

# **AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INCORPORATED**



**MARATHON RACING COMMITTEE**

## **Marathon Racing Rules Version 2001.03(b)**

**Variations and additions to ICF Marathon Racing Rules**

**Effective 20 October 2002**

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## **Revision Sheet**

This printing replaces the following revisions of the Australian Canoeing Incorporated Marathon Racing Rules:

### **Version 2001.03(b)**

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\*Note the numbering system keeps it aligned with the current ICF rules.

Changed cover page to read 'MARATHON RACING COMMITTEE' and 'Effective 20 October 2002'.

Changed amalgamation diagram as per October meeting of ACMRC – Rule 4.3)c).

Added variation to ICF Rule 9.b).

Table of Contents adjusted to reflect changes in document.

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### **Version 2001.01**

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Adoption of the International Canoe Federation Marathon Racing Rules and (additional) Australian Canoeing Incorporated Marathon Racing Rules.

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### **Revision 3.0 (Named as such in error)**

January 1998

Separated 'Marathon Racing Regulations' and 'Guidelines for the conduct of Australian Championships and events conducted by or for the Standing Committee'.

### **Revision 3.0**

January 1997

Amendments consequential to the adoption of the new constitution and change of name of the Federation. Removal of selection criteria now issued separately.

### **Revision 2.4 (Not issued as such)**

April 1996

Introduction of Under 22, 16 and 14 age groups.

### **Revision 2.3**

October 1995

Amendment of Junior age definition. Introduction of Junior portages.

### **Revision 2.2**

April 1995

Correction of terminology referring to the Marathon Standing Committee.

### **Revision 2.1**

October 1994

Amendment of Rule 2.6 (2) to give effect to resolution of Standing Committee AGM 1990. Distance of all touring classes to be maximum of 2.5 – 3 hr.

Amendment of Rule 6.5 (1) to remove advertising restrictions.

Amendment of rules relating to selection of Australian Teams to accommodate Schedule 11 of Australian Canoeing Constitution.

## Revision 2.0 (Not numbered as such on copies distributed)

October 1993

Amendments following ICF rule changes from Madrid Congress 1992.

## Introduction

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) ‘Marathon Racing Rules to take effect January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001’ have been adopted by Australian Canoeing Incorporated to be used as the basis for the ‘Australian Canoeing Incorporated Marathon Racing Rules’. Version 2001.03 is to take effect from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

From this point, changes to the ICF Marathon Racing Rules will take effect for the conduct of Australian events (as covered by these rules) as soon as they are adopted by the ICF and take effect for international events.

Section III of the ICF Rules deals with ‘Organisation of Competitions’. While this section may guide event organisation, for Australian Championships, the AC Inc “Guidelines for the Conduct of an Australian Championships and Events Conducted by or for the Standing Committee” has overriding authority.

Where the ICF Rules fail to use non-gender specific language application to male and female competitors is implied.

These variations should be read in conjunction with the current ICF Marathon Racing Rules.

## Version Numbering

From 2001, the AC Inc Marathon Racing Rules will adopt the numbering system of the ICF Marathon Racing Rules with an alphabetic appendage to allow for modifications to the AC Inc specific rules. The version numbering system will take the form: yyyy.xx.a where ‘yyyy’ is the year of release, ‘xx’ is current the ICF version, and ‘a’ is the current AC Inc version. The ‘xx’ and ‘a’ parts of the version number progress independently of each other as versions are released.

The ‘Guidelines for the conduct of Australian Championships and events conducted for the AC Inc Marathon Standing Committee’ shall adopt the numbering system of these rules.

## Definitions

The following definitions are in addition to those listed in the ICF Marathon Racing Rules.

AC Inc	Australian Canoeing Incorporated
MSC	Marathon Standing Committee
Competitions	Australian Championships, Australian Team selection events and events conducted by affiliated states and clubs adopting these rules
Classes	TK-1 – Touring Kayak (single), TK-2 – Touring Kayak (double), TC-1 – Touring Canadian (single), TC-2 – Touring Canadian (double)
Selection Classes	Those classes, which are selected for the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships

## Application of these Rules

These rules will apply to all Australian Marathon Championship events, other Australian Marathon Team selection events and any other events conducted by or for the AC Inc MSC. These events shall also be conducted in accordance with the current 'Guidelines for the conduct of Australian Championships and events conducted by or for the Standing Committee' and other Australian Canoeing Inc procedures.

