



***2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing
World Championships***

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

30 NOV - 3 DEC



WELCOME FROM PADDLE AUSTRALIA

On behalf of Paddle Australia, I would like to welcome all competitors and team supporters to the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships.

We are excited to be staging this event in Western Australia; home to some of the best conditions for Ocean Racing in the World. This event promises to show the spectacular nature of the sport. Canoe Ocean Racing is the largest competitive paddling discipline in Australia, and the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Championships will provide the opportunity to share the water with paddlers from many nations.

See you on the water,

Andrea McQuitty (*President – Paddle Australia*)

WELCOME FROM THE ICF

On behalf of the ICF, it is a privilege to be able to welcome all participants and spectators to the 7th ICF Ocean Racing World Championships.

It is fitting that one of the leading countries in the discipline finally gets to host the premier event on the ICF calendar. Stemming from its powerful lifesaving movement, Australia has a proud tradition in ocean sports, long distance surf ski racing was an inevitable spin off.

Ever since the first long distance race in 1957, the discipline has been dominated by paddlers from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Over the past few years, however, paddlers from other continents, especially Europe, have begun to close the competitive gap. The popularity of the discipline has increased dramatically around the world, bringing an element of universality to it.

I would like to thank the Australian organising committee who will, no doubt, put on a fantastic and memorable event.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Simpkins (*ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Technical Committee Chair*)





INTRODUCTION

Paddle Australia (PA) is the National Federation for Canoe and Paddle Sports. PA is affiliated with the International Canoe Federation (ICF), Paralympics Australia and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). We are excited to host the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships and master's Championships in Perth, Western Australia from 30 November – 3 December.

The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will cater to Junior, Under 23, Open and Para competitors. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Masters Championships will cater to all age categories as specified in the [2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Rules](#) (from 35 years+). The race will start at Bathers Beach, Fremantle and will first run 2km off the coast before an 18km downwind stretch down the coast of Perth to finish at Scarborough Beach. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships will be an open event, meaning participation is uncapped in all categories. The 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Masters Championships remains open in accordance with the [2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing rules](#) as a Level 4 event.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide instructions and guidance to other National Federations (NF's) in how entries will be managed and received for the event.

ENTRIES PROCESS

Given the open nature of the event and to ensure participants are afforded a smooth entry process for the event, please refer to the entries process below:

STEP 1: Participant enters at the entries portal.

The participant will enter at the event website [HERE](#). The participant will select their age category, enter their details, sign the event waiver and pay for their entry into the event.

STEP 2: NF's receive notice of an entry being received from their nation.

Monthly, Paddle Australia will provide to each National Federation a list and the contact details of each competitor which has entered the event. Please notify us if there is a best point of contact at your organisation who will be managing entries.





STEP 3: NF's authorise the athletes entry.

The National Federation will verify either through confirmation in writing or through completion of entry to the ICF SDP system that the athlete is:

1. A Financial member of the National Federation, and
2. Has appropriate Travel Insurance to compete in the event.

STEP 4: NF's to enter athletes into the ICF SDP system.

The National Federations will be responsible for entering athletes (competing in the JNR, U23 and Open age categories) into the ICF SDP (Sports Data Platform) system. ICF SDP entries are now being accepted and will close on the 19 November 2023.

Please note – only athletes entered into the ICF SDP system for the Junior, U23 and Open age categories will be eligible to become official World Champions.

As the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Masters World Championships is a level 4 event, NF's will not need to enter masters athletes into the ICF SDP system.

Please note: Paddle Australia will continue to cross check the ICF SDP system against entries received at the entries portal. Athletes must enter at the entries portal and pay for their entry before competing in the event.





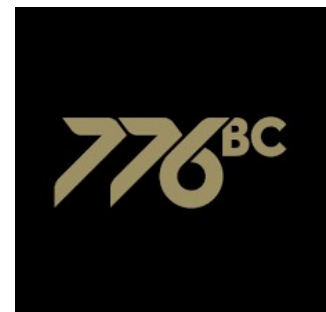
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