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Welcome Letter

Dear friends,

Paddle Australia is pleased to provide preliminary event information for the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, 29 September -4 October 2025.

Following the recently announced funding support from the Australian and NSW Governments, Paddle Australia is committed to delivering a memorable world championship of the highest standard.

In this document you will find the essential details required to plan your trip to Australia and we look forward to welcoming you to Penrith in 2025.

The information will be updated as required and available on the event website. If you have any questions, please contact our events team.

Yours in sport

Andrew Trim, President - Paddle Australia



“Paddle Australia is committed to delivering a memorable world championship of the highest standard.”

- Andrew Trim



General Information

Updated information is highlighted in yellow

The 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships will be held in Penrith, Australia, from Monday 29 September – Saturday 4 October, 2025.

Venue name/address

Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS)
McCarthy's Lane
Cranebrook NSW 2749
Australia

www.sport.nsw.gov.au/penrithwhitewater

Websites

<https://www.sydney2025.com/>

OR

ICF Event. <http://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-world-championships/penrith-2025>

Key Contacts

slalom@paddle.org.au



Penrith Information

The City of Penrith is located approximately 55 kilometres west of Sydney's Central Business District and is on the western outskirts of the Sydney metropolitan area.

The city is fortunate to be situated on the Nepean River and at the foothills of the famous Blue Mountains, a designated World Heritage Area.

Being situated on the Nepean River and having the Blue Mountains as its backdrop, is a vital part of its character and one that distinguishes it from the rest of metropolitan Sydney. The river forms the western boundary of the city and the Penrith Whitewater Stadium is only 5 minutes from the heart of the Penrith Central Business District.

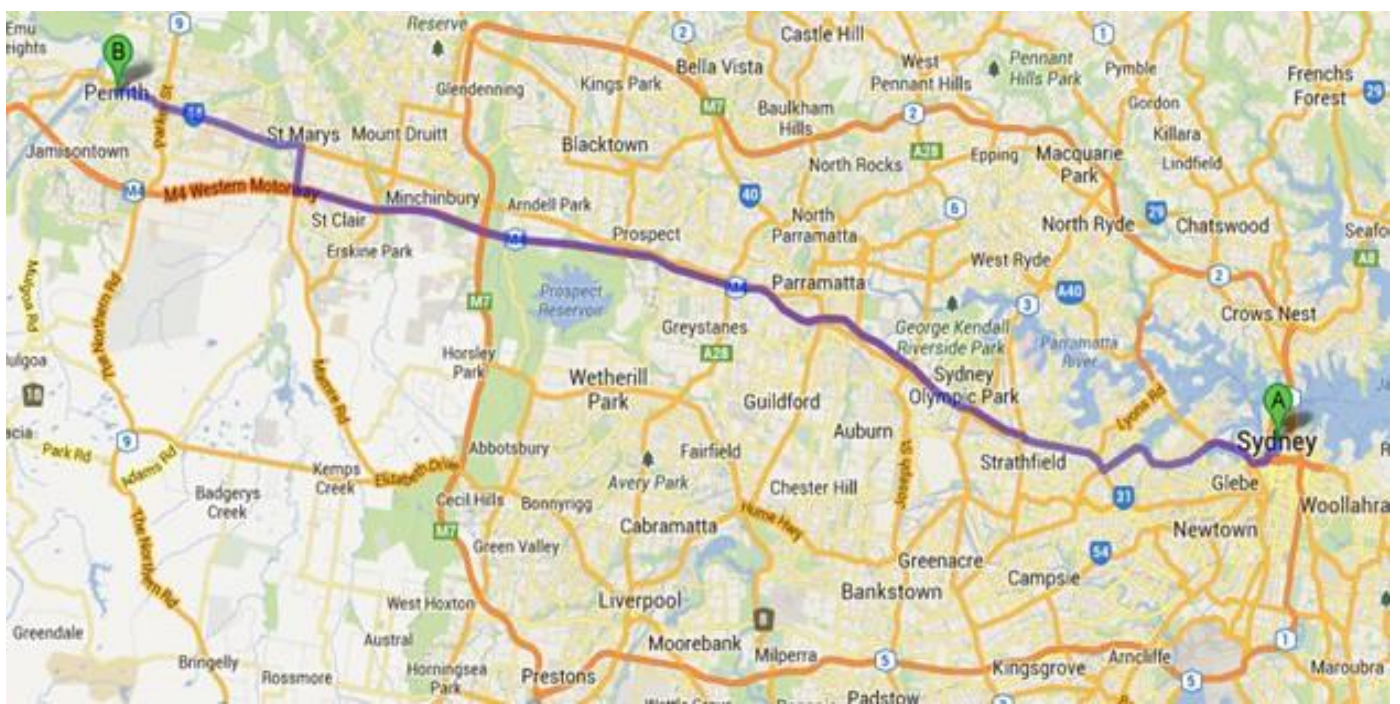
Airports, Trains & and roads all lead to Penrith

