



Selection Criteria

1. Selection to the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team ("VIC Marathon Team") recognizes both the attainment of a standard of performance and the participation in marathon paddling in Victoria.
2. The selection event for the VIC Marathon Team for the 2022 Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships ("Nationals") is the Victorian Canoe Marathon Championships ("VIC Champs") scheduled to be held at the Geelong Canoe Club on Saturday and Sunday, 26-27 March 2022.
3. You do not have to be selected to the VIC Marathon Team to participate at Nationals. Selection is a point of recognition only. It is not required for entry to Nationals.
4. The two fastest crews in each class, which meet the qualification criteria, are eligible for selection.
5. Each VIC Marathon Team member will receive a Paddle Victoria numbered cap.

Qualification Criteria

The qualification criteria require the paddler to:

- be a Paddle Victoria member;
- have competed in at least five qualifying races in the previous 12 months*, where one race needs to be over 100 km from the paddler's designated club;
- be in the winning crew, or finish within four minutes of the winning crew, at the VIC Champs; and
- be committed to competing at Nationals.

We recognize that many paddlers participate in other forms of paddling and in club-based or other races. Whilst participation in these events is encouraged it does not count towards the minimum requirement of State-level marathon races.

Notes

1. The VIC Marathon Team selection event does not require a "constituted class", although this is preferable.
2. The four minutes aligns with the current Paddle Australia Marathon team selection criteria.
3. The reason for requiring participation in at least five State-level races, one of which requires some travel, is because the success of marathon paddling rests on strong involvement from the paddling community. We hope that paddlers seeking selection will participate in more than the minimum number of races and lead by example. Races in which a paddler is disqualified do not count towards the total.
4. Qualifying races must be open to all competitors. So events that are class or age specific do not count as a qualifying race.
5. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of qualifying races has been extended (see below).

Qualifying Races

2020 Murray River Classic	2020 Geelong Short Course	2021 Tay Creggan - Yarra Doubles
2020 Saltwater Classic	2021 Victorian Short Course Marathon Champs	2021 Yarra Paddlers - Fairfield Team Pursuit
2020 Frank Harrison singles	2021 Saltwater Classic	2021 Ben Ward Memorial 40 Miler
2020 Frank Harrison doubles	2021 VIC Marathon Champs singles	2021 Ben Ward Circuit
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2020 Bendigo Short Course	2021 Frank Harrison doubles	2022 Saltwater Classic

