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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide additional rules to the ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules for the conduct of canoe marathon competitions in Australia.

2. APPLICATION

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the current ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules and relevant PA policies. ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules should take precedent and these rules apply where the ICF Canoe Marathon Rules may be silent. These rules are to be applied to canoe marathon competitions in Australia.

In situations not covered by these rules, ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules or Paddle Australia Policies, the decision of the Competition Committee at the particular competition shall be final subject to appeal to the jury.

3. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Any alterations to these rules are to be endorsed by the PACMTC and subject to the procedures of PA Ltd.

4. COPYRIGHT

These rules may be printed or photocopied. Great care has been taken in typing and checking the rules.

5. DEFINITIONS

Competitions	Canoe marathon competitions within Australia
Contested Class	Minimum of three entries and two starters (PA Competitions Policy 9.1 - Awards)
Masters	For competitors who meet ICF CAM Rule 1.4.5
PA	Paddle Australia Limited
PACMTC	Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Technical Committee
Selection Classes	Those classes, which are selected for the Australian Canoe Marathon Team to compete at World Championships or other International competitions
Start of Competition	The start of the first event at the competition.

Words not defined in these Rules have the meaning ascribed to them in the Constitution and Policies of PA unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

CHAPTER ONE

GENERAL REGULATIONS

6. COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Competitors are to meet the requirements of the PA Competition Policy 6 – Competitors.
 6.2 Age Groups (read in conjunction with ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules 1.4)

Age at 31 December	Age Group
12 or younger	U12
13 or younger	U13
14 or younger	U14
16 or younger	U16
18 or younger	U18
23 or younger	U23
21 or younger	U21
All ages	Open
35 or older	35+
40 or older	40+
45 or older	45+
50 or older	50+
55 or older	55+
60 or older	60+
65 or older	65+
70 or older	70+

For example – a person turns 18 at the commencement of a canoe marathon competition during the year they are eligible to enter Under 18

7. AMALGAMATIONS

Note: This is applied when competition is conducted in classes ie not divisional.

- 7.1 Where there are not sufficient entries or starters to contest a certain event, competitors can be moved into a relevant event.
 7.2 Juniors (18 and under) will not be amalgamated.
 7.3 Masters age groups will not amalgamate any further than ten (10) years and not change distance unless agreed by the competitors.

CHAPTER TWO CLASSES & BUILDING RULES

8. AUSTRALIAN TOURING CLASSES

8.1 Australian Touring classes are unique to Australia.

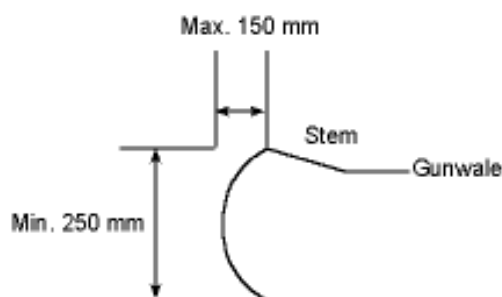
	TK1	TK2	TC1	TC2
Max. Length	4572mm	5487mm	5030mm	5030mm
Min. Water-Line beam	508mm	533mm	712mm	712mm

9. TOURING KAYAKS (TK)

- 9.1 All kinds of building materials are permitted. Sections and longitudinal lines of the hull below the waterline of the kayak shall be convex and not interrupted.
- 9.2 All rudders fitted must be of the trailing type, and are not included in the maximum length measurement, and such rudders shall not exceed 25mm thickness at any point when immersed while the kayak is floating on its low water line.
- 9.3 The minimum waterline beam shall be measured at any point between 457mm on either side of the centre line of the overall length between stem and stern. Minimum waterline is to be taken at the height of 102mm above the base line of the kayak measured from the outside of the hull, excluding keel, if any.
- 9.4 The distance between cockpits for TK2 shall not be more than 1700mm taken from the back of one cockpit to the back of the other.

10. TOURING CANOES (TC)

- 10.1 The minimum waterline shall be measured as for TK1 and TK2.
- 10.2 There is no restriction on the cockpit size of a TC1 or TC2.
- 10.3 The height of the bow stem and stern stem must not be less than 250mm. This height must not be more than 150mm from the extreme ends of the boat.
- 10.4 The bow stem and stern stem shall not be lower than any part of the gunwale. (Definition of gunwale: 'Upper edge of the craft's side').



11. OTHER CRAFT

- 11.1 Kayaks with under stern rudders will be allowed weed deflectors in front of the rudder. Weed deflectors can be no longer than 200mm (20cm) and cannot be deeper than the rudder. Weed deflectors cannot be fitted to any other location on the kayak.
- 11.2 Skis as per ICF Ocean Racing Competition Rule 3.

