

2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships

COMPETITION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This document provides information and guidelines for the 2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS), Sydney, Australia on 4th 0 5th March 2023.

The competition incorporates the following events:

- Saturday 4th March – Sprints heat 1 and heat 2
- Sunday 5th March – Classic race

For more information, please head to the [event website](#).

Note, the event will be used for selection for the Australian Senior, Under 23 and Junior Wildwater National Teams. Further information on the selection criteria is available on the [PA website](#).

Percentages will be used from the races (sprint and classic) for selection.

- World cups using all three.
- Juniors and U23 one of each
- Senior rapid sprint champs both sprint runs.

There are no team managers for this event. Ignore any reference to teams in the document.

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION

Competitors are advised that during the course of this event they may be photographed or filmed by official Paddle Australia photographers or by officially accredited media.

It is a condition of entry that competitor's **consent to the use** of any photos or film containing their image, by media outlets, and/or by Paddle Australia and/or by related parties in pursuit of Paddle Australia's objectives.

Competitors, who do not consent to this use, must inform the official Paddle Australia photographers or officially accredited media.

2023 WILDWATER PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

The provisional Competition Schedule will be available on the [competition website](#) after entries close. The competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedule.

DATE	RUN	WATER	
		ON	OFF
Saturday 4 th March	Practice run	8:00am	8:20am
	Wildwater heats 1 and 2	8:30am	10:30am
Sunday 5 th March	Wildwater Classic	8:00am	9:30am

TEAM LEADER & ENQUIRY PROCESS

All Competitors will be required to nominate their Team Leader prior to the race. Only nominated Team Leaders may make enquiries on behalf of their respective competitors. Any Athlete who does not nominate a Team leader will be assigned one.

The Enquiry Desk will be located adjacent to the Event Office (or see Roy Farrance)

PROVISIONAL START LIST

Provisional start lists will be posted on the [event website](#) on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**

Please notify the competition organisers of any required changes.

RESULTS

Wildwater official results will be posted on the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Event Shed. All results will also be posted on the [PA website](#) and on the event 'whats app' group.

No hard copies of results will be printed for teams. A complete electronic set of results can be accessed, either via the website, or by request to the Competition Organiser following the completion of the competition.

TIMING AND SCORING

For Wildwater the timing is to the 100th of a second. Timing will be electronic with handheld backup. Data is stored in the SIWI system for results, displays and printouts

Sprint has a fixed electronic beam above the first drop and at the slalom finish.

Classic has a fixed electronic beam above the first drop and a finish line between the bridge and a buoy on the warmup lake

MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL

Following finals, medallists should assemble near the podium area 15 minutes prior to the medal ceremony. Competitors involved in the medal ceremonies must wear team uniform and closed shoes.

COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION IN TEAM TRAYS

Start lists and results and any general competition information will be distributed through email and WhatsApp.

BODY NUMBER DISTRIBUTION AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

Body numbers can be collected from the event shed. Body numbers will only be distributed to Team Leaders. Body numbers will not be distributed unless the entry fee has been received.

Body numbers can be collected after training session at 10:30am on Friday 3rd March and must be returned no later than 11:00am on Sunday 5th March. Any body number not returned will attract a \$100 fee.

Scrutineering of airbags, buoyancy vest, whitewater helmet (EN 1385 compliant) can be carried out at the same time. Footwear must be worn during the race.

WILDWATER FINISH PROCEDURE

The Wildwater will be run on 5 pumps.

The course for each competition will be as follows:

- **Sprints:** Start in the top pool – Finish at slalom finish
- **Classic:** Start in the top pool, go over the last drop and turn right into the tunnel, turn right and go to a turning buoy 800 m to the west, turn and come to finish.



Athletes are reminded that they must not warm up in the area directly below the finish line.

SIGNAL TO CLEAR THE COURSE

A whistle will be used by the Judge should the competitor be required to clear the course, i.e., to give way to another competitor. Paddlers should advise craft in front of passing on the left or passing on the right.

If water safety staff are required to turn off the pumps, i.e., to clear the channel, a siren will sound.

CONVEYOR BELT PROCEDURES

A clock displaying “race time” will be located above the conveyor belt in the finish pool. The conveyor belt ride takes 75 seconds.

Whilst on the conveyor belt competitors may empty out their boats but must stay on the conveyor belt until the top pond is reached. Do not jump off the conveyor at any point.

There are emergency stop buttons at the bottom, middle and top of the conveyor belt on the right hand rails. Please only press these if there is an emergency.

EQUIPMENT CONTROL

There will be no compulsory pre-competition equipment control. Wildwater boats no longer have a minimum length. Athletes going for selection must enter in an ICF compliant boat and have inflated airbags that meet the following standard.

	Front	Back
K1	30 litres	50 litres
C1	40 litres	50 litres
C2	60 litres	60 litres

Any Competitors equipment may be selected for post competition equipment control. Airbags, buoyancy jackets and helmets may be checked to ensure compliance with the current [ICF Wildwater rules 2023](#)

Athletes whose equipment does not pass a post competition check will be disqualified for that run/phase (DISQ-R)

COVID

Whilst we are now “living” with covid we remind you to practise good hand hygiene and social distancing. Please do not attend the competition if you have any covid like symptoms.

