



SPRING 1959

It was stated in the Winter issue that, as last year's Slalom results had been so abnormal, some modification to the means for qualification for the Divisions would have to be made. Readers will remember that on the system which has been in use in the past, 1959's Division I would have consisted of only sixteen people. This, although undesirable, is not the reason for the change. The real objection was that approximately twenty were being relegated from Division I whose ability was probably greater than that of some of the six being promoted.

We now come to the question: Do we use the present method for another year, as the rules demand, or do we introduce a new

method immediately?

The B.C.U. Slalom Committee have reluctantly decided that the second proposition must be adopted, as failure to do so will result in a chaotic situation for a year. However, it has been borne in mind that the introduction of a new system, against the rules, so to speak, must not result in the relegation of anybody who would not have been relegated on the old system.

Hence a new method of working out results and combining them into a ranking list has been formulated. All last year's results have been calculated to this new method and a ranking list produced.

While such modifications were in progress it was also decided to introduce a Third Division (for Novices) and to continue the Men's and Ladies' Sections into one general Division.

FIRST DIVISION

For each Ranking Slalom. Taking into account only the better run of each competitor, the average of all scores except those that are greater than three times the winner's is calculated and called 100. Then each competitor's score is reduced to a percentage of this average to give the results for that Slalom.

Ranking List. The place of a competitor in the Ranking List is determined by that of the three methods below which gives him the

highest place:
A Best result.

B Average of best two results less five.

C Average of best three results less ten.

Relegation. A competitor is relegated to the Second Division if the figure which gives him his place in the Ranking List is

greater than 100 or if he does not obtain a result during the season. (Note: This figure of 100 is subject to review each year).

To illustrate this method, the First Division table in this issue shows the complete method as applied to last year's results. (See pages 14 and 15).

The columns numbered 3 to 8 give the actual times gained in the Slaloms (i.e. time plus penalty). At the foot of each column is the total of all times in that column and the average for that Slalom. This average is then used to prepare the figures for columns 9 to 14. These show the competitor's score as percentage of the average. At the bottom of each of these columns are some more totals which just give a check on the working. They should each add up to 100 times the number of finishers. In fact column 12 does not add up to a nice round figure but this is because one finisher in this Slalom had more than three times the winner's score.

Columns 15, 16 and 17 give the competitor's best result, average of his best two results and average of his best three results. The next three columns then modify these figures by reducing them by either 5 or 10, and column 21 gives the competitor's best figure in columns 18, 19 and 20. Column 22 gives the final order, which is based on column 21. For comparison the very first column contains everybody's percentage worked out by the "old" system. As can be seen, only nine were better than 160%, the relegation figure.

SECOND DIVISION

For each Ranking Slalom the winner's time is taken as 100 (as in previous years) and each competitor's score is reduced to a percentage of this to give his result for that Slalom.

Ranking List. The place of a competitor in the Ranking List is determined by that of the three methods below which gives him the highest place:

- A Best result.
- B Average of best two results less 10.
- C Average of best three results less 20.

Promotion. A competitor is promoted to the First Division immediately he wins a Slalom or at the end of the year if the figure which gives him his position in the Ranking List is lower than 110. (Note: This figure of 110 is subject to review each year).

Relegation. A competitor is relegated to the Third Division if he does not obtain a result during the season unless he has competed during the previous ten years either in the First Division or before the divisional system was introduced.

THIRD DIVISION

No percentage system is being used in the Third Division as it is not intended to produce a Ranking List. However, points will be awarded according to the place obtained in the Slalom.

If there are six competitors or more -

1st place = 6 points 2nd place = 5 points = 4 points = 3 points 3rd place 4th place 5th place = 2 points

and all other finishers 1 point.

If there are fewer than six starters the last person gets 1

point, the next to the last, 2 points, etc.

Immediately a competitor in Div. III gains 7 points during a season, he is promoted to Div. II. Points will not go forward from one season to the next.

Inauguration of New Scheme.

The First Division for 1959 shall consist of all those who gained their place under the old regulations and in addition those who would have gained their place had the 1958 results been calculated according to the new scheme.

That is, next year's Division I will consist of the first nineteen on the Ranking List in this issue, plus those who move up because they won Second Division events during 1958. Bryan Harrison also moves up as he did well on his best three. addition to the above, some "National Service types" will not be relegated.

The Second Division for 1959 shall consist of those who obtained 200 or better as their ranking figure worked out by the new method on 1958 Div. II results, or who have competed either in Div. I Slaloms or within the last ten years at any Slalom before the divisional system was introduced.

