

New PV Marathon club points system for 2021

To: PV Marathon clubs and members
From: PV Marathon Committee
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Key points:

- ❖ We are revamping the recognition system for 2021 to encourage more people to participate in more events. **The club points system will be changed to reward participation**; the paddler points system will continue to recognize individual performance.¹
- ❖ The new club points system includes summer and winter races, provides points for all paddlers for participation and extra points for class participation, and bonus points for new paddlers, juniors, bonus classes and for clubs travelling a long distance.
- ❖ Perpetual trophy (and glory!) for the winning club, awards for the winning paddlers, lottery draw for all paddlers and volunteers.

The details:

1. The club points series will be for the full year and cover summer and winter events (the club point previously covered just the Winter Series).
2. Points will be awarded as follows for each race:
 - a. One point for every paddler who starts,
 - b. Ten points for each division/class in which the club fields a crew (up to a total of six classes to avoid favouring larger clubs), and
 - c. Ten bonus points for new paddlers attending their first race, for juniors and for paddlers in bonus classes at each event.
 - d. Double points for clubs travelling >200 km to participate.
 - e. See the attached example showing how this scoring system will work.
3. Races will have designated bonus classes to focus attention and increase opportunities for earning extra points. The bonus classes are listed on the following page.
4. School programs (e.g. MLC, Trinity, Camberwell, Strathcona, YVG, etc) will be treated as their own "club", for club points purposes.
5. Paddlers do not have to be a member of Paddle Australia (or Paddle Victoria) to participate.
6. All paddlers will continue to earn paddler points throughout the season based on their handicap adjusted time as in previous years (and as explained in the Marathon Diary).
7. The winning club for 2021 will be awarded the VACA Long Distance Trophy for the year and will receive 5 free race entries for new paddlers for the 2022 season.
8. All participants and volunteers at each event will go in the end-of-year draw to win one of three prizes (\$300, \$200 and \$100) at the end of the season; the more races you support, the more chances you have of winning.

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On behalf of the PV Marathon Committee

¹ The club and paddler points systems on their own will not drive participation, however, we hope they will help encourage involvement (club points) and performance (paddle points) from the Marathon paddling community.

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Table 1 2021 PV Marathon race series & bonus points classes

Date	Event	Venue	Host club	Bonus points classes
Sun, 17-Jan-21	GP1: Murray River Classic	Yarrawonga	YMACC	bonus points for portage (regardless of boat type)
Sat, 30-Jan-21	Victorian Short Course Marathon Champs	Nagambie	PV Marathon	U18 K1, U18 C1
Sun, 07-Feb-21	GP2: Saltwater Classic	Footscray	FACC	first-time racing
Sat, 13-Feb-21	GP3: Frank Harrison Memorial (S)	Albury	MMCC	Weir Wall single blade singles
Sun, 14-Feb-21	GP4: Frank Harrison Memorial (D)	Albury	MMCC	Water Works double blade doubles
Sat, 27-Feb-21	Victorian Marathon Championships	Geelong rowing, tbc	PV Marathon	
Sun, 28-Feb-21	Victorian Marathon Championships	Geelong rowing, tbc	PV Marathon	
Sun, 02-May-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 1 (D)	Tay Creggan	PV/Fairfield	Div 7 doubles, at least one crew member V65+
Sun, 30-May-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 2	Yarrawonga	YMACC	bonus points for portage (regardless of boat type)
Sun, 20-Jun-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 3	Fairfield Park	INCC	mixed doubles
Sun, 18-Jul-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 4	Patterson Lakes	PLCC	Div 7 TK1, TC1
Sun, 01-Aug-21	Footscray Salty Single Blader	Footscray	Footscray	single blade
Sun, 15-Aug-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 5	tba	tba	doubles; crew to comprise U23 & V40+
Sun, 05-Sep-21	Marathon Winter Series Race 6	tba	tba	Div 3/4 ORS1, Div 5/6 OC1
Sat, 09-Oct-21	Echuca Mini	Barmah to Echuca	PV/EMCC	ski or outrigger relay
Sat, 16-Oct-21	Bendigo Cup - Marathon	Bridgewater	BCC	20 km singles, 10 km doubles
Sun, 14-Nov-21	Salty TK and Rec challenge	Footscray	Footscray	double blade
Sat, 11-Dec-21	Ben Ward Memorial - Day 1	Yarrawonga	Cobram Barooga	TK2 relay
Sun, 12-Dec-21	Ben Ward circuit - Day 2	Cobram	Cobram Barooga	

Key information:

1. No change to event classes: Championship events will still be age and gender based; Winter Series events will be divisional, etc.
2. You do not have to paddle in the designated bonus classes.
3. Bonus points are allocated to the club, not the paddler. Paddler points (based on handicap adjusted time) will continue to be allocated to each paddler.
4. The race calendar is subject to change given COVID-19. Summer GP1 has been shifted to WS2.
5. The above changes will apply for the 2021 race season and will be reviewed prior to 2022.

