



# **2024 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

and

# **2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

## **Bulletin No 2**





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## PREAMBLE

This document is the second bulletin with information for the:

2024 Oceania Championships – 26 to 28 January and  
2024 Australian Open – 2 to 4 February

All information from Bulletin 1 is in *grey and italics*, all new information is in black regular font.

## INTRODUCTION

*This document is the first bulletin with information for the:*

*2024 Oceania Championships – 26 to 28 January and  
2024 Australian Open – 2 to 4 February*

*to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS), Sydney, Australia. Paddle Australia (PA) is pleased to deliver these competitions.*

This bulletin should be read in conjunction with the first bulletin *grey and italics here*.

The first bulletin, and further information can be found on the official website at <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>

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

Further information on selection criteria is available on the PA website.

<https://paddle.org.au/paddlesports/canoe-slalom/-selection-info>

## PENRITH INFORMATION

*We invite you to get to know Penrith, get ready for some unique and memorable experiences.*

*From the banks of the Nepean River to rural hinterlands, through the city centres and many unique neighbourhoods, you'll discover well known favourites and hidden gems.*

*Unique to Penrith is: an enviable lifestyle, excellent sporting and recreation facilities, green open spaces, and vibrant local events.*

*For more information see the visitor guide to Penrith which includes eating and accommodation suggestions. This is available at;*

<https://www.visitpenrith.com.au/images/visitor-guide/PenrithVisitorGuide2022.pdf>

## PARIS 2024 QUOTA ALLOCATION

*The 2024 Oceania Championships is the Oceania Continental qualification competition for Paris 2024 quota allocation.*

General information regarding the Paris 2024 quota allocation is available at:  
<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-olympics/paris-2024/team-info>

A table showing the Olympic quota already allocated is also available here.

### NOTE:

- The Olympic quota will be allocated first in the canoe events and then the kayak events.
- At the Continental qualification the maximum a NOC can earn is 1 male and 1 Female quota (canoe first then kayak)

The following Athletes are ineligible to earn any further Olympic quota as they have already earned a quota at the Global qualification:

AUS - Jessica FOX, Kate ECKHARDT, Timothy ANDERSON  
NZL – Luuka JONES, Finn BUTCHER

## VISA APPLICATION

*If your team requires an invitation letter to process your visa application, please contact Paul BRANSON <mailto:paul.branson@paddle.org.au> in the Paddle Australia office.*

## 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 2024 Oceania Championships and 2024 Australian Open that competitors give 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 Sue Natoli ([suenatoli@gmail.com](mailto:suenatoli@gmail.com)) directly before the competition commences.*

## 2024 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULES

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

*The competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedule.*

### PROVISIONAL WATER ON / OFF TIMES:

<b>OCEANIA Provisional Water On/Off times</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Gates Open</b>	<b>Water stabilised</b>	<b>Water off</b>	<b>Gates closed</b>
Thursday 25 Jan	07:00	16:00	18:30	19:30
Friday 26 Jan	06:15	09:15	18:15	19:15
Saturday 27 Jan	06:00	08:45	13:15	19:00
Sunday 28 Jan	06:30	09:30	13:00	20:45
		15:00	19:45	

<b>AUS OPEN Provisional Water On/Off times</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Gates Open</b>	<b>Water stabilised</b>	<b>Water off</b>	<b>Gates closed</b>
Thursday 1 Feb	07:00	15:45	18:30	19:30
Friday 2 Feb	06:30	09:30	13:45	19:00
Saturday 3 Feb	06:30	09:30	14:45	19:00
Sunday 4 Feb	06:30	09:30	13:30	19:00

### PROVISIONAL COURSE CLOSED TIMES

<b>Time</b>	<b>Access</b>
For Oceania Championships: from 15:30 Thursday 25 Jan until 19:00 Sunday 28 Jan	The course is closed to any competitors still to race in any event
Australian Open from 3.45pm, Thursday 1 Feb until 13:30 Sunday 4 Feb	Note this includes during breaks in competition

### TEAM LEADER & ENQUIRY PROCESS

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

The Enquiry Desk will be located adjacent to the Timing and Scoring Office (OVR).

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

## COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION IN TEAM TRAYS

Two copies of the start lists will be placed into each 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.

## PROVISIONAL START LIST

Provisional start lists will be posted on the Event website, <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/> and at Penrith Whitewater Stadium on

- **Monday 22 January 2024** (Oceania Championships) and
- **Monday 29 January 2024** (Australian Open).

