

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

# 2018 AUSTRALIAN CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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30 March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018



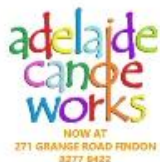
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## Preliminary program

### Friday 30 March

4:00–8:00 pm Scrutineering

8:00–9:00 pm Referee and team leader briefing

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

8:30 am Games start

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

8:30 am Games continue

7.30 pm Championship dinner

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

8:30 am Games continue

1:00 pm Finals start

4:00 pm Presentations

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Canoe Polo Championships handbook found at: <https://tinyurl.com/yatnbu9n>

#### • Eligibility

All players must be a member of a canoe club affiliated to a state association that is a financial member of Australian Canoeing. All individuals eligible to participate must be permitted to do so by their state association. A player may only represent an Australian state in the championships if they are a permanent resident of that state. No player may play for a new state whilst under suspension from another state. Appeals against this rule must be directed to the competition director.

#### • Anti-doping

All competitors must comply with the applicable Australian Canoeing rules, including the Anti-doping bylaw, sponsorship policy and the Member Protection Bylaw. Copies can be downloaded from Australian Canoeing online at: <http://canoe.org.au/high-performance/anti-doping/>

#### • Categories

- Mini-micros – U10 (Ten years or under)
- Micro-juniors – U13 (Thirteen years or under)
- Juniors– U16 men/U18 women mixed (Sixteen years or under, or eighteen years or under)
- Youth U21 (Twenty one years or under)
- Women
- Open
- Veterans – 30 years or over
- Masters – 45 years or over

(Age is taken at 1 January 2018. A minimum of three teams is required to establish a category.)

## • ENTRIES

The closing date for *team nominations* for the 2018 Australian Championships is **14 February 2018**.

Nominations will be through the Australian Canoeing website

Athletes should contact their state organisation for player nomination procedures and dates.

Team entry fees:

**Free** for mini-micro-junior teams

**\$220** for micro-junior teams

**\$550** for junior teams

**\$715** for all other teams

## • Scrutineering

Scrutineering will be conducted according to ICF Rules. In particular:

- All playing tops and buoyancy vests for each state or country must be the same colour.
- All helmets for each state or country must be the same colour; (Grey and black are not the same colour).
- All boat colours for each state or country must be the same colour and have the same markings above the water line.
- Vinyl covering must be of good quality and standard.
- Note that a new requirement for face masks (70mm gap) is applicable from 1 January 2018. Compliant masks are recommended. Masks that do not comply, but do meet the 2017 rules with an 85mm gap, will be accepted.

## • Rules of play

The rules of play will be the ICF Polo rules effective 1st January 2017, with the exceptions noted in this document. Clock will not be stopped after a goal is scored. The rules are available at [www.canoeicf.com](http://www.canoeicf.com).

## • Micro-junior and mini-micro playing rules

### **The aim of the competition:**

The intention of the micro-junior and mini-micro categories is to introduce boys and girls to canoe polo in an inclusive, fun and safe environment.

### **Playing rules:**

The ICF playing rules apply; however, there are several exceptions:

- 6m penalties and referee's ball will not be used
- There is no shot clock
- Each team may have one adult on the playing area to assist players requiring support or recovery from capsized. The adult is not permitted to take part in the play.

### **Age limitations:**

Both girls and boys must be 13 or 10 years of age or younger by the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of competition. There is some flexibility with age, depending the physical size and skill of an individual. For example, a 14 year old who is small for their age could play in this category.

**Playing area:**

The playing area is standard size but the goals are lowered 25–50 cm below the normal height.

**Micro-junior equipment:**

All players, coaches, and supporting adults on the water must wear correctly fitting canoe polo equipment in accordance with ICF rules. Sit-on-tops with rounded ends for small player are allowed. A size three ball is used.

**Scorekeeping and timekeeping:** Goals will be recorded on the scoreboard. There are no finals. A game consists of two, ten minute halves.

- **Shot clock**

The shot clock will be used in the following categories:

- Juniors, Youth, Women, Open, Veterans, Masters

The shot clock will **not** be used in:

- Micro juniors, Mini micros

- **Referee qualifications:**

Australian Canoeing Polo has introduced a three level accreditation of referees at the championships: International/Australian championship referee, national referee, and local referee. Refer to

<http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Referee-accreditation-scheme.pdf> We welcome you to register for assessment in these categories. If you already have your qualifications, please bring your shirt to the competition. Please register your interest, or enquiry, by sending an email to the championship secretary Anthea Courtney

Email: [rayandantha@gmail.com](mailto:rayandantha@gmail.com)

- **AIRPORT SHUTTLE:**

Shuttles to and from the airport for boats and equipment will be available if needed. Please contact [adam\\_hofmeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:adam_hofmeyer@hotmail.com) if you require transport.

- **Australian Canoeing Canoe Polo committee meeting:**

A Australian Canoeing Canoe Polo committee meeting will be held on an evening during the Australian Championships. The meeting is your opportunity to get involved with organising canoe polo in Australia. You are most welcome to attend, please make a note and watch your inbox for details

- **FACILITIES AND SERVICES:**

- **Hospitals**

**Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

Woodville Road

Woodville

**nRAH**

1 Port Road  
Adelaide

- **Local shopping**

- West Lakes Shopping Centre - supermarket , food court, general shopping
- Semaphore Road – IGA Foodland, coffee shops
- North Haven

- **Accommodation**

*Contact Noel Holmes or Gaylene Watson for early advice*

Email: [noeldholmes@gmail.com](mailto:noeldholmes@gmail.com)

The Big4 Caravan Park at West Beach is our researched best option for cabins vans and camping. Ask for prices for the "Polo Nationals participants" and book as early as possible for best certainty and options.

<http://adelaideshores.com.au/accommodation-type/adelaide-shores-caravan-park/>