

2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships

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Event Handbook

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Discipline:	Canoe Slalom
Host State:	Paddle Tasmania
Related Policies:	Please refer to the Documents and Policies page HERE .
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1. WELCOME FROM SPA

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships are hosted by Paddle Tasmania in partnership with Paddle Australia.

This event could not take place without the support of our sponsors, volunteers and our host Clubs – Derwent Canoe Club (DCC) and Tasmanian Canoe Club (TCC). The event is supported by Hydro Tasmania, Tasmanian State Government and the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

The objectives of this event are to:

- Acknowledge the best performing Australian Canoe Slalom athletes by Age, Club, and School in individual, pair and team events.
- To encourage friendship in the Canoe Slalom community in Australia.
- To promote healthy competition between individual athletes.

Paddle Australia and Paddle Tasmania are responsible for the conduct of this event. Safety is a priority and the event will be conducted in accordance with the 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships Risk Management Plan.

We hope to welcome competitors to participate in this event in the spirit of fun, good sportsmanship and friendship.

Executive Officer
Paddle Tasmania

2. WELCOME FROM PA

Welcome to 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships, hosted by Paddle Tasmania in partnership with Paddle Australia.

The Canoe Slalom Community in Australia has a rich history of fostering friendship, friendly competition and inclusion and I hope this event continues to foster these same values.

We have competitors travelling from all over Australia to participate in this event, I thank all competitors for their continued commitment to this sport and their own personal development in the discipline.

Paddling depends on the enthusiasm and dedication of our liege of passionate volunteers. Thank you for your continued support of our sport in all its forms.

Thanks must also go to Paddle Tasmania, Derwent Canoe Club and Tasmanian Club for coordinating this event.

I hope you enjoy the competition!

Annabelle White
Sport Operations Manager
Paddle Australia

3. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF (DISCIPLINE TC)

Welcome to the 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships!

The Canoe Slalom Age Championships provide an opportunity each year for participants, regardless of age or experience, to participate in our great sport.

I am proud of the community we have fostered in our discipline in Australia. Canoe Slalom have not only produced several well-decorated Australian representatives, but also a community which values positivity, connection and life-long friendship.

I hope you enjoy the event.

Brian Cork
Chair
PACSLTC

4. EVENT DETAILS

DATES

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships will be held from the 5-8th of January 2023 with the 5th of January designated as a training day under the draft competition schedule.

Competitors can expect competition to run from 8am – 6pm on the 6th and 7th and from 8am – 4.30pm on the 8th of January.

VENUE

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships will be held in Forth, Tasmania.

The site map will be provided to competitors at a later date.

KEY CONTACTS AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Participants with questions about the event are encouraged to contact Paddle Tasmania who would be happy to provide assistance.

Tom Calderwood (PTas EO): eo.tas@paddle.org.au

Event Organising Committee (EOC)

Race Director and Chief Official: Peter Eckhardt

Assistant Race Director and Chief Official: Sue Natoli

Event and Awards Administrator: Tom Calderwood

Site and Field of Play and Campsite Coordinator: Russell Horton

Chief Judge: Jill Bassett

Chief of Scoring: Russell Bassett

First Aid Coordinator: Jen Boocock

Rescue Coordinator: To be provided by Tasmania Canoe Club (TCC)

Hospitality and Social Coordinator: Jen Hamer

Jury: TBA

ENTRIES AND CAMPING

All Paddlers competing in this event must be a member of Paddle Australia to enter.

Entry Fees	Standard entries (16/12/2022)	Late entries
All competitors	\$75	\$95

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the EOC only.

Registrations are available through the link ([HERE](#)).

International Athletes

International Athletes will be permitted to enter under the same rules as Australian athletes.
International athletes will receive medals based on their placing in the competition overall. Australian athletes will be presented all three medals which may mean up to 2 medals for each placing may be awarded.
The title of Australian Champion will belong to the best-performed Australian athlete.
International athletes are not eligible for individual Champion Trophies.

Camping is available on site for an additional fee of \$20 per lot with participants able to enter from Monday the 2nd of January and depart by Sunday the 8th of January. The EOC will allocate a campsite manager who will allocate and oversee the site. Please follow their directions at all times.

Campsite etiquette is necessary for the delivery of a successful event. Noise must be minimised from 10pm-6.30am. Campers are asked to take their rubbish with them on departure, no rubbish bins will be provided at the site.