Penrith is one of the most densely populated areas in Sydney, with a good level and quality of transport to

and from the centre of Sydney. Airport – The Sydney International Airport is 70 km east of Penrith. Travel from the airport to Penrith is accessible by direct train, bus or car. Sydney airport information: www.sydneyairport.com.au

Train – Penrith has its own major railway station that links directly to and from the city. The railway station is approximately 5km away from the Penrith Whitewater Stadium. More information at www.transportnsw.info

Roads – The road link from the city to the western suburbs is again easily accessible. Major roads such as the M4, M7 and Great Western Highway all link the Central Business District of Sydney to Penrith.



Penrith Information cont.

Weather in October

- Average temperature high 26° / low 14°
- Average monthly amount precipitation is 54mm
- Average daily wind speed 18 km/h
- Average daily relative humidity 60%

Local Attractions

Penrith is a hub of fun things to do and interesting places to go in Sydney.

Situated at the foot of the Blue Mountains and only a 50 minute drive from the centre of Sydney, Penrith is the perfect place to challenge yourself, explore the outdoors, learn something new, tantalise your taste buds or visit Bondi Beach.

<https://www.visitpenrith.com.au/things-to-do>

<https://www.visitbluemountains.com.au/>



Penrith Whitewater Stadium Information

Penrith Whitewater Stadium (PWS) was the competition venue for the Canoe/Kayak Slalom events during the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

The construction of the Stadium was a joint venture between Penrith City Council, the International Canoe Federation (including Australian Canoeing), and the Olympic Coordination Authority.

The course has been constructed using a combination of both natural and man-made materials to recreate the characteristics of a natural whitewater river.

Water is drawn from the nearby warm-up lake by six 300kw submersible pumps. Each pump delivers 2,800 litres (2.8 cubic metres) of water per second to the start pool at the top of the course.

The river flows 12 cubic metres of water per second on 4 pumps. The channel itself is concrete and varies in width from 8 metres to 14 metres. It is 320 metres long, drops 5.5 metres top to bottom and its constructed in a "U" shape. A moveable obstacle system makes it possible to change the whitewater features.



Competition Program

See the full Competition Provisional Schedule at:

<http://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-world-championships/penrith-2025>

Events	
<i>Canoe & Kayak (CSL) - Individual events</i>	<i>Kayak Cross (CSLX) - Individual Events</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men Kayak (MK1) • Women Kayak (WK1) • Men Canoe (MC1) • Women Canoe (WC1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Kayak Cross Individual (MX1I) • Women's Kayak Cross Individual (WX1I) • Men's Kayak Cross (MX1) • Women's Kayak Cross (WX1)
Teams	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Kayak Team (MK1x3) • Women's Kayak Team (WK1x3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Canoe Team (MC1x3) • Women's Canoe Team (WC1x3)
Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 21 - Sunday 28 September 	Official training week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 29 September 	Men's & Women's Kayak Cross Individual (Medal event) Opening Ceremony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 30 September 	Qualification Men's & Women's Canoe & Team Event Finals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 1 October 	Qualification Men's & Women's Kayak & Team event finals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 2 October 	Semi-Finals and Finals Men's & Women's Canoe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3 October 	Semi-Finals and Finals Men's & Women's Kayak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 4 October 	Kayak Cross Repechage Kayak Cross Heats Kayak Cross Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals

Entries & Participation Fees

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.

