



2016 AUSTRALIAN
CANOE MARATHON
CHAMPIONSHIPS
25 - 27 March 2016
Gold Coast, Queensland

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**Lake Coomera
Gold Coast, Queensland**

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th March, 2016

VENUE AND DATES

The 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships will be held on Lake Coomera, Heathwood Drive, Coomera, Gold Coast on Friday 25th March to Sunday 27th March 2016.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Queensland Canoeing Marathon Racing Technical Committee, on behalf of, and in conjunction with, the Australian Canoeing Marathon Racing Technical Committee hosts the 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships. Special thanks go to those who have volunteered their time and efforts on the Organising Committee to stage these Championships.

Lynwen Birch

Ian Frost

Chris Hurley

Sue Gollagher

Mark Rickard

Glenn Pyne

Bob Turner – ACMRTC

Jerry Dunn – Chair, ACMRTC

COMPETITION COMMITTEE / MAJOR OFFICIALS

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

Chief Official –

Safety Officer –

Chief Course Umpire –

Competition Manager –

Competition Secretary –

TEAM LEADERS

New South Wales	-
Victoria	-
Queensland	-
South Australia	-
Western Australia	-

Changes to entries must go through the Team Leaders. The Team Leaders Meeting will be held at the race venue on Friday 25th March 2016.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Australian Canoe Marathon Championships are conducted under the 2016 ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules and the Australian Canoeing Marathon Racing Rules.

It is the responsibility of competitors to be familiar with these regulations.

Members can access the ICF and AC Marathon Racing Rules at regattas.canoe.org.au

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Please note that all times are Australian Eastern Standard Time (local time).

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Friday 11th March (11:59pm)	EARLY BIRD ENTRIES CLOSE	On-Line
	Team Leaders Contact Details Required	Competition Secretary
Tuesday 22nd March (11:59pm)	ALL ENTRIES CLOSE	On-Line

Preliminary Entry List Team Leaders & Website
Australian Team Nominations required www.canoe.org.au

Thursday 24th March Notice board on display at race venue Race Venue

Friday 25th March

09:30am – 3:30pm REGISTRATION Open Race Venue

10:00am – 3:00pm SCRUTINEERING Open Race Venue

10:00am Team Leaders Meeting Race Venue

3:00pm Officials Briefing Race Venue

4.00pm **CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENING & WELCOME** Race Venue

4:05pm **MAIN BRIEFING** Chief Official, Technical Director, Safety Officer

5.00 pm Nominating Athletes/Selectors meet Race Venue

Saturday 26th March

7:15am Numbers available for Collection Race Venue

7:30am UPDATE BRIEFING - 8.00am Starts Safety Officer/ Technical Director

8:00am **START** –All Masters Singles and Junior (U16, U14 and U12) Doubles

All competitors must be on the water 10 minutes before the first start.

10:45am UPDATE BRIEFING – 11.15am Starts Safety Officer / Technical Director

11:15 am **START** – Open, Under 23 and Under 18 Women K1 & C1. Open, Under 23 and Under 18 Men C1 and K1.

Sunday 27th March

7:15am	Numbers available for Collection	Race Venue
7:30am	UPDATE BRIEFING - 8.00am Starts	Safety Officer / Technical Director
8:00am	START –All Masters Doubles and Junior (U16, U14 and U12) Singles	
10:45am	BRIEFING – 11:15am Starts	Safety Officer / Technical Director
11:15am	START – Doubles for selection classes.	
6.30pm	CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTATION DINNER	TBA.

ENTRY FEES AND PROCEDURES

Entries will only be accepted via www.regattas.canoe.org.au online entry system. Payment can be made online or by contacting the Australian Canoeing Inc. office.

Should you experience problems or not have access to enter via the on-line system please contact the Competition Secretary via email marathon@canoe.org.au

Please note that International competitors should supply sufficient evidence from their national organisation that they are current financial members.

AGES

Junior ages are taken as at 1 January 2016.

A Masters 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.

ENTRY FEES

Selection Events	1 Race	2 Races
Senior (Open)	\$ 95.00	\$ 120.00
Junior	\$ 80.00	\$ 95.00
Masters 60+	\$ 80.00	\$ 105.00
SUP's	\$ 80.00	

A LATE FEE of \$30.00 will apply to all entries received on-line AFTER midnight on Friday 11th March 2016.

CRITICAL DATES AND TIMES

Early Bird entries close at 11:59pm (AEDST) Friday 11th March 2016.

ALL entries close at 11:59pm (AEDST) Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER TUESDAY 22nd March 2016.

Changes to entries after closing are to be done through the relevant Team Leader at the Team Leaders meeting at 10:00am on Friday 25th March 2016.

ADVICE ON ENTRIES RECEIVED

Entries received per Class are viewable on regattas.canoe.org.au

A **PRELIMINARY** Start List including amalgamations will be forwarded to all Team Leaders via e-mail and available at regattas.canoe.org.au on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Competitors are requested to view the information and advise as to its correctness through their relevant State Team Leader.

The Competition Secretary may contact Team Leaders to confirm any queries over their relevant state entries or to discuss amalgamation options.

REFUND POLICY

The following Refund Policy applies to all events conducted by or on behalf of Australian Canoeing. This includes Australian Championships, Canoe Sprint Grand Prix's and other events from time-to-time.

