

Competition Guide

TITLE: 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships

RESPONSIBILITY: Paddle Victoria

RELATED POLICIES: ICF Canoe Slalom Rules Competition Policy

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1.	<p>2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships are organised by Paddle Victoria.</p> <p>This event could not take place without the support of our sponsors, volunteers and local club Melbourne Canoe Club. The event is supported by Outdoor Education Group, Murray Goulburn Water, Victorian State Government and Murrindindi Council, Rivers and Streams Management</p>
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OBJECTIVE

2.	To acknowledge the best performed individuals by age, clubs and schools in individual, pairs and team events.
3.	Encourage friendship and fostering competition on a State level.
4.	To promote healthy competition between individual athletes.
5.	Providing an environment where all athletes can perform to the best of their abilities, be that at the elite of the development level.

PRINCIPLE

6.	PV through the PV Canoe Slalom Technical Committee (PVSTC) is responsible for the conduct of the event.
7.	Safety is a priority and the event will be conducted in accordance with the 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships significant event risk management plan. OR in accordance with the Australian Canoe Slalom Significant Event Risk Management Plan.
8.	The event will be conducted in the spirit of fun, good sportsmanship and friendship.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

9.	<p>Competition: 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships Venue: Goulburn River, Victoria</p> <p>Date: 15th to 17th January 2020</p> <p>Contact: vicslalomtechcommittee@gmail.com</p>
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10.	<u>Race contacts</u> Chief Official – Russell Bassett Assistant Race Director – Chris Runting Chief Judge – Jill Bassett Site Organiser – Chris Galea Compiling – Laura Montalto & Lyne Strmecki QA & Awards Coordinator – Sue Moorhen Safety – Michael Cox First Aid – Hilda Hallinan
11.	The Team Leaders Briefing will provide information specific to the event as well as general information about social events, weather advisories and housekeeping matters This will occur at 3 pm on Friday January 15 th . All competitors must be represented at this meeting which will take place in the area in front of compiling.
12.	There may be extra Team Leaders Meetings at the start of each day as required.
13.	Officials/Volunteers will need to be in place and ready to start 20 minutes before the event is scheduled to start.

PROGRAM

Friday January 15, 2021

Free practice in allocated sessions. All competitors to assist with course setting in allocated sections.

Up until 8am	Free practice
8:00-9:00am	Western Australia, New South Wales & Internationals
9:00-10:00am	Tasmania & Victoria (non IGS)
10:00-11am	Practice for Masters paddlers only
11:00am-12:00pm	Ivanhoe Grammar School (IGS)
12:00-1:00pm	Western Australia, New South Wales & Internationals
1:00pm-2:00pm	Tasmania & Victoria (non IGS)
2:00-3:00pm	Ivanhoe Grammar School (IGS)
3:00-4:00pm	Practice for Masters paddlers only
4:00pm	Course closed and course construction for Junior & Masters Championships
5:15pm	Demonstration Runs followed by U14 Practice Runs
5:30pm	Course walk through
6:00 pm	Bib distribution and briefing at Event Compiling area

Saturday January 16, 2021

8:00am	Briefing for Volunteers & Officials. Officials in place by 8:20am
8:30am	Session 1: Qualification and age group championship – All Ages. Run 1 (MC1, WK1, MK1, WC1, C2M, C2W, C2Mx)
	Lunch (30 min)
	Session 2: Qualification and age group championship – All Ages. Run 2 (MC1, WK1, MK1, WC1, C2M, C2W, C2Mx)
5:00pm	Team entries close
6:45pm	End of days competition – Set Course for Finals
7:00pm	Demonstration Runs
7:15pm	Vic BBQ Social Event

Sunday January 17, 2021

9:00am	Officials Briefing and close for changes to members in teams event
9:15am	Officials in place
9:30am	'B' Final – 1 run only. (WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1) All Ages
11:45am	'A' Final – 1 run only. To Determine Event Champions (WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1)
	Lunch (45 min)
1:30pm	Bib collection and officials briefing for teams event.
1:45pm	Traditional Teams – Masters & Junior. One run only (C1M, K1W, K1M). Maximum one event per person. Any additional team entry must be approved by the chief judge. Two teams must be entered to constitute a class.
3:30pm	Course dismantling & Presentations

****The event program will be reviewed when entries have closed and possibly changed to reflect the number of participants. This Program for the 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships is subject to change at the Competition Organiser's discretion and in consultation with the Chief Judge. All competitors and officials should consult the Official Program posted in the Compiling area at the race venue each day of the Event. Any changes made will be announced at the Briefing. Last minute changes will be broadcast during the course of the day.****

RULES

14.	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.
15.	The event shall be conducted under the Competition Rules nominated by the PACSLTC (www.paddle.org.au) unless specifically stated in this document.
16.	Each age category for each class will race a best of two runs on Saturday January 16 th .
17.	The Club Championship and Schools Championship will be determined by points allocated in the Age Category race on Saturday January 16 th .
18.	Age Champions will be determined by the winner of the best of two-run race on Saturday.
19.	Overall National "All Age" & National Junior champions will be determined by the fastest time from the finals race on Sunday January 17 th .
20.	The Organizers reserve the right to alter the start order to slowest to fastest, to reduce overtaking and make the Event run more smoothly.
21.	No allowances for boat sharing will be made within a class. Boat sharing needs to be organised by the individual or manager 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.

