

Event Guide

TITLE:	2019 Canoe Slalom Junior & Masters National Championships
VENUE:	Goulburn River, Eildon Victoria
AREA:	Sports Services
RESPONSIBILITY:	Sports Services Manager
RELATED POLICIES:	ICF Slalom Rules Competition Policy
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JUNIOR & MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The 2019 Canoe Slalom Junior and Masters National Championships are jointly organised by Paddle Victoria in partnership with Paddle Australia (PA).

This event could not take place without support from our sponsors and volunteers, together with the co-operation of Goulburn-Murray Water, Murrindindi Shire and the Outdoor Education Group.

OBJECTIVE

1. To acknowledge the best performed athletes in individual, pairs and team events.
2. To acknowledge the best performing paddling clubs and schools.
3. To promote healthy competition between Australian, clubs and individual athletes.
4. To provide a competitive racing environment for over 35's wishing to keep active.

PRINCIPLE

1. PA, through Paddle Victoria and the Victorian Canoe Slalom Technical Committee is responsible for the management of the event. The course should be on Grade 2 water unless otherwise agreed to by the PA Canoe Slalom Technical Committee.
2. Safety is a priority and the event will be conducted in accordance with the Australian Canoe Slalom Significant Event Risk Management Plan.
3. The event should be conducted in a spirit of fun, good sportsmanship and friendship.

RULES

1. All participants are required to abide by the PA safety regulations for the competition. Competitors must be able to swim and competently paddle grade 2-3 water.
2. The event shall be conducted under the Competition Rules nominated by the PA Slalom Technical Committee (www.paddle.org.au) unless specifically stated in this document.
3. Junior races will consist of two (2) runs with an A Final and an invitational B Final, except for Teams Races, which will be one run only.
4. Master races will consist of two (2) runs, except for Teams Races, which will be one run only.
5. No allowances for boat sharing will be made within a class. Boat sharing needs to be organised by the school /club to ensure the program is not held up. This will avoid the disappointment of not being able to start. Athletes not at the start line at the designated start time will not be permitted to start.

6. The Organisers reserve the right to drop gate/s for 14 years and under following the release of the course design.
7. The Organisers reserve the right to alter the start order to fastest to slowest, to reduce overtaking and make the Event run more smoothly.
8. Athletes 45 years and older may have one non-stop practice run (in one class only) on the course at the advertised time.

AGE CATEGORIES

The 2019 Canoe Slalom Junior and Masters National Championships competition age grouping classification is taken from their age at 31 December 2019.

Age Categories				
18 & under	Born in	2001	&	below
16 & under	Born in	2003	&	2004
14 & under	Born in	2005	to	2006
13 & under	Born in	2006	to	2007
12 & under	Born in or after 2007			
35 – 44 (Masters)	Born in	1975	to	1984
45 – 54 (Veterans)	Born in	1965	to	1974
55+ (Vintage)	Born in or before 1964			

ENTRIES

1. Entries into the event is \$75 for all competitors.
2. Entries close on Monday 17th December 2018 at 11:59pm (AEDT).
3. All Australian athletes must be members of PA to be eligible to enter.
4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organisers and only if there is room in the program.
5. The surcharge for late entries is \$20 per paddler.
6. Only 50% of a nominated C2 crew may be substituted after entries are lodged.
7. Individual Athletes may not be substituted.
8. Nominated team entry details (i.e., the names of the athletes in each team) must be provided, in writing, to Compiling within two hours of posting of the official results from the individual event of the class the team entry applies to.
9. There will be no refund of entry fees should it be necessary to cancel the event – either prior to or during the course of the competition – as a result of factors outside the control of the Event Organisers.

TEAMS

1. Teams will be traditional format – three boats of one class per team.
2. Minimum of 2 entries in any team event will constitute a class.

SAFETY

1. The Organising Committee has a documented Risk Management Plan and Emergency Response Plan.
2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to suspend or cancel the event on days where fire danger is predicted to be extreme. Where possible 24 hours' notice will be given at the preceding Morning Briefing. Each Team Manager is responsible for ensuring this information is disseminated to the athletes.
3. All athletes must be competent at capsize drill and self-rescue.
4. Individual Clubs/Schools are responsible for safety of their group during training sessions.
5. Rescue will be on duty at all times during the competition in appropriate positions.
6. Athletes must stay on the water at completion of their run until the next three athletes have finished.
7. First Aid, if required, will be provided by a qualified First Aid staff member.
8. The race Organising Committee, Chief Judge and Chief Scrutineer reserve the right to make a direction that airbags are placed in slalom boats of competitors who are at risk of capsizing. This direction takes into account the measures required to be undertaken by on water safety personnel assisting athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES

1. International Athletes will be permitted to enter under the same rules as Australian athletes.
2. International Athletes must submit a letter to PA (slalom@paddle.org.au) from their National Federation, allowing them to race.
3. International Athletes will receive medals based on their placing in the competition overall. This may mean up to 2 medals for each placing may be awarded.
4. The title of Australian Champion will belong to the best-performed Australian athlete.
5. International Athletes are not eligible for Individual Champion Trophies.

