



Canoeing Victoria Marathon

To: Canoeing Victoria paddlers
From: Canoeing Victoria Marathon Committee
Date: 6th January 2018
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”). This policy updates the previous policy dated 20th October 2017 (change to Point 4b).

1. Selection to the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team recognizes both the attainment of a standard of performance and the support of marathon paddling in Victoria.
2. The selection event for the Victorian Canoe Marathon Team is the Victorian Canoe Marathon Championships, which is typically held prior to the Australian Canoe Marathon Championships.
3. The two fastest crews in each class which meet the qualification criteria are eligible for selection⁽¹⁾.
4. The qualification criteria require:
 - a. The paddler to be a “full” (i.e. not recreational) member of Canoeing Victoria,
 - b. The paddler to have competed in at least five races over the preceding Marathon Summer race series and Winter race series ⁽²⁾, and at least one of these five races needs to be over 100 km from the paddler’s designated club ⁽³⁾,
 - c. The paddler to be in the winning crew, or finish within four minutes of the winning crew, in the Victorian selection event ^(4,5), and
 - d. The paddler to commit to competing at the forthcoming Australian Canoe Marathon Championships.
5. We recognize that many paddlers participate in other forms of canoeing and in club-based or other races. Whilst participation in these events is encouraged it does not count towards the minimum requirement of state-level marathon races.
6. The reason for requiring participation in at least five state-level races, one of which requires some travel, is because the success of marathon paddling rests on strong involvement from the paddling community. We hope that paddlers seeking selection will participate in more than the minimum number of races and lead by example.

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- (1) The two fastest crews criterion aligns with Australian national selection policy of up to two crews in each selection class (i.e. U18, U23 and Open) for ICF Marathon World Championships.
- (2) For clarity, races in which a paddler is disqualified do not count towards the total.
- (3) There are currently approximately 15 races in the two (Summer and Winter) series; see the Marathon Diary for race dates and locations.
- (4) The Victorian Team selection event does not require a “constituted class”, although this is preferable.
- (5) The four minutes aligns with the current Australian Canoeing Australian Marathon team selection criteria.