



AUSTRALIAN CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

To be held at Rowing SA
100 Military Road, West Lakes Shore, South Australia
30 March – 2 April 2018

Championship Booklet

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Welcome



Hello Everyone,

On behalf of Australian Canoe Polo, I invite you to join us for the *2018 Australian Canoe Polo Championships*.

South Australia is leading the charge with lots happening over recent months to put together a first class event at the regatta centre in the seaside suburb of West Lakes. It's shaping up to be quite a championship with the Central Desert Canoe Club from Alice Springs fielding a team for the first time. International visitors are also showing interest.

Players, supporters and families are invited to join us, and especially, to challenge for the Australian Canoe Polo Championship trophy.

I look forward to catching up with you to continue the growing strength of canoe polo in Australia.

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On behalf of your committee:

Anthea Courtney, secretary Matt Moore, development manager

Rob Watson, finance officer Donald Leigh, chief referee

John Moore, member Louise Densley, communications officer



We would like to welcome everyone to the 2018 Australian Championships and want to ensure everyone enjoys themselves – players on and off the water along with family and friends.



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Program

Friday 30 March

- 4:00–8:00 pm Scrutineering
- 8:00–8:30 pm Referee and team leader briefing
- 8:30–9:30 pm Referee written assessment

Saturday 31 March

- 8:30 am Additional Scrutineering (If necessary)
- 9:00 am Competitor briefing
- 9:30 am Competition commences

Sunday 1 April (Reminder Daylight Savings has ended – did you turn your clock back?)

- 8:30 am Games continue
- 7.30 pm Championship dinner (Bartley Hotel)

Monday 2 April

- 8:30 am Games continue
- 1:00 pm Finals start
- 4:00 pm Presentations

Detailed program (Draw)

The detailed program will be emailed to team contacts and put on the Paddle SA website soon. <http://sa.canoe.org.au/2018/2018-australian-canoe-polo-championships/>

Championship Dinner

The Championship Dinner will be held at the Bartley Hotel, Bartley Terrace, West Lakes Shore at 7:30pm on Sunday 1 April. [Sample menu.](#)

Australian Canoe Polo Committee Meeting

An Australian Canoe Polo committee meeting will be held during the championships. The meeting is your opportunity to get involved with organising canoe polo in Australia or simply as a forum to present your ideas. You are most welcome to attend.

An agenda will be circulated before the meeting. If you would like a copy let Ian Beasley know at ianbeasley@bigpond.com

Meeting details: Saturday 31 March, 7:00 pm at Rowing SA office

Team and Player listing

Categories

The following categories are available:

- Mini-Micros (10 years or under as of 1 January 2018)
- Micros (13 years or under 1 January 2018)
- Juniors (Males 16 years or under, Females under 18 years or under as of 1 January 2018)
- Youth (21 years or under as of 1 January 2018)
- Women
- Open
- Veterans (Over 30 years as of 1 January 2018)
- Masters (Over 45 years as of 1 January 2018)

Micro-junior

Teams to be determined on the day

Junior

South Australia		Queensland		ACT	
1	Cole Polley	1	Harry Elsder	1	Jonte Deakin
2	Jonah Denney	2	Lachlan Reid	2	Jason Wright
3	Luka Fabbro	3	Emelia Green	3	Daniel Harmer
4	Asher Harrison	4	Sam King Koi	4	Matthew Gates
5	Rory Rasmussen	5	Tom King Koi	5	Ethan James
6	Frederick Sands	6	Catlian Booth	6	Angus Whitford
7	Alex Trewartha				

Junior (cont.)

ACT plus		Victoria	
1	Liam Brown	1	Julian Howes
3	Jessica Harmer	2	Kane Reekie
4	Jacinta Buckman	3	Sam Waters
5	Emily Gates	4	Tom Waters
7	Reuben Duigid	5	Hayden Yacoub
		6	Liam Yacoub

Youth

South Australia		Victoria		Queensland	
2	Zoe Carter	1	Bridget Doyle	1	Tim Maier
3	Laura Kleinrahm	2	James Du Bose	2	Michael Thompson
6	Will Polley	3	Leo Lee	3	Anna Thompson
7	Carla Adams	4	Kane Reekie	4	Jack Quinn
8	Ben Melville	5	Lockie Reekie	5	Jack Steel
		6	Kal Rawson	6	Harry Elsder
		7	Ben Winter		
		8	James Winter		

Open Women

South Australia		Victoria		ACT	
1	Bronwyn Turner	1	Josie Beever	1	Erin Moore
2	Zoe Carter	2	Bridget Doyle	2	Jacinta Buckman
3	Julie Keast	3	Kara Farrington	3	Laura Kleinrahm
4	Megan Holmes	4	Rebecca Jennings	4	Antonia Harmer
5	Nicole Hendry	5	Hannah Kerber	5	Emily Gates
6	Sarah Heard	6	Jennifer Stevens	6	Louise Gates
7	Carla Adams			7	Samantha McAlister
8	Louise Densley				

Open Women (cont.)