SAFETY

22.	The organising committee has a documented Risk Management Plan.
23.	<p>The organising committee reserves the right to suspend or cancel the event on days where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fire danger is predicted to be extreme, • High winds make tree/branch falls a significant hazard, • High temperatures pose a serious risk to athlete's or official's wellbeing, • High rainfalls make officiating safely difficult, • Flood/high water flow conditions make race conditions unsafe, or • Lack of/inadequate water release. <p>Where possible 24 hours' notice will be given at the preceding briefing. Each Team Manager is responsible for ensuring this information is disseminated to the athletes.</p>
24.	All athletes must be competent at capsize drill and self-rescue.
25.	All athletes must be competent at rolling and may be asked to demonstrate this competency.
26.	Individual Clubs/School/State teams are responsible for safety of their group during training sessions.
27.	Rescue will be on duty at all times during the competition in appropriate positions.

28.	Canoe Slalom athletes must stay on the water at completion of their run until the next three athletes have finished and must contribute to rescue of fellow athletes and their equipment if required, but without endangering themselves.
29.	First Aid, if required, will be provided by a qualified First Aid staff member. Competitors and supporters should take responsibility and provide for their own minor/incidental first aid requirements (blisters, minor cuts and bruises, sunburn, etc).
30.	In addition, 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 considers the measures required to be undertaken by on water safety personnel assisting athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.

AGE CATEGORIES

31.	The 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Championships competition age grouping classification is taken from age at 31 December 2021.				
32.	Age Categories				
	U12	Born in or after	2009		
	U14	Born in	2007	Or	2008
	U16	Born in	2005	Or	2006
	U18	Born in	2003	Or	2004
	U23	Born between	1998	&	2002
	Open	Born between	1987	&	1997
	35 – 44 (Masters)	Born between	1977	&	1986
	45 – 54 (Veterans)	Born between	1967	&	1976
	55+ (Vintage)	Born between	1957	&	1966
	65+ (Legends)	Born in or before	1956		
33.	The organisers will roll up U23 paddlers to Open category if there isn't a constituted class in their age category.				
34.	All competitors will be allocated to their age group which is determined by their year of birth.				
35.	The organisers will roll up junior paddlers to a maximum of U18 or roll down senior paddlers to a maximum of open if there isn't a constituted class in their age category.				

VIC SOCIAL EVENT

36.	The Vic BBQ social event will take place in the OEG outdoor area from 7.15pm on Saturday 16 th January. Tickets for this event can be purchased on Trybooking separately https://www.trybooking.com/
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ENTRIES

37.	The entry fee for this event is \$60 per paddler. Entries will open 23rd December 2020 Entries close on Wed 6th January 2021 .
38.	All Australian athletes must be members of PA to be eligible to enter unless participating as part of a school entry.
39.	Classes Kayak: MK1 & WK1 Canoe: MC1 & WC1 Canoe Double: MC2, WC2 & MxC2
40.	Minimum of 3 entries and two starters for individual events will constitute a class.
41.	Entries must be made via the official event website using the on-line entry system. Fees need to accompany entry.
42.	Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing committee and only if there is room in the program. The surcharge for late entries is \$20 per paddler.
43.	Only 50% of a nominated C2 crew may be substituted after entries are lodged.
44.	Team events must be entered via compiling by 5pm Saturday 16 th January. If you are unsure of the members of your team, please enter into the pool for the event and teams can then be sorted at the competition.
45.	Nominated team entry details (i.e. the names of the Athletes in each team) must be provided, in writing, to Compiling by 9am Sunday 17 th .
46.	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 organizers.
47.	Athletes may enter up to any combination of three individual or pair events in and only one team event.

TEAMS

48.	Teams will be traditional format – three boats of one class per team.
49.	Minimum of two entries in any team event will constitute a class. Athletes can only compete in one (1) team.
50.	Team events will be offered in all classes in Senior and Junior age groups.
51.	Teams event will not be used to accrue points for the club or schools trophies.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES

52.	International Athletes will be permitted to enter under the same rules as Australian athletes.
53.	International athletes will receive medals based on their placing in the competition overall. Australian athletes will be presented all three medals which may mean up to 2 medals for each placing may be awarded.
54.	The title of State Age Champion and State Junior Champion will belong to the best-performed Australian athlete.
55.	International athletes are not eligible for individual Champion Trophies.

BIB DISTRIBUTION

56.	Bibs will be distributed to club team managers at the briefing upon receipt of \$50 deposit.
57.	The deposit will be refunded when all team bibs are returned.
58.	Bibs will not be distributed for competitors until entry fees have been fully paid.
59.	A \$50 fine will be applied to every lost bib.

