



# **2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

  

# **COMPETITION GUIDE**

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# Australian Open Competition Guide

## INTRODUCTION

This document provides information and guidelines for the 2022 Australian Open to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS), Sydney, Australia from 25 to 27 February 2022. Paddle Australia (PA) is pleased to deliver this competition.

The 2022 Australian Open incorporates the following competitions:

- Australian Open – ICF world ranking competition - Canoe Slalom and Extreme Canoe Slalom
- Paddle Australia National Championships – Canoe Freestyle

For more information, please head to the official website <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

Note, the Australian Open also incorporates the selection of the Australian Senior, Under 23 and Junior National Teams for both Canoe Slalom and Freestyle. Further information on selection criteria is available on the PA website.

## PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION

Competitors are advised that during the course of this event they may be photographed or filmed by official Paddle Australia photographers or by officially accredited media.

It is a condition of entry to the 2022 Australian Open that competitors **consent to the use** of any photos or film containing their image, by media outlets, and/or by Paddle Australia and/or by related parties in pursuit of Paddle Australia's objectives.

Competitors, who do not consent to this use, must inform the official Paddle Australia photographers or officially accredited media.

## 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

The provisional schedule is available at <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

The competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedule.

## PROVISIONAL WATER ON / OFF TIMES

DATE	RUN	WATER	
		ON	OFF
Thursday 24 February	<i>Canoe Slalom</i> Heats Demonstration Runs	3.45pm	7.15pm
Friday 25 February	<i>Canoe Slalom</i> Qualification Heats	7.30am	1.50pm
	<i>Freestyle</i> Training	2.00pm	3.30pm
	<i>Canoe Slalom</i> Semi/Final Demonstration Runs	3.00pm	6.00pm
Saturday 26 February	<i>Canoe Slalom</i> Semi-finals/Finals	7.30am	1.00pm
	<i>Freestyle</i> Heats	5.00pm	6.30pm
Sunday 27 February	<i>Canoe Slalom &amp; Freestyle</i> Semi-finals/Finals	8.00am	12.45pm
	<i>Extreme Canoe Slalom</i> Time trials, Heats to Finals	5.00pm	7.30pm

## PROVISIONAL COURSE CLOSED TIMES

The course is closed at the following times:

Time	Access
From 3.45pm, Thursday - 4.30pm Sunday including during breaks in racing	Closed to any competitors still to race in any discipline

## TEAM LEADER & ENQUIRY PROCESS

All Competitors will be required to nominate their Team Leader prior to the race. Only nominated Team Leaders may make enquiries on behalf of their respective competitors. Any Athlete who does not nominate a Team leader will be assigned one.

The Enquiry Desk will be located adjacent to the Event Office.

Video evidence from the technical video feed may be considered in the resolution of any enquiry at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

## PROVISIONAL START LIST

Provisional start lists will be posted on the Event website, <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/> and at Penrith Whitewater Stadium on **Monday 21 February 2022** (Australian Open, Freestyle National Championships). Copies will also be emailed to Team Leaders.

Please check carefully that Athlete names and Federations have been correctly shown on the provisional start list including the spelling, Clubs and/or Sports Institutes.

Please note that all Athletes must have their Federation listed as this is a world ranking competition.

Please notify the competition organisers of any required changes.

## RESULTS

Canoe Slalom official results will be posted on the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Event Shed. Freestyle results will be posted at the compiling tent in the centre of the course. All results will also be posted on the event website <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

Live results will be available from the event website and on monitors at the venue.

No hard copies of results will be printed for teams. A complete electronic set of results can be accessed, either via the website, or by request to the Competition Organiser following the completion of the competition.

## TIMING AND SCORING

For Canoe Slalom the timing is to 100th of a second. Timing will be electronic with handheld backup.

## MEDAL CEREMONY PROTOCOL

Following finals, medallists should assemble near the podium area 15 minutes prior to the medal ceremony. Competitors involved in the medal ceremonies must wear team uniform and closed shoes

## COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION IN TEAM TRAYS

Two copies of the start lists will be placed into your team tray. Please tell us if you require more copies so we can meet your needs.

Start lists and results and any general competition information will be emailed to Team Leaders.

