

Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie

Competition Rules

C2 Category — Specific Rules (Annex A)

2026 Season

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GENERAL C2 RULES

GENERAL

Classes

- Women's — for women's teams.
- Mixed — for mixed teams.
- Rookie — for teams whose two (2) paddlers are competing in their first Classique.

Competition

The two (2) athletes registered in the same boat must complete the entire course together, with no substitution of partner, failing which the team will be disqualified. Every crew is responsible for its boat and its own safety.

LIABILITY

The Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie cannot be held responsible for any material damage that may occur, during a race or competition, to property belonging to a competitor or a team.

Every team is responsible for the GPS transponder entrusted to it for tracking on an interactive map. In the event of loss, breakage or theft, the team will be charged the replacement cost (\$200).

WITHDRAWAL

A team or competitor that withdraws from the course before completing it will be disqualified and must notify the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie team as soon as possible.

In the event that a boat breaks, teams will be allowed to resume with a new boat, provided it meets the standards and has been measured and approved beforehand by the officials.

MANDATORY MEASUREMENT

- Île Melville, Shawinigan: Tuesday, September 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Lac St-Louis, La Tuque: Friday, September 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

C2 BOAT DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications — C2 category canoes

- Maximum length: 18 feet 6 inches.
- Minimum width: 33 in at the top and 27 in at 3 in from the bottom, toward the centre of the canoe.
- Minimum height: bow stem 15 in, centre 10 in, stern stem 10 in.
- The 33 in and 27 in measurements (at 3 in from the bottom) may be separated by a maximum of 14 in.
- The 33 in and 27 in measurements (at 3 in from the bottom) may be located a maximum of 14 in fore or aft of the canoe's true centre (9 ft 3 in).
- A concave curve up to ¼ inch deep is permitted between the 33 in and 27 in measurements (at 3 in from the bottom).
- No concave shape is permitted below the waterline (hull bottom). Imperfections resulting from repairs or sanding are tolerated but must remain minimal so as not to breach the regulations.

- All measurements are taken on the outside of the hull. A team that does not meet the dimensions and specifications set for a C2 boat will be disqualified.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

Requirement

- Every boat taking part in the Classique internationale de canots de la Mauricie must carry one personal flotation device (PFD) per participant on board. PFDs must be arranged so as to be easily accessible at all times.
- Inflatable, self-inflating and belt-worn PFDs are not approved by Transport Canada for whitewater. They therefore may not be worn when required in the rapids. You must wear PFDs approved for whitewater, made of an inherently buoyant material.
- Wearing a PFD is mandatory for the entire 3rd stage.
- Participants aged 16 and under must wear their PFD at all times.

LAND-BASED SUPPORT CREWS

*** Passing through the feed zones is mandatory.*

- Paddlers are allowed to take on supplies only at the locations indicated along the course.
- Only team members and identified support people will be admitted to the sites.
- For your safety, feeding must take place within the defined zones, within ± 100 metres of the buoy. Only one (1) buoy will be set up for the feed zone.
- Feeding must be done on land or in the water, provided both feet are touching the bottom (PFD permitted for safety).
- Courtesy is expected toward the teams arriving first. No person or object that could interfere, intentionally or not, with the canoe is allowed in the feed zone (buoy, pole, board, canoe, etc.).
- A scoop net is permitted to retrieve any waste that may end up in the water.
- A flag and a sign are permitted to identify the team, but must not interfere with the athletes or other support people.
- No waste may be left in the water or on the feed sites by athletes or support people. A team that does not comply with this provision will be given a two (2) minute penalty per infraction.

COURSE, TURNS AND BUOY ROUNDING

- Teams must follow the course established by the competition organizers.
- Teams must cover the entire distance of the competition using their own equipment and may not leave the waterway, except at the sites designated for portages.
- Where the course includes buoys, boats must round the buoys located along the course.
- A team that does not fully clear a buoy must go back and round that buoy completely.
- A team that does not round the buoy will receive a five (5) minute penalty. The team can avoid this penalty by immediately turning around (or backing up) to round the buoy completely.
- Any team that does not follow the course (buoy or route) will be relegated to last place in the competition with a time penalty (minimum 10 minutes), or may be disqualified if it is a serious breach (at the judgment of the officials or the Sanctions Committee).
- Disqualification of a team removes its right to receive prize money for the race, and there is no refund of the registration fee.

