**2018 VICTORIAN JUNIOR CANOE SLALOM AND DOWNRIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS (Incorporating SCHOOLS)** - **EVENT SCHEDULE**

To be read in conjunction with the:

*2018 Victorian Schools Canoe Slalom and Downriver Junior Championships (incorporating Schools) Event Schedule & Guidelines – This document*

*2018 Victorian Schools Canoe Slalom and Downriver Entry Form (online)*

The program for the Victorian Canoe Slalom and Downriver Junior Championships (incorporating Schools) is subject to change at the Organiser’s discretion.

Any alterations will be subject to approval of the Chief Judge and Organising Committee. Any changes made will be announced at the scheduled briefings.

All competitors and officials should attend the scheduled briefings and consult the event schedule posted in the marshalling area (Saturday) and compiling area (Sunday).

**Key dates and times**

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| **Thursday 6th September** | 9 pm | **Entries close** |
| **Friday**  **7th September** | 3 pm | Start lists for wildwater/downriver and slalom races issued\* |
| **Saturday**  **8th September** |  | **Wildwater/Downriver race** |
|  | 9.30 am | Competitors safety briefing at Griffith Park, Eltham |
|  | 10 am | Race start – 1 run per competitor |
|  | 12 pm | Construction of slalom course (at Fitzsimons Lane Bridge) |
|  |  | Presentation (At completion of construction of slalom course) |
|  | 1.00 pm | Slalom demonstration runs |
|  | 1.30 pm | Course open to junior competitors for one continuous practice run (Under 14 and below only) |
|  | 2.30 pm | Slalom course closed to competitors\*\* |
| **Sunday**  **9th September** |  | **Slalom race** |
|  | 8.30 am | Competitors safety briefing, followed by volunteer/officials briefing |
|  | 9 am | Race start – 2 runs per athlete per class |
|  | 2.30 pm | Teams runs – 1 run per athlete |
|  | 3 pm | Course dismantled |
|  | 4 pm | Presentation |

\*The start lists will be issued at 3pm, Friday 7th September 2018. The start lists will be final. Changes to an athlete’s entry after 3 pm, Friday 7th September 2018 may result in that athlete not being eligible for points in consideration of school/club awards. They will be eligible for medals.

\*\* Any competitor utilizing the course after it is closed until start of competition may be subject to disqualification.

**preface**

The 2018 Victorian Junior Canoe Slalom and Downriver Championships (Incorporating Vic. Schools) was formally known as “Victorian Schools Championships”. These guidelines have been adapted to form a basis for the Victorian Junior Canoe Slalom and Down-River Championships.

This Event Guide has been refined to eliminate unintended bias and incorporates control measures to reduce opportunities for unintended consequences identified during analysis of previous years post event results review. This guide incorporates feedback from relevant organizing officials, Paddle Australia, Canoeing Victoria (CV) requirements and PA technical committees and officials input. Likewise, it includes guidance measures from those who have performed role of Chief Judge for the events previously and those going forward.

**VISION and objective**

2018 Victorian Junior Canoe Slalom and Downriver Championships (Incorporating Vic. Schools):

The vision;

• Provide an environment where young athletes can perform to the best of their abilities, be that at the elite, development level or as an “all abilities category” (first included in the 2017 Victorian Junior “Schools” Championships).

• Encourage friendship and fostering interschool and club competition on a state level with a view of increasing junior and female participation within the sport.

The objective;

• To acknowledge the best performed athletes in individual, pairs and team events.

• To acknowledge the best performing large and small schools.

* To acknowledge the best performing club.

• To promote healthy competition between Australian schools, clubs and individual junior / student athletes.

**EVENT GUIDE DETAILS & INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**

The races will be held on the Yarra River at Eltham & Templestowe.

* Downriver: Griffith Park, 6 Griffith Park Rd, Eltham
* Slalom: Fitzsimons Lane Bridge, Templestowe

**General**

1. The event will be conducted in alignment with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) *Wildwater Canoeing Competition Rules 2017* and ICF *Canoe Slalom Competition Rules 2017 (as amended*). A copy of the ICF rules will be available at compiling.
2. Athletes competing in 14 years and younger may have one non-stop practice run on the course at the advertised time. These athletes constitute the junior age class.
3. Athletes in all classes must at least make a reasonable attempt to negotiate 50 per cent of the gates in the set course to have a time recorded.