Hence, Second Division for 1959 will consist of: Mike Wilson (111), John Ferguson (112), Trevor Bridges (118), Chris. Sutton (118), Jim Doxey (122), Harold Barton (124), Bernard Rhodes (127), Roger Hardy (129), Bob Thacker (130), John Wooley (131), Tony Sowman (134), Ian McPherson (134), David Olerenshaw (135), Clifford Bloxham (135), Roger Hobson (136), Bill Wallhead (137), Jack Spuhler (144), Mike Turney (144), Alan Hubard (146), D. Amos (146), Lincoln Hall (148), Robbie Robbens (152), Charles Sutherland (154), Chris Whiteside (160), Jesse Meats (162), George Milne (163), Les Beecham (163), Mike Keevil (163), Alan Sharples (164), Dave Patrick (166), Ted Owen (169), Chris Barnacle (170), Gerry Chester (172), Peter Setterfield (172), Stephen Chorley (174), Colin Manton (183), Allan Smith (186), Ian Strong (187), David Savage (190), F. Wagner (190), H. Powell (200). Also Sid Wheeler, Don Taylor, Bill Emm and a few other "ex-experts".

All others are in the Third Division, with the exception that ladies who have competed in any Slalom within the last ten years are given the choice of starting in either Div.II or III, but once having made this choice they are subject to the general rules.

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Ranking List First Division 1958 Results

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Scores Results											Average	Average	1	Modified					
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Old Scheme		Shepperton	Nationals Championship Thistlebrig	Thistlebrig	Llandysul	Marsh Lock	Lakeland	Shepperton	Nationals Championship Thistlebrig	Thistlebrig	Llandysul	Marsh Lock	Lakeland	1	2	3	1	2	3		
100	lain Carmichael	261	307	289	302	264	217	61.3	59.3	60.8	70.4	60.9	72.6	59.3	60.0	60.3	59.3	55.0	50.3	50.3	1st
120	Paul Farrant		463	330	271		316		89.4	69.4	63.2		105.7	63.2	66.3	74.0	63.2	61.3	64.0	61.3	2nd
119.6	Douglas Sims	320	441			290	271	75.2	85.2			66.9	90.6	66.9	71.0	75.8	66.9	66.0	65.8	65.8	3rd
125	Keith White		381	425	347	321			73.6	89.4	80.9	74.1		73.6	73.8	75.9	73.6	68.8	65.9	65.9	4th
118.5	Julian Shaw	434		396	361	325	215	102.0		83.3	84.2	75.0	71.9	71.9	73.4	76.4	71.4	68.4	66.4	66.4	5th
142	Jack Mclean		437	410					84.4	86.2				84.4	85.3		84.4	80.3		80.3	6th
148.6	Bill Horsman	345			455	396		81.1			103.7	91.4		81.1	86.2	92.1	81.1	81.2	82.2	81.1	7th
161.3	Donald Lucas	481			450	354		113.0			104.9	81.7		81.7	93.3	99.9	81.7	88.3	89.9	81.7	8th
149.3	Bill Goodman	357		493	451		313	83.9		103.7	105.1		104.7	83.9	93.8	97.4	83.9	88.8	87.4	83.9	9th
160.3	Jim Barbour		521	484	459	383			100.6	101.8	107.0	88.4		88.4	99.5	96.9	88.4	94.5	86.9	86.9	10th
154	Robert Roope	396	480					93.0	92.7					92.7	92.8		92.7	87.8		87.8	11th
159	lan McQueen		575	444			290		111.1	93.4			97.0	93.4	95.2	100.5	93.4	90.2	90.5	90.2	12th
163	Derek McAuley	433	548		419	533		101.7	105.9		97.7	123.0		97.7	99.7	101.7	97.7	94.7	91.7	91.7	13th
158	George Bolt				428	416					99.5	96.0		96.0	97.7		96.0	92.7		92.7	14th
161	Eric Taylor	672	551	513	468	444	308	157.8	106.4	107.9	109.3	102.5	103.0	102.5	102.7	103.3	102.5	97.7	93.3	93.3	15th
155	Dave Campbell		486				323		93.9				108.0	93.9	100.9		93.9	95.9		93.9	16th
164	Bill Crockett	403	727	672		447	359	94.7	140.4	141.4		103.2	120.0	94.7	98.9	106.0	94.7	93.9	96.0	93.9	17th
165	Heather Goodman	430		513			329	101.0		107.9			110.0	101.0	104.4	106.3	101.0	99.4	96.3	96.3	18th
219	Nigel Morley					790	298					182.3	99.7	99.7	141.0		99.7	136.0		99.7	19th
182	Ron Crockett	435	632		532	448		102.2	122.1		124.0	111.7		102.2	106.9	111.7	102.2	101.9	101.7	101.7	20th
172	Raymond Fenwick		614				312		118.6				104.3	104.3	111.4		104.3	116.4		104.3	21st
190	Pepe Mouque				551	491					128.4	108.7		108.7	118.5		108.7	113.5		108.7	22nd
189	Bob Loudon		602	529					116.3	111.3				111.3	113.8		111.3	108.8		108.8	23rd
257	Eric Totty			682	1021		336			143.5	238.0		112.4	112.4	127.9	164.6	112.4	122.9	154.6	112.4	24th
	Mary Horsman	483						113.5						113.5			113.5			113.5	25th
	Ron Flowers	509						119.6						119.6			119.6			119.6	26th
	Dick Gays				522	582					121.7	134.3		121.7	128.6		121.7	123.6		121.7	27th

Totals 5959 7765 6180 7037 6484 3887 14000 15000 13000 14238 15000 13000

Average 426 518 475 469 432 299