

To: PV Marathon clubs and members  
From: PV Marathon Committee  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Subject: **Paddle Victoria Marathon medal policy**

This document explains the policy for awarding medals at Victorian Canoe Marathon Championships and Victorian Schools Canoe Marathon Championships events.

The Paddle Victoria Marathon Committee awards medals to recognize outstanding performance at championship events. For outstanding performance to be assessed it is desirable that paddlers compete against others. However, the Committee recognizes that at times there may be limited numbers 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.

#### Medal Policy

1. The intention is to form “constituted” classes where it is reasonable to do so.
2. A constituted class requires three or more paddlers of the same age group and boat type to register and two or more paddlers in that class to start per Paddle Australia rules<sup>1</sup>.
3. Classes may be amalgamated to form constituted classes subject to Paddle Australia Marathon competition rules (Chapter 1.2 Amalgamations) or by agreement of the race committee and competitors.
4. For constituted classes gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for first, second and third place respectively<sup>2</sup>.
5. For unconstituted classes antique gold and antique silver medals will be awarded for first and second place (there being no third place in an unconstituted class by definition).

For the purpose of clarity, 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.

Publication of results will note the number of competitors in the class in which each medal was awarded.

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<sup>1</sup> per Australian Canoeing “Canoe Marathon Competition Rules - Version Effective 1st November 2013”, 28th August 2013”.

<sup>2</sup> This differs from Paddle Australia’s “Canoeing Competitions Bylaw, 31 October 2012, Bylaw #19”, Section 8 Awards, in which silver and bronze medals are only awarded if three or four crews respectively start in the class.