

# PA CANOE MARATHON

## NEWSLETTER #1 - 2022

### 2022 PA Canoe Marathon Championships

The Gold Coast City Council is acknowledged for its support of the 2022 PA Canoe Marathon Championships scheduled for 21 to 23 April 2022 on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

The venue will be Lake Coomera (close to several theme parks) on the northern end of the Gold Coast.

Proposed Standard Course (direction is anti-clockwise):



There are no motorised boats on this course except for safety boats.

Portage is beach to beach.

A program outline (subject to change):

- Thursday 21 April – Team Leaders meeting
- Friday 22 April – Short Course competition (Open and Under 18 Men and Women K1 and C1 only)
- Saturday 23 April – Standard Course competition – singles
- Sunday 24 April – Standard Course competition – doubles

The COVID-19 environment is extremely fluent and whilst the State borders are open, there are restrictions. At the time of writing (2 January 2022) Queensland is on track to have 90% of its eligible population fully vaccinated (double dose) toward the mid to end of January 2022, if not sooner. The vaccination rate is currently at 86.6% however those who have received a single dose is 90.7%.

What does this mean for those wishing to attend the championships? The Queensland Roadmap to Recovery has a simple statement. Once the 90% double vaccination is achieved, those who are double vaccinated can come into Queensland. Those who are not double vaccinated will need to undertake a period of quarantine. This period is not stated.

What happens between January and April is an unknown factor and what, if any, restrictions are imposed is a further unknown. Any restrictions will be communicated as best as possible.

Lifejackets:

- All paddlers in age groups Under 12 AND Under 14 classes **MUST** wear a correctly fitted lifejacket. If a paddler is not a strong or confident swimmer, they should wear a lifejacket. Paddle Australia recommends that all competitors have access to a lifejacket as the Competition Committee may direct all or some to wear life jackets.

## **2022 Australian Canoe Marathon Teams**

There is every intent to select teams for the ICF Canoe Marathon and the ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships to be held in Ponte de Lima, Portugal in late September, early October 2022.

Persons wishing to be part of the team will need to be fully vaccinated and be able to comply with any of the COVID entry requirements to Portugal.

Athletes seeking selection are to familiarise themselves with the [PA Selection Procedures Policy](#) that has been updated in December 2021.

Canoe Marathon Selection Criteria will be published in due course.

## **Team Manager**

The PACMTC is seeking nominations from persons interested in the role of Team Manager for the 2022 Australian Canoe Marathon Teams.

The Team Manager will be required to work with staff at the PA office to coordinate the requirements for the teams.

## **Marathon Paddler of the Year**

The PACMTC resolved not to award the 2021 Marathon Paddler of the Year.

## **New ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules**

Effective 1 January 2022 there have been multiple amendments to the [ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules](#).

Whilst a majority have changed to be easier to read and understand there have been other changes. A summary of the changes:

- Removal of the requirement for parts of the hull to be concave
- Weed deflectors are now permitted
- Pumps can only be manually operated
- Standard distance races 10km with no upper limit
- Short distance races are 3, 4 and 10km.
- Boats at World Championships must have athlete's country code sticker on both sides of the boat
- Masters at World Championships have two mixed age groups 35 to 49 and 50+
- Masters in doubles must be from the same country

### **PA Canoe Marathon Competition Rules**

As a result of the new ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules the PA Canoe Marathon Competition Rules will also be amended. These are currently subject to approval and will be published in due course.