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 Sue NATOLI <mailto:suenatoli@gmail.com> of any required changes at

## 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.*

*All competing Athletes and Team Staff are also required to complete the ADEL doping education program. This is a once only program. If your Athlete has not yet completed this they should go to <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education> and complete either the Athlete or coaches' education program.*

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

## ENTRIES

120/race. Or 200 for both. 4o/KC race

Fee to train on channel – 20 for water time not used

*The entry fees are:*

*2024 Oceania Championships AUD ~~\$110~~ \$120 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.*

*2024 Australian Open AUD ~~\$110~~ \$120 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.*



Entry to both Oceania Championships and the Australian Open is AUD ~~\$180~~ \$200 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.

2024 Oceania Championships and 2024 Australian Open Entries are open from ~~Monday 11 December 2023~~ Friday 22 December 2023.

2024 Oceania Championship entries close on **15 of January**

2024 Australian Open entries close on **22 January**

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

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 Wednesday **10 January** for both competitions.

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 a late entry fee will be charged. Late entries must comply with ICF Canoe Slalom competition rule 1.6.1.f and Chapter 6 (2023 rules) regarding late entries.

## COMPETITION RULES

The competitions will be run in accordance with ICF Rules 2023 and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition.

The current rules are available from the ICF website at <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules - slalom>

## 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 25 January	Demonstration Runs
Friday 26 January	Heats: Session 1 WK1 MK1, WC1, MC1,
Saturday 27 January	Semi-finals / Finals: WK1, MK1
Sunday 28 January	Semi-finals / Finals: WC1, MC1, 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 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 ranked competitors 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 phase (eg SFR, FR) the Heats will still run to meet Australian Team selection criteria.

For Kayak Cross:

Athletes will compete in the Qualification round (**Time trials**) and from this the highest ranked up to 32 boats in MX1 and WX1 will proceed to the Elimination round (**Brackets**)

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

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

Thursday 1 February	Demonstration Runs
Friday 2 February	Canoe Day: Heats: WC1, MC1 (one run) and finals
Saturday 3 February	Kayak Day: Heats: WK1, MK1 (one run) and finals
Sunday 4 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 10 best ranked competitors will progress directly to the Final.

For Kayak Cross:

Athletes will compete in the Qualification round (Time trials) and from this the highest ranked up to 32 boats in MX1 and WX1 will proceed to the Elimination round (Brackets)

## INVITATIONAL EVENTS

An Invitation race will be held for Australian Athletes nominating for selection who do not qualify for the semi-final and as needed for any international teams using this competition as a selection event

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

Results from any invitational competition will not count for ICF Ranking points



## ICF WORLD RANKING

*All Athletes will progress through each phase of competition for all events according to the 2024 ICF progressions, available on the ICF website (see COMPETITION FORMAT in this document).*

ICF Points will be awarded in both Canoe & Kayak and Kayak Cross events.

*All competing Athletes will receive ICF world ranking points based on their final results.*

## TIMING AND SCORING

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

## RESULTS

Canoe Slalom official results will be posted on the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Timing and Scoring Office (OVR). 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.

## COURSE CONFIGURATION

*The course configuration will not be changed between the Oceania Championships and the Australian Open.*

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

The course for each competition will be as follows:

Oceania Championships: 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.

## COURSE DESIGN

*The Course Design Committee will be selected from those in the pool nominated by PA. Any International team wishing to submit a nomination to the pool must do so before 15<sup>th</sup> January to be considered.*

## 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 1 January and returned no later than 19:30 on Sunday 28 January

Australian Open; collected 12 noon Thursday 1 February returned no later than 14:00 on Sunday 4 February.

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.

## 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 14:00 on Wednesday prior to each competition. 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 24 & 31 January	14:00 – 17:00
Thursday 25 January & 1 February	8:00 – 17:00
Friday 26 January	8:00 – 15:30
Friday 2 February	8:00 – 14:00
Saturday 27 January	8:00 – 13:30
Saturday 3 February	8:00 – 15:00
Sunday 28 January	8:00 – 19:00
Sunday 4 February	8:00 – 13:30

Any Competitors equipment may be selected for post competition equipment control. Boats may be checked for weight, length & width, and nose & tail and rail/fin 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)

## TECHNICAL VIDEO SERVICE

*A 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](mailto:suenatoli@gmail.com) 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 following the end of each session (am or pm). Please provide a note of which bib numbers/names you would like when providing the drive.*

## 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

## 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 any on site vendor.

## 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 50+) 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.

Please remember 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.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND PADDLE AUSTRALIA CONTACTS

*For further information on the Canoe Slalom events, please head to the official website <https://paddlepenrith.com.au/>*

*The contact details for PA are:*

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