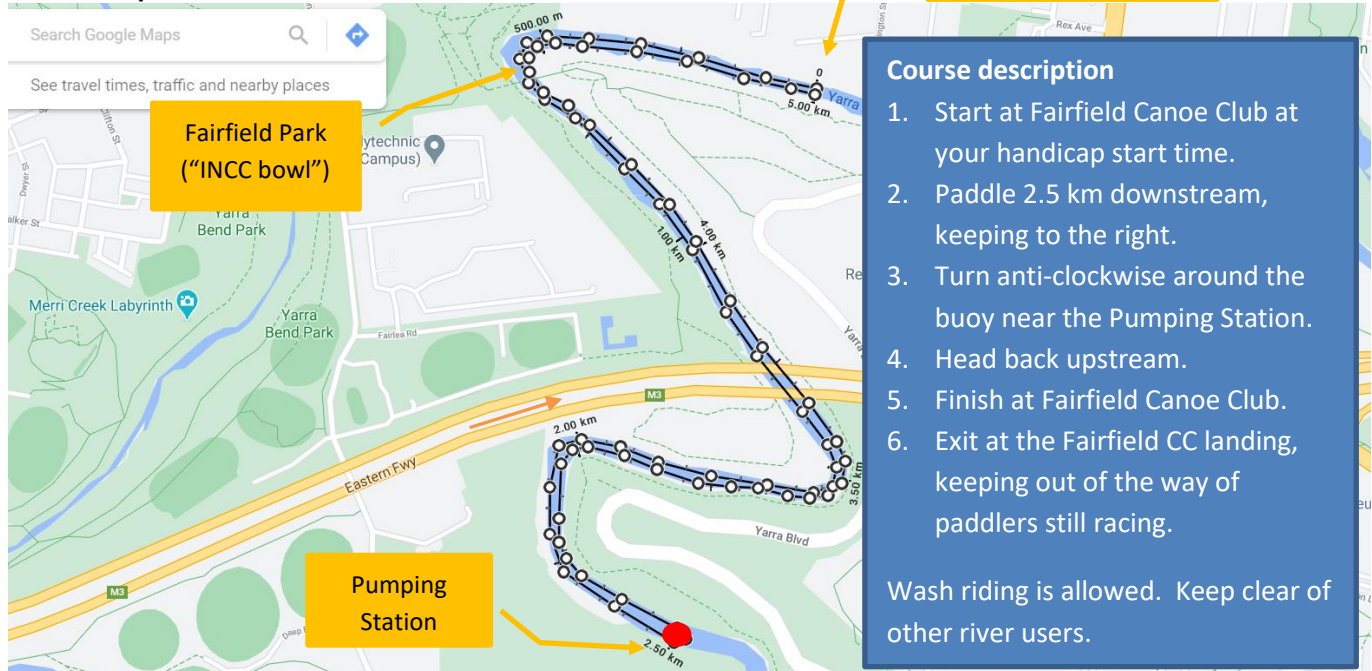


Event	2021 Paddle Victoria VPS LD Handicap
Location	Fairfield Canoe Club, Yarra River, Fairfield, VIC
Event date	Saturday 20 th February 2021.
Start time	Check-in: 8:00-8:30 am. First start (1 km seeding sprint) 9:00 am. 5 km event start 9:20 am; race finish ~10:00 am. Event finish 10:30 am.
Participation	Victorian junior club and school programs. Expected participant numbers: ~20 students
Event personnel	Chief Official/Umpire: John Young Safety Officer: tba Competition Manager: Debbie Bennett
Event format	The event consists of two parts. The first part is a 1 km sprint from Fairfield CC to the INCC bowl and back to establish handicap times. The second part is a 5 km out-and-back loop, from Fairfield CC to Bellbird Park return. Racers will start at times based on the 1 km sprint so that all paddlers finish at the same time. The winning crew will be decided by the outcome of the 5 km event. The event has been scheduled for the Saturday morning training time and location to simplify logistics. The course has been designed to minimize the river length that requires monitoring and to provide opportunities for parents to spectate.
Event classes	Single class; handicap based on 1 km sprint seeding race.
Key hazards	The river is relatively narrow and has minimal current and other river users. Snags and fishing line present the main hazards. Avoid paddling close to the banks.
Safety procedures	An approved PFD/life jacket must be worn at all times on the water. School and club coaches will monitor student progress. A safety boat will follow the paddlers. Turn buoy officials will be in place at course extremities, providing the ability to extract participants if required. The event will be run according to the PV Marathon Safety Risk Management Plan and COVID-19 state requirements. Assist any paddler in distress (e.g. capsize, etc.).
First aid	Fairfield clubhouse.
Water conditions	Summer water temperature, minimal flow.
Other water users	Negligible over most of the course. Pleasure craft rented from the Fairfield Boat house may be encountered near the start/finish area.
Course description	See attached course map. One lap from Fairfield Canoe Club to Bellbird, return.
Entry / exit	Enter and exit from the Fairfield CC landing. All boats on the water prior to the first start.
Scrutineering	Boats will be checked for positive buoyancy prior to racing. No weighing of boats.
Competitor procedure	School and club coordinators to collect boat numbers from race check-in between 8:00-8:30 am.
Parent involvement	Parents are encouraged to participate as spectators and race volunteers. School kayaking support groups are encouraged to provide morning tea for their students after the event (subject to COVIDSafe requirements).
Race registration	Via Excel spreadsheet or Webscorer. Entries close 8 pm Thursday, 18 th Feb 2021. Competitors: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230859 Volunteers: https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=232448
Registration fee	\$10 per student (PA member). Entry fees cover event costs (radio hire, ribbons, prizes, etc.) plus contribute to paddling awards (each junior will receive a VPS paddling cap on completion of five VPS/PV events and a long-sleeved tee on completion of 10 events).

Course map – 5 km



Source: Google Maps, accessed 15th Feb 2021

Buoy coordinates:

Buoy	Latitude	Longitude
Fairfield Canoe Club	37°47'11.2"S -37.786447	145°01'09.3"E 145.019237
Fairfield Park (INCC bowl)	37°47'10.2"S -37.786172	145°00'47.7"E 145.013248
Pumping Station turn	37°47'42.8"S -37.795217	145°00'59.6"E 145.016549

Course map – 1 km seeding sprint

