

Victorian Long Distance Club Championship 2022

With the last two years racing being severely affected by lockdowns and cancellations we hope to reinvigorate the club championship for marathon racing in 2022.

There will be two trophies awarded at the end of the year – The Club Long Distance Trophy and the Joe Alia Trophy for Schools and Juniors.

Both trophies will be based on paddler performance and paddler participation.

For performance, the previously used (2019) handicap system for paddler performance taking into account age, gender, craft type and distance paddled will be utilised. The winning paddler on handicap in each race is awarded 100points. All other paddlers will be awarded points to reflect their handicap result relative to the winner.

For the Club Long Distance Trophy only the top six points earners from each club will be counted so as to avoid unduly favouring the larger clubs. These points earners can be senior or junior paddlers who nominate their club when entering.

For the Joe Alia Trophy for Schools and Juniors only the top six juniors will earn points for either their club, their school or a nominated junior group. Note that Juniors can contribute points to both trophies

Participation points will also be allocated as follows

- 1 point for all participants in each race
- 2 points for all juniors in each race
- 2 points for all paddlers who are competing in their first season of racing for each race
- Clubs with less than 200 members receive double their participation points for each race.
- 1 point for all participants in the Victorian Championships
- 1 point for all participants in the Victorian Schools Marathon Championships

The following 10 races will be used for the calculation of the performance points toward the two trophies

Frank Harrison (day 1 and 2) Albury, Saltwater Classic Footscray, Murray River Classic Yarrowonga, Yarra doubles Tay Creggan , Vic short course championships Bendigo, City twilights Essendon, Echuca Mini Barmah, Bendigo Cup 5 & 10km champs, Ben Ward (day 1)

