

Introduction

This document provides information and guidelines for the 2018 Australian Open Canoe Slalom to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, Sydney, Australia on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; 16 to 18 February 2018. Australian Canoeing (AC) is pleased to deliver the Australian Open.

The 2018 Australian Open is the third race of the ICF Ranking Series, see <http://canoe.org.au/events/2018-canoe-slalom-australian-open/>

The Australian Open is also one of the selection events for the Australian Senior, Under 23 and Junior National Teams and the relevant selection criterion is available on the Australian Canoeing web see <http://canoe.org.au/disciplines/canoe-slalom/-selection-info>

Race Officials

Chief Official Peter GRANT (AUS)
Chief Judge Sue NATOLI (AUS)

Jury

Helen Brownlee (AUS)
Mike Druce (AUS)
Member nominated from participating coaches

Competition Rules

The Australian Open will be run in accordance with ICF Rules 2017 and any special Australian Canoeing rules or bylaws as they pertain to the competition.

Competition Format

The 2018 Australian Open will be staged over 3 days according to the following schedule for all classes:

Friday 17 February	Heats: Session 1 K1W, C1M Session 2 C1W, K1M, C2 SFR & FR
Saturday 18 February	Semi finals / Finals: K1W, C1M, C2Mx SFR & FR
Sunday 19 February	Semi finals / Finals: C1W, K1M

The following events and age groups will be contested at the Australian Open:

Open, U23 and Junior (U18) in the
K1 Men, K1 Women, C1 Men, C1 Women and C2 Men and C2 Mixed.

All Competitors will have one qualification run and will be ranked. Based on the ranking of the first qualification run, the following boats will progress directly to the semi final:

30 K1M
20 K1W, C1M, C1W
15 C2M, C2MX



The remaining competitors in each event will have a second qualification run and the following boats will progress to the semi final:

10 K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W

5 C2M, C2MX

The total numbers for each event in the semi-final will be:

40 boats – K1M

30 boats – K1W, C1M, C1W

20 boats – C2M, C2MX

Following the semi-final the top 10 boats from each event will progress to the Finals.

Invitation Race

Note that an Invitation race will be held for Australian Athletes nominating for selection who do not qualify for either the semi final or final phase of the competition.

ICF Ranking

All Athletes will progress through each phase of competition at the Australian Open according to the 2018 ICF progressions, available on the ICF website.

Please note the change in ICF rules relating to Athletes nominating for ICF ranking points. It is no longer applicable to “nominate” a team from each Federation. **All Athletes competing** will receive ICF ranking points based on their final results in the 2018 Australian Open.

For further information see;

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/csl_2018_competition_handbook.pdf

Team Leaders Meeting

Date: Wednesday 14 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.

Course Designers

The Course Design Committee will be made up of one person drawn from those nominated from the coaches and one designer drawn from the pool nominated by Australian Canoeing. Coach's nominations close at 10.30am on Thursday 15 February.

The draw for the Course Designer will take place at the Event Shed at 11am, Thursday, 15 February.



Course Map Release Timetable

All course maps will be released, 3.00pm Thursday 15 February.

Copies will be emailed to Team Leaders and also placed in the team trays. Copies will also be available on the event website.

Entries

The entry fee is AUD \$90 per Athlete with no limit on events entered.

Entries are open from **from 1 January to 1 February** inclusive. All entries must be made via your Federation using the ICF online entry system - SDP.

The contact details for Australian Canoeing are;

PO Box 6085
Silverwater, NSW, 2128
Australia

Phone; + 61 (0) 2 9763 0670
Email: ausopen@canoe.org.au

Please contact Australian Canoeing 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 \$180 (double the entry fee). Late entries must comply with competition rule 11.2 regarding late entries.

Provisional Start List

Provisional start lists will be posted on the Event website, <http://www.canoe.org.au> and at Penrith Whitewater Stadium on **Monday 12 February 2017**. 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 Athletes must have their Federation listed.

Please notify the competition organisers of any required changes.

Demonstration Runs and Course Approval

Demonstration runs for the Qualification course will be held at 5.00pm (TBC) on Thursday 15 February.

Course approval will take place immediately following the demonstration runs.



Demonstration runs for the Semi/Final course will be held at 5.30pm (TBC) on Friday 16 February. Course approval will take place immediately following the demonstration runs. Water will remain on for 45 minutes following the approval of each course.

Water On / Off times (provisional)

Heats Demonstration Runs:	Thursday 15 February	Water on 3.00pm. Water off 6.45pm
Qualification Heats:	Friday 16 February	Water on 8.45am. Water off 7.15pm
Semi-finals:	Saturday 17 Feb.	Water on 8.45am. Water off 2pm (TBC)
Finals:	Sunday 18 Feb.	Water on 8.45am. Water off 11.30 (TBC)

Course Closed Times (TBC)

The course is closed at the following times:

Time	Access
3pm, Thursday - Friday	Closed to all competitors
Any breaks in racing on Friday	Closed to any competitors still to race in AUS Open
6.30pm, Friday – 12 noon, Saturday	Closed to all competitors
12 noon, Saturday until 9am, Sunday	Closed to any competitors still to race in AUS Open
12 noon Sunday onwards	Course Open

Equipment Control

The Equipment Control area will be open for Athlete **self-checking** from 7.30 am Thursday 15 February for all equipment including boats. There will be no compulsory pre-competition equipment control.

Prior to the race on each competition day there will 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
Thursday 15 February	7.30 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 16 February	9.00 am – 6.00pm
Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 February	9.00 am – 12.30pm



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 vests 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 (DISQ-R)

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.