States associations affiliated with AC Inc, and clubs affiliated with these state associations, may conduct events under these rules and should clearly state this in competition information when doing so as such: "This event will be conducted under the AC Inc Marathon Racing Rules."

Where interstate competitors are invited, these events shall be conducted under these rules.

These events must be conducted by at least two accredited marathon officials.

These officials should be members of the Competition Committee for that event.

In situations not covered by these rules, guidelines and procedures, the decision of the Competition Committee at the particular event shall be final subject to appeal to the jury.

## Alterations to these Rules

Any alterations to these rules are subject to the procedures of AC Inc.

## AC Inc Marathon Racing Rules (Variations and additions to ICF Marathon Racing Rules)

The following rules amend those of the ICF Marathon Racing Rules and should be read in conjunction with those rules. Rules are referred to by **ICF title and numbering** to allow for cross-referencing to the ICF rules.

Some rules cover situations not covered by the ICF rules.

### 3 Competitors

3. 1) Only members of State Associations affiliated with Australian Canoeing have the right to participate in AC Inc controlled events.
3. 2) Members of clubs affiliated to a national Federation/Association which is a member of the ICF have the right to take part by invitation in the Australian Marathon Championships and events conducted by or for the MSC.

#### 3. 3) Ages

3. 3) a) For Junior competitors, ages are taken from 1 January in the year of the event.
3. 3) b) The first year a Veteran competitor may compete in the relevant age group is the year his/her birthday matching the youngest age for that age category falls. ie A competitor turning 35 in the year of the event may compete in the V35+ category.
3. 3) c) Crews made up of competitors who individually qualify for different age categories shall compete in the category matching the age of the

competitor closest to the Open category following the same guidelines as those for Amalgamation of Classes. In the case of a crew consisting of Junior and Veteran competitors (and no Open competitors) that crew shall compete in the Open category.

### 3. 4) Categories

3. 4) a) The Australian Marathon Championships and events conducted by or for the MSC may be conducted in a single open category or in any of the following age categories for each class and gender category.

Open (15 + only)	O	Veteran (35 and over)	V35+
Under 22	U22	Veteran (45 and over)	V45+
Junior (Under 18)	U18	Veteran (55 and over)	V55+
Junior (Under 16)	U16	Veteran (60 and over)	V60+
Junior (Under 14)	U14	Veteran (65 and over)	V65+
Junior (Under 12)	U12	Veteran (70 and over)	V70+
		Veteran (75 and over)	V75+

## 4 Classes

4. 1) Marathon races may be conducted in the following classes: (NB Australian Team selections will be in accordance with classes available at World Championships and World Cup events.)

### 4. 1) a) International Classes:

Men:	K-1, K-2, K-4, C-1, C-2, C-4
Women:	K-1, K-2, K-4, C-1, C-2
Mixed:	K-2, C-2

### 4. 1) b) Australian Touring Classes:

Men:	TK-1, TK-2, TC-1, TC-2
Women:	TK-1, TK-2, TC-1, TC-2
Mixed:	TK-2, TC-2

### 4. 2) Constituted Classes

4. 2) a) The following classes shall be regarded as the core classes for each Australian Canoeing Marathon Championship:

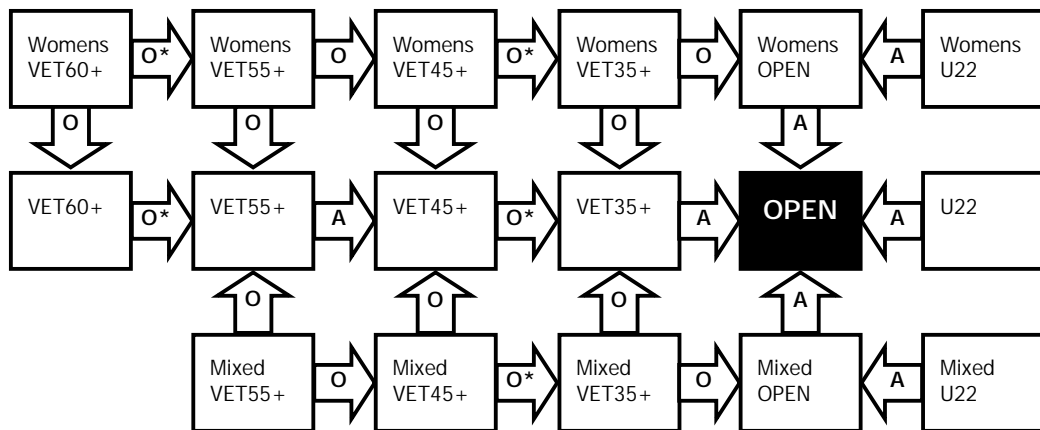
Mens Open	C-1	Womens Open	K-1
Mens Open	C-2	Womens Open	K-2
Mens Open	C-4	Womens Open	K-4
Mens Open	K-1		
Mens Open	K-2		
Mens Open	K-4		

