

2023 PA Canoe Slalom National Championships

COMPETITION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

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

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom National Championships will be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS) from the 14 – 16 April 2023.

Paddle Australia (PA) are pleased to host this competition with the help of Paddle NSW and the Canoe Slalom Technical Committee.

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

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 PA CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

The provisional Competition Schedule (as at 21 March 2023) can be viewed [HERE](#).

The competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedules.

RACE OFFICIALS

Chief Official:	Richard Fox
Chief Judge:	Jill Bassett
Jury:	Peter Eckhardt - Chair Chris Thompson Mia Farrance

ENTRIES

The entry fees are:

- Canoe Slalom Championships Entry = \$115

Entries are open from Thursday 23 March and will close 5pm AEST Thursday 6 April 2023. Athletes must complete entries via the Paddle Australia JustGo entry portal.

Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee.

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. Late entries must comply with ICF Canoe Slalom competition rule 1.6.1.f and Chapter 6 (2023 rules) regarding late entries.

PROVISIONAL WATER ON / OFF TIMES

DATE	RUN	WATER	
		ON	OFF
Friday 14 April	WK1 – Heats MK1 – Heats WC1 – Heats MC1 – Heats	6:45am	12:40pm
Saturday 15 April	WK1 – Semis and Finals MK1 – Semis and Finals WC1 – Semis and Finals MC1 – Semis and Finals	7:30am	1:00pm
Sunday 16 April	Men’s State Teams Event Women’s State Teams Event MX1CSLX – Time Trials and Finals WX1CSLX – Time Trials and Finals	8:30am	1:00pm

COURSE CLOSURE

DATE	ACCESS
From 3:45pm Thursday 13 April until 2pm Sunday 16 April	Closed to any competitors still to race in any discipline

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 at <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules - slalom>

COMPETITION FORMAT

The 2023 PA Canoe Slalom Championships will be an open age event. The following categories will be contested:

- WK1
- MK1
- WC1
- MC1
- WX1CSLX
- MX1CSLX
- State Teams Event*

**Please note: State Team Managers must nominate their state teams directly to the Event Manager (Tara McElduff) no later than the close of entries (Thursday 6 April). Each state will be allowed to enter 2 teams per event. Athletes are only able to compete in one team event.*

The National Championships format will be:

- **Heats** – best of two runs
- **Semi Final** – all Athletes will progress to the Semi-final
- **Final** – the fastest 12 Athletes in the semi-final will progress to the final

The competition will be run on 4 pumps.

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 at 5pm on Thursday 13 April 2023.

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

There will be no demonstration runs at this competition. The water will be on for extra time prior to the commencement of the heats phase and the Semi-final phase to allow Athletes to view the course

TECHNICAL VIDEO SERVICE

Technical Video Service may be available to teams. Further information will be provided closer to the event.

TEAM LEADERS MEETING

Date: Thursday 13 April 2023

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Event Shed area, Penrith Whitewater Stadium

Remote Location: <https://meet.google.com/jfj-dwij-bsd>

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.

The start order for the Semi-final will be by reverse order of the heats results (best of two runs)

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 will be 60 seconds between each competitor and 5 minutes between events.

PRIZES

Awards will be awarded in accordance with the PA Competitions Policy. Championship medals will be awarded in accordance with the Policy.

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/>, WhatsApp and at Penrith Whitewater Stadium on Monday 10 April 2023.

Copies will also be emailed to Team Leaders.

Please check carefully that Athlete names, clubs and sports institutes have been correctly shown on the provisional start list including the spelling. 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. 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 'WhatsApp' group.

No hard copies of results will be printed for teams. A complete electronic set of results can be accessed via the website.

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. Medals will be awarded in accordance with the PA Competitions Policy. Competitors involved in the medal ceremonies must wear team uniform and closed shoes.

COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION

Copies of the start lists will be available from the Event Shed. 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 available to Team Leaders via email and WhatsApp.

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 from 3pm Thursday 13 April 2023 and must be returned no later than 1pm Sunday 16 April 2023.

Team Leaders will be required to leave a \$100 deposit for each team 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.

CANOE SLALOM FINISH PROCEDURE

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 6:30am Wednesday 12 April 2023 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 12 April – Thursday 13 April	6:30am – 12:30pm
Friday 14 April – Saturday 15 April	6:30am – 2:00pm
Sunday 16 April	8:00am – 2:00pm

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:

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