



# **2025 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

and

# **2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

## **Bulletin No 2**





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## Team Leader Meeting

The Oceania Team Leader meeting will be held on Wednesday in the café at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

Each Team may bring up to two people to this meeting.

Team Leaders may join the meeting via the following link if not able to attend in person. To join use: <https://meet.google.com/phv-uhtf-fsw>

## Information

This document is the second bulletin with information for the:

2025 Oceania Championships – 24 to 26 January and

2025 Australian Open – 21 to 23 February

And should be read in conjunction with BULLETIN #1 see <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/2025-oceania-champs-aus-open/>

Note, these competitions also incorporate selection trials for the Australian Senior, Under 23 and Junior National Canoe Slalom Teams.

## Roll Call Nations Competing at Oceania

AIN	COL	IRL	SUI	NSW
AND	ESP	JPN	USA	
AUS/NCE	FRA	NZL	TAS	
BEL	GBR	POL	VIC	
CAN	GER	SLO	WA	

## 2025 Provisional Schedules

The provisional Competition Schedules are available from the competition website <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

This schedule will be updated to V3 following this Team Leader meeting

## Doping Control

In line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF Doping Control Rules, Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) may conduct random drug testing at this competition.

Information regarding doping control can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia website at <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

## Competition Rules

The competitions will be run in accordance with ICF 2025 Rules and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition. The 2025 rules are at <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules>

## Competition Format

The following events and age groups will be contested at both the Oceania Championships and the Australian Open:

Canoe & Kayak: Open, U23 and Junior (U18) in Men K1, Women K1, Men C1 and Women C1  
Kayak Cross: Open and U18 in MX1 and WX1.

### OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canoe & Kayak and Kayak Cross events will be staged over 3 days.

Thursday 23 January	Demonstration Runs
Friday 24 January	Heats: Session 1 WK1 MK1, WC1, MC1,
Saturday 25 January	Semifinals & Finals: WK1, MK1, Semifinal & Finals: WC1, MC1
Sunday 26 January	Kayak Cross Qualification and Elimination rounds

In Canoe & Kayak all Competitors will have one heats qualification run and will be ranked. Based on the ranking of the first qualification run, the 30 best ranked will progress to the semifinal run. From the semifinal the 12 best ranked boats will progress directly to the final.

All Athletes who do not qualify for the Semifinal will be offered a B Semifinal.

For Kayak Cross:

Athletes will compete in the Qualification round (time trial individual) and from this the first 32 ranked Athletes in MX1 and WX1 will proceed to the Elimination round

### AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The Canoe / Kayak and Kayak Cross events will be staged over 3 days according to the following schedule:

Thursday 20 February	Demonstration Runs
Friday 21 February	Kayak Day: Heats: WK1, MK1 (one run) and finals
Saturday 22 February	Canoe Day: Heats: WC1, MC1 (one run) and finals
Sunday 23 February	Kayak Cross Qualification and Elimination rounds

All Competitors will have one heats qualification run and will be ranked. Based on the ranking of the first qualification run, the 12 best ranked competitors will progress directly to the Final.

## ICF World Ranking

Note B Finals and any Invitation Events do not count for World Ranking points

## Course Configuration

The course configuration will not change between the Oceania Championships and the Australian Open.

The Oceania Championships start will be in the top pond and finish under the lower bridge.

The AUS Open will start just above "Sweet Lips" and finish at the beam line located just above the drop into the finish pool.

For both competitions in Kayak Cross the start will be from the ramp and the finish will be on the drop above the beach area (#2).

## Competition Officials

Jury:	Maree BURNETT (OCA), Danielle WOODWARD (OCA), Graeme CAUDRY (AUS)
Chief Judge:	Siim PEETRIS (EST)
Assistant Chief Judge:	Sue NATOLI (AUS)
Technical Organiser:	Jill BASSETT
Course Designers:	Titouan DUPRAS (AUS) Giacomo BARZON (NZL)

For the **Australian Open** we are seeking one Course Designer from the Coach's pool. Any International team wishing to submit a nomination please submit the name to Sue NATOLI [suenatoli@gmail.com](mailto:suenatoli@gmail.com)

Course Approval:

We ask for nomination from the Coaches/Team Leaders to be an "observer" to the Course Approval Committee?

## Start List Review

The final start list will be distributed by 9am Thursday 23 January.

## Body Number Distribution

Body numbers are the responsibility of the Team Leaders for **collection, distribution and return**. They can be collected from the race office and will only be distributed to Team Leaders. Body numbers will not be distributed unless the entry fee is paid.

Body numbers can be collected as follows:

Oceania Championships; collected 12:00 Thursday 23 January and returned no later than 15:00 on Sunday 26 January

Team Leaders will need to leave a \$100 deposit on collection which will be returned on return of all the body numbers issued to the Team Leader.