There is no power on the site but generators will be allowed on site (with their use restricted after 7pm). Toilets will be available on site.

COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS BRIEFING

The Competitors and Officials Briefing will be held every morning at the Marquee. These are compulsory for all officials and volunteers.

Briefings will provide information specific to the event including safety, as well as information about social events, weather advisories and general housekeeping.

Volunteers/ Officials are asked to be in place and ready to begin 10 minutes before scheduled event start time.

CATEGORIES

Canoe and Kayak:

Kayak: K1M and K1W

Canoe: C1M and C1W

Canoe Double: C2M, C2W and C2X

Kayak Cross: MX1 and WX1

Classes and Entries:

- In order to constitute a valid class, there must be a minimum of two starters for each individual event.
 - U14 category will be constituted as a class regardless of the number of entrants.
- Entries must be made via the online PA Competition Portal. Competitors must be registered Paddle Australia members in order to compete.
- Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organising committee and only if there is room in the program. The surcharge for late entries is \$20 per paddler.
- Only 50% of a nominated C2 crew may be substituted after entries are lodged.
- Please refer to the [Paddle Australia refund policy](#) for details on refunds. Refunds will not be processed should the event be cancelled for reasons outside of the control of event organisers.
- Athletes may enter up to four different events.

(Include any information about amalgamations here)

REFUND POLICY

Please refer to the [Paddle Australia Refund Policy](#).

This Policy applies to all people who have paid money to Paddle Australia for the purposes of becoming a member of the Association, registering for an event, or taking up an offer to be a member of a Paddle Australia touring party.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be two social events for participants and their family members through the duration of the event (6th of January – Dinner and 7th of January – Lunch).

Both events will be catered. The cost of this is covered in the entry fee for athletes and accompanying family members. We ask you to register your intention to attend via the registration link for catering purposes.

VOLUNTEERING

Paddle Australia and our State Paddle Associations welcome the contributions of volunteers and we would like to thank the volunteers who are working behind the scenes to facilitate this event.

Should you be interested in volunteering at this event, in any capacity, we would love to hear from you. Please contact eo.tas@paddle.org.au (Tom Calderwood).

Please treat our volunteers, officials and staff with respect and courtesy.

BIB DISTRIBUTION

Bibs will be distributed to club team managers at the briefing upon receipt of a \$50 deposit.
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The deposit will be refunded when all team bibs are returned.

Bibs will not be distributed for competitors until entry fees have been fully paid.

A \$50 fine will be applied to every lost bib.
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5. SAFETY, FIRST AID AND EQUIPMENT

Paddle Australia, State Paddle Associations and affiliated clubs are involved in many events and activities and safety is an ever-increasing aspect of event management.

Paddle Australia and our SPAs recognise the safety hazards associated with aquatic sport and activities on and near water, the safety of our paddlers is of the utmost priority.

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships EOC would like competitors to note:

- The EOC has a Risk Management Plan that will be strictly followed.
- For the safety of competitors, the EOC may need to suspend or cancel the event in the event that extreme risks have been identified, such as fire or flood.
- Team managers are asked to support the EOC in ensuring that all safety information is disseminated efficiently to members of their team.
- All athletes must be competent at capsize drill and self rescue on Grade 2 water in order to participate in this event.
- Individuals/ Clubs/ State Teams are responsible for safety of their group during training periods. Water safety and First Aid may not be available during these times.
- Athletes must stay on the water at the completion of their run until the next three athletes have finished their runs.
- There will be a qualified First Aid responder on duty during competition. The First Aid tent will be clearly marked for competitors.
- The EOC and Chief Judge reserve the right to make a direction that airbags are placed in boats of competitors who are at risk of capsizing. This direction will take into account the risk to water safety and the measures required to assist an athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.

Competitors, officials, volunteers and support persons participating in all Paddle Australia events must comply with the [Paddle Australia Anti-Doping Policy](#). All participants should be familiar with the policy, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) is authorised to test at this event.

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Age Championships EOC would like to ensure all competitors comply with equipment requirements as detailed below:

- All boats must comply with the requirements outlined in the 2022 ICF Canoe Slalom Rules and may be scrutinised for dimensions, weight, buoyancy, handholds and safety.
- Athletes buoyancy vests and helmets must comply with the 2022 ICF Canoe Slalom Rules. This includes equipment that is not listed on the ICF register but meets or exceeds the ICF Standard.
- Boats must be fully decked. C2 open or semi-decked crafts are not permitted.
- Plastic boats will be permitted to participate.
- Self-scrutineering facilities will be available at the course.

