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COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

(approved by the ACSRTC Competition Committee as at 1/2/18)

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS & AC GRAND PRIX 2

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE
PENRITH, NSW

9th – 11th February 2018

Competitors are requested to familiarise themselves with ICF and Australian Canoeing sprint racing rules and relevant by-laws available on the Australian Canoeing website. Competitors should also ensure they 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

OCEANIA CHAMPSHIPS

1.	<p>With the overall aim of spreading canoe sport throughout the Oceania region, the Oceania Canoe Association (OCA) conducts annual championships in the two Olympic disciplines in conjunction with confirmed Australian or New Zealand competitions.</p> <p>This provides competition opportunities for athletes and officials from our member island nations, as well as improving their skills and knowledge by interacting with other athletes and officials at these international standard events. There is no doubt that the mentoring by Australian and New Zealand athletes and officials has enabled significant progress to be made by individuals, and ultimately, secure a qualification place for the Olympic Games for their island nation.</p> <p>The cooperation of the Australian (and New Zealand) canoeing fraternity over these past years has been exemplary, and in no small measure ensured the success our island athletes on the field of play. Thank you to all who have contributed to this journey.</p> <p>Helen Brownlee President Oceania Canoe Association</p>
2.	<p>The Oceania events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK1 1000 • MK2 1000 • MK1 1000 18 • MK2 1000 18 • MK1 200 • MK1 200 18 • WK1 200 • WK1 200 18 • WK1 500 • WK2 500 • WK1 500 18 • WK2 500 18 • PC K1 200 • PC V1 200 • MC1 1000 • MC2 1000 • WC1 200 • WC2 500

TEAM LEADERS

3.	<p>Team Leader meeting for team leaders and coaches will be held on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 3pm (local time) at the Finish Line Tower Ground Floor level.</p>
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4.	<p>All race entry changes, queries, protests and appeals must be submitted to the Competition Committee by your state or NCE Team Leader/Coach.</p> <p>The Team Leaders at this regatta are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New South Wales/NSWIS: Jake Michael / Christine Duff• Queensland/QAS: Emma Moffat / David Smith / TBC• South Australia/SASI: Nick Bulmer / TBC• Victoria: Kieran Dews• Tasmania/TIS: Jeremy Norton• Western Australia/WAIS: Ramon Andersson / Andrew Hayden• AC National Coaches/Manager: David Foureux / Andrea King / Anna Wood, Emma Moffat / Jimmy Owens / Duke Ruzicic / Guy Power• New Zealand: Greg Adlam• Tahiti: Charles Villierme <p>* Note: Team Leaders are required to represent ALL their respective State entries. Individual athletes are not to represent themselves to the tower unless specifically requested to do so.</p>
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COMPETITION COMMITTEE

5.	<p>AC will appoint the following officials to oversee the competition:</p> <p>Competition Committee: TBC</p> <p>Jury: TBC</p>
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RULES

6.	<p>This event is being conducted under the Australian Canoeing Canoe Sprint Racing Competition Rules. The ICF Canoe Sprint Racing Competition Rules (2017) apply as modified by the Australian Rules and this document. The event is also conducted under the bylaws of Australian Canoeing. It is the responsibility of competitors and officials to familiarise themselves with the respective rules. The Chief Official shall decide all matters arising during the actual competition, which are not dealt within these rules.</p>
7.	<p>It is the competitors' personal responsibility to know and act within the rules of the competition, regardless of any advice provided by other parties, be it athletes, coaches or team leaders. Any competitor who is unsure of any details, or has an issue in regard to the running of the championships should seek clarification via their Team Leader from the Chief Official. Reference to advice given by a third party to a competitor in respect of any breach of the rules of the competition will NOT constitute an acceptable reason for a breach of the rules.</p>
8.	<p>Vocal coaching from the side of the course during a race, 'keeping pace' cycling or otherwise assisting from the side of the course, is not permitted during an event and may result in disqualification of a competitor/s.</p>
9.	<p>It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that their boats meet the construction requirements and specifications as per the ICF rules. Athletes' attention is drawn to the fact that there is potential for weight changes resulting from seat / foot bar replacements etc. Note:</p>



	facilities are provided for competitors to check the weight of their boats prior to racing. The organising committee has lead sheet available for sale for the purpose of weight adjustment. 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.
10.	NOTE changes to Rule 8 in the AC Sprint Competition Rules , “ The boat must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water. Further, no part of the athlete’s body should be attached to the boat in anyway during weighing. Such attachments must be removed prior to weighing. ” Example no shoes attached to the foot rest during weighing

