

2018 AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRIEFING

WELCOME

On behalf of Australian Canoeing welcome to the 2018 Australian Canoe Maran Championships.

This document will assist with your briefing to the paddlers from your State.

MAJOR OFFICIALS AND JURY

The Organising Committee from South Australia:

Marc Brehin
Cathy Venning
Martin Finn
Jim Murphy
Ian Hume
Roger French

The Competition Committee is:

Chief Official – Jerry Dunn
Safety Officer – Martin Finn
Chief Course Umpire – Joe Alia

Competition Manager – Bob Turner
Australian Canoeing Representative – Mary Macaulso

Protest fee is \$100.

The Jury for the Championships is:

Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Greg Kaeding
Mark O'Brien

The 2018 Australian Canoe Marathon Team Selectors are:

Jerry Dunn – Chair
Jenni Bateman
Mark Rickard

Nominations for the 2018 Australian Canoe Marathon Team (World Championships and World Cup in Portugal) close 48 hours after these Championships. Nomination fee must be paid at the time of nominating.

COURSE DESCRIPTION INCLUDING LAPS

Paddler check-in and Number issue will be in the Indoor Rowing room behind the large marquee.

Check-in and Number issue for Morning races will be from 7:00am, each day.
Check-in and Number issue for Afternoon races will be from midday, each day.

Raft Marshall will be at the pontoon allowing paddlers to get in off the pontoon or the beach to the immediate left of the pontoon. Paddlers enter the water through Raft Marshall area. Paddlers shall not enter the water anywhere else.

The warm up area is in the area directly in front of the pontoon and to the left of the finish line.

Starts (Morning - 08:15am, Afternoon 1:15pm)

The morning Starts will be very tight with less than 90 seconds between the individual starts. It is the responsibility of the paddler to be at their start – race starts will not be held up. Paddlers will be called to the Aligner and passed from the Aligner to the Starter. The Aligner will be on the pontoon.

The start is at 125m mark, this is marked with a red buoy and aligns with the end of the compound fencing. Paddlers are able to use the width of the course for the start and are not restricted to the area between the Starter and red buoy.

Paddlers will head south keeping the pontoon on their left.

Turn 1 is three red buoys at the 1500m mark which must be passed on the left. Then head north keeping the pontoon on the left.

Turn 2 is three yellow buoys which must be passed on the right, and then head into the inlet.

Turn 3 is three red buoys which must be passed on the left, and head back to the main lake following the lie of the land turning right.

Turn 4 is three red buoys north of the finish line.

Turn 5 (taken on the final lap ONLY) is three white buoys, marking a short lap of about 750m and returning paddlers to the finish line.
The finish line is marked by two larger red buoys.

Paddlers should only pass through the finish line upon completion of their race.



PORTAGE

Paddlers will not portage at the conclusion of the first lap, but are required to Portage at the conclusion of all subsequent laps, including the final lap.

Feeding will be allowed on all portages. Feeders to enter by one gate and exit at the other gate. One feeder per person per boat.

Under 16's must make their one portage at the end of the second lap.

VENUE LAYOUT AND SOME REQUIREMENTS I.E. NOISE

Parking – there is NO parking within the rowing venue for paddlers, coaches or spectators. Parking is available to the south of Oarsman Reserve, on Military Road or on the opposite side of Military Road. There is no parking to the north of the rowing venue. NO vehicles in the compound and the fence is NOT to be adjusted or altered.

Officials vehicles, person with a disability, Cafe and Rowing South Australia employee vehicles ONLY are allowed to park in the venue.

The café offers takeaway food and beverages from the outside opening. There is a restaurant inside.

The marquee is for the use of paddlers, spectators, coaches etc. Boats are not to be stored in the marquee. All should be mindful of security of personnel property whilst at the venue.

SAFETY

There will be 5 motorised boats on the course. Two are turn boats that may not necessarily respond to an incident. These boats will have radio communication.

Competitors will need access to a properly fitting life jacket.

As per our safety standards – All competitors under the age of 14 MUST wear a life jacket. It is recommended that competitors who are not strong or confident swimmers should wear a life jacket. The Competition Committee can direct others to wear a life jacket.

The course is on a man-made lake. It can be wind affected. Access to the lake by motorised craft is limited.

The Organising Committee will provide motorised boats to cover the progress of competitors during the competition.

All canoes/kayaks must have sufficient fixed or positive buoyancy to float when filled with water

All boats must display the racing number issued for identification and, if necessary, paddlers must state their number when requested by a Race Official. The racing number is to be displayed in an upright position in a number holder that is securely fastened to the canoe/kayak.

All paddlers must notify a Race Official when withdrawing from a race and hand in their number to a Race Official at the finish line.

When a paddler is in distress, the first paddler(s) on the scene must render assistance. Failure to do so may incur disqualification.

In the case of opposing traffic – KEEP RIGHT.

Competitors should attire themselves suitable for the conditions.

GPS and heart rate monitors may be used however they should not emit any sound unless it is a warning signal.

WEATHER FORECAST (AS AT 5:20AM FROM BOM 18 MAY 2018)

Saturday

Partly cloudy. 40% chance of showers most likely in the morning. Light winds. Temperatures 10 degrees to 18 degrees.

Sunday

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of 20% of a shower. Light winds. Temperatures 8 to 18 degrees

AMALGAMATIONS

Amalgamations will be as per email forwarded 16 May 2018.

MEDALS

Medals will be awarded in accordance with the AC Canoeing Competitions By-Law, (8. Awards);

To receive a Gold medal, there are to be a minimum of 2 athletes or crews, starting in the class;

To receive a Silver medal, there are to be a minimum of 3 athletes or crews, starting in the class;

To receive a Bronze medal, there are to be a minimum of 4 athletes or crews, starting in the class;

The ONLY exceptions to the above, are that Medals will be awarded to all placing paddlers in the Junior (U10-U18) and 65+ age groups.

ATHLETE / BOAT NOMINATIONS FOR HALFORD CHALLENGE TROPHY

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.

VICTORIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

QUEENSLAND

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PHOTOGRAPHS

Carolyn Cooper will be taking photographs during the course of the weekend. Contact Carolyn on Facebook at "Photos by Carolyn J Cooper" for any copies. When any of her photographs are used, Carolyn Cooper is to be credited as the photographer.