



## WELCOME TO THE PACIFIC COAST SPRINT SERIES

The Pacific Coast Sprint Series consists of six (6) events at Damian Leading Park, Coomera to encourage participation in the Canoe Sprint discipline across a range of single and double paddle craft.

The Pacific Coast Sprint Series provides paddlers with a great opportunity to prepare for the 2021/22 Canoe Sprint Season:

1. 2021 PQ School Championships. 16-17th Oct, Damian Leading Park, Coomera.
2. 2021 PA Grand Prix 1. Early Dec, West Lakes, SA. (TBC).
3. 2022 PQ State Championships. 5-6th Feb, Lake Kawana, Sunshine Coast.
4. 2022 PA Grand Prix 2. Mid Feb, Sydney International RC, NSW. (TBC).
5. 2022 PA National Championships. 29th Mar-3rd Apr, Champion Lakes RC, WA.

Date	Events	Entries Close
Sat, 31st July	#1: 3000m (LC), #2: 125m (SC)	Sat, 24th July
Sat, 28th August	#3: 3700m (LC), #4: 250m (SC)	Sat, 21st August
Sat, 25th September	#5: 5000m (LC), #6: 500m (SC)	Sat, 18th September

Courses have been set to allow new and novice paddlers to get on the water and experience the fun Canoe Sprint has to offer, while providing intermediate and experienced paddlers with alternative courses to test their ability.

Fees – per event	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
<b>Long Course Only</b>	Snr: \$15. Jnr: \$10	Snr: \$25. Jnr: \$20
<b>Short Course Only</b>	Snr: \$15. Jnr: \$10	Snr: \$25. Jnr: \$20

**PQ Members, check your inbox for your Discount Code.**

If you can not locate your Discount Code please email [qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:qld@paddle.org.au).

**For Junior Non-Members:**

Please email [qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:qld@paddle.org.au) and we will supply your Discount Code.

### Provisional event schedule\*

**0700** : Numbers available for collection

**0730** : Close of scratching

**0800** : Start of long course event

**1100** : Start of short course events

*\*A full event schedule will be provided after entries close.*



## CRAFT

Course	K1	K2	TK1	TK2	C1/OC1/V1	C2/OC2	V3	KL/VL	SUP	SKI
Short	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Long	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	X	Y	Y	Y

### Notes:

1. Team boat events are not open to U10s.
2. Paddlers can only paddle one type of craft per age group, per distance.
3. Juniors are only able to race in one age group per course.
4. Running of events is dependent on entries and may be amalgamated.

## AGES

Course	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18	U21	OPEN	M35+	M45+	M55+	M65+
Short	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Long	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

### Notes:

1. The age you will be as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 will determine your age group.
2. Events will be split into Male, Female and Mixed for team boats.
3. Age groups may be amalgamated according to the entries received.
4. Paddlers may only enter one age group for single and team boats
5. Paddlers may race in a higher age group.
6. Subject to amalgamations:
  - Juniors in team boat events must race in the age category of the oldest paddler.
  - Masters in team boat events must race in the age category of the youngest paddler.



## COVID-19

Queensland's COVID Safe Future roadmap is focused on helping reconnect our communities and keep our economy moving.

- The 'New Normal' of maintaining physical distancing (1.5 metre),
- Wear a mask when distancing is not possible,
- Maintain good hand hygiene,
- Stay at home when sick,
- Allowing for effective contact tracing,
- Rapidly responding to outbreaks and Restricting attendees who have travelled from hot spots is to be maintained.

## Refund policy

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to Paddle Queensland via [qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:qld@paddle.org.au).

When withdrawal occurs:	The refunded amount is:
Prior to 14 days	The entry fee less \$10
Within 7 to 14 days	50% of the entry fee
Within 7 days of the competition	No refund*

\* Unless special circumstances apply (you must advise in writing to the above email address and provide a medical certificate if requested).

## Scratching and alterations

A competitor who arrives late at the start or who otherwise does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Chief Official, **shall be disqualified from the race in question.**

Upon payment of the prescribed reinstatement fee the competitor may continue to participate in other races of the regatta in which the competitor is entered, but otherwise shall be disqualified for the remainder of the regatta.

Where a competitor is disqualified under this rule and has no other races remaining in the regatta, the competitor shall not be allowed to enter the next state competition unless the prescribed reinstatement fee has been paid. **The reinstatement fee is \$50 for seniors and \$20 for juniors.**

## Award policy

This Sprint Series will operate under a points system.

The Paddler with the most points by the end of the series will be awarded a medal and/or commentative item at the PQ Annual Awards.

Points will be divided by female and male, per age group.

Points will be scored per craft and awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> = 10pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 8pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 6pts, 4<sup>th</sup> = 4pts, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2pts



## Series rules

The Series is conducted under the [ICF Canoe Sprint Racing Competition Rules - Current Version dated 1 January 2019](#) and [PA Canoe Sprint Competition Rules - Current Version dated September 2018](#). It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with these rules.

In addition to the established PA and ICF rule, the Chief Official may instruct the starter to enforce a “**next false start and out rule**” to ensure the smooth running of the competition according to the published time schedule.

**It is the competitors' responsibility to know the rules of the Series.**

Any competitor who is unsure of any detail, or has a problem concerning the running of the championships should seek clarification through their team manager or coach to the Chief Official.

## Events in progress

Competitors **in the vicinity of the course (paddling to the start) should stop their boat while a race is in progress nearby**, to ensure minimum interference to those racing. This is particularly relevant when paddling on the course to get to the start line.

Competitors **must not paddle near** the start line while a race is in the process starting.