1. A \$10 administration fee will be applied to any refund.
2. Refunds will only be granted for medical reasons and must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
3. All requests must be in writing and forwarded to:

Administrative Assistant
Australian Canoeing Inc.
PO Box 6805
Silverwater NSW 2128
4. Prior to 14 days before the event refunds will be full (\$10 will be kept as an administration fee).
5. Within 14 days of the commencement of the event refunds will be 50% (\$10 will be kept as an administration fee).
6. Within 7 days of the commencement of the event no refund will be issued.

This policy was approved by the Chief Executive Officer and is effective 1st January 2002.

2016 AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON TEAM

The 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Team Selection Criteria Supplement is now available on the Australian Canoeing website. This document should be read in conjunction with the AC Selection Procedure Bylaw.

The events for which teams representing Australia and AC will be selected in the Discipline of Canoe Marathon in the year 2016 are:

- 2016 Emerging National Team in South Africa (11 – 12 June 2016)
- 2016 ICF Masters World Cup in Brandenburg, Germany (14 - 18 Sept)
- 2016 ICF World Championships in Brandenburg, Germany (14 - 18 Sept)

Persons interested in nominating should complete the nomination on-line.

Enquiries in the first instance should be directed to the Australian Canoeing Inc. office via e-mail info@canoe.org.au or phone 02 9763 0673.

CLASSES, DISTANCES & PORTAGES

ONE LAP = 3.75KM

M = MEN W = WOMEN X = MIXED

AGE	CLASS	DISTANCE	LAPS	PORTAGES
UNDER 12	ALL	3.75KM	1	0
UNDER 14	ALL	11.25KM	3	0
UNDER 16	ALL	15KM	4	2
UNDER 18	WC1	15KM	4	3
	WK1, WK2 MC1, MC2	18.75KM	5	4
	MK1, K2	22.5KM	6	5
UNDER 23	WK1, MC1	22.5KM	6	5
	MK1	26.25KM	7	6

OPEN	WC1	22.5KM	6	5
	WK1, WK2 MC1, MC2	26.25KM	7	6
	MK1, MK2	30KM	8	7

MASTERS MEN				
AGE	CLASS	DISTANCE	LAPS	PORTAGE
35 - 54	K1, K2	22.5KM	6	5
	C1, C2	18.75KM	5	4
	ALL OTHER	22.5KM	6	0
55 - 64	K1, K2	18.75KM	5	4
	C1, C2	15KM	4	3
	OTHERS	18.75KM	5	0
65 - 74	ALL	15KM	4	0
75 - 79	ALL	11.25KM	3	0
80+	ALL	7.5KM	2	0
MASTERS WOMEN AND MIXED				
35 - 49	WK1, WK2, XK2	18.75KM	5	4
	ALL OTHER	18.75KM	5	0
50 - 59	WK1, WK2, XK2	15KM	4	3
	ALL OTHER	15KM	4	0
60 - 74	ALL	15KM	4	0
75 - 79	ALL	11.25KM	3	0
80+	ALL	7.5KM	2	0

PARACANOE			
GENDER	CATEGORY	DISTANCE	LAPS
MEN AND WOMEN	KL2 & KL3	15KM	4
	KL1, VL2 AND VL3	11.25KM	3
	VL1	7.5KM	2

MAPS OF COURSE

Note: Final Course details will be confirmed at Main Briefing.

It is the responsibility of all Team Managers and/or Competitors to confirm the final course prior to racing.



EVENT SAFETY

1. The course is on a man made lake. It can be wind affected. There are no other vessels on the lake apart from safety boats.
2. All canoes/kayaks must have sufficient fixed or positive buoyancy to float when filled with water.
3. Paddlers in Under 16 classes and above may be required to carry / wear Lifejackets, at the direction of the Competition Committee. All paddlers in Under 12 AND Under 14 classes **MUST** wear a correctly fitted Lifejacket. If one is not a strong or confident swimmer they should wear a Lifejacket. Australian Canoeing recommends that all competitors have access to a Lifejacket should one be required.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. When a paddler is in distress, the first paddler(s) on the scene must render assistance. Failure to do so may incur disqualification.
7. The Organising Committee will provide motorised boats to cover the progress of competitors during the competition.
8. It is strongly recommended that paddlers attend the Race Briefing on the Friday afternoon prior to the championships. The briefings on the days of competition may only advise of known changes and weather forecasts.
9. IN THE CASE OF OPPOSING TRAFFIC – KEEP RIGHT

REGISTRATION

Registration will be located at the race venue from 9:30am – 3:30pm Friday 25th March 2016. Registration advises the organisers that you have arrived for the competition and it confirms your entry.

Some limited merchandise and dinner tickets may be available to purchase at registration.

SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering of craft is not compulsory prior to the event but equipment will be available for competitors to check their craft. **The onus is on the competitor to ensure that their craft meets the required specifications.**

Post race scrutineering will be near the Raft Marshal area.

PLEASE NOTE: The first four (4) canoes/kayaks in each class will be impounded and scrutinised for dimensions, weight buoyancy and safety after crossing the finish line. Competitors whose craft fail scrutineering after finishing the race will be disqualified.

CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER

The Championship Dinner will be held at 6:30pm on Sunday 27th March 2016 at Southport Sharks.

Tickets for the Championship Dinner are limited and must be purchased on-line at time of entry at a cost of \$TBA per person.

A reminder that the medals for all selection classes will be presented at the Championship Dinner along with the Marathon Paddler of the Year Awards. The 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Teams will be announced at the dinner.

MERCHANDISE

2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championship Polo shirts are available for purchase and it is recommended that these be pre-purchased on-line to avoid disappointment, as limited stock will be available at the championships.

The Polo shirts will be \$40.00 each. Orders may be placed on-line through the entry form.

