
Australian Canoeing Canoe Marathon Competition Rules



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide additional rules to the ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules for the conduct of canoe marathon competition within Australia.

APPLICATION

These rules should be read in conjunction with the current ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules and relevant AC policies. These rules should be applied to canoe marathon competitions within Australia.

In situations not covered by these rules, ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules or Australian Canoeing Bylaws, the decision of the Competition Committee at the particular event shall be final subject to appeal to the jury.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Any alterations to these rules are to be endorsed by the ACMRTC and subject to the procedures of AC Inc.

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DEFINITIONS

AC	Australian Canoeing Incorporated
ACMRTC	Australian Canoe Marathon Racing Technical Committee
Competitions	Canoe Marathon competitions within Australia.
Selection Classes	Those classes, which are selected for the Australian Canoe Marathon Team to compete at the World Championships or other International events.
Constituted Class	Minimum of three entries and two starters (AC Canoeing Competition Bylaw)
Start of Competition	The start of the first race of the event
Masters	For competitors over 35

Words not defined in these Rules have the meaning ascribed to them in the Constitution and Bylaws of AC unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

CHAPTER ONE – GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Canoe marathon events are held at different levels throughout Australia. Competitors should be financial members of clubs affiliated with a state organisations affiliated with Australia Canoeing Inc.
- 1.2. Competitors may be direct financial members of Australia Canoeing Inc.
- 1.3. Non-members may compete at their own risk. Event organisers need to follow State procedures and protocols in registering non-members as participants.
- 1.4. For junior competitors, ages are taken as of 1 January in the year of the event.
- 1.5. International competitors may compete at national competitions and need to supply written permission from their respective national federation. International competitors shall progress in events in the same manner as Australian competitors. International competitors are eligible to receive medals, should they place at the event.

2. AMALGAMATIONS

Note: This should be used only when competition is conducted in classes.

- 2.1. Where there are insufficient entries or starters to constitute a certain class competitors can be moved into another relevant class.
- 2.2. Juniors (Under 18 and below) will only amalgamate within their own age group.
- 2.3. Masters age groups will not amalgamate any further than ten years and not change distance unless agreed by the competitors.

CHAPTER TWO – CLASSES & BUILDING RULES

3. AUSTRALIAN TOURING CLASSES

3.1 Australian Touring classes are unique to Australia

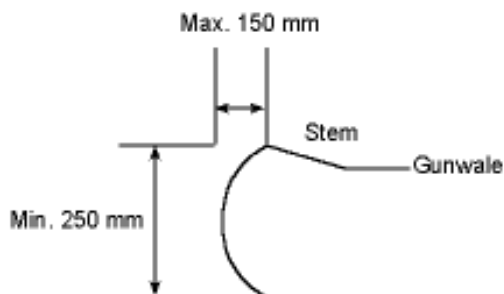
	TK1	TK2	TC1	TC2
Max. Length	4572mm	5487mm	5030mm	5030mm
Min. Water-Line beam	508mm	533mm	712mm	712mm

4. TOURING KAYAKS (TK)

- 4.1 All kinds of building materials are permitted. Sections and longitudinal lines of the hull below the waterline of the kayak shall be convex and not interrupted.
- 4.2 All rudders fitted must be of the trailing type, and are not included in the maximum length measurement, and such rudders shall not exceed 25mm thickness at any point when immersed while the kayak is floating on its low water line.
- 4.3 The minimum waterline beam shall be measured at any point between 457mm on either side of the centre line of the overall length between stem and stern. Minimum waterline is to be taken at the height of 102mm above the base line of the kayak measured from the outside of the hull, excluding keel, if any.
- 4.4 The distance between cockpits for TK2 shall be not more than 1700mm taken from the back of one cockpit to the back of the other.

5. TOURING CANOES (TC)

- 5.1 The Minimum Waterline shall be measured as for TK1 and TK2.
- 5.2 There is no restriction on the cockpit size of a TC1 or TC2.
- 5.3 The height of the bow stem and stern stem must not be less than 250mm. This height must not be more than 150mm from the extreme ends of the boat.
- 5.4 The bow stem and stern stem shall not be lower than any part of the gunwale. (Definition of gunwale: “Upper edge of the craft’s side”)



6. OTHER CRAFT

- 6.1 The only exception to sections and longitudinal lines is for Master K1's and K2's manufactured with a defined 'skeg' in front of the rudder. After market 'skegs' that are attached will be defined as an addition to the craft.

CHAPTER THREE – ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS

7. AC CANOE MARATHON OFFICIALS

- 7.1 Levels of officials are:
- Level 1 - Entry level, necessary to officiate in most positions at national and state level.
 - Level 2 – Essential for performing management level positions at national championships.
 - ICF – Essential for officiating at International Events, World Cups and World Championships.
- 7.2 To gain Level 1 a person needs to complete:
- Introductory Level Officiating General Principles. This is completed on-line at www.ausport.gov.au/official;
 - Complete a workshop on knowledge, understanding and application of the ICF and AC Canoe Marathon Competition Rules; and
 - Complete practical applications of the ICF and AC Canoe Marathon Competition Rules.
- 7.3 Officials need to reaccredit their qualifications after 4 years of gaining accreditation. To reaccredit an official needs to present to the ACMRTC a list of the events they officiated and the roles performed.
- 7.4 It is recommended that canoe marathon competitions within Australia have present, a minimum one Level 1 official.