CHAPTER THREE

ORGANISATION of COMPETITIONS

12. PA CANOE MARATHON OFFICIALS

12.1 Foundation Official.

Entry level, necessary to officiate at club and State level competitions.

To gain a PA Canoe Marathon Foundation Official accreditation a person needs to complete:

- *Community Officiating General Principles* online at learning.ausport.gov.au
- Attain 85% or higher in the PA Canoe Marathon Foundation Official online theory exam.
- Provide evidence of any officiating experience at canoe marathon events.

12.2 National Official.

Essential for performing leadership roles at PA Canoe Marathon Championships.

To gain a PA Canoe Marathon National Official accreditation, a person:

- Must hold a Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Foundation Official accreditation.
- Achieve 85% or higher in the PA Canoe Marathon National Official online theory exam.
- Present logbook or supported evidence of officiating roles at any level for the past four years.

12.3 International Technical Official (ITO)

Essential for officiating at World Championship, other ICF Canoe Marathon events and possibly for other international events.

To gain an ITO accreditation, a person:

- Apply to the PACMTC
- Be nominated by PACMTC to the ICF to sit the exam
- Attend the nominated location for the exam
- Refer to Rule 1.15 of ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules for further information.

12.4 Officials accreditation is renewed every 4 years. Individuals will be required to submit logbook or other evidence of roles undertaken in officiating at events at any level.

12.5 It is recommended that canoe marathon competitions within Australia have at a minimum least one PA Foundation accredited official present.

13. COMPETITION INFORMATION

13.1 Information about canoe marathon competitions should include:

- Time and place,
- Detailed Map of the course including hazards,

- Portage,
- Race distances,
- Starting time,
- Water conditions i.e. tide, current etc.
- Entry fees, and
- Any other relevant information about the competition.

14. COMPETITION AND COURSES

- 14.1 Canoe marathon competitions within Australia can be variable i.e. competitions held in classes or other formats. The competitions can be held over part of a day, a day or a number of days.
- 14.2 Courses for competitions within Australia can be varied in length and on different water types and conditions. Courses can be of a number of laps or 'point to point'.
- 14.3 Courses should have either artificial or natural portages.
- 14.4 Any course set must be fair to all competitors. Courses should have hazards identified.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Safety is paramount at canoe marathon competitions. A Risk Management Plan should be produced for any type or level of canoe marathon competitions no matter the venue or course.
- 15.2 The appropriate number of motorised vessels must be present at competitions.
- 15.3 Medical (first aid) and on water safety **MUST** be present before canoe marathon competitions.

CHAPTER FOUR RACING REGULATIONS

16. WITHDRAWALS

- 16.1 A competitor withdrawing from an event must advise a race official of such withdrawal and return their race number at that time.

17. ASSISTANCE – WASH RIDING

- 17.1 A crew may not wash ride another except those crew/s in that crew/s designated start.
17.2 A single craft is not to wash ride a double craft and vice versa.

18. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 18.1 For protests please refer to the ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rule 11.
18.2 For Appeals please refer to the PA Competitions Policy 8.

CHAPTER FIVE SPECIAL RULES FOR PADDLE AUSTRALIA CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

19. DISTANCES

- 19.1 Race distances at PA Canoe Marathon Championships reflect race distances at ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships.
- 19.2 For age groups and classes not catered for at an ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships the race distance will be determined by the PACMTC.

20. ENTRIES

- 20.1 Entries will be received via the advertised 'online' system for the championships.
- 20.2 Entries will not be received after the advertised close of entries.
- 20.3 A preliminary entry list will be posted on the web site, or entry system, dedicated to the championships. The preliminary entry list may indicate possible amalgamations.
- 20.4 A draft entry list with competitor's name and state, amalgamations, race numbers, distances and start times will be posted on the web site, or entry system, dedicated to the championships as soon as possible after the close of entries.
- 20.5 A final start list will be confirmed after the scheduled Team Leader's Meeting.

21. TEAM LEADERS

- 21.1 State Member Associations must advise the PACMTC of the name and contact details, including phone and electronic mail, of their appointed Team Leader/s no later than the close of 'early bird' entries or fourteen days, whichever is the earliest, before the start of competition.
- 21.2 Team Leader/s will represent all competitors entered from their respective State Member Association. It is the responsibility of the Team Leader/s to inform competitors from their State of their contact details.
- 21.3 The Competition Committee will meet with the Team Leader/s at a time to be determined on the day prior to the start of competition. The Team Leader's meeting will cover, but not limited to:
 - Course,
 - Safety,
 - Unpaid entries,
 - Program including amalgamations and entry scratching's, and
 - Nomination of competitors for the Interstate Challenge Trophy.
- 21.4 Where it is necessary for the Competition Committee and / or Jury to advise a competitor/s of any matter this will be done through the Team Leader/s.

