



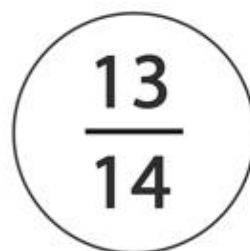
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# Series



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# COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

**AC SPRINT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WEST LAKES REGATTA CEENTRE**

**26<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

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)

## TEAM LEADERS

1. **Team Leader meeting for team managers and coaches to be held on the Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 5pm (local time) at the Regatta Restaurant.**

**All race entry changes, queries, protests and appeals must be submitted to the competition committee by your state or NCE Team Leader/Coach.** To be confirmed\* the Team Leaders at this regatta are:

2.
  - New South Wales/NSWIS: Tim Jacobs / Christine Duff
  - Queensland/QAS: Anna Wood / Andrea King
  - South Australia/SASI: Nathan Luce / Kris Lepianka
  - Victoria: Peter Gargiulo
  - Tasmania/TIS: Jeremy Norton
  - Western Australia/WAIS: Ramon Andersson / Mike Pond
  - AC National Coaches/Manager: Jimmy Owens, David Foureux, Andrea Wood, Mike Pond, Anna King

**\* Team Leaders will be confirmed at the Team Leaders meeting.**

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

AC will appoint the following officials to oversee the competition:

3. Competition Committee: TBC  
Jury: TBC

## RULES

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Coaching or otherwise assisting from the side of the course is not permitted.

7. 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.

8. NOTE changes to **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.”** Example no shoes attached to the foot rest.

## ENTRIES

9. **Entries should be finalised at the Team Leaders meeting on Tuesday. Additional Entries after the meeting are not permitted (including K4s).** Competitors may scratch entries or change team boats in Heats and Direct Finals **until ONE hour before the start of racing each day.** Competitors are not permitted to scratch from Semi-finals or subsequent Finals without the consent of the Chief Official. 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.

10. Long distances races entries will **ONLY** be accepted during the event and up until midday on the day of racing.

11. **Late entries will close on the 20th March 2014 at double the cost of entry** (excluding LD’s as per point 10).

12. **All late fees and reinstatement fees owing from previous regattas have to be paid before the start of day one of Nationals. Otherwise the athlete will not be allowed to paddle.**

## PROGRESSIONS

13. **The ICF progressions found in the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules will be used for this event to place athletes from heats to semis to finals**

## PROGRAMMES

14. Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the Australian Canoeing Website [www.canoe.org.au](http://www.canoe.org.au) 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. **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.**

## VENUE

15.	<b>Coaches, Team Managers, Athletes and Parents are not permitted to enter TOWER and/or OFFICIALS ONLY areas. If there is an enquiry, issue, or you have been asked to report to the Chief Official etc, you MUST go to the SECTRATIET area first to report the enquiry, issue, or to meet the Chief Official etc. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are you to enter the TOWER and/or other OFFICIALS ONLY areas.</b>
16.	Please refer to the venue map as to where you can set up your shade. <b>TO BE CONFIRMED</b>
17.	<b><u>NO cycling is permitted.</u></b> Regatta officials are exempt.
18.	Boat trailers and all other vehicles may only park in designated areas.
19.	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.
20.	When setting up tents participants must be mindful of sprinkler lines which we can point out.
21.	It is highly recommended to bring sunscreen and lots of fluids, as the weather could be very hot and windy.
22.	Shade is very limited so teams should supply their own shelter.
23.	Food is available at the venue, and there is a shopping centre nearby.

## NUMBERS / START / FINISH / POST BOAT CONTROL

24.	<b>There will be 9 racing lanes at West Lakes, which will be 13.5m wide.</b> An automatic Starting System will be used for 500m and 200m races. A pontoon with hand held starts will be used for 1000 metre races.
25.	All events are on time. Unless otherwise announced of a significant delay. Please be prepared to start your race at the published time.
26.	Competitors are required to present at the <b><u>start line carrying their designated boat number</u></b> . Should a competitor/competitors present at the <b><u>start line without their boat number, the boat may be disqualified for the event.</u></b>

27.	<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>
28.	<p>In races up to 1000 metres, competitors <b><u>must keep the whole of their boat within the 4m wide central area of their lane</u></b> 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.</p>
29.	<p>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.</p>
30.	<p><b>Due to West Lakes Regatta Centre does not have a warm up lake to which competitors can enter the course, competitors are permitted to paddle up the course. However competitors are to stop their boat while a race is in progress nearby, to ensure minimum interference to those racing.</b> Receiving external assistance is not permitted and puts the competitor at risk of disqualification.</p>
31.	<p>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.</p>
32.	<p>Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the starting area while a race is in the process of being started.</p>
33.	<p>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.</p>
34.	<p>Boat holders will be available during the regatta for held starts are required.</p>
35.	<p>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.</p>

36. Lane seeding for heats and direct finals will be based on the current AC 2014 selection rankings.

## ASADA

37. Drug testing may be 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 <http://www.asada.gov.au/index.html>.

## UNIFORMS

38. 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.**

39. Any competition **paddlers that are not members of an affiliated club** of Australian Canoeing are **required to compete in either a white T-shirt or white racing singlet** 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.

## PFD'S

40. All competitors in 12 Year age groups must wear approved personal flotation devices in all races. Team Leaders and coaches should ensure that these are available.

41. In the case of adverse conditions the Competition Committee may require that competitors in 14 Years age group wear approved personal flotation devices.

## PROTESTS

42. Competitors wishing to protest on the result of an event must lodge their protest via their State/Team Manager to the Chief Official **within 20 minutes** of the completion of that event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a **\$50.00 protest fee**.

## UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

43. 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.

## VOLUNTEERS

44. **Please remember that all officials and helpers are working as volunteers at the Championships. Please treat them with respect and courtesy.**

## MEDALS & PRESENTATIONS

### **MEDAL PRESENTATION PROTOCOL - AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

Australian Championship medals will be presented according to the AC Awards by-law. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the first 3 placegetters where 4 or more athletes finish in an A Final.

45. Due to the large number of finals at Australian Championships, medals will only be presented on the dais for the Open and 18 years events for men and women.
- However, in recognition of junior and masters athletes, the dais will be made available for photo opportunities at the end of the days racing. If required an AC / ICF Official will be available for the photo if requested.

All remaining medals for other events will be available for collection at the conclusion of the day racing – NOT BEFORE.

### **RAJ AWARD**

Is awarded to the most **Outstanding Junior Canoeist** at an **Australian National Championships**

**Selected by:** Competition Committee, or as delegated by Committee Chairman.

46. The Raj Award was named after a HMT safety boat (Cabin Cruiser) that was owned and operated by Gerry Brayne, ICF Official. The boat was used for 10 years on the Red Cross Murray Marathon Canoe race, for the safety of all canoeists. It carried radio communications and Red Cross first aid.

#### **Criteria:**

- Ability to paddle.
- Good attitude to other paddlers, coaches and officials.
- Correct dress.