8. INFORMATION

- 8.1 Information about canoe marathon competitions should include:
- Time and place;
 - Map of the course;
 - Race distance/s;
 - Starting time;
 - Water conditions i.e. tide, current etc;
 - Entry fees; and
 - Any other relevant information about the competition.

9. COMPETITIONS AND COURSES

- 9.1 Canoe Marathon Competitions within Australia can be variable i.e. competitions held in classes or other formats. The events can be held over part of a day, a day or a number of days.
- 9.2 Courses for competition within Australia can be varied in length and on different water types and conditions. Courses can be of a number of laps or 'point to point'.
- 9.3 Courses should have either artificial or natural portages.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Safety is paramount at canoe marathon events. A Risk Management Plan should be produced for any type of canoe marathon competitions no matter the venue or course. See also Canoe Marathon Safety Checklist (available through Australian Canoeing web www.canoe.org.au).
- 10.2 The appropriate number of motorised water vessels must be present at competitions.
- 10.3 Medical (first aid) and on water safety must be present at canoe marathon events before competition commences.

CHAPTER FOUR – RACING REGULATIONS

11. WITHDRAWALS

11.1 After the start of a race a competitor may withdraw from the competition and a race official is to be advised.

12. ASSISTANCE - WASH RIDING

12.1 A crew may not wash ride another except those crew/s in that crews designated start.

12.2 A single craft is not to wash ride a double craft and vice versa.

13. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

13.1 Protests please refer to the ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules.

13.2 Appeals please refer to the AC Canoeing Competition Bylaw 19.

CHAPTER FIVE – SPECIAL RULES FOR AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

14. BIDS TO HOST AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 14.1 Bids to host Australian Canoe Marathon Championships should address the following (but not restricted to):
- Detailed description of proposed course/s and location/s in recommended order.
 - Maps of proposed course/s indicating turns, hazards and start / finish.
 - Advantages / disadvantages of course/s
 - Description of water conditions, hazards etc.
 - Detailed description of the proposed portage
 - Supporting photographs (strongly recommended).
 - Venue hire considerations – securing of venue for championships, deposits etc
 - Detailed description of venue facilities include drug testing facilities, parking, trailer storage (and security)
 - Availability of accommodation and proximity to the venue
 - Details for contact person should further information be required
 - Endorsement of State Organisation to host championships.
 - Any other relevant information that value adds to the bid.
- 14.2 Successful bids to host Australian Canoe Marathon Championships will be subject to the content of a Host Agreement between Australian Canoeing and the host State Organisation.

15. DISTANCES

- 15.1 Race distances at Australian Championships reflect race distances at ICF World Canoe Marathon Championships.
- 15.2 For age groups and classes not catered for at World Championships the race distance will be determined by the ACMRTC.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 The Organising Committee will produce a Risk Management Plan. This is to be presented to the ACMRTC as per any requirements of the Host Agreement for the championships.
- 16.2 A minimum of three safety boats will cover the course for the championships.
- 16.3 It is recommended that qualified first aid / medical personnel are in attendance at the competition.

17. ENTRIES

- 17.1 Entries will be received via the advertised 'on-line' system for the championships.
- 17.2 No further entries will be received after the advertised close of all entries.

- 17.3 A preliminary entry list will be posted on the web site dedicated to the championships within two days of close of 'early bird' entries. The preliminary entry list should indicate possible amalgamations.
- 17.4 A draft entry list with competitor's name and state, amalgamations, race numbers, distances and start times will be posted on the web site dedicated to the championships as soon as practicable after the close of all entries.
- 17.5 A final entry list will be confirmed after the Team Leader's Meeting.

18. TEAM LEADERS

- 18.1 State Organisations must advise the ACMRTC of the name and contact details, including phone and electronic mail, of their appointed Team Leader/s no later than the close of 'early bird' entries or fourteen days, whichever is the earliest, before the start of competition.
- 18.2 Team Leader/s will represent all competitors entered from their respective State Organisation. It is the responsibility of the Team Leader/s to inform competitors from their State of their contact details.
- 18.3 The Competition Committee will meet with the Team Leader/s at a time to be determined but no later than 1:00pm on the day prior to the start of competition. The Team Leader's meeting will cover, but not limited to:
 - Course;
 - Safety;
 - Unpaid entries;
 - Program including amalgamations and entry scratching's; and
 - Nomination of competitors for the Interstate Challenge Trophy.
- 18.4 Where it is necessary for the Competition Committee and/or Jury to advise a competitors of any matter this will be done through the Team Leader/s.
- 18.5 Should a State Organisation not be represented at the Team Leaders meeting, that State would be ineligible to score points for any of the trophies.

