



Event Guide

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	The 2019 Canoe Slalom Senior National Championships are organised by Paddle Tasmania in partnership with Paddle Australia (PA).
1.	This event could not take place without the support of our sponsors, volunteers, and host club Derwent Canoe Club. The event is supported by Hyrdo Tasmania, Tasmanian State Government, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Services and the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

OBJECTIVE

2.	To acknowledge the best performing athletes in individual, pairs and team events in the Senior and U23 age categories.
3.	To provide an opportunity for Junior athletes to compete for 2019 selection.
4.	Encourage friendship and fostering competition on a National level.
5.	To promote healthy competition between individual athletes.
6.	Providing an environment where young athletes can perform to the best of their abilities, be that at the elite or the development level.

PRINCIPLE

7.	PA through the PA Slalom Technical Committee (TC) is responsible for the conduct of the event.
8.	Safety is a priority and the event will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 Canoe Slalom Senior National Championships event risk management plan.
9.	The event will be conducted in the spirit of fun, good sportsmanship and friendship.

EVENT INFORMATION

10.	Event: 2019 Canoe Slalom National Championships Venue: Brady's, Lake Tasmania Date: 10 th – 13 th January 2019 Contact: slalom@paddle.org.au
11.	Race contacts Race Director – Peter Eckhardt Assistant Race Director – John Borojevic Awards Coordinator – TBA Entries Compiling – TBA Site Organiser – Paul Black Chief Judge – Chris Thompson Race Co-ordinator - TBA

COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS BRIEFINGS

12.	The Team Leaders Briefing will provide information specific to the event as well as general information about social events, weather advisories and housekeeping
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	matters.
13.	There will be a Volunteer Briefing each morning at the event marquee.
14.	Officials/Volunteers will need to be in place and ready to start 20 minutes before the event is scheduled to start.

RULES

15.	All participants are required to abide by the PA safety regulations for the competition. Competitors must be able to swim and competently paddle grade 3 water.
16.	The event shall be conducted under the Competition Rules nominated by the PA Slalom Technical Committee (www.paddle.org.au) unless specifically stated in this document.
17.	Each age category for each class will have two runs in the heats.
18.	There will be a single run Finals event for the top ten (10) performing Australian athletes overall in the individual events for Kayak; K1M and K1W, and for Canoe; C1M and C1W. International Athletes who have finished in the top ranks will also be included in the Finals.
19.	Details on selection in the program for athletes who do not qualify for the Finals but have nominated for an Australian Team; will be published shortly.
20.	Individual Kayak and Canoe National Champions will be determined by result of the Finals event. For Canoe Double events the National Champions will be determined either by the overall best result of 2 heats or, if program allows, a single run Finals event. Details to be published shortly.
21.	The Organisers reserve the right to alter the start order to fastest to slowest, to reduce overtaking and make the Event run more smoothly.
22.	No allowances for boat sharing will be made within a class. Boat sharing needs to be organised by the individual or manager to ensure the program is not held up. This will avoid the disappointment of not being able to start. This can be achieved by substituting a paddler in the finish pool to meet the individual paddlers water safety obligations at the finish line Athletes not at the start line at the designated start time will not be permitted to start.

SAFETY

23.	The organising committee has a documented Risk Management Plan.
24.	The organising committee reserves the right to suspend or cancel the event on days where fire danger is predicted to be extreme. Where possible 24 hours' notice will be given at the preceding Morning Briefing. Each Team Manager is responsible for ensuring this information is disseminated to the athletes.
25.	All athletes must be competent at capsize drill and self-rescue.
26.	Individuals, Clubs and State teams are responsible for safety of their group during training sessions.
27.	Rescue will be on duty at all times during the competition in appropriate positions.
28.	Canoe Slalom athletes must stay on the water at completion of their run until the next three athletes have finished.
29.	First Aid, if required, will be provided by a qualified First Aid volunteer
30.	The race organising committee, chief Judge and chief scrutineer reserve the right to make a direction that airbags are placed in slalom boats of competitors who are at risk of capsizing. This direction takes into account the risk to water safety personal and the measures required to be undertaken to assist an athlete to the

	riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.
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AGE CATEGORIES

