

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Australian championships team policy is to provide a clear direction on the formation of state teams, players not selected in a state teams and participation of international teams.

2 Application

This policy applies to all teams competing at the Australian Canoe Polo Championships. Its intention is to encourage participation and promote a high standard of competition. The AC Canoeing Competitions bylaw provides a basis for developing the policy, it states:

Australian championships are designated as open competitions and as such participants are permitted from any recognised national canoeing federation. Such competitors compete on an equal footing with Australian residents.

This is an important statement that supports the participation of players from outside of Australia, providing they are a member of a recognised ICF affiliated federation.

3 Types of participation

The primary focus of the championship is the opportunity for the states to compete against each other to determine the premier state and its leading teams in each category for the year of the championship.

The following team types are recognised:

A-teams – the leading players representing their state in a specific category. The A-teams are the primary focus of the competition and their final ranking determines the award of the championship trophy.

B-teams – players not yet at A-team standard. B-teams provide an opportunity for experience and development at the national level.

Draft teams – players not part of an A-team or B-team. Draft teams provide an opportunity for experience and development at the national level.

International teams – teams visiting from overseas.

4 Championship draft

Players not selected in a state team, or from a state not entering a team, may nominate to join the championship draft. Players in the draft may participate in either of the following ways:

- 1. As an import player** – a draft player may join another state's team under the following circumstances:
 - an import player must not displace an eligible state player from the team
 - a state team may have one or two import players but a team with three or more import players becomes a draft team.
- 2. In a draft team** – a draft team may be formed with players registered in the draft

Management of the draft

The organising committee of the championship shall appoint a draft manager to coordinate applications for the draft. Players wishing to join the draft must apply to the draft manager. Draft

players may nominate to join a specific team and teams may nominate a particular draft player to join them.

Approvals

- Draft appointments to A-teams must be approved by AC CPTC
- Draft appointments to B-teams and draft teams do not require approval

5 Relocated players

Players who normally represent one state but relocate to another state may represent the new state after three months residence in the new state. For example, a Victorian player relocating to Tasmania can represent Tasmania at the championships after living there for three months.

6 International teams and players

International teams are welcome to compete at the championships. Australian players must have approval from their state committee and AC CPTC to play with an international team. It is preferred that Australian players compete with their state team and do not join a visiting team.

Individual international players may join a state's training squads and represent that state subject to its normal selection procedures. International players who are not part of training squads but wish to play are considered under the draft process.

7 Championship results

Championship results are in two parts: award of medals and award of the championship trophy. Both awards are determined by team rankings at completion of the finals. (For allocation of championship points refer to the AC Canoe Polo Championships Manual.)

Award of medals

All teams competing at the championships are eligible for gold, silver and bronze medal placings.

Championship trophy

Only A-teams contribute to the point count for award of the Australian Canoe Polo Championship trophy. (For details refer to the AC Canoe Polo Championships Manual.)

8 Penalties

Players and teams not complying with this policy may be penalised. Penalties are determined by the AC CPTC and may include cancellation of championship points.
