



2021 PQ School Canoe Marathon Championships

Event Details

Dates: Sunday 17th October 2021

Venue: Damien Leeding Memorial Park, Coomera Lake

GPS Address: Watersports Ln, Oxenford 4210

Entry Information

ENTRIES OPEN: Wednesday 1st of September 2021

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight on Monday 11th of October 2021

Entries will only be accepted via the online entry system:

<https://www.webscorer.com/members/myracedetails?raceid=248984>

Entry Fees	
PQ Members	\$15
Non-Members	\$20

All fees must be paid prior to race day.

*Participants must be a financial member of Paddle Queensland or Paddle Australia Inc and hold no debts. International competitors must be members of a club affiliated with a National body, which is a member of the International Canoeing Federation (proof is required e.g. letter from national organisation).

Changes will be communicated via the Paddle Queensland website, social media pages and email. Please ensure you frequently check the above for the latest information.

Refund Policy

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to Paddle Queensland Flatwater Technical Committee via events.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 the Committee assesses special circumstances apply (you must advise in writing to the above email address and provide a medical certificate if requested).

Craft, Categories and Distance

No Portages – 1.25km Laps

Ages	Distance	Laps
U10, U12	2.5km	2
U14	5 km	4
U16	7.5 km	6
U18	10 km	8

Notes:

- The age you are as of **31st December 2021** determines your age group, irrespective of the competition date.

Example 1: If the event is in October and you turn 15 in November (after the event), you will be in U16.

Example 2: If you are turning 14 in 2021, (regardless of when the month), you will compete in U14s.
- Age groups may be amalgamated according to the entries received.

Craft	
Single	K1, C1, OC1, SUP, Ski, V1, TK1
Team Boats	K2, C2, TK2

Notes:

- Paddlers may only enter one age category and may choose to race in a higher age group.
- Subject to amalgamations:
 - Juniors in a team boat must race in the age category of the oldest paddler.

Course details

The Canoe Marathon Course consists of a 1.25 km circuit on Coomera Lake

This waterway is subject to minimal tidal influence and may also be affected by wind.

All ages/class/craft will compete same course (distances/laps/portages may vary).

Portages

No Portages

Provisional Race Schedule

Sunday 17 October, 2021

7:00 am	Boat Numbers available for collection
7:30 am	Close of scratching to Chief Official
8:00 am	Competitor Briefing
8.30 am	Commencement of single boat competition

A full race schedule will be provided after entries close

COVID 19

Queensland's COVID Safe Future Stage 5 roadmap is focused on moving Queensland outside. Outdoor events with a COVID Safe Events Checklist are permitted up to 1000 attendees.

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.

The Paddle Queensland 2021 Queensland Canoe Sprint Championships will adhere to the Approved Aquatic Sport Sector COVID Safe Industry Plan and the Outdoor Events COVID Safe Events Checklist for fewer than 1,000 people.



Medal Policy

Medals will be presented to those who come first, second or third. Presentations of medals will be made throughout the day. All winners are named as the PQ State School Champion for their class.

Competitors are required to dress appropriately for medal presentations: Club uniform or neat casual dress in club colours should be worn. Togs, towels and/or bare chests are not appropriate as a way of showing respect for our sport and the dignitaries who may be presenting medals.

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 COB Friday 8 October, 2021.

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

Competition rules

The Championships are conducted under the [ICF Canoe Marathon Racing Competition Rules - Current Version dated 1 January 2019](#) and [PA Canoe Marathon Competition Rules – Current Version dated 17 April 2020](#). 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 competition.

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.

Any protests accompanied by the **\$50 protest fee**, must be delivered to the Chief Official within **30 minutes** of the completion of the relevant race/incident by either the team manager or the coach. **The fee is non-refundable, no matter the outcome of the protest.**

Safety

All competitors 14 years and under, or any person who cannot swim or is not a confident swimmer must wear a lifejacket.

All craft must have positive or fixed buoyancy or be constructed of material that floats horizontal when full of water. Crafts will be checked for floatation during boat weighing. Those who do not have sufficient flotation will not be allowed to race.

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

Event officials will be wearing **High-Vis Vests**.



Course
Swimming at Coomera Lake is NOT permitted during the regatta.
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 lake.
Safety boats will be patrolling the waters.
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 competitors line up with the lane number to their left.
The start commands will be - Ready, Set, GO!
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 in close proximity to the start line while a race is in the process of being started.
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 or if you fall out of your craft; even if you get yourself back into the boat you will receive a DNF result.
Good Behaviour
Any competitor who displays behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined or disqualified.