31.	The 2019 Australian Canoe Slalom Championships competition age grouping classification is taken from age at 31 December 2019.					
32.	Age Categories for National Championships					
	Senior			Born in or before 1995		
	Under 23			Born in	1996	to 2000
	Junior			Born in	2001	or 2004

JUNIOR SELECTION RACES

33.	<p>The Senior National Championships in 2019, it is fitting venue to utilised as part of the selection process. In addition to this event, the selection process will also consist of the two events listed above to count towards selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Championships – Brady’s Lake, Tasmania: 11th – 13th January (1 Trial) • Australian Open – Penrith: 14th - 17th February (2 Trials), and; • Oceania Championships – Penrith: 21st – 24th February (1 Trial)
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ENTRIES

34.	<p>Entries for this event are as follows:</p> <p>\$100 for all competitors</p> <p>Entries close on 17th December 2018.</p>
35.	<p>Classes</p> <p>Kayak: K1M & K1W</p> <p>Canoe: C1M & C1W</p> <p>Canoe Double: C2M, C2W & C2Mx</p>
36.	Minimum of 3 entries and two starters for individual events will constitute a class.
37.	Entries must be made via the official event website using the on-line entry system. Fees need to accompany entry.
38.	Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organising committee and only if there is room in the program. The surcharge for late entries is \$20 per paddler.
39.	Only 50% of a nominated C2 crew may be substituted after entries are lodged.
40.	Team events must be entered via the entry system. If you are unsure on your team please enter into the pool for the event and teams can then be sorted at the competition.
41.	Nominated team entry details (i.e., the names of the Athletes in each team) must be provided, in writing, to Compiling within two hours of posting of the official results from the individual event of the class the team entry applies to.
42.	There will be no refund of entry fees should it be necessary to cancel the event either prior to or during the course of the competition as a result of factors outside the control of the event organizers.
43.	Athletes may enter up to three individual or pair events in canoe slalom and one only canoe slalom team event.

TEAMS

44.	Teams will be traditional format – three boats of one class per team.
45.	Minimum of two entries in any team event will constitute a class.
46.	Team events will be offered in all classes in Senior, U23 and Junior.
47.	Teams comprised of athletes from the same State can accrue points for consideration in State trophies.
48.	Teams comprised of athletes from the same club can accrue points for consideration in the club trophies.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES

49.	International Athletes will be permitted to enter under the same rules Australian athletes.
50.	International athletes will receive medals based on their placing in the competition overall. Australian athletes will be presented all three medals which may mean up to 2 medals for each placing may be awarded.
51.	The title of Australia Champion will belong to the best-performed Australian athlete.
52.	International athletes are not eligible for individual Champion Trophies.

BIB DISTRIBUTION

53.	Bibs will be distributed to club team managers at the briefing upon receipt of \$50 deposit.
54.	The deposit will be refunded when all team bibs are returned.
55.	Bibs will not be distributed for competitors until entry fees have been fully paid.
56.	A \$50 fine will be applied to every lost bib.

CRAFT AND EQUIPMENT

57.	All craft must comply with the requirements outlines in the relevant ICF Rules (effective January 2017 or later ruling) and may be scrutinized for dimensions, weight, buoyancy, handholds and safety in accordance with these rules.
58.	Athletes 'buoyancy vests and helmets must comply with the relevant ICF Rules (effective January 2017 or later ruling). Competitors not nominating for a National Team may race with helmet and PFDs complying with ICF Regulations 2009. This includes equipment that is not listed on the ICF register but meets or exceeds the ICF standard.
59.	As per ICF Rules, all craft must be fully decked. C2 open or semi-decked craft are not permitted.
60.	To promote participation decked plastic craft will be permitted to complete.
61.	The event organisers reserve the right to scrutineer all craft, a random sample of craft, or only those craft associated with event placing.
62.	Self-scrutineering facilities will be available at the course.
63.	The race organising committee, Chief Judge, and Chief Scrutineer reserve the right to make a direction that airbags are placed in boats of competitors who are at risk of capsizing. This direction takes into account the risk to water safety personal and the measures required to be undertaken to assist an athlete to the riverbank and retrieval of a capsized boat.

