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WELCOME

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Paddle Queensland's latest community program, Battle of the Paddle.

Battle of the Paddle is an event concept designed to be an enjoyable, engaging entry into paddling and to build bridges between flatwater, ocean, surf and river paddling. Battle of the Paddle is a truly unique program focused on having fun and improving the mental and physical condition of the community through paddling.

Over the course of four hours our coaches will be teaching participants from eight to eighty about the basic skills of paddling including entries, exits, rescues, balance, forward strokes, reverse strokes and turning which they will then use to battle their friends and family on Nelo 510 polyurethane ocean skis around a 500m technical course while staying close to shore.

To finish each program, all paddlers will experience the rush our Olympians experience when they take to the start line and battle for one last time as a Canoe Sprint athlete over a 100m course.

The Battle of the Paddle program is about creating a community of paddlers and building opportunities to connect paddlers to learn, compete, achieve and enjoy being on the water.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in paddling,

Scott Sharples
Executive Officer





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ABOUT

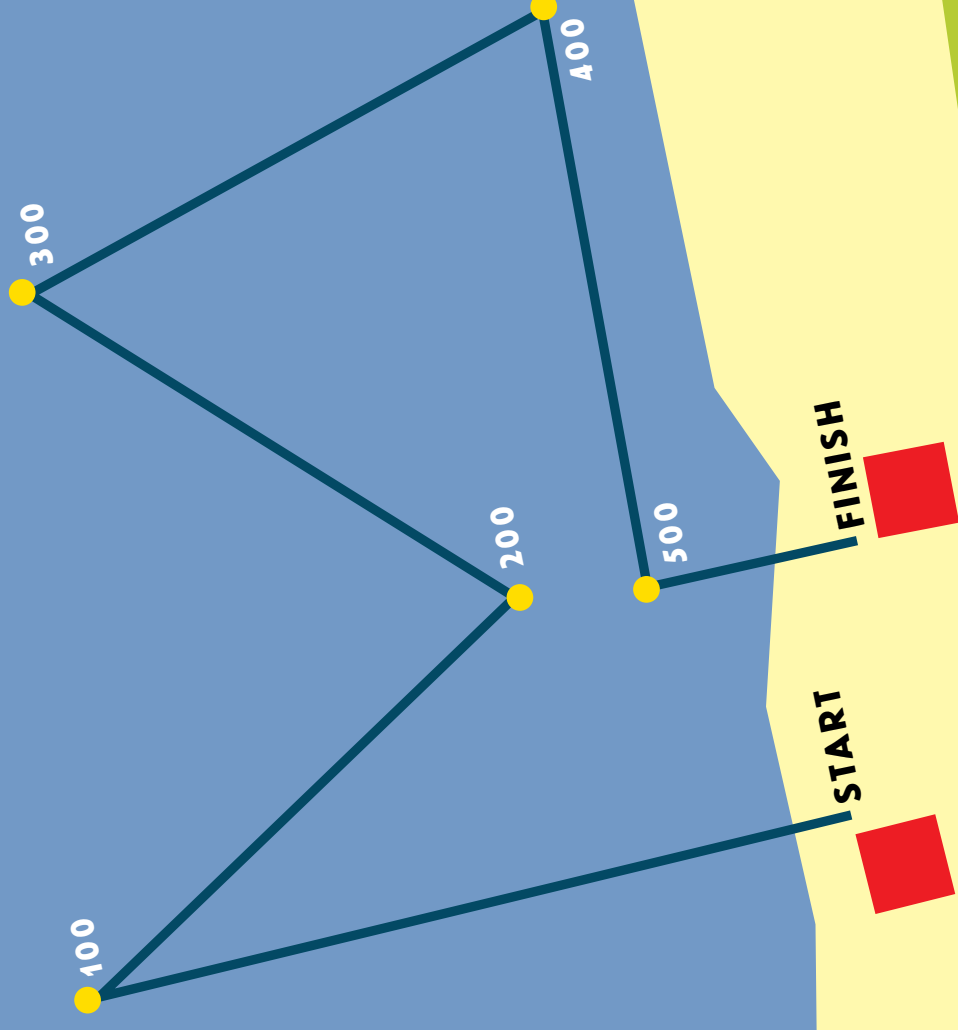
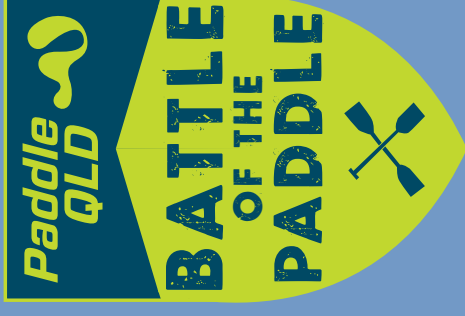
- The Battle of the Paddle program can take place at a beach, river or lake.
- Heats of 4-12 paddlers battle from a start line, around one or more buoys and back to a finish line adjacent to the start.
- Events can take anywhere from 2-10 minutes, and every paddler will compete in several events as they progress from heats through to division finals.
- The program is designed to be exciting and spectator-friendly, whilst requiring (and developing) a full range of paddling skills.
- Paddlers manoeuvre in groups around buoys, wash ride and may negotiate ocean swell, waves or obstacles. Because of the length of event, paddlers will be rewarded for a combination of speed, endurance, skills and technique.
- The program can be customised based on conditions or to include extra elements for fun or challenge.
- The program provides opportunities for team events by racing relays, combining paddlers' results into team scores.

EVENT FEES

\$25.00 per person. Includes craft, paddle and PFD hire.

AGE AT 31 DEC 2023	MALE • FEMALE AGE GROUPS	AGE AT 31 DEC 2023	MALE • FEMALE AGE GROUPS
8 - 10	U10	19 - 34	Open
11 - 12	U12	35 - 44	M35
13 - 14	U14	45 - 54	M45
15 - 16	U16	55 - 64	M55
17 - 18	U18	65+	M65





EVENT FORMAT

- A series of short 500m events consisting of at least three (3) rounds for all paddlers (*minimum 2 rounds of heats and then finals*).
- A 100m sprint event will also run after the 500m events
- Depending on numbers a long course may also be run over distances of 1 km (U10-14), 2 km (U16-18), 2.5 km (M55+), 3 km (M45), 4 km (M35) and 5 km (Opens).





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COMPETITION POLICIES

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COMPETITION RULES

International Canoe Federation Canoe Sprint Rules 2023 v2 click [here](#).

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