



2012 Canoe Sprint National Championships

Race Information

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Introduction

This document provides information and guidelines for the 2012 Canoe Sprint National Championships to be held at Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC), Sydney, Australia from 14-18 March 2012. Full information and results can be found on the event website

www.sprint.canoe.org.au

Australian Canoeing (AC) will deliver the National Championships.

The National Championships incorporates the Nomination Trials for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team and national team selection events for seniors, Under 22, juniors and junior Olympic Hopes teams. For 2012 Selection and Nomination Criteria visit the AC website [here](http://www.ac.org.au).

Penrith

Penrith is located 55km west of Sydney and can be accessed by car or train.

More details of what Penrith Valley has to offer, as well as accommodation options, can be found on

www.penrithvalley.com.au

Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC)

The Sydney International Regatta Centre is about one hours drive west of Sydney's central business district.

Tel 02 4730 0000

<http://www.regattacentre.nsw.gov.au/>

Event Information

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Race Officials

Chief Official Mark O'Brien
Technical Organiser Jim Murphy

Competition Committee

Chair Mark O'Brien
Member Greg Kaeding
Member Jim Murphy

Team Leaders Meeting - Tuesday 13 March at 12pm

Location Seminar Room Level 1 SIRC (above boatshed 5)
Attendees State representatives
Purpose Event briefing, approval of event schedule and any changes

Competition Rules

The National Championships will be run in accordance with ICF rules 2011 as modified by AC rules and the Competitors Briefing notes.

Competition Format and Events

Races will be run according to the published list of progressions for the Nationals 2012 which can be found on the event website www.sprint.canoe.org.au

Entries

The entry fee is AUD \$175 per Senior Athlete and AUD \$125 per Junior Athlete with no limit on events entered. Entries for this event closed at midnight on pm AEDT on **29th February 2012**.

Outstanding entry fees must be paid before the start of racing:

The contact details for Australian Canoeing are;

PO Box 6085
Silverwater, NSW, 2128
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2012 Nationals Schedule

The provisional schedule was published on 7 March on the website – www.sprint.canoe.org.au.
The schedule is subject to change, please check the website for updates.

Provisional Start List, Crew Changes and Withdrawals

Provisional start lists will be posted on the Event website www.oceania.canoe.org.au on **Friday 9 March**.

Check carefully that Athlete names and Crew Combinations and Clubs have been correctly shown on the Start List including the spelling, Clubs and/or Sports Institutes.





Please notify the competition organisers of any required changes. All changes should be emailed to Jan Hall – jan.hall@canoe.org.au as soon the draw is released. Only in exceptional circumstances will changes be accepted at the Team leader meeting.

Start and Finish Procedures

1000m will be hand held start from a pontoon. 500m & 200m starts will use the Polaritas automatic start system.

Competitors must obey the starter's instructions and be ready to move to the start when called.

The regatta will use the start command **READY, SET** followed by a horn. Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the starting area while a race is in the process of being started.

Competitors' attention is drawn to the ruling on false starts. Any competitor who makes a second false start will be disqualified from the race.

Team Leaders, Enquiry, Protests

The Enquiry Desk will be located on the ground floor of the Finish Tower. All Enquiries or Protests must be written on the Enquiry / Protest Form and must be accompanied by a deposit of AUS \$50. This can only be lodged by the registered team leader from a national (or state) federation.

Boat Number Distribution

Boat numbers will be distributed from numbers desk at the back of the grand stand.

Timing

Timing will be electronic with handheld backup.

Equipment

It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that their boats meet the construction requirements of the ICF rules.

In addition, competitors should note that **wire deflectors fixed to the boat to protect the bow and/or the rudder will be permitted at the 2012 nationals, if less than 0.5mm in diameter.** Wire will be available at the pre boat control on Tuesday 13 March.

Facilities are provided for competitors to check the weight of their boats. Underweight boats at the post race boat control mean disqualification for that event. Wire deflectors, if used, will be considered as part of the boat weight at the weighing control.

Access and Training at the Venue

Athletes wishing to train at Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) prior to National Championships must register at the SIRC Venue Management office above the boatshed and follow the instructions of SIRC management regarding access to and use of the facilities prior to competition. **Gates open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm.**





Field of Play Management and Course Preparation

SIRC is responsible for the preparation of the venue for competition prior to competition and will be assisted by Australian Canoeing volunteers throughout the week of the national championships.

Course preparation will take place from 6:45 to 8:45am prior to the start of competition each day and during the 3-4 scheduled breaks in competition each day.

Course preparation will also take place during competition periods on the unused section of the competition lake e.g. on the 1000m course during 500m races or 200m races.