COURSE MAPS

60.	Course maps will be released at 4:00pm on Friday 15 th January.
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CRAFT AND EQUIPMENT

61.	All craft must comply with the requirements outlined in the relevant ICF Rules (effective January 2019 or later ruling) and may be scrutinized for dimensions, weight, buoyancy, handholds and safety in accordance with these rules.
62.	Athletes' buoyancy vests and helmets must comply with the relevant ICF Rules (effective January 2019 or later ruling). Competitors not nominating for a National Team may race with helmet and PFDs complying with ICF Regulations 2019. This includes equipment that is not listed on the ICF register but meets or exceeds the ICF standard. Competitors will not be able to start if handholds are inadequate or there is insufficient buoyancy.
63.	As per ICF Rules, all craft must be fully decked. C2 open or semi-decked craft are not permitted.
64.	To promote participation decked plastic craft will be permitted to complete.
65.	The event organisers reserve the right to scrutineer all craft, a random sample of craft, or only those craft associated with event placing.
66.	Self-scrutineering facilities will be available at the course.

67.	The race 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 considers the measures required to be undertaken by on water safety personnel assisting athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.
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SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

68.	Provisional and then final results are posted at the venue once they have been certified by the Chief Official.
69.	<p>The 2021 Victorian Canoe Slalom Age Champions will be the fastest of two (2) runs. The top 10 Australians plus Internationals will go through to the A Finals in K1M, K1W, C1M, & C1W categories.</p> <p>B Finals will be run in K1M, K1W, C1M & C1W categories for all age groups. No C2 finals will be run. Teams Races will be one run only.</p> <p>The composition and number of paddlers in Finals may be altered at the discretion of the competition organizers.</p>

TRAINING / WARM UP

70.	Training on the slalom course will be available at set training times as published at the event and are to be at the competitor's own risk. Individuals are responsible for on and off water safety and first aid outside of official competition/race time.
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MEDALS-TROPHIES-CLUB AND SCHOOL POINTS

71.	Medals will be awarded as per PA Competition Policy clause 8.
72.	Medals will be presented to all age groups in all classes for the two (2) races on Saturday 16 th January.
73.	No individual medals will be awarded for the A and B finals races on Sunday 17 th January.
74.	The club and school trophies will be presented on Sunday 17 th January.
75.	Where there is an equal result, both parties will be given equal award. A count back system will not be implemented thus where equal 1 st placing occurs; no following medal will be awarded.
76.	All athletes have the opportunity to accrue club points for one nominated club at commencement of the event.

77.	All athletes who are at school in 2020 will have the opportunity to accrue school points for one nominated school at commencement of the event.
78.	The GLW Champion School Trophy will be awarded to the champion school based on points accrued by class and age in the two races on Saturday 16 th January. Points will be accrued on a 3,2,1 basis in all classes and ages.
79.	Each school can only accrue points from one paddler in each class and age category.
80.	The U23 age category can be used for calculating points for the champion school.
81.	The teams' race will not be used for the club or school trophy calculations.
82.	<p>Junior (U18 and younger) class trophies will be awarded from the results of racing in the Finals on Sunday 17th January, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fastest Junior MK1 • Fastest Junior MC1 • Fastest Junior WK1 • Fastest Junior WC1 <p>Awards will be made to the State Age Champions in MK1, MC1, WK1 & WC1 based on the best time from the A Finals on Sunday 17th January.</p>
83.	<p>The following Trophies will be awarded from the results of the racing on Saturday 16th January,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Club Trophy (most category winners) • Champion School Trophy (3,2,1- with one score per school in each age category). To be clear each school can only have one counting result in each event. A special category may be created for the U23 age if a class can be constituted and the entrant has attended school in 2020.

STATE TEAM

84.	There will be no nominated state team competition or trophy.
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ASADA

85.	Drug testing maybe carried out during the regatta by representatives from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA). Competitors are required to cooperate fully with their requests. Any competitor unsure of their obligations should seek clarification from the Chief Official. For further information, please check the ASADA website at https://www.asada.gov.au/
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UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

86.	PV staff, officials and volunteers use their 'best endeavours' to ensure the fair and professional conduct of PV sanctioned competitions. Behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition or which is disrespectful to officials and volunteers is not condoned and may result in athletes and / or team officials being sanctioned, disciplined and / or disqualified. Further, any competitor who acts in a manner unbecoming of a member of PV or brings PV or the sport of canoeing into disrepute may be further subject to PV disciplinary proceedings.
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VOLUNTEERS

87.	Please remember that all officials and helpers, both accredited and non-accredited are working as volunteers at the event. Please treat them with respect and courtesy. Should you have a suggestion for improvement of the regatta process, officiating or conduct of the event, please lodge it in writing to the Chief Official at the Secretariat desk.
88.	Camping is available at OEG along with cabin & camping options at Eildon Riverside Holiday Park. Accommodation options may also be found in Eildon.

ABOVE ALL THE EVENT IS THERE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. PLEASE ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE AND AS OFFICIALS, WE WISH GOOD LUCK AND A GOOD COMPETITION FOR ALL COMPETITORS.