ENTRIES

11.	Competitors are advised that entry fees reflect the effort of the Committee to maximise the number of events available to attending competitors and meet overall annual costs of conducting the annual sprint racing series. Entries for this event are as follows: \$110 for juniors \$170 for seniors. Entries close on the 29th January 2018.
12.	Entries will be finalised at the Team Leaders meeting, held prior to the regatta and after website publication of the provisional entry list and race schedule. <u>Additional entries after the meeting will not be permitted (including K4s) except in the instance of long distance events which can be entered as advised at the regatta.</u>
13.	NEW RULE for National events: Due to the impact on event entry numbers after the finalisation of the regatta program, competitors may now only scratch entries up to 48 hours before the published schedule start of the regatta i.e. regatta starts at 8am Friday 9 th February, competitors scratching are FINAL at 8am Wednesday.
14.	Changes in respect of team boat compositions will however continue to be permitted for scheduled heats and direct finals, but <u>only until 75 MINUTES before the start of racing each day.</u> This is required to allow changes to program to be entered and circulated in hard and soft copy for all regatta officials for each day’s competition. Athletes attention is drawn to the % crew change rule.
15.	PLEASE NOTE THIS RULE: Competitors will not be permitted to scratch from semi-finals or subsequent Finals without the consent of the Chief Official and in such circumstances a doctor’s certificate from an <i>independently accredited medical</i> practitioner verifying an athlete’s illness will generally be required. Athletes not attending their scheduled event due to travel changes or delays will risk disqualification from the regatta and a regatta reinstatement fee.
16.	The withdrawal of a competitor/s entry to an event will be considered final and no renewed entry of the same competitor/s will be permitted.
17.	<u>Late entries will close on the 4th February 2018.</u> Any late entries fees that are accepted will incur a late fee of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors – \$170 (entry fee) + \$170 (late fee) = \$340 • Juniors – \$110 (entry fee) + \$110 (late fee) = \$220



18.	Unless alternative payment arrangements have been confirmed in writing with AC, all late fees and reinstatement fees owing from previous regattas are to be paid before a competitor is allowed to race their first event. Otherwise the athlete will not be allowed to compete. Should an athlete be found to have competed without having paid their late fees their result may be declared null and void. This WILL include any crew boat in which the athlete may have paddled prior to payment.
19.	AC's refund policy can be found on the website - http://canoe.org.au/2004/10/22/refund-policy-australian-canoeing-events/
20.	Long distances races entries will ONLY be accepted during the event and up until midday on the day of racing.

PROGRESSIONS

21.	The ICF progressions found in the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules and AC progressions will be published prior to the commencement of the regatta and will be used for this regatta to place athletes from heats to semis to finals.
22.	ICF progressions will also be used for events that are required for selection with AC progressions for all other events.

PROGRAMMES AND RESULTS

23.	Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the Australian Canoeing website www.canoe.org.au under Events/Sprint. Provisional results and then final results and race draws are posted on the results board after the appeal / protest period has lapsed and the race result has been certified by the Chief Official. When available, hard copies of the original day program with start list will be available from the secretariat approximately 30 minutes before the first race each day. The program will cost \$1. NOTE: each State Team Leader/Manager will be allocated a complimentary start list each day.
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VENUE AND VENUE MANAGEMENT

24.	Coaches, Team Leaders, Athletes and Parents are not permitted to enter the TOWER and/or designated OFFICIALS ONLY areas. If there is an enquiry, issue, or you have been asked to report to the Chief Official etc., you MUST go to the SECRETARIAT area on the ground floor of the tower first to report the enquiry, issue, and /or to meet the Chief Official etc. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are individuals to enter the TOWER and/or other OFFICIALS ONLY areas during competition unless accompanied or directed by a member of the secretariat.
25.	<u>Whilst cycling is permitted on the SIRC course, cycling is NOT permitted in front of the grandstand. Breach of this rule may result in competitor / team disqualification from the regatta.</u> Cyclists are required to wear a bicycle helmet in accordance with venue management and NSW State law. <u>Driving on either side of the course is also prohibited without written request and permission of the Competition Committee.</u> Any breach of these venue management requirements may result in the disqualification of any competitor or crew concerned.



