



# **2025 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

and

# **2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

## **Bulletin No1**





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## INTRODUCTION

This document is the first bulletin with information for the:

2025 Oceania Championships – 24 to 26 January and

2025 Australian Open – 21 to 23 February

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

Both these competitions earn ICF world ranking points in Canoe & Kayak and the Kayak Cross events.

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

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

## 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 on what's on in Penrith, including eating and accommodation suggestions, see; <https://www.visitpenrith.com.au/>

## 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. Please provide the following details for each applicant:

Given Name:

Family Name:

Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY:

Passport number:

Nationality:

Role at competition; (ie Athlete, Coach etc)

## 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 2025 Oceania Championships and 2025 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)) before the competition commences.

## 2025 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.

## 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, or national equivalent. 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

The entry fees are:

2025 Oceania Championships AUD \$115 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.

2025 Australian Open AUD \$115 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 \$190 per Athlete with no limit on the Canoe & Kayak or Kayak Cross events entered.

2025 Oceania Championships and 2025 Australian Open Entries are open from Monday 2 December 2024 with payments to be made via "JustGo"

### **2025 Oceania Championship**

- Paddle Australia "JustGo" entry portal closes **12 January**
- ICF SDP entries close on **14 January**



## **2025 Australian Open entries**

- Paddle Australia “JustGo” entry portal closes **9 February**
- ICF SDP entries close on **11 February**

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 “JustGo” before PA can submit your entry to the ICF via SDP.

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 6.2 (2024 rules) regarding late entries.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

The competitions will be run in accordance with ICF Rules in place at the time of the competition, and any special PA rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition. The 2025 rules should be available on the ICF website in January 2025.

The 2024 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 23 January                      Demonstration Runs

Friday 24 January                        Heats: Session 1 WK1 MK1, WC1, MC1,

Saturday 25 January                    Semifinals & Finals: WK1, MK1

Sunday 26 January                      Semifinal & 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 30 best ranked will progress to the semifinal run. From the semifinal the 12 best ranked boats will progress directly to the final.

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

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.

## INVITATIONAL EVENTS

An Invitation race will be held for Australian Athletes nominating for selection who do not qualify for the semi-final / Final as required by the selection criteria

If, in a 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.

## ICF WORLD RANKING

All Athletes will progress through each phase of competition for all events according to the 2025 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. Note B Finals and any Invitation Events do not count for World Ranking points

## COURSE CONFIGURATION

The course configuration may be changed between the Oceania Championships and the Australian Open.

The Canoe Slalom competitions may be run on different parts of the channel for the Oceania Championships and the AUS Open.

The configuration changes and the parts of the channel to be used will be confirmed by the 13 January 2025

## 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.

The name should be submitted to Sue NATOLI [suenatoli@gmail.com](mailto:suenatoli@gmail.com)

## TECHNICAL VIDEO SERVICE

A technical video service will be provided by Paddle Australia. Teams need to register their



interest prior to the competitions 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.

## 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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