



## IVF World Sprints 2016 FAQ's :

Below is a list of frequently asked questions that we have received to date. We have provided answers to these questions as per the Race Rules.

With the new format of the Elite world Championship and Club World Championship we understand that there may be many questions and areas that need clarification. Please ensure you read and are familiar with the new process and should you have any questions at all please contact ask.

	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>RACE RULES (Cut and Paste) or Source</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	<p>Clarifying – V12 team – Elite</p> <p>Does the team need to be made up with only the elite V6 registered paddlers, i.e., Does it have to be made up with half open / half junior, or could we make a team with all Juniors for instance / or all open paddlers, using V1 paddlers, or can we register extra elite paddlers who did not make the V6 races and don't do V1 races.</p>	<p>Rule 19 (page 8)</p> <p>Number of entries allowed for World Elite categories:</p> <p>1 – V6 Junior 19 Male and Female</p> <p>1 - V6 Open Male and Female</p> <p>1 - V12 Team Male and Female. V12 team to be selected from the elite registered paddlers.</p>	<p>The V12 team can be made up of any of the Elite registered paddlers.</p> <p>Elite Registered paddlers are classified as Open and J19 Grade.</p> <p>More than 6 paddlers in each the elite class may be registered to compete in a V12 Elite entry.</p> <p>V1 paddlers are not registered in Elite unless they are participating in a V6 or V12 Elite event.</p>
2	<p>Are all V1 paddlers Elite? If so, does that mean only 3 V1 paddlers can be in any V6 crew?? For example, a master women's crew cannot be made up with 3 master V1 paddlers and 3 senior master V1 paddlers.</p>	<p>Rule 1 (Page 2)</p> <p>Paddlers participating in the Elite competition will be allowed to join their club crew but are limited to 3 elite members per 6-person entry or 6 elite members per 12-person entry</p> <p>Note: All V1 events will be contested throughout the regatta schedule and will be awarded under the elite medal design.</p>	<p>Whilst V1 Paddlers are awarded the Elite Medal Design, they are not registered as Elite participants unless selected for a V6 or V12 elite crew. Therefore, a club V6 crew may have up to 6 V1 paddlers provided no more than 3 were competing in Elite V6 or V12.</p> <p>Only Open and J19 Elite V6/V12 paddlers are consider elite for the 3 elite members per 6 person club entry rule.</p>
3	<p>In Elite there is only 1 entry for V12 per</p>	<p>Race Rule 19 (Page 8)</p> <p>1 - V12 Team Male and</p>	<p>Yes, 1 Elite V12 Entry per Country in male and female.</p>

	country?	Female. V12 team to be selected from the elite registered paddlers.	
4	We have assumed that Para Va'a V1 is the same as all other V1's – is the quota determined the same way as the other V1's?	Race Rule 19 (Page 8) V1 events: 3 entries per category will be allowed. Additional entries may be earned.	Yes, there are 3 entries allowed per Para Classification. The categories of the new classification system will allow for 3 V1 Para Class events with 3 entries each. The Para quota for V1 is currently online at: <a href="http://www.worldsprints.com/events-quota.html">http://www.worldsprints.com/events-quota.html</a>
5	Can Paddlers paddle in more than one age division?		Yes. However, the Race schedule will not be modified to suit individual paddler or team's needs/requests.
6	Are all Para V6 entries Club entries?		Para V1, V6, V12 & V3 (V3 is exhibition) are Para Va'a events and not Elite events. (Para V1 is awarded elite medals as noted in FAQ #2.) Para Va'a teams may be a coming together of paddlers from the member area.
7	In the World Club Championships, can a paddler paddle for more than one Club?	3.b. (page 4) A competitor may not paddle for more than one crew in an event.  3.h (page 4) Each IVF country/region must confirm that the club teams entered are in fact members of bona-fide clubs within their country.	Paddlers may only paddler for one club in any one event. <i>Event</i> is defined as a race event: 500m master women, 1000m master women, etc. Paddlers do not need to be the same for these two events, the entry must have a club name.
8	In the World Club Championship, can 2 clubs combine to form a V12 team?		Yes, the v12 entry must be under just one club name. Per #7 FAQ – Paddlers may paddle for one club in anyone one event.  Club V12 teams may be formed out of existing club roster, provided they adhere to the Elite paddler limits and enter under a Club from that member Country.
9	Is a V1 uniform Elite, i.e. a National Uniform		It is not specified at this time, paddler may wear the National or Club uniform but the National uniform would be preferred.

10	If an Elite paddler then competes in a Club event, do they then also need a club uniform?	19 e., f. & g. (Page 8) uniform requirements.	All paddlers in a V6 or V12 crew must match. If the club uniform is not the national elite uniform, then yes, the elite paddler would need a club uniform to join the club crew. Countries may wish to distinguish Elite from Club through uniform design.
11	Is the fee for all Para events the Elite Fee?		The fee for all Para Athletes is \$80 USD Club rate and includes V1 racing.
12	Is the fee for all V1 events the Elite Fee?		The Fee for all V1 athletes is \$80 USD (Unless they are also competing in the Elite V6/V12 then the \$100 USD would apply)
13	What is the minimum age for competing at the Worlds	<p><b>1. Rule 5 a</b>  <b>Age Requirements</b>  Junior (16) competitors must not reach the age of 17 before or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place and must reach the age of at least 11 during said calendar year.</p>	<p>Minimum Age for competing in J16 events is 11 (reaching 11 during the year of competition). The minimum for the J19 division is 14 years and for Open division it is 16 years. See Race Division Checker on website to verify the eligible events:  <a href="http://www.worldsprints.com/race-division-checker.html">http://www.worldsprints.com/race-division-checker.html</a></p>
14	When will the V1 racing take place?		Until Entries are received we cannot determine which days the V1's will take place. If entries are large then we may need to schedule V1 racing across the entire event to ensure race programme is fulfilled.
15	Is the 1000m on a straight course?		No, it is on a 250m course with 3 turns
16	What model of canoes are being used?		Mirage V6 & Zulu V1 See Website for details
17	Can a country choose not to enter the Elite competition?		Yes. Sure. The Elite grade is designed to be a pathway for our sport's paddlers to compete against the best. It may take some countries a few years to build towards that pathway.
18	Can a country choose to not take part in the club events?		Yes for sure. Some Member countries may choose to only take part in the Elite Racing. Just as some may only have V1 competitors.