



Canoeing Victoria Marathon

To: Victorian paddlers
From: Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee
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Subject: **Victorian Canoe Marathon Team Selection Policy**

This document explains the policy for selecting paddlers to the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team to represent Victoria at the Australian Canoe Marathon Championships (i.e. "Nationals").

1. Selection to the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team recognizes both the attainment of a standard of performance and the support of marathon canoeing and kayaking in Victoria.
2. The selection event for the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team is the Victorian Canoe Marathon Championships, which is typically held in March, prior to the Australian Canoe Marathon Championships held at Easter.
3. The two fastest paddlers in each class who meet the qualification criterion are eligible for selection. The reason for the two fastest paddlers aligns with Australian national selection policy of up to two paddlers in each selection event (i.e. U18, U23 and Open) for ICF Marathon World Championships.
4. The qualification criterion requires paddlers to have competed in at least three races over the preceding Summer race series and Winter race series. The Summer and Winter series encompass a combined total of ten to twelve state-level races.
5. We recognize that many paddlers participate in other forms of canoeing and in club-based or other marathon races. Whilst participation in these events is encouraged it does not count towards the requirement of three state-level marathon races for Victorian team selection.
6. The reason for requiring participation in at least three state-level races is to recognize that the success of the sport of canoe marathon in Victoria rests on strong involvement from the paddling community. The minimum race requirement is to encourage paddlers aspiring to Victorian team selection to continue to support the main races throughout the year. We hope that paddlers seeking selection will participate in more than the minimum number of races.

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