

2014 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships

Information



Major Officials

The Competition Committee is responsible for the conduct of the event.

Chief Official – Mark Murray (ICF Accredited)

Safety Officer – Martin Finn (ICF Accredited)

Chief Course Umpire – Tom Hirschhoff (ICF Accredited)

Competition Manager – Joe Alia (ICF Accredited) / Glen Rose

Competition Secretary – Jeremy Dunn (ICF Accredited)

Chief Portage Official - Tom Balaam (AC Accredited)

Volunteer Coordinator – Graeme Bowes (contact email graemebowes@bigpond.com)

Classes

K1	C1	TK1	P K1	SS1	SUP*	Other1**
K2	C2	TK2	P V1	SS2		Other2**
Mixed K2		Mixed TK2		Mixed Surf Ski		

*Stand up paddleboard

** Other is for craft that do not meet ICF or AC rules – sea kayaks, etc.

Surf Ski / Ocean Ski specifications please refer to ICF Ocean Racing Rules

Distances

DISTANCE	31.4km	27.2km	23km	18.8km	14.6km	10.4km	6km
LAPS Long 4.2km Short 2km	7+1 short	6+1 short	5+1 short	4+1 short	3+1 short	2+1 short	3 short
Age (classes)	Open Men Under 23 Men	Open Women Under 23 Women Open and Under 23 Men C Boats	Under 18 Men Masters men 35 to 54 (except C boats) TK Boats Open to Masters 54	Under 18 Women Under 18 Men C boats Women masters 35 to 69 and men Masters 55 to 69 inc C boats, sea kayaks, ski's and other craft	Under 16 Paracanoes (K1 and V1) SUP's Masters men and women 70 to 79	Under 14 Masters men and women 80+	Under 12

Portages

AGE	Number of Portages
Under 16	1 – on second lap
Under 18 Women	4
Under 18 Men (C's)	4
Under 18 Men	5
Under 23 Women	6
Under 23 Men	7
Under 23 Men (C's)	6
Open Men (C's)	6
Open Women	6
Open Men	7
Masters 23km	5
Masters 18.8km	4

Note: There is no portage on short lap.

No portage for Masters 70+, Paracanoes, TK's, Surf Ski's, SUP's and Other craft

Ages

Junior ages are taken as at 1 January 2014.

A Master competitor can compete in a masters event in the year he/she reaches the lower limit of the age category, i.e. in the 35-39 age group in the year of his/her 35th birthday. In double events the age of the youngest competitor will control the category in which a crew can compete. Age group categories will commence from age 35-39 and increase upwards in 5-year age brackets. Age groups may be amalgamated should entries determine such.

Paracanoes can enter LTA, TA or A in men or women.

Entry Fees and Procedures

Entries will only be accepted via the designated online entry system via regattas.canoe.org.au. Before entering you will need your Australian Canoeing membership number and password.

Payment can be made online via PayPal or EFT.

If you are a SUP or International member please email info@canoe.org.au with your details and proof of membership with Australian United Stand Up Paddling (AuSUP) or national canoeing federation affiliated with the ICF.

Pool Register

A Pool Register is available through the entry system.

Entry Fees

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Seniors

One Race - \$85

Two Races - \$120

Juniors, SUP's and Vet 60 plus

One Race - \$70

Two Races - \$90

Late entries - add \$15 after 4 April 2014.

Merchandise

Polo shirt - \$35

Hoodie - \$45

Combination of polo and hoodie - \$70

Championship Dinner

The Championship Dinner will be held at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club, Bray paceway, Bell Street, Ballarat commencing at 6:30pm.

Dinner tickets will be \$50 for a three course meal.

Click on this link to pre-order [championship dinner tickets and merchandise](#).

Lake Wendouree

The '*Be the Influence Tackling Binge Drinking*' 2014 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships will be held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

Lake Wendouree is 2.5K from the centre of Ballarat. The lake has been used for many rowing regattas and canoe events over the years and was the home of rowing for the 1956 Olympics. During the recent drought the lake was dry but has now been returned to its former glory and measures have been taken to ensure it stays that way.

Weather conditions in April are the normal Victorian autumn, cool in the morning with generally clear days.