Numerical Entries

- Numerical entries close: Monday 15 August 2025
- You must submit through SDP the number of athletes you will enter into each event.
- Please also give indicative numbers for the overall number of athletes and team personnel who will attend the event with your delegation.

Nominal Entries

- Nominal entries close: Friday 19 September 2025
- Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
- Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the event organiser will NOT be accepted.

Participation & ITO Fee

A Participation/ITO Fee will be charged for each accredited athlete and team official, to cover the duration of the Official Training and Competition phases of the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

The participation fee will be set following the 2024 ICF Congress and will include the following services:

- Accreditation
- Access to athlete's village
- Nations tent
- Technical video signal in team tents
- Boat storage
- Security
- Public wifi access on venue
- Team parking
- Information regarding the accommodation
- Free training during the official training period
- Emergency first aid
- Flat-water training
- An invitation letter for visa applications where required

Free accreditation will be provided for the NF President, the NF General Secretary, and ITOs selected by the ICF.

The participation fees must be paid by bank transfer before the arrival at Penrith, no other payment method is available. If you require an invoice please contact

slalom@paddle.org.au.

Training

Official Training

- Official Training: Sunday 21 – Sunday 28 September

One training slot per day per athlete for slalom plus 1 training slot per day per athlete for kayak cross. This training period will be booked via the ICF Whitewater Manager.

Extra Training Sessions

For bookings for training outside training period email:

whitewater@sport.nsw.gov.au

A separate document will be published on the ICF and event websites to give more information on prices and how to book open sessions and exclusive sessions outside the advertised training periods.



Accommodation

Paddle Australia is collaborating with local accommodation providers to provide teams with a range of accommodation offerings. Full details of accommodation are at the end of the bulletin.

A travel partner will be appointed imminently. They will be able to manage flights, accommodation, ground transfers and car hire. They are also able to service family & friends and additional travel and tourism requirements.

There is a range of accommodation of various standards and types available in the Penrith area.

Group Accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Cables Accommodation

Address: 405 Jamison Road, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4722 2537 (International)

Website Address: <https://www.cableswakepark.com.au/attractions/accommodation/>

Best way to book: info@cableswakepark.com.au

Group Rates: Yes

Place of Accommodation: Winbourne/Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre

Address: 'Winbourne' 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4773 5555 (International)

Website Address: <http://www.winbourne.org/>

Best way to book: reception@winbourne.org

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre

Address: 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745 NSW, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4773 8338 (International)

Website Address: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/conference-retreat-facilities/>

Best way to book: +61 (2) 4773 8338 or bookings@schoenstatt.org.au

Group Rates: Yes

Place of Accommodation: University of Western Sydney – Residential Colleges

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4570 1248 (International)

Website Address: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/accommodation/live-on-campus/hawkesbury>

Best way to book: hawkesbury.village@westernsydney.edu.au

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Hotel / Motel Accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Quest Penrith

Address: 83 Lord Sheffield Circuit, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 9136 1100 (International)

Website Address: <https://www.questapartments.com.au/properties/nsw/penrith/quest-penrith>

Best way to book: sales.penrith@questapartments.com.au

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Pullman Hotels and Resorts

Address: 81 Mulgoa Road, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4725 6000 (International)

Website Address: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/C0F1/index.en.shtml>

Best way to book: reservations@pullmanpenrith.com.au

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Astina Suites

Address: 21 - 25 Woodriff Street, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4731 1777 (International)

Website Address: <https://astinasuites.com.au/>

Best way to book: +61 (2) 4731 1777 (International)

Group Rates: Yes

Place of Accommodation: Mercure Penrith

Address: Panthers Place, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4721 7700 (International)

Website Address: <https://www.mercurepenrith.com.au/>

Best way to book: +61 (2) 4721 7700

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Ingenia Holiday Nepean River

Address: 91/95 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4735 4425 (International)

Website Address: <https://glhp.com.au/parks/nepean-shores/>

Best way to book: +61 (2) 4735 4425

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Nepean by Gateway Lifestyle Holiday Park Shores

Address: 6 - 22 Tench Avenue, Jamieson NSW 2750, Australia

Phone Number: +61 (2) 4063 0801 (International)

Website Address: <https://glhp.com.au/parks/nepean-shores/>

Best way to book: +61 (2) 4063 0801 (International)

Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Accommodation

Hotel / Motel Accommodation cont.

