

Canoeing Victoria Marathon Rules and Regulations

M01 Races conducted by the canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee and affiliated clubs and organisations are open to all canoeists and are conducted under the rules set down by the International Canoe Federation and Australian Canoeing marathon committees. These rules are to be followed at all times. Any paddler infringing on these rules may be disqualified.

Competitors not members of Australian Canoeing and Victorian Canoeing affiliated clubs must on entry pay an Event License Fee.

M02 Competitors must agree to abide by the rules and the decisions made by the race committee.

M03 To be eligible to compete in the Victorian or Australian Championships paddlers must be full adult or junior members of a Canoeing Victoria affiliated club or a club affiliated to Australian Canoeing or the International Canoe Federation.

M04 A race jury shall be appointed for all major races or as required.

M05 All paddlers under the age of 18 years must have the permission of the race organization committee to compete and also parental or guardian consent.

M06 Age Classifications:

For junior competitors, ages are taken from 1st January in the year of competition.

Sub junior under 12 years

Junior 14 under 14 years

Junior 16 under 16 years

Junior 18 under 18 years

For Open Competitors, over 18 years

For veteran competitors, the first year a veteran competitor may compete in the relevant age group is the year of his/her birthday matching the youngest age for the category falls. (e.g. A competitor turning 35 in the year of competition may compete in the V35 category.)

Veteran 35 35 years and over

Veteran 40 40 years and over

Veteran 45 45 years and over

Veteran 50 50 years and over

Veteran 55 55 years and over

Veteran 60 60 years and over

Veteran 65 65 years and over

M07 All paddlers must submit to the first aid officer a completed and confidential medical form prior to entering their first race and this will be kept on file by the race committee.

This confidential medical form will only be available to the Marathon Committee Chairperson, the Secretary, the chief official and the Marathon First Aid Officer. The information supplied will not be used in any way to prevent a paddler from competing but is designed as part of Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee's risk management policy.

M08 All winter series entries are to be made online or on the day (the Victorian Championships require entries to be lodged prior to the event).

Paddlers are required to register with the Marathon Committee at their first race for that season by completing the appropriate official forms.

All paddlers must register in person on the day, and doubles paddlers must register together. Paddlers must:-

- a. Follow the appropriate entry format as advised by the race committee.
- b. Pay the appropriate fee
- c. (i) Entries close 45 min. prior to start.
(ii) Late entries will only be accepted on the discretion of the race committee and may incur a late fee (normally double).

M09 All boat numbers will be issued at registration.

M10 Starting orders will be determined at each race by the race organisers and announced at the end of the pre-race briefing which all paddlers must attend.

M11 The 1st race will start 15 minutes after the briefing but not prior to the advertised time.

M12 Any paddler who withdraws from a race must notify the finish line officials on withdrawal.

M13 Life Jackets - Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):

Regardless of the paddler's swimming ability or the river or water conditions, all paddlers must bring to the race, a PFD Type 1, 2 or 3 that is of a suitable size for them, in good order, and complies with Australian Standards.

- a. All junior paddlers U12, U14 and U16 MUST wear an approved PFD (subject to conditions as described in the Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee guidelines).
- b. All senior and U18 paddlers must wear an approved PFD when paddling if the race committee deem it necessary.
- c. PFDs must be worn by all paddlers if the race has sections of white water greater than grade two (2) or at any other time that may be deemed necessary by the Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee.

M14 Portaging:

Competitors may only portage at points designated and as set out by the race organisers. Portages are required for all racing boats (international classes) in division 4 or higher. The following classes will portage:

- Open
- Under 18
- Under 16

Competitors who do not wish to portage must discuss this with the race committee on the day. A time penalty may be applied. Portaging for any other competitors is optional.

State Marathon Team Selection Races (Grand Prix Series) As part of the race calendar each year the Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee is to select and nominate which races will be used as part of the selection criteria for those paddlers wishing to nominate for selection in the Victorian Team.