Table 2 One-way travel distances for extra points (km)

Race venue => Club	Yarrawonga YMCC	Nagambie -	Footscray FACC	Albury MMCC	Geelong GCC	Tay Creggan Fairfield CC	Barwon Heads -	Fairfield Pk INCC	Carrum PLCC	Wodonga MMCC	Barmah EMCC	Bridgewater BCC
Event(s)	GP1 Ben Ward	Short Course	saltwater Classi Salty Single Salty TK/Rec	Frank Harrison	Vic Champs	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	Echuca Mini	Bendigo Cup
Ballarat	323	178	110	396	87	121	113	124	160	373	246	123
Barwon Heads/Bellarine	369	236	90	442	22	101	0	117	96	418	341	228
Bendigo/Goldfields	198	97	148	313	178	163	208	157	203	279	120	39
Cobram-Barooga	38	128	256	151	334	271	344	251	311	127	72	212
Echuca Moama	136	97	220	249	273	235	285	213	275	225	33	111
Fairfield/INCC/Mercantile	265	128	12	335	92	7	103	0	58	311	235	181
CGS/MLC/Strathy/Trinity/YVG	265	128	12	335	92	7	103	0	58	311	235	181
Footscray/Essendon	270	134	0	341	79	18	90	12	57	317	241	173
Geelong	342	205	79	412	0	85	22	87	110	389	312	197
Mildura District	475	470	536	570	538	551	564	545	591	551	410	363
Mitta Mitta	95	210	318	21	396	333	406	313	373	2	196	319
PLCC	326	189	58	391	130	41	141	55	0	373	296	229
Shepparton	82	57	184	188	262	200	273	180	239	171	63	145
Swan Hill	280	248	333	375	357	348	387	342	388	355	188	160
Warrnambool	524	387	255	563	196	267	198	269	306	571	409	281
YMACC	0	142	271	110	349	286	360	266	326	92	106	226

Notes:

- 1) Distances per Google Maps recommended route, accessed 4 Jan 2019. n.b. distances from A to B may be different to B to A.
- 2) Distances originate at the applicable clubhouse
- 3) Albury Frank Harrison race assumes start at Hume Dam weir wall, accessed via Albury rather than Wodonga (car shuffle at MMCC)
- 4) Geelong races assumed at Geelong Canoe Club (even if at Geelong Rowing clubs venue)
- 5) Distances for other clubs will be published as required

Green shaded cells denote 0-199 km, yellow cells 200-299 km, orange cells 300+ km

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Table 3 Example club points calculation

Club points example	Club A	Club B	Club C	Comment
				bonus class for this event: Div 7 TK1, Canoe TC1
Club participation				
Distance to event (one-way, km)	20	100	300	
Number of paddlers	13	8	4	
Div 1&2	2		2	
Div 3&4	3			
Div 5&6	4	2		
Div 7	3	1	1	TK1 bonus class in Div 7
Div 8,9&10		1	1	
Canoes	1	4		TC1 bonus class
number doing first race	2	0	2	
number junior paddlers	0	2	1	don't have to paddle Div 8-10
number doing bonus classes	4	5	1	
Points	123	118	148	
Participation points	13	8	4	per paddler who starts (no points if DSQ)
Class points	50	40	30	max of six classes (1 crew per class)
Bonus points				
New paddlers	20	0	20	
Junior paddlers	0	20	10	
Bonus classes	40	50	10	
Distance	0	0	74	doubles points above
Participation points	1			per paddler
Class points	10			per class in which club participates
Bonus points	10			per paddler in new, junior and bonus classes

- n.b. this example is for illustration only
- it demonstrates that a small club participating in an event over 200 km from its home base can earn more points than a larger club participating closer to home
- the scoring system is designed to reward:
 - participation (every paddler contributes to the total)
 - encouraging new paddlers to attend (each new paddler earns extra points for the club)
 - encouraging juniors to attend (each junior paddler earns extra points for the club)
 - spread (fielding a crew in each division earns extra points), and
 - trying something new (supporting focus classes earns extra points for the club).
 - It also recognizes the effort clubs make to travel to distant races.