

2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN & PENRITH OPEN

COMPETITION GUIDE



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Australian Open & Penrith Open Competition Guide

INTRODUCTION

This document provides information and guidelines for the 2023 Canoe Slalom Australian Open and Penrith Open to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS), Sydney, Australia.

The Penrith Open will be held on the 11 – 12 of February 2023 and the Australian Open will be held on the 17 to 19 February 2023.

Paddle Australia (PA) are pleased to host these competitions.

The competitions incorporate the following events:

- Australian Open and Penrith Open – ICF world ranking competition - Canoe & Kayak and Kayak Cross events
- Paddle Australia National Championships – Canoe Freestyle 17 – 18 February 2023

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

Note, the Australian Open and Penrith Open are selection events for 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.

[Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Senior Team Selection Policy](#)

[Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom U23 Team Selection Policy](#)

[Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Junior Team Selection Policy](#)

Paddle Australia Canoe Freestyle Team Selection Policy will be published once approved.

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 that competitor's **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.

2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

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



[2023 Australian Open schedule](#)

[2023 Penrith Open schedule](#)

The competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedules.

PROVISIONAL WATER ON / OFF TIMES
Penrith Open

DATE	RUN	WATER	
		ON	OFF
Friday 10 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Heats Demonstration Runs	4.00pm	6.00pm
Saturday 11 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Heats	8:00am	1:00pm
Sunday 12 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Finals	8:30am	2:00pm
	<i>Kayak Cross</i> Time trials, Heats to Finals	2:45pm	5.30pm

Australian Open:

DATE	RUN	WATER	
		ON	OFF
Thursday 16 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Heats Demonstration Runs	4.00pm	6.00pm
Friday 17 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Qualification Heats	7.30am	3.50pm
	<i>Freestyle</i> Training	4.00pm	5.45pm
	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Semi/Final Demonstration Runs	5.15pm	7.00pm
Saturday 18 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Semi-finals/Finals	7.00am	1.00pm
	<i>Freestyle</i> Heats/Finals	5.00pm	6.30pm
Sunday 19 February	<i>Canoe & Kayak</i> Semi-finals/Finals & <i>Freestyle</i> Demonstration	8.45am	1.00pm
	<i>Kayak Cross</i> Time trials, Heats to Finals	2.45pm	5.15pm

PROVISIONAL COURSE CLOSED TIMES

The course is closed at the following times:

Time	Access
For Penrith Open from 4:00 Friday 11 until 6:00pm Sunday 12 Australian Open from 3.45pm, Thursday until 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 6 February 2023** (Penrith Open) and
- **Monday 13 February 2023** (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 Canoe & Kayak 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 and will be distributed on the event 'whats app' group.

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 the 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 (or less) copies so we can meet your needs.

Start lists and results and any general competition information will be emailed/whatsapped 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 will not be distributed unless the entry fee has been received.

Body numbers can be collected after 12 noon Thursday 16 February and must be returned no later than 5:00pm on Sunday 19 February for the Australian Open. For the Penrith Open, body numbers can be collected after 12 noon Thursday 9 February and must be returned no later than 5:00pm on Sunday 12 February.

Team Leaders will be required to leave a \$100 deposit for each team they manage (Canoe Slalom or Freestyle), 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.

CANOE SLALOM FINISH PROCEDURE

Both the Penrith Open and the Australian Open will be run on 4 pumps.

The course for each competition will be as follows:

- Penrith Open: Start Above Sweet Lips – Finish at the last drop
- Australian Open: Start at the start platform in the top pool – Finish at the bottom bridge.

Canoe & Kayak 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 8 February for all equipment including boats. There will be no compulsory pre-competition equipment control.

Prior to the race on each competition day there may 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 8 & 15 February	2.00 pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 9 & 16 February	7.30 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 10 & 17 February	7.30 am – 1.00pm
Saturday 11 & 18 – Sunday 12 & 19 February	8.30 am – 4.00pm

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 jackets 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, 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

Whilst we are now “living” with covid we remind you to practise good hand hygiene and social distancing. Please do not attend the competition if you have any covid like symptoms.

WARM UP LAKE

To avoid potential collisions and injury when using the warm up lake, Competitors are required to keep within the whitewater 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 metres 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.

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:

slalom@paddle.org.au

Freestyle enquires email:

annabelle.white@paddle.org.au and
tara.mcelduff@paddle.org.au

Canoe Slalom

Additional rules and information for the Canoe Slalom Australian component.

RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official	Graeme CAUDRY (AUS)
Chief Judge	Penrith Open - Sue NATOLI (AUS) Australian Open - Kellie Bailey (NZL)
Jury:	Graeme CAUDRY (AUS) – Chair Mike DRUCE (AUS) Penrith Open only - Chris Thompson (AUS) AUS Open only - Brian CORK (AUS)

ENTRIES

The entry fees are:

- Australian Open AUD \$110 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered. You may also enter Freestyle National Championships at no extra charge.
- Penrith Open AUD \$110 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.

