



# COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

AC GRAND PRIX 1 – WEST LAKES, SA

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013

Please ensure you read the briefing notes below. If you have any questions, please see the Chief Official before the competition begins, or email to [sprint@canoe.org.au](mailto:sprint@canoe.org.au)

1.	<b>Team Leader meeting for team managers and coaches to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (the day before) at 5pm (local time) at the venue.</b>
2.	AC will appoint the following officials to oversee the competition: Competition Committee: TBC Jury: TBC
3.	All race entry changes, queries, protests and appeals must be submitted to the competition committee by your state or NCE Team Leader/Coach. Team Leaders at this regatta are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New South Wales/NSWIS: Tim Jacobs / Christine Duff</li> <li>• Queensland/QAS: Anna Wood / Andrea Wood</li> <li>• South Australia/SASI: Nathan Luce / Kris Lepianka</li> <li>• Victoria: Peter Gargiulo</li> <li>• Tasmania/TIS: Jeremy Norton</li> <li>• Western Australia/WAIS: Ramon Andersson / Mike Pond</li> <li>• AC National Coaches/Manager: Jimmy Owens, David Foureur, Andrea Wood, Mike Pond, Anna Wood</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Entries should be finalised at the Team Leaders meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. <u>Additional Entries after the meeting are not permitted.</u></b> Competitors may scratch entries or change team boats in Heats and Direct Finals until ONE hour before the start of racing each day. <b>Competitors are not permitted to scratch from Semi-finals or subsequent Finals without the consent of the Chief Official.</b> A doctor's certificate is generally required in such cases. Entry to other events after the scratching will only be considered on application to the Chief Official.
5.	Long distances races entries will <b>ONLY</b> be accepted during the event and up until midday on the day of racing.
6.	Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the Australian Canoeing Website <a href="http://www.canoe.org.au">www.canoe.org.au</a> under Events/Sprint. Results and race draws are posted on the results board at the finish tower after each race. Copies of the start list will be available from the secretariat at 30mins before the first race each day. <b>The program will cost \$1. NOTE: the State Team Leader/Manager (as per point 2) will receive a start list each day free of charge.</b>
7.	Boat trailers and all other vehicles may only park in designated areas.
8.	The venue will have minimal security each night and a security person will be on site overnight. Boats, trailers and tents may be left overnight at the owner's risk. Other items should not be left at the venue.
9.	When setting up tents participants must be mindful of sprinkler lines which we can point out.

10.	<p><b>There will be 9 racing lanes at West Lakes, which will be 13.5m wide.</b> A pontoon with hand held starts will be used for all races.</p>
11.	<p>Drug testing maybe carried out during the regatta by representatives from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASDA). Competitors are expected to cooperate fully with their requests. Any competitor unsure of his/her obligations should seek clarification from the Chief Official. For further information, please check the ASDA website at <a href="http://www.asada.gov.au/index.html">http://www.asada.gov.au/index.html</a>.</p>
12.	<p>It is highly recommended to bring sunscreen and lots of fluids, as the weather could be very hot and windy.</p>
13.	<p>Shade is very limited so teams should supply their own shelter.</p>
14.	<p>Competitors must wear an officially recognised Club or State uniform. International visitors competing must wear their ICF affiliated country or club uniform. NCE uniforms will not be accepted.</p>
15.	<p><b>NO cycling is permitted.</b> Regatta officials are exempt.</p>
16.	<p>This event is being conducted under the Australian Canoeing Sprint Racing Competition Rules. The ICF Sprint Racing Competition Rules (2013) therefore apply as modified by the Australian Rules and this document. The event is also conducted under the bylaws of Australian Canoeing.</p>
17.	<p>It is the competitors' responsibility to know the rules of the competition. Any competitor who is unsure of any detail, or has a problem concerning the running of the championships should seek clarification via their Team Leader from the Chief Official.</p>
18.	<p>Competitors wishing to protest on the result of an event must lodge their protest via their State/Team Manager to the Chief Official <b>within 20 minutes</b> of the completion of that event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a <b>\$50.00 protest fee.</b></p>
19.	<p>Coaching or otherwise assisting from the side of the course is not permitted.</p>
20.	<p>A competitor who arrives too late at the start or who otherwise does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Chief Official, shall be disqualified from the race in question. Upon payment of the prescribed reinstatement fee the competitor may continue to participate in those other races of the regatta in which the competitor is entered, but otherwise shall be disqualified for the remainder of the regatta. Where a competitor is disqualified under this rule and has no other races remaining in the regatta, the competitor shall not be allowed to enter the next national competition unless the prescribed reinstatement fee has been paid. <b>The reinstatement fee is \$100 for seniors and \$25 for juniors and veterans.</b></p>