Queensland	
1	Judy Pacholke
2	Alana Pacholke
3	Anna Thompson
4	Catlian Booth
5	Kimberlee Bernard

Open

South Australia		Victoria		NSW	
1	Adam Hofmeyer	1	Josie Beever	1	Richard Andrews
2	Matt Moore	2	Jay Burgess	2	James Parks
3	Luke Holmes	3	James Du Bose	3	Daniel Chen
4	Ben Stark	4	Liam Farrington	4	Craig Hutchinson
5	Ian McIntosh	5	Andrew Merrifield	5	Mark Huang
6	Stephen Hubbard	6	Matt Perrin	6	Nathan Rosaguti
7	Josh Holmes	7	Steve Porter	7	Louie Wu
8	Chris Heard			8	Paul Ramsey

Queensland		ACT		International	
1	Tim Maier	1	Michael Lawrence-Taylor	1	Wing Lau
2	Michael Thompson	2	James Deakin	2	Chen Rui NG (Leon)
3	Don Steel	3	James Harmer	3	Hok lun Tai
4	Jack Quinn	4	Steve Harmer	4	Chi Ming Lai
5	Jack Steel	5	Michael Young	5	Yat Wah Chan
6	Cam Butler	6	Mark Raymond	6	Ka Wai Chan (Jimmy)
		7	Rowan Holt	7	Lui Sze Roy
		8	Leon Ng	8	Chun yin Pang (Marchy)

Open (cont.)

South Australia 2		Victoria 2	
1	Chris Hadjinicolau	1	Michael Jarman
2	Zane Snook	2	Leo Lee
3	Andrew Adams	3	Callum McConnell
4	Leigh Richardson	4	Kal Rawson
6	Will Polley	5	Lockie Reekie
7	David Toohey	6	Nick Waters
8	Ben Melville	7	Ben Winter
		8	James Winter

Veterans

Victoria	
1	Andrew Waters
2	Michael Jarman
3	Matt Young
4	Rob McConnell
5	John Yacoub
6	Jennifer Stevens

Masters

South Australia		Victoria		Queensland	
1	Janet Burdon	1	Paul Baker	1	Rob Atkinson
2	Steve Wild	2	Ken Brownlie	2	Dave Peters
3	Simon Langsford	3	John Moore	3	Don Steel
4	Allan Toohey	4	Lee O'Shannassy	4	Judy Pacholke
5	Noel Holmes	5	Dale Tomlinson	5	Guy Stephens
6	Ricky Belisle	6	Ian Wallbridge	6	Cathy Miller
7	Scott Polley	7	Andrew Waters		

Masters (cont.)

NSW		DEAD Centre (Introduction)	
1	Alan Reuben	1	Tim Seager
3	Ian Houghton	2	Emily Peocopis
4	Richard Barnes	3	Rodney Angelo
5	Steve Brown	4	Ben Erin
6	Caroline Houghton	5	Callum Duguid
		6	Lukas Pecinka
		7	Cheryl Baker
		8	David Marceline

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General Requirements

Eligibility

All players must be a current member of a canoe club affiliated to an Australian Canoeing state member association. Eligible players must be permitted to participate by their state member 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.

WARNING TO ATHLETES AND ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

You are responsible for knowing what the anti-doping rule violations are.

You must find out which substances and methods are prohibited.

Ignorance is no excuse.

You must be aware of the rules in this Anti-Doping Policy.

This Anti-Doping Policy adopts the strict liability principle.

Athletes are responsible for anything found in their system. You must be aware of the sanctions that could be applied to you in this Anti-Doping Policy. Copies can be downloaded from Australian Canoeing online at: www.canoe.org.au.

Some drugs, medications and substances are banned in sport, as are some methods. It is your responsibility to check the Prohibited List (refer https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/prohibited_list_2018_en.pdf and <http://www.globaldro.com/AU/search>).

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will be held at Rowing SA on Friday, 4pm to 8pm. If your team cannot present as a team during that time please email Luke Holmes polonat2018@ozemail.com.au for alternative arrangements.

