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ANNOUNCEMENT

Asia - Pacific Sprint Regatta - Exciting New International Racing opportunity!

Attention: Under 16, Under 18 and Under 21 Canoe Sprint Athletes

Australian Canoeing in conjunction with Canoe Racing New Zealand and the Japan Canoe Federation are excited to announce the launch of a new Asia – Pacific Sprint Regatta for Under 16/ U18 / U21 canoe sprint athletes.

The three federations have been in discussions for some time, with all countries acknowledging the importance of an event like this for our developing athletes.

The Asia - Pacific Regatta will take place annually during the first two weeks in May with...

The first Asia - Pacific Regatta planned to take place in Adelaide – Australia

12-13 May 2018

New Zealand will be hosting the event in 2019, Japan in 2020 and Australia again in 2021 on a rotational ongoing basis.

The Asia-Pacific event will be open to any country. In the first few years the largest national teams are expected to be from Australia, New Zealand and Japan who have already committed to the event.

The event is expected to grow in the future and to become an International Regatta of increasing quality and recognised by the International Canoe Federation.

Each participating country will select National Teams for the event (U16, U18 and U21) and races will be held in each age category over Olympic race distances with a maximum of two entries per country per event allowed (similar format to international World Cup regattas).

Asia - Pacific Regatta proposed events:

U16 women	WK1 200m	WK2 200m	WK4 200m	WK1 500m	WK2 500m	WK4 500m
U18 women	WK1 200m	WK2 200m	WK4 200m	WK1 500m	WK2 500m	WK4 500m
U21 women	WK1 200m	WK2 200m	WK4 200m	WK1 500m	WK2 500m	WK4 500m
U16 men	K1 200m	K2 500m	K4 500m	K1 1000m	K2 1000m	K4 1000m
U18 men	K1 200m	K2 500m	K4 500m	K1 1000m	K2 1000m	K4 1000m
U21 men	K1 200m	K2 500m	K4 500m	K1 1000m	K2 1000m	K4 1000m
U18 Women	WC1 200	WC2 200	WC1 500	WC2 500		
U18 Men	C1 500	C2 500	C1 1000	C2 1000		



Medals and points will be awarded in each event, with the country earning the highest points taking home the annual Asia - Pacific Cup.

Australian Team Selection:

Australian Canoeing (AC) will be selecting National Teams in each age group category using the 2018 National Canoe Sprint Championships as the selection event. – **Keep an eye out for the Asia-Pacific Team Selection Policy to be released soon.**

AC has developed a selection criteria aimed at providing more appropriate development opportunities and relevant targeted International Racing opportunities for this group of athletes as a preferred athlete pathway.

More information will be distributed over the coming weeks but any questions should be directed to David Foureur – National Pathways Lead Canoe Sprint: 0401 123 982.