Entry to both Australian Open and Penrith Open AUD \$180 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered. You may also enter Freestyle National Championships at no extra charge. (Aus Open)

Australian Open entries are open from Friday **17 December 2022 and close on** Tuesday 31 January 2023.

Penrith Open entries are open from Friday **17 December 2022 and close on** Tuesday 31 January 2023.

All entries must be made by your Federation using the ICF online entry system - SDP. For International competitors, ICF closing dates are as follows:

- Penrith Open - 1 February 2023
- Australian Open - 7 February 2023

Australian athletes must complete their initial entry via the PA entry portal on “Go Membership” before PA can submit your entry to the ICF via SDP. Australian Athletes entries close on Go Membership on 31 January 2023.

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 an extra \$50 so \$160. Late entries must comply with ICF Canoe Slalom competition rule 1.6.1.f and Chapter 6 (2023 rules) regarding late entries.

COMPETITION RULES

All Canoe Slalom events will be run in accordance with ICF Rules 2023 and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition.

The 2023 rules are available from 1 January 2023 at <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules - slalom>

COMPETITION FORMAT

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

[2023 Australian Open schedule](#)

[2023 Penrith Open schedule](#)

The following events and age groups will be contested at the Penrith Open & Australian Open: Open, U23 and Junior (U18) in Men K1, Women K1, Men C1 and Women C1 events.

For the Penrith Open all competitors will have one heat run and if qualified progress to a final run.

In the Australian Open all Competitors will have one heats qualification run and will be ranked. Based on the ranking of the first qualification run, the following best ranked 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 best ranked 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 (e.g. 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 Australian Team selection who do not qualify for the final in the Penrith Open and semi-final in the Australian Open.

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

ICF WORLD RANKING

All Athletes will progress through each phase of competition for all Canoe Slalom events according to the 2023 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 2023 Australian Open. Note the invitational races are not part of the ICF ranking race.

COURSE CONFIGURATION

The course configuration may be changed between the Penrith Open (11 – 12 February 2023) and the 2023 AUS OPEN.

COURSE DESIGN

The Course Design Committee will be from those nominated from the pool nominated by PA.

COURSE MAP RELEASE TIMETABLE

All course maps will be released:

- **Penrith Open:** Friday 4:00 pm Friday 10 February
- **Australian Open:** 4.00 pm Thursday 16 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

- Penrith Open: at 5:00pm on Friday 10 February
- Australian Open: at 4.50pm on Thursday 16 February.

Demonstration runs for the Australian Open Semi/Final course will be held at 5.50pm on Friday 17 February.

Course approval will take place immediately prior to 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 register their interest by contacting;

- Sue Natoli suenatoli@gmail.com or
- Nick Perry 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

Penrith Open:

Date: Thursday 9 February

Time: 4 – 5pm

Australian Open:

Date: Wednesday 15 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.

START ORDER

Competitors will start in the reverse order of their 2022 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).

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 Semi-final and Final.

PRIZES

Prizes for the Australian Open will be awarded in all valid events in Junior, U23 and Senior age categories.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Freestyle

Additional rules and information for the Freestyle National Championships component.

RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official	Graeme CAUDRY(AUS)
Chief Judge	Gary FINLAY (AUS)
	Freestyle Technical Advisor; Eileen CALLAGHAN
Jury:	Graeme CAUDRY (AUS) – Chair Brian CORK (AUS) Jez (AUS)

ENTRIES

The entry fees are:

Freestyle National Championships AUD \$65 per Athlete. This fee includes an entry to the Kayak Cross event. Please note this fee does not include entry to the Canoe & Kayak Australian Open.

Entries are open from **Friday 17 December 2021 and close on** Tuesday 7 February 2022

Entries should be submitted as per the below:

- Australian athletes are to enter via the link [Paddle Australia Canoe Freestyle Championships](#)
- International entries must be submitted via email to annabelle.white@paddle.org.au and tara.mcelduff@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 2023

COMPETITION FORMAT

National Championships

The National Championships will be run in 5 pumps

Friday 17 February

Freestyle Training

Saturday 18 February

Heats and then Finals will be held in groups of 5 boats each getting two rides of 45 sec

Sunday 19 February

The top boats will progress to a demonstration which will be 3 rides of 45 sec each.

The following events and age groups will be contested:

Events: MK1, WK1 and MC1

Age Groups: Open and Juniors.

TEAM LEADERS MEETING

Freestyle National Championships

- Date: Saturday 17 February
- Time: 2.30 – 3.30pm
- 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 at: annabelle.white@paddle.org.au and tara.mcelduff@paddle.org.au or (02) 9763 0670).