**Entries**

1. Paddlers may enter in two canoe slalom classes and one downriver class.
2. Each paddler must complete an entry form.
3. Fees:
   1. Members of Paddle Australia/Canoeing Victoria: · $15.00 per class (canoe slalom K1, C1, C2 or downriver) or $40 for the championships (limit of 2 slalom classes and 1 downriver class).
   2. Non-members: as above plus $5 per non-member for the whole event.
4. No entry will be accepted unless the correct fees have been paid.
5. Entries close Thursday 6th September 2018 at 9 pm. This will allow start lists for the various events to be compiled. The events start lists will be issued at 3 pm, Friday 7th September 2018. The start lists will be final.
6. Changes to an entry after 3 pm, Friday 7th September 2018 may result in that athlete not being eligible for points in consideration of school awards. They are eligible for medals.
7. Only 50% of a nominated C2 crew may be substituted after entries are lodged.
8. Individual Athletes may not be substituted for a particular class without the approval of the Chief Judge.
9. Entry for this event may be done online.
   1. Information and entry forms will be available via the Canoeing Victoria web site or club links.
   2. Payment will be accepted via Trybooking website <https://www.trybooking.com/XNTR>
   3. Entries are to be made via the 2018 Victorian Schools Canoe Slalom & Downriver Championships registration <http://vic.canoe.org.au/2018-victorian-school-slalom-and-down-river-championships/>
10. Age classification will be taken as the age a competitor turns in the calendar year of 2018. (As per ICF). That is the age in the calendar year prior to the 31st December 2018.
11. Entry fees will be refunded for withdrawals before 6th September 2018. After 6th September 2018 - there will be no refunds.
12. Nomination of Event.
13. All competitors will be eligible for consideration of individual championship points/awards (pending Section 15d & Section 17).
14. The age group a competitor is based on their age as recorded in the Paddle Australia (AC) database. Should a competitor wish to compete in a different age group (other than as per the PA record) then provided the competitor satisfies the age criteria for the class or is younger the change will be made by compiling **after approval of the Chief Judge.**
15. The competitor may indicate on their entry any request to change age groups and, unless otherwise specified by the paddler, this change will be assumed to apply to ANY and ALL entries made for this competition.
16. Should the competitor wish to amend any nominated events (including age) post-closing of the entry period that athlete may not be eligible for points in consideration of school/club awards.
17. Paddlers must nominate their intention to enter a team event at the time of entry. Nominated team entry details (i.e., the names of the athletes in each team) must be provided, in writing, to compiling by 9am Sunday 9th September 2018.
18. Constitution of a Class
19. For a class to be contested there must be a minimum of three entries (by 3 pm 7th September 2018) and two starters (on race day).
20. The only exception to this will be in 14 years and under and 18 years & over class, where less than three entries still constitutes a class.
21. If there is not a constituted class, athletes will be moved up to the next available age group.
22. Competitors 14 years and under will not be ‘rolled up’ into senior age groups (15 years and over).

