Paddle Worldwide

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Canoe Ocean Racing Relay Event

The Relay is a **Junior mixed-team event**, with each team consisting of one female and one male athlete.

Eligibility and Team Composition

The event is open to **Junior athletes ONLY**. No athletes from any other age category are eligible to participate.

Teams will normally compete as National Teams, with both athletes representing the same National Federation.

Depending on the number of entries, mixed teams composed of Junior athletes from different National Federations may also be accepted.

Competition Format

The competition will be conducted in a **Head-to-Head elimination format**, with normally two teams competing in each heat. Depending on the total number of entries, up to three teams may compete in the same heat.

Teams will be allocated to the heats by random draw.

The number of teams advancing from each heat will depend on the total number of entries. The elimination rounds will be structured so that **three teams qualify for the Final**.

After each heat, the qualifying team or teams will advance to the next round, while the remaining teams will be eliminated. This process will continue through successive rounds until the Final, which will determine the overall winner.

Race Format

Each race is completed over three consecutive legs, using the same short triangular course.

1. lap – Women's SS1
The female athlete starts from the beach, completes one lap of the course in SS1 and returns to the beach.

2. lap – Men's SS1
Following the changeover, the male athlete starts from the beach, completes the same course in SS1 and returns to the beach.

3. lap - Mixed SS2
For the final lap, the two athletes race together in an SS2, completing the same course before crossing the finish line.

The exact changeover procedure will be determined by the Competition Committee in consultation with the Team Leaders, taking into account the local conditions and the most appropriate and safe option for the competition venue.

Each team is allowed to have **one team member** assisting the athletes with the handling of boats and other equipment during the race and changeovers.

The result of each race is determined when the SS2 crew crosses the finish line. The team crossing the finish line first wins the race and advances to the next round.

Course

The course has a triangular layout of approximately 1 km and is designed to keep the entire race close to shore and easily visible to spectators.

From the beach start, athletes paddle towards the first buoy, positioned approximately 280 metres offshore, which must be rounded to port. They then continue approximately 300 metres to the second buoy, before turning back towards the first buoy and completing the designated course back to the beach.

The course layout may be modified if necessary, depending on local conditions, safety requirements or operational considerations.

Safety and Race Management

Two support boats will be positioned on the course, with one stationed at each buoy. International Technical Officials (ITOs) will supervise the course and support the safe and correct conduct of the race.

The use of a PFD is mandatory for all athletes throughout the event.

Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony will take place on the beach immediately after the Final, providing an immediate conclusion to the Relay competition.