Race headquarters is located just near the finishing box at the southwestern end of the lake.

Please visit www.visitballarat.com.au for more about Ballarat its attractions and much more.

How to Get There

Ballarat is easily accessible by plane, car and train.

Plane – Virgin, QANTAS and Jetstar fly to Melbourne Tullamarine airport from all capital cities and Jetstar also flies into Avalon airport, which is closer to Geelong. Both airports are 1Hr 20min from Ballarat.

Car – From Melbourne follow the Western Highway and take the first exit to Ballarat (route C805). Follow for 5.1K then turn right in to Grenville St South, then first left to continue onto C805. After 3.2K turn right onto Morrison St. At end of the road turn left onto Wendouree Parade.

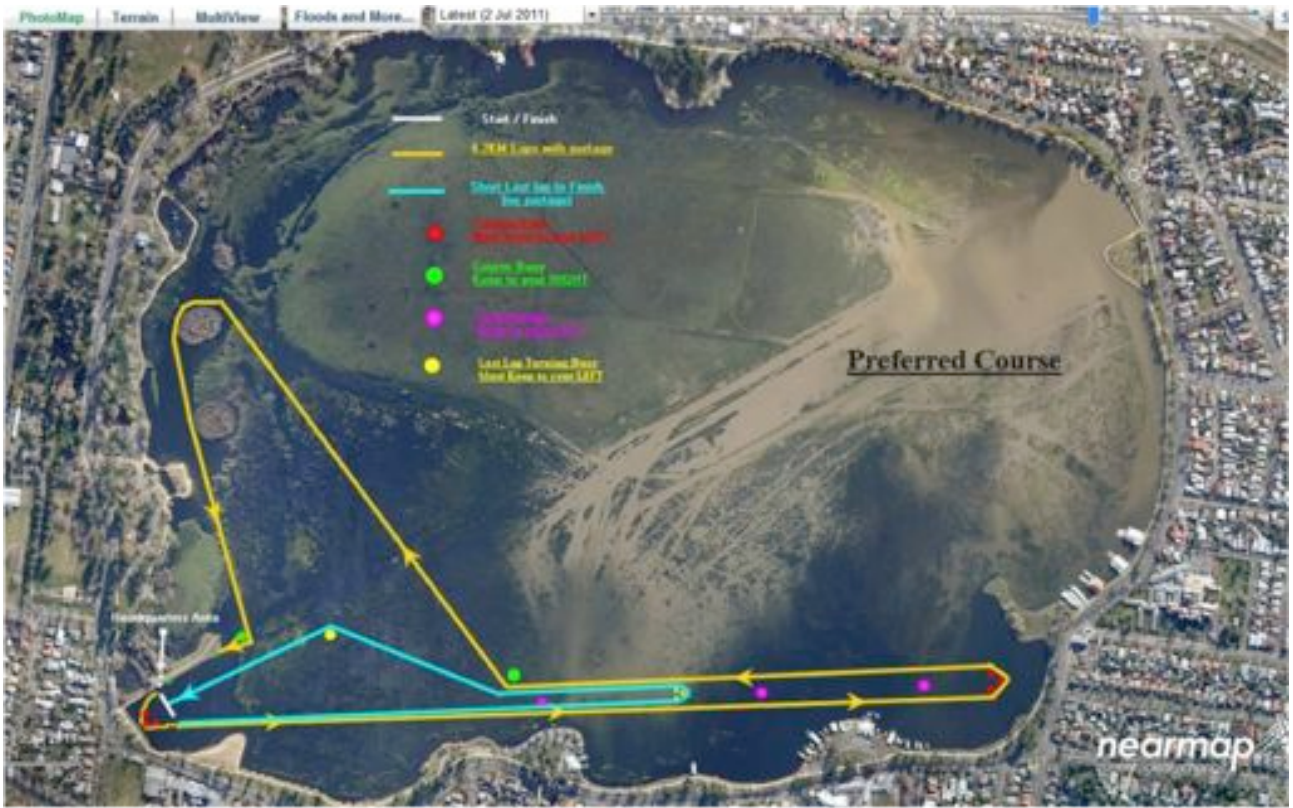
Train –trains run regular services from Melbourne to Ballarat. For more information on these services see V/Line schedules at <http://www.vline.com.au/timetables/>

Map of the Course

The course on Lake Wendouree is freshwater not affected by tides or currents. As with most waterways it can be wind affected.