In addition to individual volunteers in canoes/kayaks, up to 10 motor boats will be operating in the competition zone prior to competition and during the breaks. Up to 5 boats will operate in the non competition zone at other times during racing.

For safety reasons, sections of the competition lake may be closed for training during the course preparation periods and competitors should follow the instructions of race officials.

Australian Canoeing will coordinate a registration process for volunteers and the course volunteer schedule. Further information will be published on Monday 12 March and will be available at the Team leader meeting.

Training times

- **Monday 12 March** – Training permitted in the warm up lake and top 1000m of the Competition Lake during installation of the 1000m pontoon and Polaritas Start system at 500m and 200m
- **Tuesday 13 March** – Training permitted in the warm up lake and top 1000m of the Competition Lake. **Training permitted in the competition lake from 12pm** or once start systems are in place

Start System Training

The automatic start system will be available for training at the following times

13 March	4:30-5:30 pm	200m and 500m
14 -17 March	8:00-8:30 am	200m
18 March	8:00-8:30	500m

Please ensure you follow instructions from SIRC venue staff at all times, especially when they are setting up the pontoons and start systems or undertaking course preparation work.

Boat Weigh in (Pre and Post)

The equipment control area will be open for Athletes from Tuesday 13 March. Times will be posted on the website and at the venue closer to the event Post boat control is selected at random by the competition manager or chief official at the conclusion of each race.





Marquees at the Venue

There is a grandstand available for public use. You may erect tents but you must contact the Sydney International Regatta Centre first. Please contact Linda or Pip on +61 2 4730 0000.

Results

Official results will be posted on the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Finish Tower. Results will also be posted live on the website at www.sprint.canoe.org.au

No hard copies of results will be printed. A complete electronic set of results can be accessed, either via the website, or by request to the Competition Organiser. A complete set of results will be provided to a USB drive, on request only, following the completion of the competition.

Technical Video Service

Technical video service will be provided by the AIS to the scoreboard for certain events.

Wireless Internet

An unsecured wireless internet service is available during the event in the grandstand. Should you have any issues connecting to this network please contact the Event Office.

General Safety

Two safety boats will be on the water at all times during competition.

Changing Facilities, Showers and Toilets

Changing facilities, showers and toilets are located on the ground level of the boathouse. Toilets are also located near to the boat racks on the northern side of the boathouse in the area to the rear of the boat racks and at the back of the Grandstand.

Doping Control

In line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF Doping Control Rules – 2009, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) may conduct random drug testing at this competition.

Doping control will occur in the SIRC Medical room above the boatshed.

Competitors must present their photo proof of identity at the time of a test.

Further information regarding doping control can be found on the ASADA website www.asada.gov.au

Medal Ceremony Protocol

At post boat control medallists will be told what time they will have to arrive for the medal ceremony. Medal presentations will be scheduled as soon as practical following groups of finals. Athletes may present themselves in national/state/club racing uniform or team uniform.

Event Programs

The Event Programs are available for Free. It features schedules, key athletes, national results, venue information and general event information.





Smoking & Alcohol

SIRC is a non-smoking venue.

Alcohol consumption is not permitted anywhere on the venue except in the VIP lounge during its hours of operation or the areas designated in the cafe.

Personal Belongings

There is no capacity to store personal belongings in secure areas. Athletes and Teams are encouraged not to bring extra items to the venue. Please remind members of your team not to leave valuable items unsecured

Sun protection

The Ultra Violet (UV) index is moderate to high during the middle part of the day and it is recommended that broad-spectrum (SPF 30+) sunscreen be worn on exposed skin to protect against sunburn.

Access and Parking

Please park in the marked areas and follow the instructions of Sydney International Regatta Centre staff when at the venue.

Cycling (helmets must be worn)

Training - On training days, coaches will be able to use bicycles to follow crews on all the cycle roads around the lake. **Racing** - During competition, coaches may only cycle on "return island". You will not be allowed to cycle in front of the grandstand.

Insurance and Liability

The Organising Committee will take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the property of teams and visitors at the venue, but accepts no responsibility for loss of or damage to such property, however caused. Likewise, the Organising Committee will take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of persons at the venue, but accepts no responsibility for injury to such persons, unless caused by the negligence of its members, employees or voluntary helpers.

It is the responsibility of visiting teams to ensure that they have adequate insurance to cover their own persons and property. It is a requirement for teams to have insurance in force to cover their legal liability for injury to other persons or damage to their property, in relation to both on and off water activities.

Press and Media Information:

A high definition Video TV preview and highlights package and photography will be supplied by Sportscene TV www.sportscene.tv. A media service will be provided Infostrada Sports for information please contact Steve Dettre at steve.dettre@infostradasports.com or tom.collings@canoe.org.au.

Athletes may be requested for interviews and/or photos following boat control.





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