## BODY NUMBER DISTRIBUTION

All body numbers are the responsibility of the Team Manager for collection, distribution and return. Body numbers can be collected from the event shed. Body numbers will only be distributed to Team Leaders. Body numbers can be collected:

Collection after 12 noon Thursday 24 February

Returned no later than 5:00pm on Sunday 27 February

Body numbers will not be distributed unless the entry fee has been received.

Team Leaders will be required to leave a \$100 deposit for each team (Canoe Slalom or Freestyle) they manage, prior to collection of their team's body numbers. The deposit 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.

## FINISH PROCEDURE

The Canoe Slalom finish line is located directly under the bottom bridge.

Competitors must remain in the finish pool to warm down until dismissed by the Equipment Controller, as they may be required for Equipment or Doping Control.

Athletes are reminded that they must not warm up in the area directly below the finish line.

## SIGNAL TO CLEAR THE COURSE

A whistle will be used by the Judge should the competitor be required to clear the course, i.e. to give way to another competitor.

If water safety staff are required to turn off the pumps, i.e. to clear the channel, a siren will sound.

## CONVEYOR BELT PROCEDURES

A clock displaying "race time" will be located above the conveyor belt in the finish pool. The conveyor belt ride takes 75 seconds.

Whilst on the conveyor belt competitors may empty out their boats but must stay on the conveyor belt until the top pond is reached. Do not jump off the conveyor at any point.

## EQUIPMENT CONTROL

The Equipment Control area will be open for Athlete **self-checking** from 2pm Wednesday 23 February for all equipment including boats. There will be no compulsory pre-competition equipment control.

Prior to the race on each competition day there will be an official at the Equipment Control area, should any Athlete have a question or need help with the measuring equipment.

The equipment control schedule is as follows:

Date	Time
Wednesday 23 February	2.00 pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 24 February	7.30 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 25 February	8.00 am – 1.00pm
Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 February	8.00 am – 6.00pm

Any Competitors equipment may be selected for post competition equipment control. Boats may be checked for weight, length & width and nose & tail and rail dimensions. Buoyancy vests and helmets may be checked to ensure compliance with the current ICF rules.

Athletes whose equipment does not pass a post competition check will be disqualified for that run/phase (DISQ-R)

## DOPING CONTROL

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

The site for Doping control will be confirmed closer to the Competition dates.

Competitors must present their passport or provide photo proof of identity at the time of a test. We strongly recommend that Team Leaders look after the security of Team Members passports.

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

## COVID VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

At the time of writing (December 2021) it is a requirement for all people who wish to enter Penrith Whitewater stadium to provide proof of double vaccination status. If this changes, as NSW public health orders or venue restrictions evolve, we will update this information.

See <https://www.penrithwhitewater.com.au/conditions-of-entry>

## WARM UP LAKE

To avoid potential collisions and injury when using the warm up lake, Competitors are required to keep within the white-water users designated area.

This area is marked by a line of buoys and includes the area at the course end of the lake and a channel approximately 10 meters wide that runs adjacent to the course on the right-hand bank of the lake (see map below).

All other areas of the lake are not to be used at any time.



## WIRELESS INTERNET

There is no free wireless access for Teams.

## SMOKING & ALCOHOL

Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area near the entrance to PWS. Smoking is not permitted on the Field of Play or in any of the buildings.

Alcohol consumption is not permitted anywhere on the venue, except in the VIP lounge during its hours of operation or those areas designated in the Cafe.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

There is no capacity to store personal belongings in secure areas. Athletes and Teams are encouraged not to bring extra items to the venue. Please remind members of your team not to leave valuable items unsecured.

## SUN PROTECTION

The Ultra Violet (UV) index is high during the middle part of the day and it is recommended that broad-spectrum (SPF 30+) sunscreen be worn on exposed skin to protect against sunburn.

## ACCESS AND PARKING

Please park in the marked areas and follow the instructions of Penrith Whitewater Stadium staff when at the venue. You are reminded that the bridges are for access only. The only people who may remain on the bridges are Technical Video Service Staff and Officials. You may pass over the bridge but not remain on any part.