4. 2) b) In all cases, a constituted class shall consist of a minimum of three starters.

#### 4. 3) Amalgamation of classes and categories

4. 3) a) Where there are insufficient starters (3) to constitute a certain class, then with the agreement of competitors involved and the team managers, competitors can be moved into another relevant category in the manner shown in the accompanying flowchart.
4. 3) b) In the flowchart, amalgamations marked “A” are automatic. If there are less than three starters at the close of registration, such amalgamations will be made until entrants are in constituted classes. Amalgamations marked “O” are optional, and entrants wishing to exercise such options should do so through their Team Managers at the Team Managers Meeting.
4. 3) c) Classes that are constituted 7 days prior to the start of competition shall be deemed to remain constituted even in the event that there are less than three competitors at the start of the race.

**Figure 1: Amalgamation of classes and categories flowchart**



4. 3) d) Within this amalgamation rule, the following further provisions apply:

#### 4. 3) e) Junior Paddlers

Junior (Under 18) Men, Women and Mixed have the option to either;

- 4.3.e.a Amalgamate as a single junior class, or
- 4.3.e.b Join the respective Under 22 divisions, or
- 4.3.e.c Join the respective Open divisions.

Junior (Under 12, 14 and 16) shall only be amalgamated within their own categories.

#### 4. 3) f) Touring Classes

In any non-constituted touring class, competitors may transfer to the corresponding international class.

#### 4. 3) g) Veteran 45+

Men, women and mixed Veteran 45+ may amalgamate into a Veteran 45+ category and continue to compete in the shorter course, rather than move to the

respective Veteran 35+ category (which will require them to compete on the longer open course if they are competing in an international class).

#### **4. 3) h) Open**

The Open category must be constituted before the corresponding Under 22 category.

#### **4. 3) i) Mixed**

The Mixed category only applies to K-2, C-2, TK-2 and TC-2..

### **6 Building Rules for Australian Touring Classes**

6. 1) Australian Touring classes are unique to Australia and as such are not covered by the ICF Marathon Racing Rules.

#### **6. 2) Limitations (including C4\*)**

	<b>TK-1</b>	<b>TK-2</b>	<b>TC-1</b>	<b>TC-2</b>	<b>C-4</b>
<b>Max. length (cms)</b>	457.2	548.7	503.0	503.0	900
<b>Min. Gunwale Beam (cms)</b>	58.5	61.0			
<b>Min. Waterline Beam (cms)</b>	50.8	53.3	71.2	71.2	

\* Construction rules for C-4 should be read as for C-2 in the ICF Marathon Racing Rules.

### **7 Construction**

#### **7. 1) Kayaks**

7. 1) a) 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.

7. 1) b) For TK-1 and TK-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 which is immersed when the kayak is floating on its low water line.

7. 1) c) In the case of TK-1 and TK-2, the minimum gunwale beam and minimum waterline beam shall be measured at any point between 45.7 cm 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 10.2 cm above the base line of the kayak measured from the outside of the hull, excluding keel, if any.

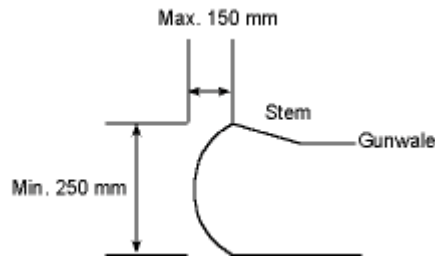
7. 1) d) The distance between cockpits for TK-2 shall be not more than 170 cm taken from the back of one cockpit to the back of the other.

