

# 2017 Marathon Winter Series Race 3

## *YARRA TEAM PURSUIT*

### Race format information

Please note the changes from last year's format

- 1) **Format:** This year we are running a normal doubles race for Divisions 1 to 3 and a team-based race for all other paddlers. Teams are comprised of two to four boats (singles and/or doubles). The objective is to work together to get your team over the line in the fastest time. There are Sub-Jnr (3 km), Short (9 km), Medium (11 km) and Long (18 km) course options for the teams and 22 km for the Div1-3 doubles.
- 2) **Team composition:** Team members can be from any age group, gender, divisional ranking or club affiliation and can paddle any craft. All craft types are welcome.
- 3) **Course layout:** All courses start and finish at Fairfield Boathouse (n.b. not Fairfield Canoe Club); all courses share the same upstream turning buoy; the only difference is how far downstream you paddle before turning. The Div 1-3 course is two long laps, from Fairfield Boathouse downstream 4.5 km to Kane's Bridge, then heading upstream, past the start and turning ~350 metres upstream of Fairfield Canoe Club, then repeating this for a total of 22 km. The long teams course is two short laps, from Fairfield Boathouse downstream 3.5 km, then heading upstream as for the Div 1-3 course, for a total of 18 km. The medium course is one long lap (11 km). The short course is one short lap (9 km). The sub-junior course is from Fairfield Boathouse downstream for ~ 1 km, then upstream as for the other courses. All boats will assemble on the stretch of water between Fairfield Canoe Club and INCC prior to the first start.
- 4) **Start order:** Paddlers will be assigned a start number at check-in on race day. All members of a team will start together. Each start will comprise one to two teams, with starts at ~20 second intervals. Div 1-3 will start first, then the Long course teams, followed by Medium, Short and then Sub-Junior teams.
- 5) **Results:** For Div 1-3 it is a normal doubles race. For teams the objective is to work together to get your team over the line in the fastest time. The finishing time for each team will be the time of the last team boat across the line. At least two boats from each team need to finish for the team to get a result. There is a time penalty for the team of one minute for each boat in the team that doesn't finish (so if you start with four boats and only two finish, your team's time will be the time of the second boat across the line plus a 1+1=2 minute penalty; if you start with two boats and only one finishes your team won't get a result).
- 6) **Race points:** Points will be allocated using the CV Marathon handicapping system, which adjusts for age, gender, boat type and distance. Each team's handicap factor will be the average of the handicap factors of each of the members in the team that complete the race.