**SCHOOL/CLUB ELIGIBILITY, C2 CLASS & Adaptive ALL ABILITIES**

1. The following is the eligibility criteria for athletes competing in the Victorian Canoe Slalom and Whitewater Junior Championships (incorporating schools). It is providing clarity and guidance regarding composition of C2 pairs and teams events and the inclusion of an adaptive “All Abilities” class;
   1. Athletes must have been full time students at Primary or Secondary school on the last day of expected attendance prior to this event. Acceptance of any entries outside these criteria will be at the discretion of the Event Organisers, CV Canoe Slalom Technical Committee or Chief Judge. Likewise, acceptance of athletes 10 years of age and below will be at the discretion of the CV Canoe Slalom Technical Committee, Event Organisers and Chief Judge.
   2. C2 pairs and teams must consist of athletes from the same school or club. 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 and approved by the CV Canoe Slalom Technical Committee. Athletes receiving approval to compete under such ‘brother/sister’ school arrangements are eligible to accrue equal points for their school and eligible for individual awards.
   3. Athletes from small schools/clubs may join with athletes from other schools/clubs to race where they cannot make a C2 pair or team within their own school/club. Any of the mixed school/club pairs or mixed school/clubs’ teams, not nominated as ‘brother/sister schools’, are ineligible to accrue points to school/club, they are however eligible to win awards. Points towards school/club will only be given to non-mixed school/club pairs or teams.
   4. By submitting the registration form, the athlete is confirming they are an eligible student as at the last school day prior to the event.
   5. The Victorian Schools Canoe Slalom and Downriver Championships is an inclusive event. A group of athletes may be competing in an “Adaptive All Abilities Class”. The ability of these paddlers to safely negotiate the downriver and canoe slalom courses will be assessed by the CV Technical Committee, Organising Committee or the Chief Judge. Where considered appropriate and at the discretion of the Chief Judge, these athletes may be provided with on water support to ensure they compete safely and to the best of their ability. They are ineligible to accrue points to school/club awards, they are however eligible to win individual awards. These athletes may elect to compete in the primary classes and be eligible for the relevant awards.
   6. Any athlete that requires on water coaching (i.e. leading or verbal instruction, excluding “All Abilities”) will not be eligible for awards or points other than participation recognition.
   7. Approval for on water ‘shadowing’ or on water coaching, must be given (approved) by the Organising Committee and Chief Judge prior to the commencement of the race. There shall be no late nominations.
2. Championship Medals
3. Medals will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place based on the best result of the two runs.
4. Medals are only awarded for constituted classes.
5. Medals will be awarded for a constituted team event; however, NO school/club points will be awarded from any team’s event. I.e. Senior K1M, Senior C1W, Junior C1M etc
6. Club membership or competitor declaration
7. Entries must be accompanied by evidence of club membership for all athletes otherwise the Competitor Declaration Form must be completed prior to the day of Championship.
8. The point of truth for assessing current membership of an athlete to Paddle Australia will be either the most recent competitor list provided by Canoeing Victoria to the Event Organiser prior to the closing date for entries or confirmation from Club Secretaries.
9. Competitors from other States or Countries need to be able to provide current (valid) Membership Cards for AC or their relevant National body.

**Late Entries and Alterations to Entries**

1. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee and only if there is room in the program.
2. A surcharge of $20 per paddler for each late entry lodged.
3. Lodgement of an entry or changes to an athlete’s entry after 9 pm, Thursday 7th September 2018 will attract the surcharge noted above. It may also result in that athlete not being eligible for points in consideration of school/club awards.
4. Paddlers may enter in two canoe slalom classes and one downriver class.

**Age groups and classes**

1. As per the ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules 2017, the age at which an athlete can compete is the age they turn in the calendar year, 2018.

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| **Age Categories for Vic Schools Championships** | | |
| 17 & over | Born in | 2001& older |
| 16 & under | Born in | 2002 2003 |
| 14 & under | Born in | 2004 |
| 13 & under | Born in | 2005 |
| 12 & under | Born in | 2006 |
| 11 & under | Born in | 2007 |
| 10 & under | Born in | 2008+ |

1. For individual events, in both downriver and canoe slalom disciplines competitors are offered the following age groups and classes:

Male and female K1, C1, C2 and mixed C2 in each year from 10 years (and under) to 14 years and under. i.e. 10 years and under, 11 years and under, 12 years and under, 13 years and under and 14 years and under.

Male and female K1, C1, C2 and mixed C2 in each second year from 16 years and under to 18 years and over. i.e. 16 years and under, 18 years and under, and over 18 years (if eligible due to school attendance).