Place of Accommodation: The Select Inn Penrith
Address: 708 - 710 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia
Phone Number: +1 - 888 377 3067 (International)
Website Address: <https://theselectinnpenrith.com.au/>
Best way to book: stay@theselectinnpenrith.com.au
Group rates: Yes

Place of Accommodation: Quality Inn Penrith
Address: 261 Mulgoa Road, Penrith NSW 2750, Australia
Phone Number: +61 (2) 4734 5555 (International)
Website Address: <https://qualityinnpenrith.com.au/>
Best way to book: info@qualityinnpenrith.com.au
Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Littomore Hotel & Suites
Address: 10 Hargrave Street, Kingswood NSW 2747, Australia
Phone Number: +61 (2) 4712 8188 (International)
Website Address: <https://www.littomoresuites.com.au/>
Best way to book: kingswood@littomoresuites.com.au
Group Rates: Please confirm with place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: Novotel West Sydney, West HQ
Address: 55 Sherbrooke St, Rooty Hill NSW 2766
Phone: (02) 9832 3888
Best way to book: reservations@novotelwesthq.com.au
Group Rates: Please confirm with the place of accommodation

Place of Accommodation: ValueSuites Penrith
Address: Billington Place, Emu Plains NSW 2750, Australia
Phone Number: +61 02 4735 4433
Website Address: <https://valuesuites.com.au/penrith/>
Best way to book: penrith@valuesuites.com.au

Other accommodation directories:

- [Accommodation | Penrith Australia](#)
- <https://www.booking.com>
- [Stayz](#)
- [Airbnb](#)
- <https://www.visitpenrith.com.au/places-to-stay>
- [Wotif](#)

Transport

Flights

The Organising Committee of the World Championships 2025 in Penrith we are currently negotiating with airlines to guarantee the uplift of boats. We will provide further information in the near future.

Transfers

Information on Airport pick ups and transfers will be supplied in a subsequent bulletin.

Boat Transport

In cooperation with the ICF and the Organising Committee of the World Championships 2025 in Penrith we would like to offer boat and equipment transportation from Kassel/Germany to Penrith and back to Germany. This will be coordinated by the ICF Official partner PROWAVE Boat and Coach Service.

The service includes:

- Transport in sea freight containers to Penrith venue and back to Germany
- Loading and lashing service by our team staff for safe transport to Penrith and back
- All Custom Clearance paperwork
- Transport insurance
- Guaranteed timing

The rate for this all inclusive service:

- K1, C1: 550 Euros per each boat
- Accessories like bikes, paddles, ergometers on request.

Timetable to send the boats to Penrith:

1. Delivery to Prowave Warehouse in Kassel / Germany till 10.07.2025
2. Handover in Slalom World Cup in Prague 29.06.2025

Boats and Equipment will be ready to use in Penrith Venue latest from 12 of September 2025 till end of Competition on 08.10.2025.

For more information

Contact: Stefan Bretthauer

kontakt@prowave.de

www.prowave.de

Mobile: +49 177 8750202

Boat Hire

Information on boat hire will be supplied in a subsequent bulletin following discussions with manufacturers.

Visa Requirements

Under Australia's universal visa system, all visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia. The attached link can provide you with all visa requirements and options available.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit>

Letter of invitation

If a letter of invitation is required from Paddle Australia, please provide the participant's full name as it appears on passport, passport number, date of birth and the participant's role ie. Athlete, Coach, Manager etc.

Please email this information to slalom@paddle.org.au.



Ticketing & Event Information

Ticketing is now available at <https://www.sydney2025.com/>.

Spectators are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance of the event to guarantee availability.



Thanks to our event partners & sponsors

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