





Sandgroper Series
27th NOV 21

Match Racing





















Introduction

The Sandgroper Series has been created by Western Zone Outrigger Association (WAZA) to grow the sport of Outrigging in WA. Introducing a juniors only race series to ensure paddlers are kept engaged through out thier early development years within the sport.

WAZA to provide the race program template, race director and technical support. Clubs nominate to host an event. The host club will provide time keeper / starter, registrar, additional safety craft and first aid officer.

1.	27 Nov 21	Match Racing
2.	15 Jan 22	Sprint
3.	29 Jan 22	Sprint
4.	05 Feb 22	Mini Monkeys
5.	19 Feb 22	Adventure
6.	09 Mar 22	Sprint
7.	23 April 22	Junior state titles Sprints

Wavemaster's Bunbury

Rockingham

Kwillana cancelled

Wavemasters Bunbury

Geographe Busselton

Hurricanes

Champion lakes WAZA/ROCC

Match racing will be run with two canoes racing head-to-head. Heats will be run to determine the positions for the knockout stages before finals to determine point's positions. The course will be approximately 250 metres from turn marker to turn marker. The briefing will explain the rules regarding positioning at start and for turns etc. So please ensure you attend and listen.

Race Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Distance</u>
08:15	Registrations and canoe scrutineering	
08:45	Welcome & All Races Briefing	
09:00	Minnow	250m Straight
	U12	500m 2 turns
	U14	500m 2 turns
	U16/19	1000m 4 turns
13:30	Presentations and Farewells	

NB: Race times are a guide only and may be varied due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. Please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings for updates.

Location Leschinault inlet . Race HQ Sykes foreshore reserve. Off Lyons cove .



Venue Facilities;

Toilets and Showers

A toilet is available onsite.

Food and Refreshments

Competitors and supporters are asked to please bring their own Lunch and drinking water. Sausage sizzle and drinks available.

General Safety;

Life Jackets

Must be worn by all minnow aged paddlers on all craft.

Water Safety Requirements

A beach cordinator and first aiders will be located on the beach.

Tender craft with drivers and crews will also be positioned to assist paddlers that find themselves in any difficities.

Weather Conditions

Clubs are advised to bring their own tents and gazebos for shade. Ensure paddlers have sun block and hats. Umbrellas are great for sun as well as rain.

Paddlers Ability

Paddlers are reminded that adequate training for this race is recommended and that all paddlers must be familiar with 'huli' procedures and have an appropriate level of fitness.

Canoes and Equipment

All canoes to comply with AOCRA specifications. Canoes will be checked on the beach prior to the race briefing.

Safety

All OC6 canoes must carry two (2) bailers at all times.

Canoe Availability

All canoes to be supplied for match racing events. Host clubs may ask other clubs for assistance with canoes, it is within the spirit of outrigger canoeing for all of us to help out.

Race Specifics

Rules

The regatta will be run under Training and Regatta rules.

Next Races

Competitors must be present at the marshalling area with enough time to prepare canoe and enter the water. Races will not be held for latecomers and will start on time.

Starts

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

The order of the start is:

- 1. Raising the white flag indicates two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes.
- 2. Raising of the red flag canoe move to a starting position behind the start line.
- 3. Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Crossing the start line at any time after the red flag and just before the raising of the green flag will result in a black flag being raised. It is up to the offending craft to move back behind the start line. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.

Course Markers

Buoys will be used to indicate the course turns and distances for the races.

An area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.

Turns

The canoe must round the turn buoy ama side as per AOCRA Sprint Rules. The buoy must remain to the outside of the ama and not be ridden over. If the canoe does not go around the buoy they must redo the turn or be disqualified.

Entry Fees

Per paddier, covers all events \$15.00	Per paddler, covers all events	\$15.00
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Entries and payment are to be completed online via the AOCRA Website

AOCRA online registration must be completed on or no later than seven (7) days prior to the event (20th nov 2021). For assistance in registering please contact Connie 0412643318 bargainhogz@hotmail.com

Paddlers to be registered online under the OC1 Other category in their age and gender group. This will cover them for the days racing. Team coaches to send through details of what events each paddler will be competing in as soon as practicable (No later than 20th Nov 21).

Please send Connie your paddler list in age groups bargainhogz@hotmail.com (specify steerer with a P) if we have any paddlers without teams they will be mixed up into extra teams.

20th nov is the absolute cut off . NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY

COVID Safety

For the safety of our community we must continue to keep up physical distancing where possible and good personal hygiene to better protect ourselves and the general health of our community. Everyone needs to play their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This means following good hygiene habits and physical distancing. • Stay home if you're sick. • Keep 1.5 metres away from others. • Don't make unnecessary physical contact with others. Avoid physical greetings, such as handshakes, hugs and kisses. –We know its hard • Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitiser. • Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Use a flexed elbow or a tissue; if you use a tissue, dispose of it immediately and appropriately.

Sign in

Instead of our usual sign in method one representative from each club will sign in for the whole club. This will reduce the number of people at the sign in tent.

On the day please nominate one club member to collect the registration sheet, tick off each paddler and return it once your crew has arrived.

All spectators and visitors will be required sign in and add their phone number to watch the event. This will assist with any COVID tracking should we require it.







