

COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – SIRC

Incorporating Australian Canoeing Team Selection Trials for

Olympic Hopes, Junior, Senior and Under 23 teams

11TH - 15TH MARCH 2015



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

ITEM	
1.	Team Leader meeting for team managers and coaches to be held on <u>Tuesday 10th March at 4:30pm (local time)</u> in the meeting room at the venue.
2.	<p>At the Team Leader Meeting, AC will announce the following officials to oversee the competition: Competition Committee: Greg Kaeding, Laura White & Mark Bulmer (Friday-Sunday). <i>Final member TBC</i></p> <p>Jury: Jim Murphy, Mark O'Brien & Richard Fox</p> <p>Chief Official: Greg Kaeding</p>
3.	<p>The State or National Team Leader/Coach must submit all race entry changes, queries, protests and appeals to the Competition Committee. Team Leaders at this regatta include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New South Wales/NSWIS: Tim Jacobs / Christine Duff • Queensland/QAS: Anna Wood / Andrea King • South Australia/SASI: Nathan Luce / Kris Lepianka • Victoria: Craig Picket / • Tasmania/TIS: Jeremy Norton / Stuart Paine • Western Australia/WAIS: Ramon Andersson / Mike Pond • AC National Coaches/Manager: Jimmy Owens, David Foureur, Andrea King, Mike Pond, Anna Wood, Christine Bain, Melissa Hopwood • International Managers/Coaches TBC • Club representatives not listed above TBC with Chief Official at the Team Leader Meeting
4.	<p>This event is being conducted under the Australian Canoeing Sprint Racing Competition Rules. The ICF Sprint Racing Competition Rules (2015) therefore apply as modified by the Australian Rules and this document. The event is also conducted under the bylaws of Australian Canoeing.</p>
5.	<p>Entries and changes should be finalised by Monday 9th March. Only minor adjustments will be permitted at the Team Leader Meeting. Additional Entries after the meeting are not permitted. Competitors may scratch entries or change team boats (up to 50% of the crew) in Heats and Direct Finals only until ONE HOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES 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.</p>
6.	<p>Any late entries fees that are accepted will incur a late fee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors - \$190 (entry fee) + \$190 (late fee) • Juniors - \$150 (entry fee) + \$150 (late fee)

7.	<p>Live results will be posted on www.regattas.canoe.org.au. Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the Australian Canoeing Website 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.</p>
8.	<p>This event is part of the selection process for Australian Olympic Hopes, Junior, Under 23 and Senior teams. Note that the senior canoe sprint team criteria was amended by the AC Board on 14 February and clause 6.4 removed. Further information on team selection can be found on the Australian Canoeing website http://canoe.org.au/disciplines/canoe-sprint/</p>
9.	<p>The island will be locked 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.</p>
10.	<p><i>Parking is not permitted on the grassed areas around the buildings.</i> Boat trailers and all other vehicles may only park in designated areas. Only SIRC permit holders may park in front of boatshed 5 and 6. All officials, spectators and competitor must follow directions of SIRC staff regarding parking at the venue.</p>
11.	<p>When setting up tents participants must be mindful of sprinkler lines which will be marked with a sprayed line.</p>
12.	<p>There will be 9 racing lanes at SIRC, which will be 13.5m wide. 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.</p>
13.	<p>Drug testing maybe carried out during the regatta by representatives from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA). 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.</p>
14.	<p>It is highly recommended to bring sunscreen and lots of fluids, as the weather could be hot and windy.</p>
15.	<p>Competitors must wear an officially recognised Club or State uniform or a recognised State Institute or Academy of Sport uniform. International visitors competing must wear their ICF affiliated country or club uniform. Athletes without a Club, Institute/Academy or NF affiliation should wear a white or plain singlet/uniform.</p>
16.	<p>Riding in front of the grandstand and team/spectator areas is NOT permitted for safety reasons. Persons riding along the northern side of the course MUST wear a bicycle helmet in accordance with NSW law. Cycling on the southern side of the course is NOT permitted without permission of the Competition committee. Any breach of these requirements may result in the disqualification of any competitor or crew concerned.</p>

17.	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.
18.	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 release of the result for that event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee .
19.	Coaching or otherwise assisting from the side of the course is not permitted.
20.	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. The reinstatement fee is \$100 for seniors and \$25 for juniors and veterans.
21.	In races up to 1000 metres, competitors must keep the whole of their boat within the 4m wide central area of their lane 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.
22.	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.
23.	Competitors are not permitted to paddle alongside a race in progress. Receiving external assistance is not permitted and puts the competitor at risk of disqualification. In cases where boats need to be changed over quickly, permission must be sought from the Chief Official to paddle up the course.
24.	Competitors in the vicinity of the course should stop their boat while a race is in progress nearby, to ensure minimum interference to those racing.
25.	Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the starting area while a race is in the process of being started.
26.	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>27.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>28.</p>	<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 pontoon past the finish line and proceed through the marked transit area to boat control. Only approved Sports Science personnel, AC officials, approved photographers and ASADA 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>
<p>29.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>30.</p>	<p>Please remember that all officials and helpers are working as volunteers at the Championships. Please treat them with respect and courtesy.</p>
<p>31.</p>	<p>All events are on time. Unless otherwise announced of a significant delay. Please be prepared to start your race at the published time.</p>
<p>32.</p>	<p>Food is available at the venue, and there is a shopping centre nearby at Jordan Springs or at Westfield Penrith.</p>
<p>33.</p>	<p>In the case of adverse conditions the Competition Committee may require that competitors in 14 Years age group wear approved personal flotation devices.</p>
<p>34.</p>	<p>Entry to the course is via the warm-up lake behind the boatshed.</p>
<p>35.</p>	<p>Boat holders will be available during the regatta where held starts are required.</p>
<p>36.</p>	<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>
<p>37.</p>	<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>

38. Lane seeding for heats and direct finals will be based on the current AC selection rankings and are outlined in the [general ranking statement](#) which is available on the Regatta site.

39. 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.