21.	In races up to 1000 metres, competitors must keep the whole of their boat within the 4m wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. Upon any deviation, the boat must go back immediately to this central area. No boat may come nearer than five metres in any direction to the boat of another competitor.
22.	Competitors' attention is drawn to the ruling on false starts. Any competitor who makes a second false start will be disqualified from the race. The decision of the starter will be final.
23.	Competitors are not permitted to paddle alongside a race in progress. Receiving external assistance is not permitted and puts the competitor at risk of disqualification.
24.	Competitors in the vicinity of the course should stop their boat while a race is in progress nearby, to ensure minimum interference to those racing. This is particularly relevant when paddling on the course to get to the start line and when exiting the warm-up lake Champion Lakes.
25.	It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that their boats meet the construction requirements of the ICF rules. Facilities are provided for competitors to check the weight of their boats. The organising committee has lead sheet available for sale for this purpose. It must be paid for in cash - no IOU's will be accepted. The price of the lead is based on materials cost recovery only.
26.	All races may be subject to Boat Control after the finish. If your lane number is called you must exit the water at the post boat control chute at the designated area in the warm-up lake and proceed through the marked transit area to boat control. Only approved Sports Science personnel, AC officials, approved photographers and ASDA officials are permitted in the marked areas. Scales will be available for checking prior to racing. Permission to enter the area is granted by the Chief Official.
27.	Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the starting area while a race is in the process of being started.
28.	Competitors should not congregate in their boats in the vicinity of the finishing line in case they interfere with the judging or the finish of the event in progress.
29.	Any competitor who displays behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined or disqualified. An athlete or crew which in the opinion of the Competition Committee deliberately does not compete to their ability in a race, to affect their progression in an event or otherwise, may be disqualified from the event or from the remainder of the regatta. A competitor who acts in a manner unbecoming of a member of Australian Canoeing or brings Australian Canoeing or the sport of canoeing into disrepute may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

30.	Please remember that all officials and helpers are working as volunteers at the Championships. Please treat them with respect and courtesy.
31.	In cases where boats need to be changed over quickly, permission must be sought from the Competition Manager to paddle up the course.
32.	All events are on time. Unless otherwise announced of a significant delay. Please be prepared to start your race at the published time.
33.	A venue map will be made available short as to where you can set up your shade.
34.	Any competition <b>paddlers that are not members of an affiliated club</b> of Australian Canoeing are <b>required to compete in either a white T-shirt or white racing singlet</b> to meet the intent of club uniform requirements for competition, and in the circumstance that they wish to wear a lycra or similar material paddling suit in competition, they are to wear a white singlet / T-shirt over such suit, such that any branding or advertising that may be on the suit is not visible in respect of a viewing audience, be it by filming, videography and / or by spectator and / or officials at the venue.
35.	Food is available at the venue, and there is a shopping centre nearby.
36.	In the case of adverse conditions the Competition Committee may require that competitors in 14 Years age group wear approved personal flotation devices.
37.	Boat holders will be available during the regatta for held starts are required.
38.	Competitors' attention is drawn to the ruling on false starts. Any competitor who makes a second false start will be disqualified from the race. The decision of the starter will be final.
39.	Competitors' attention is also drawn to the fact that finish line bouys are 'indicative' of the finish line only, and that due to water and/ or wind conditions and / or technical reasons conditions may NOT be in alignment with the photo finish line.
40.	NOTE changes to <b>Rule 8: "The boat must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water. No part of the athlete's body should be attached to the boat in anyway. Such attachments must be removed."</b> Example no shoes attached to the foot rest.