WARM UP LAKE

To avoid potential collisions and injury when using the warm up lake, Competitors are required to keep within the whitewater users designated area.

This area is marked by a line of buoys and includes the area at the course end of the lake and a channel approximately 10 metres wide that runs adjacent to the course on the right hand bank of the lake (see map below).

All other areas of the lake are not to be used at any time.



WIRELESS INTERNET

There is no free wireless access for Teams.

SMOKING & ALCOHOL

Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area near the entrance to PWS. Smoking is not permitted on the Field of Play or in any of the buildings.

Alcohol consumption is not permitted anywhere on the venue, except in the VIP lounge during its hours of operation or those areas designated in the Cafe.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

There is no capacity to store personal belongings in secure areas. Athletes and Teams are encouraged not to bring extra items to the venue. Please remind members of your team not to leave valuable items unsecured.

FIRST AID

First Aid kit is located at the PWS office

SUN PROTECTION

The Ultra Violet (UV) index is high during the middle part of the day and it is recommended that broad-spectrum (SPF 30+) sunscreen be worn on exposed skin to protect against sunburn.

ACCESS AND PARKING

Please park in the marked areas and follow the instructions of Penrith Whitewater Stadium staff when at the venue. You are reminded that the bridges are for access only. The only people who may remain on the bridges are Technical Video Service Staff and Officials. You may pass over the bridge.

PADDLE AUSTRALIA CONTACT

The contact details for PA are:

Postal Address:	PO Box 6085. Silverwater, NSW, 2128 Australia
Phone:	0408 069 171 (Annabelle White) 0401 346 681 (Tara McElduff)
Wildwater enquires email:	annabelle.white@paddle.org.au tara.mcelduff@paddle.org.au

RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official	Chris Wharton
Chief Judge	Roy Farrance
Timing	Russell Bassett
Scrutineering	Jill Bassett

ENTRIES

All entries will be submitted via the [event website](#).

The Nationals are being used as a selection event for the juniors, U23 and senior Wildwater teams. The event is open to other craft such as slalom boats, plastic boats, creek boats etc. Paddlers must wear footwear, plus normal whitewater helmet and PFD.

Selection percentages will only be calculated for boats that have the approved amount of ICF buoyancy inflated in them. You can enter single events or combined events.

- Junior (Sprint and Classic) - ICF Wildwater Boat \$85
- U23 and Senior (Sprint and Classic) - ICF Wildwater Boat \$120
- Junior (Sprint and Classic) - non-Wildwater craft \$85
- U23 and Senior (Sprint and Classic) - non-Wildwater craft \$120
- Junior Individual Event (Sprint OR Classic) - Any type of boat \$50
- U23 and Senior Single Race Entry (Sprint OR Classic) - any type of boat \$70

Entries close on 27th February 2023

We you add an item to the cart you will be directed to JustGo and will need to enter your PA membership number or create an account.

Please contact info@paddle.org.au if you are having problems using the online entry system.

Acceptance of a late entry is at the discretion of the Organiser and the late entry fee is an extra \$50.

TRAINING

There will be opportunity for participants to train at Penrith Whitewater Stadium on Thursday 2nd March from 8:45am - 9:45am and on Friday 3rd of March from 8:35am - 9:35am.

The price for each training session will be \$39.00 per person and will be at the cost of the individual. Bookings and payments **MUST** be made directly with Penrith Whitewater Stadium by calling 02 4730 4333.

There is a minimum of 15 paid places for the session to go ahead, if the venue does not have 15 people booked and paid the day before the session, the session may be cancelled. Please book in at time of entry. Please don't leave it to the last moment.

SELECTION

This will be a selection event for the 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoe Championships for the Junior, U23 and Senior Team. The Selection Criteria Supplement is available on the [Paddle Australia website](#). All selections will follow the PA Selection Policy. Please note, members of the Australian Canoe Wildwater Team are expected to meet all costs associated with the tour.

Please note: Athletes nominating for consideration for selection to any Australian Canoe Wildwater Team must provide relevant documentation at the link below prior to the close of entries online with the PA Selection Procedures Policy. Should documentation not be received by the close of entries, the nomination may not be considered. Entries will close on the 27th of

February. Late entries for the competition will be accepted, late nominations for selection may be considered at the discretion of the selection panel. [PA Selection Evidence Portal](#)

COMPETITION RULES

All Wildwater events will be run in accordance with ICF Rules 2023 and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The provisional Competition Schedule will be available on the [event website](#).

The following events and age groups will be contested at the Penrith Open & Wildwater:

Junior (U14, U16, U18), U23, Open and Masters in Men K1, Women K1, Men C1 and Women C1 events, Men C2

Entrants may be moved to constitute a class. Medals to all finalists in a junior class.

START ORDER

Will be advised on the start lists via the Whats App group.

START AND FINISH PROCEDURES

Competitors will be called to the start platform immediately the previous competitor has left the start.

The start will be a downstream start adjacent to the start platform. There will be a 5 sec beep countdown to the start time. Athletes may start within 3 seconds of their allocated start time
The start beam is located at the top of the first drop.

START INTERVALS

Depending on entries, the start interval for the qualification runs will be 60 seconds between each competitor and 5 minutes between events.

PRIZES

Prizes for the Wildwater will be awarded in all constituted classes in Junior, U23 and Senior and Master age categories.