1. For Senior Classes (15 years and older) to be contested there must be a minimum of three entries, at the close of entries and two starters. An exception to this will be in 18 years and above class, where less than three entries will still constitute a class. If there is not a constituted class, athletes will be moved up to the next available age group.
2. For Junior Classes (14 years and under) to be contested there must be a minimum of three entries, at the close of entries and two starters. An exception to this will be in 14 years and under class, where less than three entries will still constitute a class. If there is not a constituted class, athletes will be moved up to the next available age group not exceeding 14 years and under.
3. Athletes will not be moved from Junior to Senior, except where the athlete is competing in a C2 or team event where there are senior athletes involved. C2 will compete in the category of the older athlete.
4. Team events
5. Teams will comprise three boats in a single class.
6. Male and female teams will be junior teams (14 years and under) or senior teams (15 years and over). Mixed gender teams will be treated as a male team.
7. A school /club may enter one senior team (15 years and over) and one junior team (14 years and below) per class.
8. Paddlers may only participate in one team event

**BOAT AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL (SCRUITINEERING)**

1. Competitors are expected to undertake self-scrutineering at all events.
2. All craft must comply with the requirements outlined in the relevant ICF Rules and may be scrutinized for dimensions and weight.
3. Downriver competitors must ensure that their boat, paddles and accessories meet either ICF Slalom Competition Rules 2017 – Section 7 or ICF Wildwater Competition Rules 2017 – Section 7 (or at the discretion of the organisers in conjunction with the Chief Judge). Boats will be checked at the start of the downriver race.
4. Canoe Slalom 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.
5. Athletes’ boats, buoyancy vests (personal flotation devices), helmets must meet the appropriate safety measures.
6. Competitors must ensure that their downriver boats comply with the ICF Wildwater Competition Rules 2017 – Section 18. Competitors will not be able to start if handholds are inadequate or there is insufficient buoyancy.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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”.
10. 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.
11. Team managers must ensure that boat sharing does not hold up the program. This will avoid the disappointment of not being able to start. Athletes not at the start line in bib order number/per the start list may not be permitted to start.

**Race Instructions**

1. Paddlers must wear correct body numbers. The C2 front paddler wears the number.
2. At the start athletes enter the water upstream of the start line or if downstream do not activate the start beams by paddling through the start gate.
3. Start intervals will be 60 seconds for both downriver and slalom.
4. Paddlers’ time will begin at the official start time. Late downriver competitors can be started but may have a time penalty added. Late slalom paddlers will only be allowed to start at the discretion of the starter and the Technical Officials.
5. Any competitor being overtaken by another competitor shall allow the overtaking craft free passage. Judges may order a paddler to the side of the river to allow passing. This will be signaled by a loud whistle. Downriver paddlers must give assistance to any paddlers in difficulties.
6. The slalom will be run with a 2 second penalty for a touch and 50 second penalty for a missed or incorrectly negotiated gate.
7. For the individual slalom and C2, the better of two runs will count. The team event will consist of one run only
8. There is no modified course for C2’s in slalom.
9. Paddlers in slalom class must attempt at least 50% of all gates to register a time.
10. Upon finishing the paddler must EXIT THE RIVER DOWNSTREAM OF THE FINISH LINE SO AS TO NOT ACTIVATE THE FINISH BEAMS.
11. For judging and timing matters a school / club team manager may make an enquiry of the Chief Judge via Compiling. The Chief Judge will review relevant information for the processing of the enquiry. No personal video will be considered. Following the investigation of the enquiry the decision of the Chief Judge becomes a matter of fact and therefore cannot be protested further. An enquiry is considered only when submitted within 10 minutes after the official results are posted.
12. All protests must be made to Compiling by the team manager, or in the case of an individual competitor, the appropriate coach - not directly by the paddler. Protests must be in writing.
13. Information and times will be posted as soon as possible. Athletes must not wait for results outside the compiling area.
14. Competitors entering the compiling area or discussing competition issues with officials’ risk disqualification.
15. At the end of your runs, bibs MUST be returned to the collection area. Any bibs not returned at the end of the competition will be deemed “lost” and will incur a $100 fee.

**General SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All boats must meet the requirements noted above.
2. All participants must:
3. · be able to capsize and exit a boat effectively in cold water.
4. · be able to swim 50 metres.
5. · wear suitable personal flotation devices and helmets.
6. · attend the briefing session on the day of competition.
7. · suitable footwear is compulsory for downriver and recommended for slalom.
8. Although it may be cloudy, prolonged exposure to the sun is not healthy especially when you are close to the water. Where possible wear long sleeve clothing when paddling and apply sun screen. Use shade from trees, umbrellas or tents when off the water.
9. In the event of a capsize, exit craft, swim to the upstream end of the craft, keep feet up and swim to the most suitable bank. Please observe instructions given by rescue boats.
10. At the end of the course, competitors must remain on the water ready to rescue, until the next two competitors finish.

