

2018 Queensland Canoe Sprint Championships

Event Details

Dates: 27 Saturday and 28 Sunday January 2018

Venue: Lake Coomera, Watersports Lane, Oxenford. Exit 57 off Pacific Motorway.

Entry Information

ENTRIES OPEN: 4 December 2017

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight on the 21 January 2018.

Entries will only be accepted via the online entry system: regattas.canoe.org.au

Entry Fees		
	Early Bird Rate (Until 31 December 2017)	Standard Rate (1 January 2018 to 21 January 2018)
Open (inc U23, vets 35/45/55)	\$75	\$95
Junior (U12-U18) and Vets 65	\$55	\$75
Ocean Ski (1000m only)	\$55	\$75

All fees must be paid prior to race day.

Late entries (after 22 January 2017) will be only be accepted if lanes are available and with payment of an extra \$30 in addition to the standard rate.

*Participants must be a financial member of Australian Canoeing Inc and hold no debts. International competitors must be members of a club affiliated with a National body, which is a member of the International Canoeing Federation (proof is required e.g. Letter from national organisation).

Refund Policy

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to QC Sprints Technical Committee via qc.events@canoe.org.au.

When withdrawal occurs:	The refunded amount is:
Prior to 14 days	The entry fee less \$10
Within 7 to 14 days	50% of the entry fee
Within 7 days of the competition	No refund*

* Unless the Committee assesses special circumstances apply (you must advise in writing to the above email address and provide a medical certificate if requested).

Categories and Distance

2018 Age Category	Notes
Junior development (JD) Mini K1 & Guppy class	Singles only
U12	Born 2006, 2007, 2008
U14	Born 2004, 2005
U16	Born 2002, 2003
U18	Born 2000, 2001
U23	Born 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
Open	
Vets 34, 45, 55, 65	Age groups may be amalgamated depending on number of entrants
Paracanoe	
Ocean Ski	1000m only.

Notes:

- The age you are as of 1st January 2018 determines your age group.
- Age groups may be amalgamated according to the entries received.
- Paddlers may only enter into one age category for K1 and K2 in each distance.
- Paddlers may race in a higher age group.
- Subject to amalgamations:
 - Junior paddlers in crew boat events must race in the age category of the oldest paddler.
 - Vets paddlers in crew boat events must race in the age category of the youngest paddler.

Craft classes

	Guppy	U12	U14	U16	U18	U23	Open	Vets	K1	K2	K4	TK1	TK2	C1	C2	V1 (para)	Ocean Ski
200m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1000m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes:

- K4 races will not be held over 200m distance.
- K4 1000m events will not be open to Under 12's.
- Paddlers can only paddle one class of craft –K's or TK's per age group, per distance.

- Juniors are only able to race in one age group per distance.
- Running of events is dependent on entries and may be amalgamated.

Provisional Race Schedule

Saturday 27 January 2018

7.15 am	Boat Numbers available for collection
7:30 am	Close of scratching to Chief Official for 500m and 200m
7:40 am	Competitor Briefing
8.15 am	Commencement of competition (500m and 200m)

Sunday 28 January 2018

7.15 am	Boat Numbers available for collection
7:30 am	Close of scratching to Chief Official for 1000m
7:40 am	Competitor Briefing
8.15 am	Commencement of competition (1000m)

Medal Policy

Medals will be presented to those who come first, second or third. Presentations of medals will be made throughout the day. All winners are named as the QLD State Champion for their class.

Medals will not be mailed out to competitors; it is the individual's responsibility to collect or forfeit. If need be, please collect medals before leaving. Medals can be collected from the office of Queensland Canoeing by arrangement.

Competitors are required to dress appropriately for medal presentations: Club uniform or neat casual dress in club colours should be worn. Togs, towels and/or bare chests are not appropriate as a way of showing respect for our sport and the dignitaries who may be presenting medals.

Scratchings and Alterations

A competitor who arrives 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 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 state competition unless the prescribed reinstatement fee has been paid.

The reinstatement fee is \$50 for seniors and \$20 for juniors.

Competitor's Briefing

Adverse Weather

In the event of a race cancellation due to cyclone, storm, rain, inclement weather, or other "Act of God" conditions, entry fees shall be non-refundable.

Notice of Saturday cancellation will be given to competitors via the email address supplied upon registration and will be made no later than COB Friday 26 January 2017.

Notice of Sunday cancellation will be given as early as possible.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Official to constantly monitor weather conditions and either day's racing may need to be cancelled at shorter notice than advised above.

Competition rules

The Championships are conducted under the [ICF Canoe Sprint Racing Competition Rules - Current Version dated 1 January 2017](#) and [AC Canoe Sprint Competition Rules](#). It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with these rules.

In addition to the established AC and ICF rule, the Chief Official may instruct the starter to enforce a "**next false start and out rule**" to ensure the smooth running of the competition according to the published time schedule.

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 through their team manager or coach to the Chief Official.

Any protests accompanied by the **\$50 protest fee**, must be delivered to the Chief Official within **30 minutes** of the completion of the relevant race/incident by either the team manager or the coach. **The fee is non-refundable, no matter the outcome of the protest.**

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Safety	
	All competitors 14 years and under, or any person who cannot swim or is not a confident swimmer must wear a lifejacket.
	All craft must have positive or fixed buoyancy, or be constructed of material that floats horizontal when full of water. Crafts will be checked for floatation during boat weighing. Those who do not have sufficient flotation will not be allowed to race.
	Competitors are reminded to be sun smart . Apply sunscreen regularly throughout the days of competition and make sure you remain hydrated.
	Event officials will be wearing High-Vis Vests .
Course	
	Swimming in Lake Coomera is NOT permitted during the regatta.
	Rocks on the side of the course are Out of Bounds to all athletes and spectators.
	Organisers recommend that competitors wear footwear upon entry to the lake.
	Safety boats will be patrolling the waters.
Event starts	
	Competitors are ONLY to enter and exit the water at the designated embarkation area.
	Competitors are to be within 100m of the Start Area no less than 5 minutes before their scheduled race start. Any paddler who fails to compete in an event without advising the Chief Official in writing prior to the commencement of the nominated race may be disqualified.
	At the start competitors line up with the lane number to their left.
	The start commands will be - Ready, Set, GO!
	Competitors should remain as close as possible to the centre of their lane during the race.
	The first four places in all races will be required to attend boat control .
Events in Progress	

	Competitors in the vicinity of the course (paddling to the start) 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.
	Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the start line while a race is in the process of being started.
	Competitors are not permitted to paddle alongside a race in progress.
	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
	Receiving external assistance is not permitted. If a rescue is required or if you fall out of your craft; even if you get yourself back into the boat you will receive a DNF result.
Good Behaviour	
	Any competitor who displays behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined or disqualified.