



Medals

- Medals are awarded to recognize outstanding performance at Paddle Victoria Marathon Championship events. For outstanding performance to be assessed it is desirable that paddlers compete against others. However, it is recognized that, at times, there may be a limited number of competitors in some age and craft classes.
- Paddlers who have trained hard and committed themselves to competition should be recognized even in the absence of other paddlers. Ultimately the value of the award is related to the effort required to achieve the award.

Paddle Victoria Marathon Medal Policy

1. The intention is to form "constituted" classes where it is reasonable to do so.
2. Classes may be amalgamated to form constituted classes subject to Paddle Australia Marathon Competition Rules.
3. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for first, second and third place respectively (refer to Note).
4. Medals will be awarded to all placing athletes regardless of age group.
5. Paddlers need to complete the race to be eligible for a medal. Paddlers who are disqualified, did not start, or did not finish are not eligible.
6. The publication of results will indicate the number of competitors in the class in which each medal was awarded.

Note: This differs from the Paddle Australia Competitions Policy, in which silver and bronze medals are only awarded if three or four crews respectively start in the class and constituted classes are required for age groups other than juniors and V65+ (due to reduced paddler numbers at State versus National events).

Constituted Class

- For a class to be contested (constituted) there must be a minimum of three entries and two starters.

Amalgamations

- Where there are insufficient entries or starters to contest a certain event, competitors can be moved into a relevant event.
- Juniors (18 and under) classes will not be amalgamated.
- Masters age groups will not amalgamate any further than ten (10) years and will not change distance unless agreed by the competitors.

Paddle Australia Rules

- PA Canoe Marathon Competition Rules: <https://paddle.org.au/paddlesports/canoe-marathon/#rules>
- PA Competitions Policy: <https://paddle.org.au/about-us/documents-policies-and-bylaws/>