Any body number not returned will attract a \$100 fee.

## Demonstration / Foreruns

A **Welcome to Country** ceremony will be performed at 16:30 on Thursday on Fox Island. This cultural event is a traditional ceremony to bring the local and international community together to celebrate the local waterways. It will be performed by members DALMARRI a local indigenous group.

This will be followed by the Demonstration runs for the heats course at 16:45. Please be aware there will be no demonstration runs for the semifinal/final course.

Following is the list Athletes and times for the demonstration and foreruns

Heats Demonstration Thursday 23 Jan		Course Tuning 15:45 - 16:25, Demos (Full length) 16:45 - 17:01		
Event	Bib Number	Family Name	Given Name	NF
MK1	101	BARZON	Giacomo	NZL
MK1	103	MONTALTO	Josh	AUS
WC1 (Switch)	104	ZARB	Alex	AUS
MK1	105	McLAUGHLAN	Brad	AUS
MC1 (Right)	106	HODSON	Ethan	AUS
MK1	107	LAU	Tim	AUS
MK1	108	BILLAUT	Tom	AUS

#### Heats Foreruns Friday 24 Jan 9:45:00 am

	Bib Number	Family Name	Given Name	NF
MK1	103	MONTALTO	Josh	AUS
MK1	107	LAU	Tim	AUS
MK1	105	McLAUGHLAN	Brad	AUS
MK1	108	BILLAUT	Tom	AUS

#### Heats Foreruns Friday 24 Jan 14:00

	Bib Number	Family Name	Given Name	NF
WC1 (Switch)	104	ZARB	Alex	AUS
MC1 (left)	106	HODSON	Ethan	AUS
MK1	108	BILLAUT	Tom	AUS
MC1 (Right/Switch)	109	LOWTHER	Steve	AUS

#### Finals Foreruns Saturday 25 Jan 9:00 am

	Bib Number	Family Name	Given Name	NF
WK1	102	RANKIN	Georgia	AUS
MK1	103	MONTALTO	Josh	AUS
MK1	107	LAU	Tim	AUS
MK1	105	McLAUGHLAN	Brad	AUS

#### Finals Foreruns Saturday 25 Jan 14:00

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WC1 (Switch)	104	ZARB	Alex	AUS
MC1 (left)	106	HODSON	Ethan	AUS
MK1	108	BILLAUT	Tom	AUS
MC1 (Right/Switch)	109	LOWTHER	Steve	AUS

### CSLX TT Foreruns Sun 26 Jan 9:10

	Bib Number	Family Name	Given Name	NF
Boat 1		TBC		
Boat 2		TBC		
Boat 3		TBC		
Boat 4		TBC		

## Results

The address for live results for Oceania Championships is.

<https://siwidata.com/canoe123/live?SessionKey=auscanoe.2025012300>

Live streaming is available from the Paddle Australia facebook page and youtube channel.

The Enquiry desk and results notice board are located in the tent near the start.

## Times

### Oceania Championships

Day	Water on/off times	Stadium gates open/close times
Thursday 23 January	15:30 – 17:50	7:00 – 19:00
Friday 24 January	9:15 – 17:40	7:00 – 19:00
Saturday 25 January	8:15 – 17:50	7:00 – 20:00
Sunday 26 January	9:00 – 13:50	7:00 – 19:00

## Technical Video Service

A technical video service will be provided by Paddle Australia. Teams need to register their interest prior to or at the Team Leaders meeting to:

Nick Perry [nick.perry@paddle.org.au](mailto:nick.perry@paddle.org.au), and

Samantha Everard [samantha.everard@paddle.org.au](mailto:samantha.everard@paddle.org.au)

Information about accessing the feed will be provided in the lead up to the event period, teams will not be required to bring any cables or adapters in order to access the feed.

Teams are encouraged to bring a USB stick compatible with Mac Computers in the event of technical difficulties and USB transfer is necessary.

## Medal Ceremonies

The Medal Ceremonies on Saturday 25 January will be held at the boat ramp above the finish pool. Athletes may attend in their paddling clothing or Team Uniform as they wish.

Please stay tuned for the location of the Sunday ceremony as we are waiting on rafting booking confirmation.



Please remember there are awards for Open, U23 and U18 events.  
And the Oceania Champions title can only be awarded to an Oceania Athlete.

The medal ceremony times are as follows:

Saturday: MK1 & WK1 - **13:20** and MC1 & WC1 **17:35**

Sunday: Kayak Cross **13:00**

## Coffee & Food

There will be a coffee cart on each day of competition from around 8ish in the morning. They will also serve small snacks, eg. banana bread etc. So bring your reusable cups and support this initiative

## Further information and Paddle Australia contacts

For further information about these competitions, please head to the official website <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

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