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

64.	Results, updated start lists, and news stories will be published on the PA website www.slalom.paddle.org.au . Provisional and then final results are posted at the venue once they have been certified by the Chief Official.
65.	The Australian Slalom Championships will consist of two (2) heats, except for Teams Races, which will be one heat only.

TRAINING / WARM UP

66.	Training on the slalom course will be available at set training times as published in the program. These will be posted on the Event website/Facebook page and are to be at the competitor's own risk. Individuals are responsible for on and off water safety and first aid outside of official competition/race time.
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MEDALS/TROPHIES/CLUB POINTS

67.	Medals will be awards as per PA Competition Policy clause 8.
69.	PA National Medals will only be presented to the Senior and U23 categories in each class. <i>Please note: Junior National Championship medals will be awarded at the 2018 Junior and Masters Championships, Eildon VIC (18 – 20 January 2019).</i>
70.	Where there is an equal result, both parties will be given equal award. A count back system will not be implemented thus where equal 1st placing occurs; no silver medal will be awarded.
71.	All athletes have the opportunity to accrue club points for one nominated club at commencement of the event, preferably at entry.
72.	In events where more than one athlete is involved, club points will only be accrued if all athletes are from the same club.

STATE TEAM

73.	States are to nominate a State Team with three paddlers per class in junior and senior categories. State managers are to notify the organising committee of their nominated State Team before commencement of the national championships
74.	Athletes can only accrue points for the State Team in their nominated class.
75.	Each athlete can only be nominated in one class for the State Team.

ASADA

76.	Drug testing maybe carried out during the regatta by representatives from the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA). Competitors are required to cooperate fully with their requests. Any competitor unsure of their obligations should seek clarification from the Chief Official. For further information, please check the ASADA website at www.asada.gov.au
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UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

77.	<p>PA staff, officials and volunteers use their ‘best endeavours’ to ensure the fair and professional conduct of PA sanctioned competitions. Behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition or which is disrespectful to officials, volunteers, other competitors and spectators is not condoned and may result in athletes and / or team officials being sanctioned, disciplined and / or disqualified. Further, any competitor who acts in a manner unbecoming of a member of PA or brings PA or the sport of canoeing into disrepute may be further subject to PA disciplinary proceedings.</p>
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VOLUNTEERS

78.	<p><u>Please remember that all officials and helpers, both accredited and non-accredited are working as volunteers at the event. Please treat them with respect and courtesy. Should you have a suggestion for improvement of the regatta process, officiating or conduct of the event, please lodge it in writing to the Chief Official at the Secretariat desk.</u></p>
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CAMPING

79.	<p>Free camping will be provided on the site of the event in designated areas. The organising committee will have an appointed campsite manager who will allocate and oversee sites.</p> <p>Campsite etiquette will be important for the event to run successfully particularly in respect to noise or other behaviour which might disturb others. Following customary campsite etiquette, the organisers request that noise be kept to a minimum after 10:00 PM.</p> <p>There is no power available at the site, so you may need to consider your options for charging your electronic gadgets. Generators in the camping area will be tolerated but discouraged after 7.00 pm to allow other campers to enjoy the relative quiet of this bush setting.</p> <p>To manage the fire risk and impact on the site campfires will not be permitted in the camping area but there will be a group fire-pit and BBQ area available.</p> <p>There will be no specific camp fee.</p> <p>Rubbish bins will not be provided so you’ll need to take your rubbish home with you.</p> <p>Here’s what’s available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free camping; • toilets available on site; • free gas BBQs; • fire pit in the BBQ area; • a lake to swim in; <p>Here’s what is not available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal and dish washing facilities;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• potable tap water but the locals have always used the water coming down the canal;• picnic tables;• rubbish bins. So, bring your own rubbish bags and dispose of it appropriately.
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ABOVE ALL THE EVENT IS THERE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. PLEASE ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE AND AS OFFICIALS, WE WISH GOOD LUCK AND A GOOD COMPETITION FOR ALL COMPETITORS.