BOAT AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL (SCRUTINEERING)

1. All craft must comply with the requirements outlined in the relevant ICF Rules and may be scrutinized for dimensions and weight. Competitors must ensure that their boat, paddles and accessories meet the ICF Slalom Competition Rules 2017 – Section 7 (or at the discretion of the organisers in conjunction with the Chief Judge). Competitors may be randomly selected for scrutineering following a run.
2. Athletes' boats, personal flotation devices (PFDs), helmets must meet the appropriate safety measures.
3. Competitors must also ensure that their slalom boats comply with the ICF Slalom Competition Rules 2017 – Section 19. Competitors will not be able to start if handholds are inadequate or there is insufficient buoyancy.
4. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) and helmets must be worn by all competitors. At a minimum competitors' PFDs must meet Victorian legal requirements - equivalent to PFD Type 2 and helmets should comply with the CE 1385 standard. Compliance with ICF Slalom Competition Rules 2017 – Section 19 is preferred.

5. Victorian legal requirements – PFD Type 2. That is, Australian Standard (AS) 1499—1996 “Personal flotation devices—Type 2”; or AS 4758.1—2008 “Personal flotation devices—
Part 1: General requirements” relating to Level 50 PFDs; or International Standard ISO 12402-5:2006(E) “Personal flotation devices—Part 5: Buoyancy aids (level 50)—Safety requirements”.
6. As per ICF Rules, all slalom craft must be fully decked, C2 open or semi decked craft are not permitted unless consent given by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Judge.
7. To promote participation decked plastic craft will be permitted to compete.
8. The Organising Committee reserve the right to scrutineer all craft, a random sample of craft, or only those craft associated with event placing.
9. The Organising Committee, Chief Judge and Chief Scrutineer reserve the right to make a direction that airbags are placed in boats of competitors who are at risk of capsizing. This direction takes into account the measures required to be undertaken by on-water safety personnel assisting athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.
10. Shadows or on-water coaching will not be allowed without prior approval from the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge prior to racing will take into consideration individual circumstances and will provide specific written advice regarding permitted instructions and guidance. Any deviation from these will result in automatic disqualification of the athlete. Approval for such assistance must be sought and given at least 24 hours prior to the race.
11. Self-scrutineering facilities will be available at the course.

AWARDS

1. Medals will be awarded as per PA Competition Policy clause 8.
2. Team events will receive certificates for all place getters.
3. Where there is an equal result, both parties will be given equal award. A count back system will not be implemented thus where equal 1st placing occurs; no silver medal will be awarded.

START AND FINISH

1. Signs will designate the start and the finish.

COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS BRIEFING

1. The Team Leaders Briefing will provide information specific to the event as well as general information about social events, weather advisories and housekeeping matters.
2. There will be a Volunteer Briefing each morning at the event shed.
3. Officials/Volunteers will need to be in place and ready to start 20 minutes before the event is scheduled to start.

BIB DISTRIBUTION

1. Bibs will be distributed to Team Managers at the briefing upon receipt of a \$50 deposit.
2. This deposit will be refunded when all team bibs are returned.
3. Bibs will not be distributed for competitors until entry fees have been fully paid.
4. A \$50 fine will be applied to every lost bib.

SELECTION RACE INFORMATION

TBA –NTS selection details.

Information is still to be ratified by PA and will be published as soon as possible.

EVENT CONTACTS

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Chief Judge	Jill Bassett	
Assistant Chief Judge	Christine Grant / Peter Grant	
Race Scrutineer	TBA	
Race Jury	TBA	
1 st Aid	External provider	

Event information will be updated on the official website that can be found through link on the PA website calendar.

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Additional rules and information for the Junior competition component of the 2019 Canoe Slalom Junior & Masters National Championships.

AGE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

To provide clarification, athletes may be eligible to compete if over 18 years of age if a full-time enrolled student as at end of 2018 school year. These athletes will not be eligible to be awarded the Junior National Championships - Under 18 Championship Trophy (National Title) however may be eligible for the to be awarded "Senior Class" award(s).