#### **7. 2) Canoes**

7. 2) a) All kinds of building materials are permitted. Sections and longitudinal lines of the hull below the waterline of the canoe shall be convex and not interrupted. The canoe must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length. Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the canoe are not allowed.

- 7. 2) b) The Minimum Waterline shall be measured as for TK-1 and TK-2.
- 7. 2) c) There is no restriction on the cockpit size of a TC-1 or TC-2.
- 7. 2) d) The height of the bow stem and stern stem must not be less than 250 mm. This height must not be more than 150mm from the extreme ends of the boat.
- 7. 2) e) 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")

**Figure 2: TC-1/2 Stem Measurement Diagram**



### 7. 3) Bailers

Automatic or pump operated bailers may be used in both touring kayaks and canoes.

## 8 Measuring

- 8. c) The length of the kayak or canoe shall be measured between the extremes of the stem and the stern. Stem bands or other projections of the stem or stern, if any, are to be included.
- 8. d) Any rudder forming a continuation of the length of a kayak is not to be included in the measurement.
- 8. e) The beam of a kayak or canoe shall be measured at the widest part as specified above. Rubbing strakes, if any, are not to be included in the measurement.

### 8. f) General

- 8. f) a) It is not permissible to make the boats meet the above dimensions by the addition of extensions unless they are designed to, and remain within, the required dimensions.

## 9 Officials

- 9. b) In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances which make it impossible to carry out or finish the competition, postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held, or abandon the competition, or alter the course or, if the competition has already begun, abandon or reschedule the competition;

## 15 Withdrawals

- 15. 1) A competitor may withdraw from the event at the start or at any checkpoint by advising the checkpoint umpire and handing over his/her boat number.

15. 2) Once a competitor has withdrawn from an event in this manner he/she will not be permitted to re-enter it.
15. 3) The checkpoint umpire shall record the time and place of withdrawal and advise the Competition Secretary.

## 21 Protests

21. 1) A protest against the right of a crew to take part in the Championships shall be referred to the Chief Official by the team manager not later than one hour before the start of the race. A protest made later – within 31 days from the date when the Championships event question was held is only permitted if the officials of the Association making the protest can prove that the facts on which the protest is based came to their knowledge later than one hour before the start of the race.
21. 2) A later protest shall be referred to the MSC accompanied by the prescribed fee.
21. 3) A protest made during a competition relating to an incident in the race must be addressed through the team manager to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official not later than one hour after the competitor making the protest has completed the course, or if forced to retire, one hour after the retirement has been reported to the organiser. The organisers shall be permitted to commence issuing provisional results after one third, or the first three, whichever is the greater of the competitors of the class, have completed the course, or their retirements notified to the organiser.
21. 4) All protests shall be made in writing and be accompanied by a prescribed protest fee. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
21. 5) On receipt of a protest, the Competition Committee shall advise the relevant team managers and indicate arrangements for hearing the protest.
21. 6) The protest shall be heard as soon as possible, allowing time for paddlers still on the water and officials still involved in official duties to be called as witnesses (if required) when first available.
21. 7) The following options are available to the Competition Committee:
  21. 7) a) To dismiss the protest;
  21. 7) b) To uphold the protest and either:
    21. 7) b) i Alter the placings or
    21. 7) b) ii Disqualify the offending canoe from the event.
21. 8) The Competition Committee shall dismiss a protest it deems frivolous.
21. 9) Before disqualifying a competitor, the Competition Committee shall be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that a breach of the racing regulations has occurred.
21. 10) The Competition Committee shall inform the relevant team managers, in writing, of its decision. Each team manager shall sign this report and the time it was received.
21. 11) At events other than an Australian Championship, the decision of the Competition Committee is final (subject to appeal as provided in the Australian Canoeing Constitution).