## PADDLE AUSTRALIA CONTACT

The contact details for PA are:

Postal Address:	PO Box 6085. Silverwater, NSW, 2128 Australia
Phone:	+ 61 (0) 2 9763 0670
Canoe Slalom enquires email:	<a href="mailto:slalom@paddle.org.au">slalom@paddle.org.au</a>
Freestyle enquires email:	<a href="mailto:freestyle@paddle.org.au">freestyle@paddle.org.au</a>

# Canoe Slalom

Additional rules and information for the Canoe Slalom Australian component.

## RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official Richard FOX (AUS)  
Chief Judge AUS Open Jill BASSETT (AUS)

Jury:  
Graeme CAUDRY (AUS) – Chair  
Brian CORK (AUS)  
TBC nominated from participating coaches

## ENTRIES

The entry fees are:

Australian Open AUD \$100 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe Slalom or Extreme Canoe Slalom events entered. You may also enter Freestyle National Championships no extra charge.

Entries are open from Friday **17 December 2021 and close on** Tuesday **15 February 2022**

All entries must be made by your Federation using the ICF online entry system - SDP.

Australian athletes must complete their initial entry via the entry portal before PA can submit your entry to the ICF.

Australian Athletes enter via your **JUSTGO** profile

Please contact PA directly if you are having problems using the online entry system.

Acceptance of a late entry is at the discretion of the Organiser and the late entry fee is \$200 (double the entry fee). Late entries must comply with ICF Canoe Slalom competition rule 1.6.1.f and Chapter 6 (2022 rules) regarding late entries.

## COMPETITION RULES

All Canoe Slalom events will be run in accordance with ICF Rules 2022 and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition.

The 2022 rules are available at <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules - slalom>

## COMPETITION FORMAT

The Canoe Slalom events will be staged over 3 days according to the following schedule for all classes:

Thursday 20 February	Demonstration Runs
Friday 21 February	Heats: Session 1 WK1 MK1, WC1, MC1,
Saturday 22 February	Semi-finals / Finals: WK1, MK1
Sunday 23 February	Semi-finals / Finals: WC1, MC1

The following events and age groups will be contested at the Australian Open:  
Open, U23 and Junior (U18) in the

## Men K1, Women K1, Men C1 and Women C1

All Competitors will have one heats qualification run and will be ranked. Based on the ranking of the first qualification run, the following boats will progress directly to the semi-final:

30 K1M

20 K1W, C1M, C1W

The remaining competitors in each event will have a second heats qualification run and the following boats will progress to the semi-final:

10 K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W

The total numbers for each event in the semi-final will be:

40 boats – K1M

30 boats – K1W, C1M, C1W

Following the semi-final, the top 10 boats from each event will progress to the finals.

In the event that there are less entries in the Heats phase than qualify for the next (eg SFR, FR) phase the Heats will still run to meet Australian Team selection criteria.

## INVITATIONAL RACE

An Invitation race will be held for Australian Athletes nominating for selection who do not qualify for the semi-final.

If, in this semifinal invitation race, the Athlete achieves a time that would have placed them in the final then they will be offered a final invitational race.

## ICF WORLD RANKING

All Athletes will progress through each phase of competition for all Canoe Slalom events according to the 2022 ICF progressions, available on the ICF website (see COMPETITION FORMAT in this document).

All competing Athletes will receive ICF world ranking points based on their final results in the 2022 Australian Open.

## START ORDER

Competitors will start in the reverse order of their 2021 ICF World Ranking. Competitors without an ICF World Ranking will start at the beginning of the start order, in the reverse order of their Australian National rank. Unranked Competitors will be placed at the beginning of the start order and their place will be determined by a random draw.

For Competitors who have two heats runs, the second run score in the heats phase is counted as their heats result.

Competitors that qualify for the semi-final phase from their 2nd heats run score will be placed at the beginning of the Semi-final start list, followed by the competitors who qualified from their 1st heats run score.

The start order for the final will be the reverse order of the results of each respective semi-final.

Competitors who arrive at the start late may not be permitted to start (subject to the decision of the Chief Judge).

## COURSE DESIGN

The Course Design Committee will be made up of one person drawn from those nominated from the coaches and one designer drawn from the pool nominated by PA. Coach's nominations close at 9am on Wednesday 23 February.

If required, the draw for the Course Designer will take place at the Event Shed at 9.30am, Wednesday 23 February.

## COURSE MAP RELEASE TIMETABLE

All course maps will be released, 4.00 pm Thursday 24 February.