COVID

Whilst most COVID restrictions have been removed in Tasmania, attendees should continue to remain vigilant. Please practice social distancing and good hand hygiene.

Participants who test positive for COVID in the lead up to the event, must return a negative test before returning to competition.

6. RULES

All participants are required to abide by the PA safety regulations for the competition. Competitors must be able to swim and competently paddle grade 2 water.

The event shall be conducted under the ICF 2022 Competition Rules unless varied by the PA Slalom Technical Committee (www.paddle.org.au) or specifically stated in this document.

A kayak Cross event will be run with Time trials, heats & ¼ finals on Friday 6th January and semis and finals on Sunday 8th January

Overall national junior champions will be determined by the lowest junior scores from the Age Championship race on Saturday January 7th. To be clear a 15 year old paddler could be the national Junior Champion.

Age Group Champions will be determined by the winner of the two-run race. (Saturday)

Each age category for each class will race a one run race for the Club and School Championships on Sunday January 8th. This will be on a different course than the course used for the Saturday event

A team event will take place on Friday 6th of January. The course used will be changed for the Saturday event and again for the Sunday event.

The Organisers reserve the right to alter the start order to fastest to slowest, to reduce overtaking and make the Competition run smoothly.

No allowances for boat sharing will be made within an event. Boat sharing needs to be organised by the individual or manager to ensure the program is not held up. This will avoid the disappointment of not being able to start. This can be achieved by substituting a paddler in the finish pool to meet the individual paddlers water safety obligations at the finish line. Athletes not at the start line at the designated start time will not be permitted to start.

7. FACILITY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

FOOD

Competitors are asked to pack their own food to bring to the course during competition. There will be no options on site to purchase food.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE

Participants will have access to a qualified first aid responder for the duration of competition.

There are community medical facilities such as pharmacies and general practitioners available in Forth, Tasmania.

The closest hospital to the course is the [Mersey Community Hospital](#).

STORAGE

Participants camping on site are asked to ensure boats and equipment are moved off of footpaths and do not become an obstruction to pedestrians.

The site itself will not have security monitoring overnight. Please ensure equipment is secured before departing the venue/ going to bed.

ACCOMMODATION

Camping is available as is discussed in section 4 of the Event program.

Those wishing to seek accommodation off-site can consider accommodation options as detailed below:

[Fort River Cottage](#)

[Madsen Boutique Hotel](#)

[Barclay Motor Inn](#)

8. SCHEDULE

The schedule (Published 1st of November 2022) can be found at the link [HERE](#).

Updated schedules will be published on the Event Webpage [HERE](#).

9. COURSE INFORMATION

Further information on the course and site map will be provided to competitors at a later date.

10. RESULTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Results:

Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the PA website . Results are posted at the venue once they have been signed by the Chief Judge.

The Australian Slalom Age Championships will consist of one event to determine the Age Group Champion and overall Junior Champion. There will also be a single run event to determine the champion school and club. There will also be a teams event
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Medals:

Medals will be awarded as per PA Competition Policy clause 8.

Medals will be presented to the top three athletes in each event.

Where there is an equal result, both parties will be given equal award. A count back system will not be implemented. Where equal 1st placing occurs, no silver medal will be awarded. Where equal 2 nd placing occurs, no bronze medal will be awarded.
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Junior will roll up if there is only one competitor in an age group. Masters will roll down. There will be an U14 category regardless of competitor numbers

Trophies:

Junior trophies will be awarded from the results of racing in the Age Championships on Saturday January 7 th these include the following trophies,

- NSW (K1 Men)-Lowest score in Junior MK1

- The Judy Boocock Trophy (C1 Men)- Lowest score in Junior MC1
- The Fox Family Trophy (K1 Women)- Lowest score in Junior WK1
- Lawrence Family Trophy (C1 Women)- Lowest score in Junior WC1
- Best Performing C2M- Lowest score in Junior MC2.

The following Trophies will be awarded from the results of the **Club and School Championship** racing on Sunday January 8th,

- ACAWA Trophy- Champion Club Trophy (most category winners)
- GLW Trophy- Champion School Trophy (3,2,1- with one score per school in each age category). To be clear each school can only have one counting result in each event. A special category may be created for the U23 age if a class can be constituted and the entrant has attended school in 2022.