

# Pumpkin Head Penalties

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SO	Start Order Violation	Entering the starting chute in the wrong order is grounds for a <b>30</b> -second penalty. This includes boats that are late to the starting line and therefore asked to start at the end of their event. A boat that is so late to the start that it cannot row in its event will be <b>excluded</b> .
B	Buoy Violation	The hull of a boat passes on the wrong side of a <b>red buoy</b> . Regardless of the cause, <b>10</b> seconds are assessed for each <b>red buoy</b> cut (buoys of other colors do not pose a penalty risk).
AR	Arch Violation	Rowing through an out-of-bounds arch results in a <b>60</b> -second penalty.
IS	Severe Collision—Yield committed by the boat ahead.	An incident in which there is hull-to-hull, oar-to-hull, oar- or hull-to-rower contact or damage or injury. "Clash of Oars" does not count as a collision. If a passing boat forces a boat off the course into a fixed obstacle (bridge arch, shoreline), or hits or causes damage to the overtaken boat, the passer may be assessed a <b>60</b> -second penalty. Severe collisions are often preceded by a Non-Yield committed by the boat ahead.
IN	Interference—Non Yield	When an overtaking boat closes to within 1 boat length of the stern of the boat ahead (and continues to close) and there is no visible effort on the part of the boat ahead to yield (where yielding can be done safely), a <b>60</b> -second penalty is assessed. As a rule of thumb, the yielding action should be well underway by the time the passing boat is within 1/2 boat length.
SV	Disregard for Safety	A crew that acts in a way that shows blatant and severe disregard for their own safety or the safety of others will receive a <b>60</b> -second penalty or face disqualification. Traffic violations may fall into this category.
UC	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Gross, directed profanity or other actions that violate the bounds of civil conduct (e.g. fighting, etc.) will result in a <b>60</b> -second penalty and <b>possible exclusion</b> .