Copies will be emailed to Team Leaders and also placed in the team trays. Copies will also be available on the event website.

## DEMONSTRATION RUNS AND COURSE APPROVAL

Demonstration runs for the Qualification course will be held at 5.15pm on Thursday 24 February. Course approval will take place immediately following the demonstration runs.

Demonstration runs for the Semi/Final course will be held at 4.10pm on Friday 25 February.

Course approval will take place immediately following the demonstration runs.

Water will remain on for up to 30 minutes following the approval of each course.

## TECHNICAL VIDEO SERVICE

Technical video service will be provided by Paddle Australia. Teams wishing to use this service should contact to register their interest;

Jill Bassett <mailto:jill.bassett@paddle.org.au> or

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

International teams will NOT receive a direct feed but may bring a USB or hard drive (must be formatted to work with Apple Mac devices), to the video production area and receive copies of the competition. Please provide a note of which bib numbers/names you would like when providing the USB or Hard drive.

## TEAM LEADERS MEETING

Australian Open

Date: Wednesday 23 February

Time: 3 – 4pm

Location: Event Shed area, Penrith Whitewater Stadium

Each Team may send up to two people to the Team Leaders meeting.

Please also bring this guide to the meeting.

## COURSE CONFIGURATION

The course configuration for the Oceania Championships will be set by Wednesday 15 January 2022. The course configuration may change between the Oceania Championships and the Australian Open.

## START AND FINISH PROCEDURES

Competitors will be called to the start platform immediately the previous competitor has left the start.

The start will be a downstream start adjacent to the start platform. There will be a 5 sec beep countdown to the start time. Athletes may start within 3 seconds of their allocated start time

The start beam is located at the top of the first drop.

## START INTERVALS

Depending on entries, the start interval for the qualification runs will be 60 seconds between each competitor and 5 minutes between events.

There will be a 90 second interval between each competitor for the Semifinal and Final.

## MEDALS

Australian Open – All events will be awarded in the Junior, U23 and Senior age categories.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the Slalom events, please head to the official website or contact Paddle Australia ([slalom@paddle.org.au](mailto:slalom@paddle.org.au) or (02) 9763 0670).

# Freestyle

Additional rules and information for the Freestyle National Championships component.

## RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official Sue Natoli (AUS)  
Chief Judge AUS Open TBC (AUS)

Freestyle Technical Advisor; TBC

Jury: Graeme CAUDRY (AUS) - Chair  
Brian CORK (AUS)  
TBC nominated from participating coaches

## ENTRIES

The entry fees are:

Freestyle National Championships AUD \$50 per Athlete please note this fee does not include entry to the Canoe Slalom Australian Open but does include entry for the extreme canoe slalom.

Entries are open from **Friday 17 December 2021 and close on** Tuesday 15 February 2022

Entries should be submitted as per the below:

- Australian athletes are to enter via their **JUSTGO** profile link
- International entries must be submitted via email to [freestyle@paddle.org.au](mailto:freestyle@paddle.org.au)

Please contact PA directly if you are having problems using the online entry system.

Acceptance of a late entry is at the discretion of the Organiser and the late entry fee is \$100 (double the entry fee). Late entries must comply with ICF Freestyle competition rule 1.6.1.f regarding late entries.

## COMPETITION RULES

All Freestyle events will be run in accordance with the ICF Rules 2022

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### National Championships

Saturday 26 February Heats will be held in groups of 5 boats each getting two rides of 45 sec

Sunday 27 February The top 5 boats will progress to the final which will be 3 rides of 45 sec each.

The following events and age groups will be contested:

Events: MK1, WK1, MC1 with Age Groups: Open, juniors.

## TEAM LEADERS MEETING

Freestyle National Championships



Date: Friday 25 February  
Time: 5.00 – 6.00pm  
Location: Event Shed area, Penrith Whitewater Stadium

Each Team may send up to two people to the Team Leaders meeting.

Please also bring this guide to the meeting.

## MEDALS

National Championships – PA National medals will be awarded for this event in accordance with PA Competition Policy clause 8.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the Freestyle events, please head to the official website or contact Paddle Australia ([freestyle@paddle.org.au](mailto:freestyle@paddle.org.au) or (02) 9763 0670).