Scrutineering will be conducted according to ICF Rules. www.canoeicf.com

In particular:

- All playing tops and buoyancy vests for each team must be the same colour and markings.
- All helmets for each team must be the same colour (Carbon and Black are not the same colour).
- All boat colours for each team must be the same colour and have the same markings above the water line. (Carbon and Black are not the same colour). Teams are asked to submit clear, high resolution photographs of boats to luke.j.holmes@gmail.com at least a week before the competition. If there are more than one version of the state markings (e.g. A and B teams) each team must send photographs.
- Vinyl covering must be of good quality and standard.
- Note that a new ICF 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, this year only.
- Boats and particularly bumpers must be in good repair. As in previous years, bumpers will be tested for compliance using the ICF gauges.
- Paddle blades must meet thickness requirements and have safe edges.

For a guide to covering boats with vinyl, refer to the AC website at: <http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Guide-covering-boat-with-vinyl.pdf>

Rules of play

The rules of play will be the ICF Polo rules effective 1st January 2017, with the exceptions noted in this document. The rules are available at www.canoeicf.com.

Clock Stoppages

The clock will not be stopped after a goal is scored (except in the last minute of the grand final for each category).

Micro and Mini-Micro

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.

- Coaches, managers and others working closely with players under 18 years of age are required to have a *Working With Children Check* and have completed *Play by the Rules* training. www.playbytherules.net.au

Age limitations:

- Both girls and boys must be 13 (micro) or 10 (mini-micro) years of age or younger by the 1st January 2018. There is some flexibility with age, depending the physical size and skill of an individual.

Playing area:

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

Micro and Mini-Micro 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 players 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 accreditation

The championships provide an opportunity for referees to be assessed and accredited as a level A, B or C (grey, orange, green) referee. Referees, and potential referees, are invited to register for accreditation. Please register your interest, or enquiry, by sending an email to the championship secretary Anthea Courtney, email: rayandanthea@gmail.com.

For the referee accreditation policy refer to: <http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Referee-accreditation-scheme.pdf>

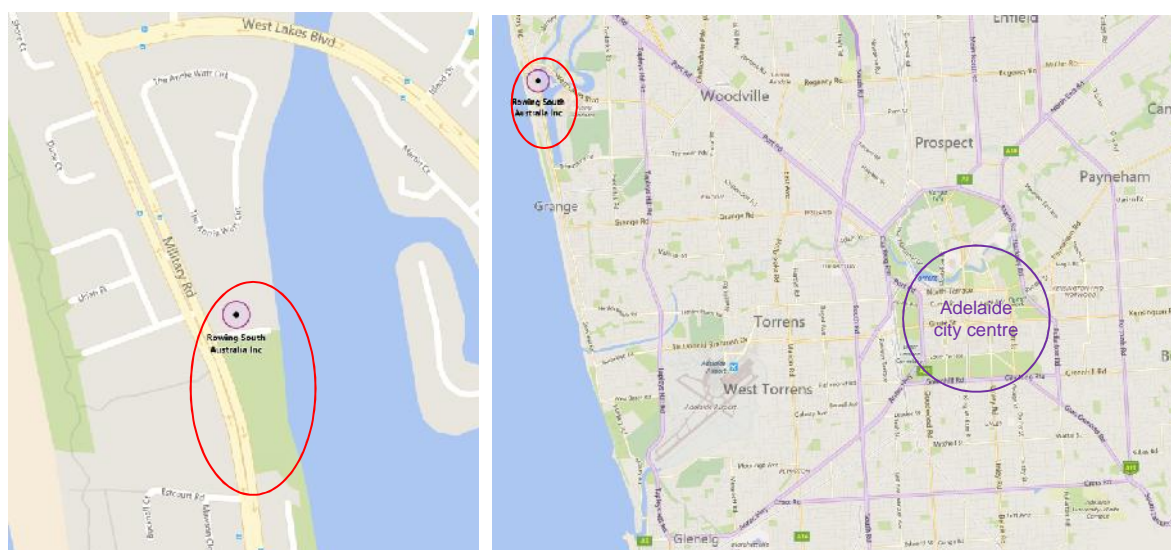
If you are already accredited, and scheduled to referee at the championships, be sure to wear your referee's shirt to promote good refereeing and to give players confidence that the game is in good hands.

The Venue

Rowing SA Centre

The venue for the championships is the Rowing SA Centre on West Lakes.
100 Military Road, West Lakes Shore, SA 5020

The centre includes a strait of water used for rowing events. For canoe polo, the area allows playing fields to be set alongside each other with spectator viewing from the banks and Oarsmen Reserve.