## 22 Appeals

22. 1) At the Australian Championships, competitors have the right to appeal to the Jury against a decision of the Competition Committee. The appeal, in writing and with reasons, must be addressed to the Convenor of the Jury and lodged, by the team manager, with the Jury Convenor not later than thirty minutes after the team manager has been informed, in writing, of the decision against the competitor or team, and has signed the receipt.
22. 2) At events where no Jury has been appointed, competitors shall have the rights of appeal from a decision of the Competition Committee as are set out in the relevant schedule of the Constitution of Australian Canoeing Inc or by-law of Australian Canoeing Inc.
22. 3) If the paddler involved in the disqualifications is still completing the course the time for lodging an appeal shall be extended until one hour after that paddler either completes the course or withdraws from the event.
22. 4) An appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
22. 5) On receipt of the appeal the Convenor of the Jury shall advise the relevant team managers and indicate arrangements for hearing the appeal.
22. 6) The appeal shall be heard as soon as possible. Witnesses may be called.
22. 7) The decision of the Jury is final (subject to appeal as provided in the Australian Canoeing Constitution).
22. 8) Final results shall be prepared and medals and trophies presented after the Jury's decision is announced, or the time limit for appeals to the Jury has expired (whichever is the later).

## 23 Disqualifications

23. 1) A competitor must respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave in accordance with the rules of good sportsmanship.
23. 2) Any competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing regulations will be disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.
23. 3) Physical violence will result in immediate disqualification for the duration of the competition and reference to the MSC regarding eligibility for future competitions.
23. 4) Should a competitor have completed a race in a kayak or canoe which is shown, upon inspection, not to fulfil the ICF or Australian Canoeing classifications, s/he shall be disqualified from the race in question.
23. 5) All disqualifications by the Competition Committee must be confirmed in writing immediately, giving the reasons. The team manager of the competitor must acknowledge receipt on a copy of the notice, with the exact time, which marks the start of the protest time (ie. up to one hour after the crew involved has either completed the event or withdrawn from it or thirty minutes after receiving notice of the disqualification, whichever is the longer period).

## 25 Start

### 25. 4) b) Grid Start

State and Territory teams equally represented in each rank of the grid with the positions being determined by the draw. State and Territory teams take precedence over club teams.

## 29 Assistance

ICF Rule 29 holds except for 29. 2), which applies to international Selection Classes at Australian Championships and other Australian Team selection races, but not to Touring Classes.

## 30 Safety Measures

### 30. 1) Redress

- 30. 1) b) A competitor who alleges that his/her finishing position has been materially prejudiced by rendering assistance in accordance with ICF Rule 30 (Safety Measures) may request redress from the Competition Committee.
- 30. 1) c) Notification seeking redress shall be given to the Chief Official by the Team Manager of the competitor/s seeking redress less than one hour after that competitor's completing the event or withdrawal from it. A protest fee shall not be required in these instances.
- 30. 1) d) When consideration of redress has been initiated in accordance with regulation 9.4(b), the Competition Committee shall decide whether the finishing position of a competitor or competitors has been materially prejudiced in the circumstances outlined in 9.4(a).
- 30. 1) e) In so deciding, the Competition Committee shall examine umpires' time sheets and reports and shall take other appropriate evidence.
- 30. 1) f) If the Competition Committee is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that a competitor has been so disadvantaged, it shall make as equitable arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. This may be to let the results of the event stand, or to adjust the finishing times and/or the placings of prejudiced competitors or to adopt some other means.
- 30. 1) g) The decision of the Competition Committee in requests for redress shall be given in writing to the team manager/s of competitors involved in the request or affected by the outcome of the request. The team manager/s involved shall each sign this report and indicate the time it was received.

## 39 Drawing of Lots

The drawing of lots for starting positions in each class (if required) shall be carried out under the control of the MSC Chairman or Secretary and the supervision of the Technical Director and Chief Official. Team managers shall be advised of the drawing of lots and invited to attend to observe. In the drawing of lots, official State and Territory representatives shall take precedence over non-official and club representatives.

## 43 Awards

- 43. 4) Medals will be awarded in all constituted classes to all placegetters who finish in a higher place than another competitor in their constituted class.
- 43. 5) Medals may be awarded to Juniors in unconstituted classes at the discretion of the MRC.
- 43. 6) A placegetter is a competitor/crew that:
  - 43. 6) b) Crosses the finish line in first, second or third position and is confirmed in this position by the Competition Committee.
  - 43. 6) c) Crosses the finish line in second or third position and is confirmed in a higher position on appeal or through the disqualification of a competitor/crew finishing ahead of it.
  - 43. 6) d) Crosses the finish line subsequently and is awarded first, second or third position on appeal or through the disqualification of a competitor/crew finishing ahead of it.