
Race Notification and Selection Procedures

In order to represent PSOCC in regattas there is a process for Paddlers expressing their intention to race and then a selection process to finalise nominations. The club Selectors will then advise all Paddlers of the Team/s. Paddlers have a right to challenge the Selectors first choice by way of a paddle-off for any seat in any canoe, however the final decision on Teams rests with the Club Coach.

Paddlers wishing to compete must nominate and follow the procedures set out below.

Selectors

The Selector Team of three (3) which includes the Club Coach and at least two experienced club members who also act as Assistant Coaches.

Team Selection is based on the following criteria (not listed in any particular order)

- Attitude/commitment to club, team & individuals
- Commitment to training
- Commitment to overall race season
- Willingness to be coached
- Paddle positions
- Overall fitness
- Paddling aptitude

The Club Coach holds the final decision in Team/s Nominated if Selectors are split.

Notification Process

Paddlers wishing to race in a season must confirm their intent:

Timings:

- Prior to the Season - Paddlers must notify their intention to race in the season and at which events. Paddlers can nominate for single events on a case by case basis
- 3 weeks prior to each regatta - Paddlers are to reconfirm their availability for the upcoming event no later than 3 weeks prior. Selectors have the right not to consider any notifications received after this period.
- At least 2 Weeks prior to each regatta - Selectors will nominate Team/s and notify Paddlers. This will allow paddlers time to appeal their position and challenge for seats/teams
- Appeals & Challengers to be lodged within 2 days of Team Nominations being released
- Paddle-offs will be held during the following mid-week training sessions
- At least 1 week prior to each regatta - Final Team/s will be confirmed
- Club Registrar, Registers the teams to the host club via AOCRA before the host clubs cut off time
- Paddlers are advised and deposit race fees to Club Account

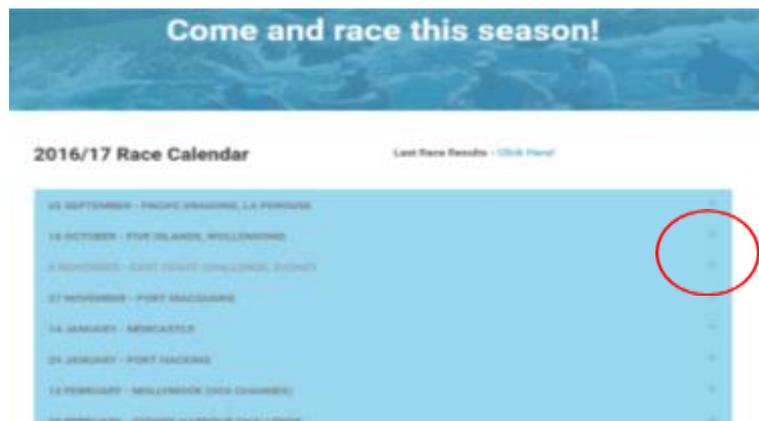
Nomination Process

Paddlers wishing to compete in regattas are requested to complete the nomination process. This allows coaching to be tailored around the season and paddlers.

- Go to the club web visit www.portstephensoutriggers.com,



- Select Event either singular or all events by clicking on the Plus sign (+) next to each event



- Select your intention
 - Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
 - Confirmed – must be done no later than 3 weeks prior to Regatta
- Paddlers to select one ASAP for planning purposes



- Complete your name and click “Submit”
- A copy of your intention is then emailed automatically to the Selectors
- 3 weeks prior to the regatta you must then “Confirm” your intention via the notification process, we ask if you know prior to 3 weeks you should also notify the Selectors ASAP
- At least 2 weeks prior to the regatta the Selectors will name the team/s via email
- If any Paddler wishes to appeal the Team Nominated they must contact the Club Coach and request an Appeal, giving reasons and Challenge for a position
 - The Club Coach will notify the Selectors to review the reasons for the appeal
 - If Selectors unanimously agree there is not sufficient valid grounds for the appeal, then the appeal will be denied and the challenger notified, or:
 - Selectors will notify the seat position to be challenged and conduct a Paddle-Off
- The final Team/s will be Named and Registered to race.

Example: The following example shows the timing (Red) for Confirmations, Team Nominations, Challengers and Registering the Teams. The timing should be treated as the last day with every effort to finalise and have teams training together for a period prior to each regatta.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27 Feb	28 8:00pm Training	1 Mar	2 8:00pm Training	3	4 8:00pm Training	5
6	7 8:00pm Training	8	9 8:00pm Training	10 Confirmation Required	11 8:00pm Training	12 Selectors Nominate Teams
13	14 Paddlers Appeal Team Position 8:00pm Training	15	16 Paddle Off 8:00pm Training	17	18 Paddle Off 8:00pm Training	19
20 Final Team Confirmed	21 8:00pm Training	22	23 8:00pm Training	24 Teams Registered	25 8:00pm Training	26
27	28 8:00pm Training	29	30 8:00pm Training	31	1 Apr State Titles, Port Stephens	2

Appeals

Teams will be nominated based on the Selection criteria detailed above, however if a Paddler feel or wishes to paddle in a specific Team they have the right to Appeal the Team Nomination and Challenge for a position in any Team.

The Paddler must notify the Club Coach and detail their Appeal reason as to why they feel they should be in another team. The Club Coach will notify the Selectors of an Appeal. The Selectors will review the details behind the Appeal and decide if the Challenging Paddler has justifiable cause/reason the Selectors will organise a Paddle-Off with the Team position the has been appealed.

Paddle-Off

A Paddle-Off between paddlers will be conducted over a given distance and either by the way of a Race or Timed event. There may be a need to conduct several Paddle-Offs in order to confirm consistency between tide, weather or craft.

If a challenged position is not defended by the first nominated paddler it will be considered the challenger was successful.

The results of the Paddle-Off and Appeal reason will then be used to re-access the Team/s with the final Team/s being Nominated. The Club Coach to have final say if Selectors are split on any outcomes of the Paddle-Off.

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