West Lakes is a sea-side suburb of Adelaide, 10 km from the Adelaide Airport and 15km from the Adelaide CBD. It is built around old reed beds between the Port River and the Torrens River. The swamp was drained in the early 1970s and the lake was created. The West Lakes waterway simulates a tidal estuarine environment without extremes of tides. The lake is flushed daily at high tide through a pipe from the gulf with 490 million litres of sea water, which ultimately flows back into the ocean via Port River. Computer controlled inlet gates open when the lake is lower than sea level. One way outlet gates allow water to flow from the lake when the Port River level is lower.

Parking

Parking is available in:

1. Oarsmen Reserve carpark on the eastern (lake) side of Military Road
2. Overflow carpark on western side of Military Road

Please note that there is no vehicular access across the median strip. Vehicles will need to travel to the next road break in the median strip to turn around.

Kayak drop off will be available at SA Rowing for vehicles that use the overflow parking (west side of road) so competitors do not have to cross the road with boats. If parking on the east side of the Military Road, please carry boats from your car park to avoid traffic crowding in the Rowing Centre.



Smoke Free

All Rowing SA facilities are completely smoke-free. Smoking is not permitted in:

Indoor areas:

- Administration areas, meeting rooms, social rooms, bars, dining, eating and other office areas
- Change rooms, utility rooms, medical rooms, storage rooms, property rooms, toilets and showers.

Outdoor areas:

- Paved areas surrounding the Rowing SA West Lakes facility, dining, catering and bar areas
- A 10 metre radius of entry/exit points to seated areas, toilets, change rooms, food outlets, bars, thoroughfares and playing areas.

Onsite Cafeteria / Food Services

SA Rowing has a fine cafeteria that will be open Saturday and Sunday, but closed on the public holiday Monday. A coffee dispenser will be onsite on Monday. Other nearby fast food outlets can be found near West Lakes Shopping Mall which is about 3 km from the venue—20 minute walk. (The mall itself will also be closed on Monday.)

Shelters and Marquees

Underground watering systems are in place across Oarsmen Reserve and the Rowing SA grassed areas. The watering system layout will be marked. Please do not peg your shelter or marquee along the watering lines. Anyone who breaks a watering pipe or sprinkler may be liable for the cost of replacing or fixing the relevant watering equipment.

Security

It is your responsibility to ensure the security of your equipment. Designated areas will be available for kayak storage during the day and at night.

An overnight storage service is available. This area will be fenced. Competition personnel will be onsite overnight, but cannot guarantee the security of any equipment left in the kayak storage area or on the site. Overnight storage of kayaks at the site is at the owner's risk.

Airport Shuttle

The *Adelaide Airport* is 10 km from the venue. Shuttles to and from the airport for kayaks and equipment will be available if needed. Please contact adam_hofmeyer@hotmail.com if you require transport for your kayak.

Accommodation

Camping at the venue is not allowed.

State contacts have been asked to contact noeldholmes@gmail.com if they need help to find accommodation. Options are diminishing as we approach the Easter holiday.

- The closest [caravan and camping park](#) is fully booked, but check for arising cancellations.
- Other parks are likely to be filling, but try the Adelaide listings, including [Vale Park](#).
- The [Girl Guides campsite](#) is about 10 minutes from the venue, for family and team groups to share.

If you need assistance with accommodation help, email noeldholmes@gmail.com immediately.

Climate

Adelaide typically has mild autumn days in late March and early April, with an average high of 24° and overnight low of 13°. Weather extremes at this time of year include maximum temperature range of 13° to 39° and minimums between 4° and 26°. Please check the forecast on the Australian *Bureau of Meteorology* website (www.bom.gov.au) and ensure that you pack suitable clothing for the expected temperature range.

Safety

First Aid

A qualified first aider will be patrolling the championship site at all times and will be contactable by radio from the Competition Desk. In case of emergency notify the Competition Desk. Any competitor with suspected **concussion** will be treated according to the Australian Canoeing Guidelines [see <http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Concussion-Guidelines-160105.pdf>] and will not play until they have written medical approval.

Emergency Assembly Point

Emergency assembly points are clearly marked at the venue. Please familiarise yourself with them when you arrive.

Animals

Jellyfish are occasionally prevalent in the lake but are of no risk to players. Blue-ringed octopus are endemic to the area. They can be deadly but they are seldom sighted unless people disturb their hiding places (e.g. under rocks, in empty tins.) Avoid disturbing likely habitat and, in the unlikely event of seeing one of these creatures, do not touch it.