Competitors **are not permitted** to paddle alongside a race in progress.

Competitors **should not congregate** in their boats in the vicinity of the **finishing line** in case they interfere with the judging or the finish of the event in progress

**Receiving external assistance is not permitted.** If a rescue is required, you will receive a DNF result. If you get yourself back into the boat, you will NOT receive a DNF result.

## Event starts

Competitors are **ONLY to enter and exit** the water at the designated embarkation area.

Competitors are to be within 100m of the Start Area no less than **5 minutes before** their scheduled race start. Any paddler who fails to compete in an event without advising the Chief Official in writing prior to the commencement of the nominated race may be disqualified.

At the start line competitors line up with the lane number to their left.

Racers will follow the instructions of the Aligner to approach the start line.

The Starter will then start the race when they are satisfied that everything meets their approval.

The start commands will be - **Ready, Set, GO!**

Competitors should remain as close as possible to the centre of their lane during the race.

Finish line buoys are 'indicative' of the finish line only and that due to water, wind, or technical conditions, may NOT be in direct alignment with the finish line.

Competitors are advised to paddle past the buoys to ensure they are correctly captured on the finish line.



### Adverse weather

In the event of a race cancellation due to cyclone, storm, rain, inclement weather, or other "Act of God" conditions, entry fees shall be non-refundable.

Notice of cancellation will be given to competitors via the email address supplied upon registration and will be made no later than 5:00pm, the Thursday prior to each event.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Official to constantly monitor weather conditions and racing may need to be cancelled at shorter notice than advised above.

Competitors are reminded to be **sun smart**. Apply sunscreen regularly throughout the days of competition and make sure you remain hydrated.

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### Good behaviour

Any competitor who displays behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined or disqualified.

### Volunteers

Officials and Volunteers, both accredited and non-accredited are working as volunteers at the event. Please treat them with respect and courtesy.

Should you have suggestions on how to improve our competitions, officiating or conduct of the event, please lodge it in writing to the Events Manager.

### Course

**Swimming** at Damian Leeding Park is **NOT** permitted.

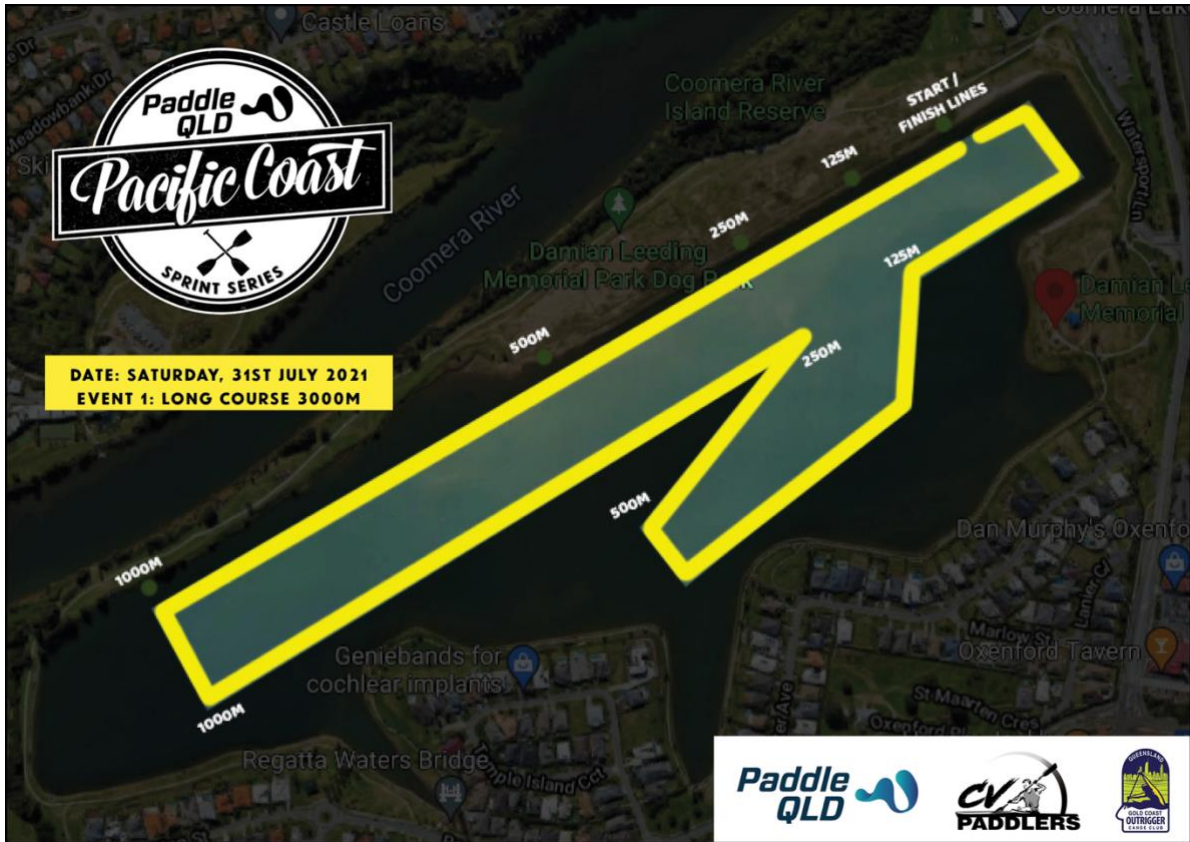
Rocks on the side of the course are Out of Bounds to all athletes and spectators.

Organisers recommend that competitors wear footwear upon entry to the park.

Safety boats will be patrolling the waters.



Event 1: Long course 3000m



Event 2: Short course 125m