Copies of documentation in Team trays

As standard there will be two copies of the start lists placed into your team tray. Please tell us if you require more copies so we can meet your needs. Results outputs will be emailed to Team Leaders.

Body Number Distribution

Body numbers will be distributed to Team Leaders after 10 am on Thursday 15 February from the Event office.

Body numbers will not be distributed unless the entry fee has been received.

Team Leaders will be required to leave a \$100 deposit prior to collection of their team's body numbers. The deposit will be returned on collection of all the body numbers issued to the Team Leader.

The body numbers must be returned to the Event office, following the race prior to presentations.

Any body number not returned will attract a \$100 fee.

Timing and Scoring

Timing is to 100th of a second. Timing will be electronic with handheld backup.

Results

Official results will be posted on the Official Notice Board adjacent to the Event Shed. Results will also be posted on the event website - <http://www.canoe.org.au>.

Live results will be available from the event website and on monitors at the venue.



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.

Medal Ceremony Protocol

Following finals medallists should assemble near the start pool 15 mins prior to the medal ceremony. Competitors involved in the medal ceremonies must wear team uniform and closed shoes

Technical Video Service

Technical video service will be provided by the AIS. There will be a limited number of feeds available. Teams wishing to use this service should contact Sue Natoli suenatoli@gmail.com to register their interest. Further information regarding the TVS is available on the event website at <http://canoe.org.au/events/2018-canoe-slalom-australian-open/>

Start and Finish Procedures

A clock displaying “race time” will be located above the conveyor belt in the finish pool. The conveyor belt ride takes 75 seconds.

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.



2018 AUS Open Provisional Schedule

Note the competition organisers reserve the right to modify the schedule.

Monday 13 February	Time	
	5.00 pm	Provisional Start list published
Wednesday 14 February	Time	
	3.00 pm	Team Leader Meeting
Thursday 15 February	Time	
	7.30 am	Training
	7.30 am - 3.00 pm	Equipment Control open for self checking
	4.30 pm	Heats Course Construction boats on the water
	5.00 pm	Heats Course Demonstration in sections
	5.30 pm	Heats course Demonstration full length
	6.45 pm	Water off
Friday 16 February	Time	
	9.00 am	Forerunner
	9.15 am	C1M, K1W 1st Run
	11.10 am	C1M, K1W 2nd Run
	1.00 pm	Forerunners
	1.15 pm	C1W, K1M 1st Run
	3.05 pm	C1W, K1M 2nd Run
	4.00 pm	C2M Semi-final
	5.00 pm	C2M Final
	4.25 pm	Finals course construction
	5.30pm	Finals course demonstration in sections
	6.10 pm	Finals course demonstration full runs
	7.15 pm	Water off
Saturday 17 February	Time	
	8.45 am	Forerunners
	8.30 am	K1W, C1M Invitation (AUS Athletes only)
	8.45 am	K1W, C1M Semi-final
	10.45 am	Final Invitational (AUS Athletes only)
	10.55 am	K1W, C1M Final
	11.15 am	C2Mx Semi - Final
	12.15 am	C2Mx Final
	12.45 am	Awards Slalom
Sunday 18 February	Time	
	9.00 am	Forerunners
	9.15 am	C1W, K1M Invitational (AUS Athletes only)
	9.42 am	C1W, K1M Semi-final
	11.56 am	Final Invitational (AUS Athletes only)
	11.35 pm	C1W, K1M Final
	12.45 pm	Awards Slalom



Start Intervals

Depending on entries, the start interval for the qualification runs will be 60 seconds between each competitor and 5 minutes between categories.

There will be a 90 second interval between each competitor for the Semifinal and Final.

Start Order

Competitors will start in the reverse order of their 2017 ICF Ranking. Competitors without an ICF 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.

The start will be in the same order as on the Start List. Competitors who arrive at the start late may not be permitted to start (subject to the decision of the Chief Judge).

Finish Procedure

The finish line is located directly under the bottom bridge. 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.

Finish Zone

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 Gate Judge should the competitor be required to clear the course, e.g. to give way to another competitor.

If Water Safety staff are required to turn off the pumps, e.g. to clear the channel, a siren will sound.

Doping Control

In line with the World Anti Doping Code and the ICF Doping Control Rules, the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA) may conduct random drug testing at this competition.



Doping control will occur in the AIS NCE building away from the main whitewater stadium complex. 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 ASADA website www.asada.gov.au

Wireless Internet

An unsecured wireless internet service is available during the event. Should you have any issues connecting to this network please contact the Event Office.

General Safety

Two boats are to remain on the water after the finish.

Whilst on the conveyer belt- competitors may empty out their boats but must stay on the conveyer belt until the top pond is reached. Do not jump off the conveyer at any point.

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 slalom course end of the lake and a channel approximately 10 meters wide that runs adjacent to the slalom 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 times by Canoe Slalom Boats.



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 but not remain on any part.

Further Information

Should you require further information please contact:

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Version 2 - **Issued 15.12.17**

Changes from V1

- Updated Race Officials and Jury
- Change to Schedule; In Heats C1M/K1W swapped order

Version 3 - **Issued 09.01.18**

Changes from V2

- Updated contact phone number for Australian Canoeing

Version 4 - **Issued 23.01.18**

Changes from V3

- Updated information for invitation race; all athletes nominating for selection will be invited to compete in the invitation race if they do not qualify for either the semi final or final.

