2 Two (2) Penalty seconds**

Correct negotiation of the gate, but with a touch of one or both poles.

**29.3** Repeated touching of the same or both poles is only penalised once.

**29.4 Fifty (50) Penalty seconds:**

**29.4.1** A Touch of a gate (either 1 or 2 poles) without correct negotiation of the gate.

**29.4.2** Intentional pushing of a gate to allow negotiation. The criteria to judge an intentional push are;

1. The Competitor is not in a position to negotiate the gate ~~and/or~~

2. That ~~an~~ unexpected action of the Competitor (stroke or body motion) enables negotiation of the gate.

**29.4.3** The head of the competitor (in C2 one, or both competitors) breaks the gate line upside down. (For definition of upside down see Rule 32.1) unless correctly renegotiated before any subsequent gate is negotiated.

**29.4.4** Any part of the head of the competitor breaks the gate line in the wrong direction during negotiation of the gate, ~~unless the negotiation of the gate begins in the correct direction and finishes in the correct direction before any subsequent gate is negotiated.~~

**29.4.5** Gate left out

Gate(s) left out is determined to have occurred when negotiation of any subsequent gate begins or the finish line is crossed.

**29.4.6** The last team member failing to cross the finish line within fifteen (15) seconds of the first team member to finish.

**29.4.7** Part of the head breaks the gate line (in C2, one or both competitors) in the correct direction, with or without part of the boat, unless correctly renegotiated before any subsequent gate is negotiated.

**29.5** Undercutting of a gate by the competitor with any part of their body or equipment, except part of their head, without a touch is not penalised.

**29.6** Repeated attempts at a gate without touching the poles is not penalised if part of the head of the competitor(s) has not broken the gate line in the wrong direction.

**29.7** Fifty (50) penalty seconds is the maximum obtainable by one competitor on any one gate.

**29.8** At all times, the benefit of any doubt must be given to the competitor.

### **30 SIGNALLING BY THE JUDGES**

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**30.1** Visible signalling discs or cards are normally used by the Transmission Judge to communicate the penalties to the spectators.

**30.1.1** A yellow disc or card marked with figures 2, and red card or disc marked with figures 50. The figures must be black and marked on both sides.

**30.2** Signalling is carried out according to the following rules:

**30.2.1** Zero (0) penalty, no signal given.

**30.2.2** Negotiation with penalty, a disc/card is held up steadily (with the figures 2 or 50) or on a section scoreboard according to the penalty seconds incurred.

### **31 CLEARING THE COURSE**

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**31.1** When a competitor is overtaken by another competitor, he/she must give way, if a Judge gives repeated blasts on a whistle.