Lightning

Lightning is unlikely at this time of year but if a storm approaches the 30-30 rule will apply. If there is less than 30 seconds between flash and thunder, games will be suspended until 30 minutes after seeing the last lightning flash. Players and spectators will seek shelter.

PFDs

Under the South Australian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook requirements, all individuals paddling a kayak, canoe, or similar in protected waters must wear a PFD Type 1, 2 or 3 at all times.

Please ensure you wear a PFD not only during games, but also during any on-water training, warm-up or warm-down activities whilst at the Canoe Polo Championships. PFDs must be worn by referees paddling out to the off-shore pontoons.

Rules of waterway navigation

We do not have exclusive use of the entire lake. When paddling outside the polo field area, be alert for other water users. The usual rules apply.

https://www.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/21803/6_Navigation.pdf

Trip hazards at the waterway entry/exit points

There are rocks and uneven surfaces along the edge of the waterway, in particular where participants will enter/exit the field. A carpet will be laid at the designated entry/exit points if necessary. Participants are asked to:

- Exercise caution when entering/exiting the waterway
- Wear footwear when entering/exiting the waterway.

Water Quality

The quality of the water in West Lakes is continually monitored, and most of the time the water is clean and safe for recreational purposes. However, SA Health recommends that activities such as swimming, windsurfing and canoeing should be avoided for two to three days after a rain event of 10mm or more. Should there be significant rainfall immediately prior to the championships, or during the event, the water quality may fall. In such circumstances:

- Junior teams and younger will have a 'no push tackle rule'
- Youth teams and older will have 'no push tackle rule' if either team requests it.

Blue-green algae

Blue green algal blooms (cyanobacteria) can occur in fresh water and marine water in South Australia. Blooms represent high concentrations of organisms that are often visible in the form of coloured surface films or scums.

In freshwater the blooms are normally blue-green in colour, but in marine water, the colors can range from blue-green through to yellow, orange and red-brown.

Contact with high numbers of blue-green algae can cause skin rashes or eye irritation in some people, while ingestion could cause stomach upsets or flu-like symptoms.

Avoid contact with coloured surface films or scums in fresh or marine water. In the unlikely event of extreme concentrations games may be cancelled.

Travel to the venue

We recommend to all participants that people should not travel alone, particularly if driving to Adelaide. If you are driving to Adelaide, please ensure you have contact details of other participants who are travelling the same/similar route.

Relevant Australian Canoeing Policies

[Code of Behaviour](#)

[Medical and Medication](#)

[Concussion guidelines](#)

[Member Protection\](#)

[Heat Recommendations](#)

Facilities and Services

The following facilities and services are available in West Lakes and surrounding areas.

Medical

- **In case of emergency phone 000**
- For public holiday and after hours medical attendance ph 137425
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville Road, Woodville ph 8222 6000
- Royal Adelaide Hospital, 1 Port Road, Adelaide ph 7074 0000

The following medical clinics will be open over the Easter weekend:

- HMC, 334 Port Rd Hindmarsh, 8417 7700, 8 am – 4 pm Fri; 8 am – 6 pm Sat, Sun, Mon
- Priority Care Medical, 707 Port Rd, Woodville, 8448 1222, 8:30 am – 6 pm daily
- Primary Old Port Rd, 1206 Old Port Rd, Royal Park, 8447 0000, 8 am – 10 pm daily
- Marion Domain Medical, 453 Morphett Rd, Oaklands Park, 8375 7000, 8 am – 10 pm daily
- Norwood Village Medical, 201 The Parade, Norwood, 8425 1333, 8 am – 10 pm daily.

Local shopping

Please remember that South Australian supermarkets do not supply free plastic bags; you are expected to bring your own shopping bags or pay a small fee per bag, generally 10c.

Most shops will be closed on Good Friday, as will many on Sunday (Easter Day) and most on Easter Monday. The following table lists the local supermarket opening hours over the Easter weekend.

Shop	Address	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Woolworths West Lakes	Westfield Shopping Centre	closed	6am – 5pm	11am – 5pm	closed
Coles West Lakes	Westfield Shopping Centre	closed	6am – 5pm	11am – 5pm	closed
ALDI West Lakes	44 Frederick Rd	Closed	8am – 5pm	closed	closed
Semaphore IGA	51 Semaphore Rd	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm	8am – 10pm
West Lakes IGA	Bartley Terrace				
Woodville IGA	868 Port Rd	8am – 9pm	8am – 9pm	8am – 9pm	8am – 9pm
Harbour Town	727 Tapleys Hill Rd	closed	11am – 5pm	11am – 5pm	11am – 5pm

Note: Shopping hours may change between publication of this booklet and the competition.