**Downriver race information**

1. The downriver race will be held as noted on the program.
2. Downriver racing is timed over a fixed length of river with several rapids (of a low level of difficulty) to be negotiated.
3. Canoeists with little expertise can undertake the race (such as those who have undertaken canoeing at school camps or scout/guide groups).
4. The racecourse is approximately 2km of flowing grade 1-2 standard rapids from Griffith Park to Fitzsimons Lane Bridge.
5. For safety there will be paddlers stationed at major points along the course.
6. A competitor overtaken by another competitor shall allow the overtaking boat free passage. The overtaking competitor should shout "FREE" (per ICF Wildwater Canoeing Competition Rules 2017 Section 26).
7. It is required that any competitor finding another in difficulty, must ensure that the competitor is ok and must immediately render rescue assistance if required. Failing to stop may result in disqualification.
8. Course practice
   1. It is strongly recommended that all athletes and schools participating in the downriver event practice the race course ahead of time.
   2. Please remember river hazards are ever changing.
   3. It Is a good plan to run the course with your group at least a week before the race.

**Slalom racing information**

1. The slalom race will be held as noted in the program at Fitzsimons Lane Bridge on easy flowing grade 1-2 standard rapids.
2. Slalom racing is a timed run from start to finish while negotiating 18-20 gates over an approximately 250m long course.
3. The gates are set in both downstream and upstream directions and time is added for gate touches (2 seconds) and missed gates (50 seconds).
4. There will be two runs for each competitor in their individual class.
5. Each team will have one run in the team events.

**Course Construction and junior practice**

1. The course will be erected on Saturday directly after the downriver event before downriver presentations.
2. Schools will be allocated responsibility for erecting specific parts of the course.
3. Following completion of the course setting, all junior slalom paddlers (14 years and under) will be allowed one full practice run down the course. The course will be closed as noted in the program.
4. Teams/schools/clubs will be required to provide their own on-river safety during the practice period.

**MEDALS & TROPHIES**

1. Medals will be awarded to the first three place getters in each constituted class for the downriver and slalom events.
2. Individual Awards:
3. Nine awards are presented to individual paddlers based on their fastest time in a class.

These are for the Fastest Senior Canoe Slalom Athlete (15 years and over) and Fastest Junior Canoe Slalom Athlete (14 years and younger) in the following categories;

* Fastest Senior Canoe Slalom K1M
* Fastest Senior Canoe Slalom K1W
* Fastest Senior Canoe Slalom C1M
* Fastest Senior Canoe Slalom C1W
* Fastest Junior Canoe Slalom K1M
* Fastest Junior Canoe Slalom K1W
* Fastest Junior Canoe Slalom C1M
* Fastest Junior Canoe Slalom C1W
* Jackie Handley Memorial Award - Best C1W competitor (Senior or Junior)

1. Perpetual School Trophies
2. Six perpetual trophies will be awarded to schools.
3. The trophies are:

* Awarded to the Male' school with the most points
* Awarded to the Female' school with the most points
* Awarded to the school with the most points with 31+ paddlers
* Danielle Woodward Trophy awarded to the school with the most points with 10 to 30 paddlers
* Boldiston Trophy awarded to the highest scoring school with less than 10 paddlers
* Canoes Plus Schools Elite Slalom Trophy awarded to the school with the highest average points per slalom paddler
* Aintree Group Trophy awarded to the club with the most points

To calculate school and club trophies, individual points are awarded to the top 10 places in each class as follows: 1st – 20; 2nd – 15, 3rd – 11, 4th -8, 5th – 6, 6th – 4 7th – 2, and one point for position 8-10

1. Cross discipline trophies awarded by the Victoria Wildwater Technical Committee.
   * + Most Outstanding Senior Male Competitor
     + Most Outstanding Senior Female competitor
     + Most Outstanding Junior Male competitor
     + Most Outstanding Junior Female competitor
2. Participation medals

* All Abilities class
* Any athlete requiring on water coaching