25.	Parking is also not permitted on the grassed areas around the buildings. Boat trailers and all other vehicles are only to park in designated areas. Only SIRC permit holders may park in front of the boatsheds. All officials, spectators and competitors are required to follow directions of SIRC staff regarding parking at the venue.
26.	Not all competition venues have on-site or rostered security present. Boats, trailers and tents however may be left overnight at the owner's risk. It is recommended other valuable items not be left at the venue.
27.	It is highly recommended to bring sunscreen and lots of fluids.
28.	Shade is available in a number of areas; however, teams can supply their own shelter and locate it in accordance with venue and competition management directions.
29.	If providing your own shelter please note: due to potential impacts of pegs on grass and / or reticulation piping, please refer to local venue maps or personnel as to where you can set up your shade. Please see AC staff at the venue before putting up any shade.
30.	Food and drinks are available at the competition venue, and there is a shopping centre nearby.

LANES / NUMBERS / START / FINISH / POST BOAT CONTROL / PRESENTATIONS

31.	There will be 9 racing lanes at SIRC, which will be 13.5m wide. An automatic starting system will be used for 200m and 500m races. A pontoon with hand held starts will be used for 1000m races.
32.	All events are scheduled to be conducted in accordance with published times unless competitors are otherwise advised by the announcement of a significant delay. Competitors are advised to be ready and prepared to start their race at the published time. Subsequent races will endeavour to be 'caught up' to scheduled race times so athletes are reminded to be ready by the original and published time of their respective events. Where necessary scheduled regatta breaks MAY be reduced or removed to resume published race schedules. Races will NOT be bought forward from published schedules.
33.	Competitors are required to present at the start line carrying their designated boat number. Should a competitor/s present at the start line without their boat number, the boat may be disqualified for that event. Should a number be lost on route to an event, or a number slot be damaged, competitors are required to rectify the situation prior to the next event such that a lane number is displayed. Competitors may be moved to another lane in the instance of a 'gate failure'. In such circumstances a competitor may be instructed to race with the originally issued lane number OR be requested to remove the number.
34.	IMPORTANT RULE Competitors take note: A competitor who arrives too late at the start (this includes presenting to the starter when the start procedure has commenced) or who otherwise does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Chief Official prior to the start of the event, 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/paracanoe/canoeist and \$25 for juniors/masters.



35.	<p>IMPORTANT RULE: In races up to 1000 metres, competitors are required to keep the whole of their craft within the 4m wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. Upon any deviation occurring from the central lane area, the competitor and craft must demonstrate immediate evidence of attempting to resume a central lane position. Failure to do so MAY result in disqualification. boat must go back immediately to this central area. In any case, no craft may come nearer than five metres in any direction to the craft of another competitor.</p>
36.	<p>Competitors' attention is also drawn to the ruling on false starts. Any competitor who makes a second false start will be disqualified from the race in question. The decision of the starter will be final and is NOT subject to protest. .</p>
37.	<p>All races may be subject to Boat Control after the finish. Competitors are required to stay in the finish area clear of other finishing competitors until boat control numbers are advised. If your lane number is called, you are required to exit the water at the post boat control point in the designated area and proceed through the designated transit area to boat control. Only approved Sports Science personnel, ICF/AC officials, approved photographers and ASADA officials are permitted in the marked areas. Boat Control scales will also be made available for craft weight checking prior to racing. Permission to enter the area is as granted / approved by the Chief Official. No debate with the Chief Official will be entertained regarding any variation between pre-race and post-race boat weight unless specifically requested by the boat control official. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that their boats meet the weight specifications of the ICF rules.</p>
38.	<p>Competitors must not continue to paddle whilst in close proximity to the starting area or while a race is in the process of being started. When granted an approved course paddle back, competitors shall also cease paddling when a race is in progress, so as not to create a 'wake'.</p>
39.	<p>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. Paddlers are also required to present themselves immediately for weighing and / or event presentations and NOT go for warm down unless with the prior permission of the Chief Official.</p>
40.	<p>Boat holders will be available during the regatta for held starts where required.</p>
41.	<p>Lane seeding for heats and direct finals will be based on the current AC rankings.</p>
42.	<p>Competitors' attention is also drawn to the fact that finish line buoys are 'indicative' of the finish line only, and that due to water and/ or wind conditions and / or technical reasons, may NOT be in direct alignment with the photo finish line. Competitors are therefore advised to paddle through the photo finish line to ensure video camera capture prior to ceasing paddling</p>
43.	<p>Entry to the course is via the warm-up lake behind the boatshed.</p>