19. CHAMPIONSHIP NOTICEBOARD

- 19.1 The Organising Committee will provide a noticeboard for the display of all official notices regarding the championships.
- 19.2 The noticeboard shall be operational no later than 8:30am on the day prior to the start of competition.
- 19.3 The noticeboard shall contain, but is not limited to:
 - Sponsors information;
 - Detailed map of the course, its markings and any hazards;
 - Detailed map of the portage and its markings;
 - Program showing entries, allocated race numbers, distances and start times;
 - Matters addressing Safety for the championships; and
 - Weather forecasts.
- 19.4 Preliminary and official race results are to be placed on the noticeboard.

20. COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND COURSE INSPECTION

- 20.1 The Competition Committee will be appointed by the ACMRTC.
- 20.2 The Competition Committee will be kept informed as to the progress of the organisation of the championships.
- 20.3 The Competition Committee is to meet with the Organising Committee and / or Competition Manager no later than 8:30am on the day prior to the start of competition.
- 20.4 The Organising Committee will make available the appropriate means for the Competition Committee to inspect the course. The Competition Committee will inspect the course prior to 9:00am on the day prior to the start of competition. The Competition Manager may accompany the Competition Committee on the course inspection.
- 20.5 Any alterations to the course after the course inspection will be marked on the map on the noticeboard and the map clearly labelled 'AMENDED'. These alterations will also be advised at the Team Leaders Meeting.
- 20.6 The Competition Committee will meet to prepare for the Team Leader's Meeting and Competitors Main Briefing.

21. AWARDS

21.1 MEDALS

Medals will be awarded as per the AC Canoeing Competitions Bylaw.

The Organising Committee shall arrange a ceremony for the presentation of medals, as soon as practicable after the completion of the competition.

Medals for selection classes may be presented at a championship dinner.

21.2 CERTIFICATES

The Organising Committee shall issue certificates to all competitors at the Australian Canoe Marathon Championships.

22. TROPHIES

22.1 THE FRANK WHITEBROOK TROPHY

The Frank Whitebrook Trophy was presented to the ACMRTC by the Queensland Canoe Federation in recognition of the contribution to Australian Canoeing of Dr. Frank Whitebrook, and was first awarded in 1984.

The trophy shall be awarded at each Australian Canoe Marathon Championship for competition between all States and Territories.

Awarding points to all finishers on the following basis shall determine the winning State:

- The winner of each class (whether constituted or not) shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class, plus one.
- The second place getter shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class, minus one.
- The third and subsequent place getters shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class minus one point for every boat finishing ahead of the place getter in question.
- E.g.: 20 competitors in a class (20 finishers)
 - First = 21 points
 - Second = 19 points
 - Third = 18 points etc
 - Twentieth = 1 point
- Where paddlers from different states combine in a K2 or C2, the points for that boat are apportioned equally to the two states represented.
- The winner of the Trophy shall be the State or Territory scoring the most points.

22.2 THE INTERNATIONAL CLASS TROPHY

The formerly named Board of Works Trophy was presented to the ACMRTC in 1985 on the occasion of the first use of the Chipping Norton Lakes scheme at the Australian Canoe Marathon Championships of that year.

The trophy shall be awarded at each Australian Canoe Marathon Championship for competition between all States and Territories in International Classes.

The winning State shall be determined by awarding points to all finishers in International Classes in the same manner as is applied in determining the winner of the Frank Whitebrook Trophy.

22.3 THE TOURING CLASS TROPHY

The Victorian Amateur Canoe Association presented the formerly named VACA trophy to the ACMRTC in 1988.

The trophy is awarded at each Australian Canoe Marathon Championship for competition between all States and Territories in Touring Classes.

The winning State shall be determined by awarding points to all finishers in Touring Classes in the same manner as is applied in determining the winner of the Frank Whitebrook Trophy.

22.4 HALFORD CHALLENGE TROPHY

Graham Halford, past Chairman of the ACMRTC, presented the Interstate Challenge Trophy to the ACMRTC in 1998.

In 2013, the ACMRTC renamed the trophy to the 'Halford Challenge Trophy' in formal recognition of Graham's past contributions to the sport.

The trophy is awarded at each Australian Canoe Marathon Championship for competition between state teams in the following International classes for both men and women: Open, Master 35+, Under 23, Under 18.

A maximum of two boats from each team in each trophy class may be nominated. These boats shall be identified at the Team Managers Meeting

The first placed nominated boat of each State in constituted classes will count for points toward the trophy, on the basis of 5 points for first, 4 points for second, etc to fifth place.

Points of composite boats will be allocated to the state whose team has no other boat in the class concerned. Where no other state team has other boats in the class, the boat will contribute full points to each state.

22.5 COULTHART TROPHY

The Coult hart family of NSW presented the Coult hart Trophy to the ACMRTC in 1991.

Originally the trophy was awarded to Intermediate Juniors who displayed most potential. All classes were to be considered.

The trophy is awarded to an Under 16 male and female at each Australian Canoe Marathon Championships based on their performance at the championships.

In the event that two athletes are deemed to be equal then the trophy will be awarded to the athlete with the highest placing in the Singles class.