- 21.5 Should a State Member Association not be represented at the Team Leaders meeting, that State would be ineligible to score points for any of the trophies.

22. COMPETITION NOTICEBOARD

- 22.1 The Organising Committee will provide a noticeboard for the display of all official notices regarding the championships.
- 22.2 The noticeboard shall be operational on the day prior to the start of competition.
- 22.3 The noticeboard shall contain, but is not limited to:
- Sponsors / supporters information,
 - Detailed map of the course, its markings and any hazards,
 - Detailed map of the portage and its markings,
 - Program showing entries, allocated race numbers, distance and start times,
 - Matters addressing Safety for the championships, and
 - Weather forecasts and tide times, if appropriate.
- 22.4 Preliminary and official race results are to be placed on the noticeboard.

23. COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND COURSE INSPECTION

- 23.1 The Competition Committee will be appointed by the PACMTC.
- 23.2 The Competition Committee will be kept informed as to the progress of the organisation of the championships.
- 23.3 The Competition Committee is to meet with the Organising Committee and / or Competition Manager on the day prior to the start of competition.
- 23.4 The Organising Committee will make available the appropriate means for the Competition Committee to inspect the course. The Competition Committee will inspect the course on the day prior to the start of competition. The Competition Manager may accompany the Competition Committee on the course inspection.
- 23.5 Any alterations to the course after the course inspection will be marked on the map on the noticeboard and the map clearly labelled 'AMENDED'. These alterations will also be advised at the Team Leaders Meeting.
- 23.6 The Competition Committee will meet to prepare for the Team Leader's Meeting.
- 23.7 The Team Leader/s are responsible for briefing the members from their respective State.

24. AWARDS

24.1 MEDALS

- 24.1.1 Medals will be awarded as per the PA Competitions Policy 9 - Awards.
- 24.1.2 The Organising Committee shall arrange a ceremony for the presentation of medals, as soon as practicable after the completion of competition.
- 24.1.3 Medals for selection classes may be presented at a championship dinner.

24.2 CERTIFICATES

24.2.1 The Organising Committee may issue certificates to competitors at the PA Canoe Marathon Championships.

25. TROPHIES

25.1 FRANK WHITEBROOK TROPHY

The Frank Whitebrook Trophy was presented to the PACMTC by the then Queensland Canoe Federation in recognition of the contribution to Australian Canoeing of Dr. Frank Whitebrook and was first awarded in 1984.

The trophy shall be awarded at each PA Canoe Marathon Championships for competition between all States and Territories.

Awarding points to all finishers on the following basis shall determine the winning State:

- The winner of each class (whether constituted or not) shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class, plus one.
- The second place getter shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class, minus one.
- The third and subsequent place getters shall score points equal to the number of starters in the class minus one point for every boat finishing ahead of the place getter in question.
 - e.g. 20 competitors in a class (20 finishers)
 - First = 21 points
 - Second = 19 points
 - Third = 18 points etc.
 - Twentieth = 1 point.
- Where paddlers from different states combine in a K2 or C2, the points for that boat are appointed equally to the two States represented.
- The winner of the trophy shall be the State or Territory scoring the most points.

25.2 HALFORD CHALLENGE TROPHY

Graham Halford, past Chairman of the ACMRTC, presented the Interstate Challenge trophy to the then ACMRTC in 1998.

In 2013, the ACMRTC renamed the trophy to the '*Halford Challenge Trophy*' in formal recognition of Graham's past contributions to the sport.

The trophy is awarded at each PA Canoe Marathon Championships for competition between state teams in the following international classes for both men and women: Open, Masters 35, Under 23 and Under 18.

A maximum of two boats from each team in each trophy class may be nominated. These boats shall be identified at the Team Leaders meeting.

The first placed nominated boat of each State in constituted classes will count for points toward the trophy, on the basis of 5 points for first, 4 points for second etc to fifth place.

Points of composite boats will be allocated to the State whose team has no other boat in the class concerned. Where no other State team has other boats in the class, the boat will contribute full points to each State.

25.3 COULTHART TROPHY

The Coulthart family of NSW presented the Coulthart Trophy to the then ACMRTC in 1991.

Originally the trophy was awarded to Intermediate Juniors who displayed most potential. All classes were to be considered.

The trophy is awarded to an Under 16 male and female at each PA Canoe Marathon Championships based on their performance at the championships.

In the event that two athletes are deemed to be equal then the trophy will be awarded to the athlete with the highest placing in the singles class.