ASADA

44.	<p>Drug testing maybe carried out during the regatta by representatives from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA). Competitors are required 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 ASADA website at https://www.asada.gov.au/</p>
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UNIFORMS

45.	Competitors must wear an officially recognised Club, State or SIS/SAS uniform . International visitors competing must wear their ICF affiliated country or club uniform.
46.	Any competition paddlers that are not members of an affiliated club of Australian Canoeing are required to compete in either a white T-shirt or white racing singlet to meet the intent of standard club uniform requirements for competition. In the circumstance that a competitor/s wish to wear a lycra or similar material paddling suit in competition, they are to wear a white singlet / T-shirt over such suit, such that any branding or advertising that may be on the suit is not visible in respect of a viewing audience, be it by filming, videography and / or by spectator and / or officials at the venue. Specific sponsor advertising and / or apparel / equipment logo approval must be obtained from Australian Canoeing before those items can be worn / used in AC controlled regattas.

PFD'S

47.	All competitors under 14 years of age must wear approved personal flotation devices in all races. Team Leaders and coaches should ensure that these are available. In the case of adverse conditions the Competition Committee may require that competitors in other age groups wear approved personal flotation devices.
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PROTESTS

48.	<p>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 completion of that event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. Official results are considered provisional until the 20 minute protest period has elapsed. In the case of a protest being lodged official results will not be confirmed until the Competition Committee has confirmed their decision and the result of the event in question. Team Leaders, athletes and coaches need to be aware that this may in turn impact the timing in which race progressions are published, and numbers released at the numbers station. Should an athlete/s not present themselves to race in a subsequent race progression at a time as determined by the result of a protest, that athlete/s will be deemed to be an event DNS and subject to ruling point 33 above. Athletes need to be aware of and check their individual progressions.</p> <p>NOTE: Athletes are also advised to take into account the published regatta schedule when confirming their entries at the Team Leaders meeting prior to the commencement of the regatta as <u>departure for reasons of travel commitments will NOT be accepted as a reason for not starting an event and the ruling in point 33 will apply.</u></p>
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MEDALS & PRESENTATIONS

	MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL – OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS
49.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At post boat control medallists will be told what time they will have to arrive for the medal ceremony.• Athletes may present themselves in national/state/club racing uniform or team uniform.• For medals to be awarded a minimum of two NFs must compete in the event.• Medals will be presented according to Oceania Guidelines:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the first 3 place getters where 4 or more athletes finish in an A Final.ii. If less than 4 competitors only Gold and Silver medals will be awarded.iii. If less than 3 competitors only the Gold medal will be awarded.

VOLUNTEERS

50.	<p><u>Please remember that all officials and helpers, both accredited and non-accredited are working as volunteers at the event. Please treat them with respect and courtesy. Should you have a suggestion for improvement of the regatta process, officiating or conduct of the event, please lodge it in writing to the Chief Official at the Secretariat desk.</u></p>
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UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

51.	<p>Australian Canoeing staff, officials and volunteers use their 'best endeavours' to ensure the fair and professional conduct of AC sanctioned competitions. Behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition or which is disrespectful to officials and volunteers is not condoned and may result in athletes and / or team officials being sanctioned, disciplined and / or disqualified. In addition, if the Competition Committee is of the opinion that an athlete or crew, does not compete to their ability in a race, which affects their progression in an event or otherwise, they may be disqualified from the event or from the remainder of the regatta. Further, any 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 further subject to Australian Canoeing disciplinary proceedings.</p>
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ABOVE ALL THE REGATTA IS THERE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. PLEASE ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE AND AS OFFICIALS, WE WISH GOOD LUCK AND A GOOD COMPETITION FOR ALL COMPETITORS.