The nomination of the age group within which an individual athlete competes is the responsibility of the entering athlete or team manager, subject to the athlete being qualified to compete at the age nominated.

THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS WILL BE OFFERED:

K1, C1 classes age categories;

Senior - 18 years and under (including older if full time student), 16 years and under,

Junior - 14 years and under, 13 years and under, 12 years and under, 11 years and under, 10 years and under, for all categories except

C2 Classes age categories; C2M, C2W, C2Mx

Senior - 18 years and under and older, 16 years and under,

Junior - 14 years and under, and 12 years and under.

Team Events age categories; K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, C2M, C2W, C2Mx

Senior - 18 years and under (including older if full time student), down to 15 years

Junior - 14 years and under.

**Athlete ages are calculated as of the age on the 31st December 2019.

TEAMS EVENT:

- Teams will be held in "Senior" and "Junior" categories.
- Teams formed under the "brother/sister" school / club arrangement (refer to eligibility) will be treated as if they are a team.
- Individual athletes may join together to form an independent team but the Organising Committee must approve the team's constitution.
- Certificates will be awarded for a constituted team event, however no championship trophies' or points will be awarded from any mixed teams.
- Teams comprised of athletes from the same club can accrue points for consideration in the club trophies.

LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF EVENTS AN ATHLETE CAN ENTER:

Athletes may enter up to three individual or pair events and one only team event

EXTREME SLALOM DURING JUNIORS /MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT

Race schedule permitting there will be a “boater-cross”/ extreme slalom offered on the Friday 19th January prior to the event scheduled for non-juniors & juniors participants which will be available for all interested.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

- Trophies will be awarded to the fastest athletes in the following classes for the best time recorded of two runs (unless a finals format is scheduled within the program or to meet selection criteria).
- Fastest Senior Classes and Junior Classes in the following K1M, K1W, C1M, C1M, C2M, C2W, C2Mx.
- **Junior will not be moved to Senior classes, except where the athlete is competing in a C2 pair where there is a senior athlete involved.

SCHOOLS / CLUBS TROPHIES

- Trophies will be awarded to the best-performed School and Club by the calculation of points accrued by athletes in constituted classes.
- Points will be awarded for top 10 place getters with 10 points being awarded for a 1st place to 1 point being awarded for a 10th place.

SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must have been full-time students at Primary or Secondary school on the last day of expected attendance for the previous year. Acceptance of any entries outside these criteria will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee or the Paddle Victoria Slalom Technical Committee and Chief Judge. Acceptance of athletes under 10 years of age will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge and Organising Committee.
- Pairs and teams must consist of athletes from the same school. In the case of single sex schools, they may nominate a “brother/sister” school with whom they may pair for mixed events. All mixed crews from those schools must be from only the two nominated schools. Such “brother/sister schools” must be nominated on the entry forms. Athletes competing under such “brother/sister” school arrangements are eligible to accrue points for school, clubs and be awarded Individual Champion Trophies.
- Athletes from small schools may join with athletes from their registered club to race where they cannot make a pair or team within their own school. Any of these mixed pairs or teams, are ineligible to accrue points for their school however are eligible to accrue points for their club and be awarded the Championship Individual Trophy if eligible.
- Medals will be awarded for a constituted team event; however, no championship trophies’ or points will be awarded from any team’s event.

RACE RULES

1. Medal placing will be determined by the best time of the two runs for all ages. There will be two heats, with the best of these advancing to the A final. All athletes nominating for NTS will participate in an invitational B final if not already in the A final. Details of the format for selection to and program for Finals, and including events for athletes who do not qualify for the Finals event but having nominated for an Australian Team, details will be published shortly.
2. Race Format is 2 heats
3. Fastest 10 paddlers into A Final
4. Invitational B Final for all NTS nominations who don't compete in A Final.

MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Additional rules and information for the Masters competition component of the 2019 Canoe Slalom Junior & Masters National Championships.

CLASSES

1. Kayak: K1M & K1W
2. Canoe: C1M & C1W
3. Canoe Double: C2M, C2W & C2Mixed
4. Minimum of 3 entries and two starters for individual events will constitute a class.

ENTRIES

Age categories for Masters events will be in 10 year age groups starting from 35 years old. However, if there is six athletes in a 10 year age group with three athletes in each 5 year age group then the age group may be split to constitute two five year age groups.

For example if the 45 – 54 age category had six athletes entered and three athletes are in the 45-49 with the other three athletes in the 50-54 age group, this would mean that each five year age category is a constituted event, hence the 10 year age group may be split and both five year age category can contest medals (as per the medal policy).