The course may change depending on conditions and other unforeseen factors. Final course details will be confirmed at the Main Briefing on Friday 18 April 2014. It is the responsibility of Team Managers and/or competitors to confirm the final course prior to racing.

The portage is a pontoon exit and entry with approximately 100m from the exit to enter points. From pontoon to pontoon it is a grass and concrete verge. Foot protection is recommended.



Map of Course





Sample of pontoon for portage exit / entry.



Views of portage area

Accommodation

For assistance with accommodation please visit the link
<http://visitballarat.com.au/accommodation/caravan-and-camping.aspx>

Boat Storage

Boat trailer storage will be in Loreto College.

Persons wishing to store a trailer should contact Graeme Bowes on email graemebowes@bigpond.com with details of the length of the trailer.

Safety

The course is on Lake Wendouree.

Participants must be mindful of ICF Canoe Marathon Rule 27 - Safety.

All athletes MUST have a PFD as part of their paddling equipment as they maybe directed to wear it during racing.

All boats must display the racing number issued for identification and, if necessary, paddlers must state their number when requested by a Race Official. The racing number is to be displayed in an upright position in a number holder that is securely fastened to the canoe/kayak.

All paddlers must notify a Race Official when withdrawing from a race and hand in their number to a Race Official at the finish line.

The Organising Committee will provide powerboats to cover the progress of competitors during the competition.

It is mandatory that paddlers attend the Main Race Briefing on the Friday afternoon prior to the championships. Do not rely on others. The pre race briefing, on the days of competition, will only be, the weather, any course changes and any safety requirements that are pertinent to the days racing.

IN THE CASE OF OPPOSING TRAFFIC – KEEP RIGHT

Heart rate monitors and GPS's can be worn however they must not emit any sound.

Competitors are reminded to remain hydrated before, during and after competition.

Competitors and spectators should take all necessary precautions to protect themselves against the effects of the sun and weather of the day. Clothing that provides adequate protection from the weather conditions should be worn. Consideration should be given to the protective qualities when the material is wet.

Registration and Briefing

Participants are encouraged to register their attendance at the championships on Friday 18 April 2014 at the race venue.

The main briefing will be in the afternoon on the Friday 18 April 2014 at the race venue. This is mandatory. The pre race briefing, on the day, will only be, the weather, any course changes and any safety requirements that are pertinent to the days racing.

Boat Control (Scrutineering)

Boat control will be available for competitors to check their craft on Friday 18 April 2014 between 9am and 3pm. Boat control will be located at Loreto Point.

The first four boats in all classes will be required to attend post boat control. Failure to attend may result in disqualification.

Team Leaders

All States are requested to provide the name and contact details for their Team Leaders as soon as possible, to the Competition Secretary at email marathon@canoe.org.au

Volunteers

As always, volunteers are required to help run the championships. If you think you may have a couple of spare hours during the weekend, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Graeme Bowes on email graemebowes@bigpond.com.

There will be two blocks of racing on Saturday and two on Sunday where assistance will be required.

Program

Saturday 5 April	8:00am (Qld time)	Early bird entries close
Tuesday 15 April	Midnight	Close of entries – no further entries will be accepted after this time
Friday 18 April Lake Wendouree	9:30am – 3:30pm	Registration
	10am – 3pm	Scrutineering
	10:30am	Team Leaders meeting
	3pm	Officials briefing
	4pm	Briefing
	5pm	Selection meeting (selectors + nominating athletes)
Saturday 19 April Lake Wendouree	9am	START: Singles – All except selection classes Doubles – All classes Under 16, Paracanoe K1
	12:15am	START: Selection classes - singles
Sunday 20 April Lake Wendouree	9am	START: Doubles – All except selection classes Singles – All classes under 16, Paracanoe V1
	12:00pm	START: Selection classes - doubles
	6:30pm	Championship Dinner – Ballarat & District Trotting Club