PORTAGES

- Portages are permitted at the locations identified by the competition organizers.
- All members of a team must complete the portage on foot, starting from the point where their team's canoe leaves the water.
- No assistance is permitted.
- Any team that does not comply with this provision will be disqualified.

ASSISTANCE TO COMPETITORS

At all times

If a competitor drops a paddle or any other object, anyone may retrieve it and hand it back to them immediately.

On the water

- Only team members may move the canoe on the water, by human physical force.
- A team may not receive any assistance, except in the event of a capsize or swamping.
- In the event of a capsize, a team assisted by another boat must resume the course at the point where it capsized.
- Any team that does not comply with this provision will be disqualified.

START PROCEDURE

- Stages 1 and 3: all teams must be lined up on the start cable. The stern paddler must be in contact with the cable at all times (holding it with their hand).
- Stage 2: the start procedure will be explained at the pre-race meeting.
- A competitor who attempts to gain an unfair advantage at the start will be penalized two (2) minutes. After a first warning, a second offence results in disqualification.
- Officials may interrupt the start procedure if the alignment compromises a fair start for everyone. Any team that is not on the start line at the signal may not take part in the stage and will be disqualified.

FINISH LINE

- No object or obstacle may be placed between the two (2) physical points of the finish line.
- A boat is considered to have crossed the finish line when its bow touches the imaginary line connecting the two (2) physical points marking the finish line.

SPRINT POINTS CLASSIFICATION — C2

RULES

Points allocation

Sprint classification points are awarded according to the order of passage at each checkpoint, from the first to the fifteenth canoe to cross the checkpoint.

Final standings

The final standings, used to award the points-classification prize money, are determined based on the cumulative points obtained at all checkpoints.

Determining the winners

The canoe with the highest number of points wins the sprint classification.

Positions 2 to 10 are then established on the same basis, to complete the prize-money table.

Tie in points

In the event of a tie in points between two canoes, the final time to complete the Classique will be used to break the tie: the fastest time wins.

Eligibility conditions

To be eligible for sprint-classification prize money, the team must have completed all three stages of the Classique.

Any withdrawal results in disqualification from the points classification.

CHECKPOINTS

Stage 1

- C1: Buoy #3 (on the return)
- C2: Rivière-aux-Rats
- C3: St-Roch (finish)

Stage 2

- C4: Camping St-Roch
- C5: Shawinigan (finish)

Stage 3

- C6: Buoy #6 (1st lap)
- C7: Buoy #6 (2nd lap)
- C8: Île St-Quentin (finish)

CUMULATIVE SPRINT POINTS STANDINGS

Points awarded according to position at each checkpoint:

Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	15 pts	9th	7 pts
2nd	14 pts	10th	6 pts
3rd	13 pts	11th	5 pts
4th	12 pts	12th	4 pts
5th	11 pts	13th	3 pts
6th	10 pts	14th	2 pts
7th	9 pts	15th	1 pt
8th	8 pts		

BAD WEATHER — “CHARETTE” CLAUSE

STORMS AND SEVERE WEATHER — SAFETY AND INSTRUCTIONS

Safety / instructions

Should weather conditions endanger the safety of the athletes, the safety team will communicate to the athletes still racing the instructions for reaching a safe place as quickly as possible.

Intermediate time / standings

If activating this safety measure ends the race for the day, a ranking will be established based on the intermediate times calculated for each team as they passed the various identified checkpoints.

Checkpoints — first stage

- Cowboy
- Rivière-aux-Rats
- Grande-Anse
- Mattawin

Checkpoints — second stage

- Grande-Piles federal wharf
- Grand-Mère portage

Checkpoints — third stage

- Espace Shawinigan (railway)
- La Gabelle portage

Standings

Timekeepers will be present at each checkpoint to record the teams' times. If the race is stopped for safety reasons, the intermediate times recorded at the checkpoints will be used to establish the final standings for the stage. For a checkpoint to be considered valid for establishing a stage ranking, a minimum of 12 teams must have crossed it before the race was stopped. If a checkpoint was crossed by fewer than 12 teams, the previous checkpoint will serve as the reference for the stage standings. Teams that were unable to safely cross a checkpoint before the race was stopped will be given the same time as the last team whose time was recorded.