



**Qualifier for IVF World Sprint Championships  
– Singapore 2026**

**14, 15 & 16th November 2025**

**Coomera Lake, 33 Water Sport Lane, Oxenford**

CITY OF  
**GOLDCOAST™**

**ONLINE NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 2nd November 2025**



# WELCOME MESSAGE

## – AOCRA National Sprint Titles 2025

On behalf of the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association, it gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome all paddlers, families, friends, volunteers, and officials to the **2025 AOCRA National Sprint Titles**, to be held from **13–15 November** at the stunning Coomera Lake, **Watersports Lane Oxenford on the Gold Coast**.



As we gather on the Gold Coast, we acknowledge the **Yugambah People**, the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways where this event is held. The connection between culture, community, and water is something that resonates deeply with outrigger canoe paddling, and we are honoured to celebrate our sport on these lands.

We also take a moment to remember members of our paddling community who are no longer with us in body but remain ever-present in spirit. Their love for the water, their commitment to the traditions of our sport, and the memories we hold of them continue to guide and inspire us. As we race, connect, and celebrate together, we honour them by upholding the customs, values, and spirit of outrigger canoe paddling.

This event is always one of the highlights of our paddling calendar – a time where our outrigger family comes together from across the country, not only to compete but to reconnect, celebrate, and share in the unique culture of our sport. It's a chance to reunite with old friends, forge new ones, and enjoy the spirit of community that makes outriggering so special.

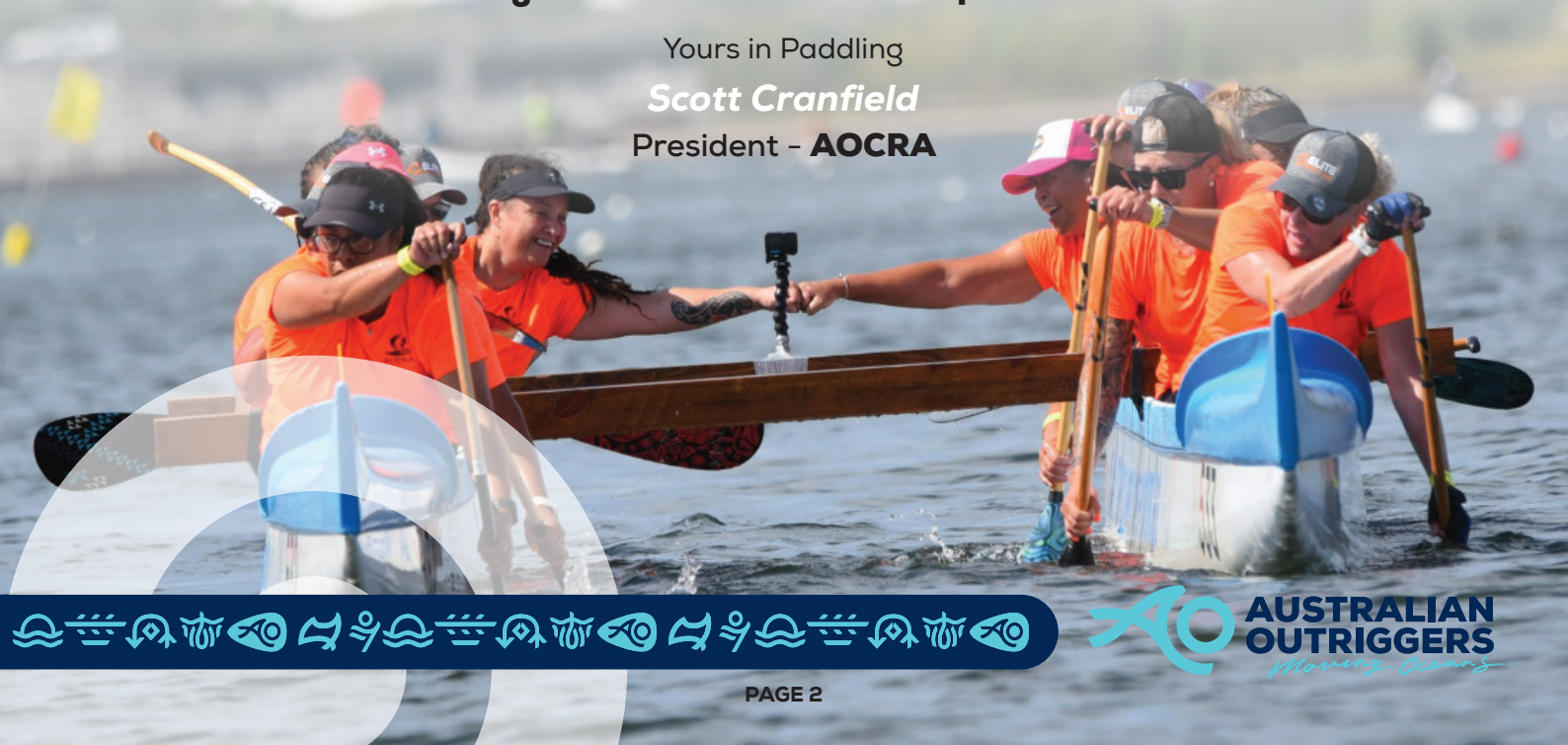
This year promises to be particularly exciting. With **National Titles on the line and qualification opportunities for the 2026 IVF World Sprint Championships in Singapore**, we can expect some of the most competitive sprint paddling seen in years. The energy, determination, and skill of our athletes will no doubt inspire us all.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless commitment of our volunteers, officials, and supporters, whose efforts ensure that every detail of this event is safe, professional, and enjoyable. To each of you, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

We look forward to three days filled with fast racing, great camaraderie, and the celebration of outrigger paddling at its very best. Whether you are competing, cheering, volunteering, or simply soaking up the atmosphere, may this year's Nationals leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

**Welcome to the Gold Coast – Welcome to Lake Coomera – and Welcome to another unforgettable AOCRA National Sprint Titles!**

Yours in Paddling  
**Scott Cranfield**  
President - **AOCRA**





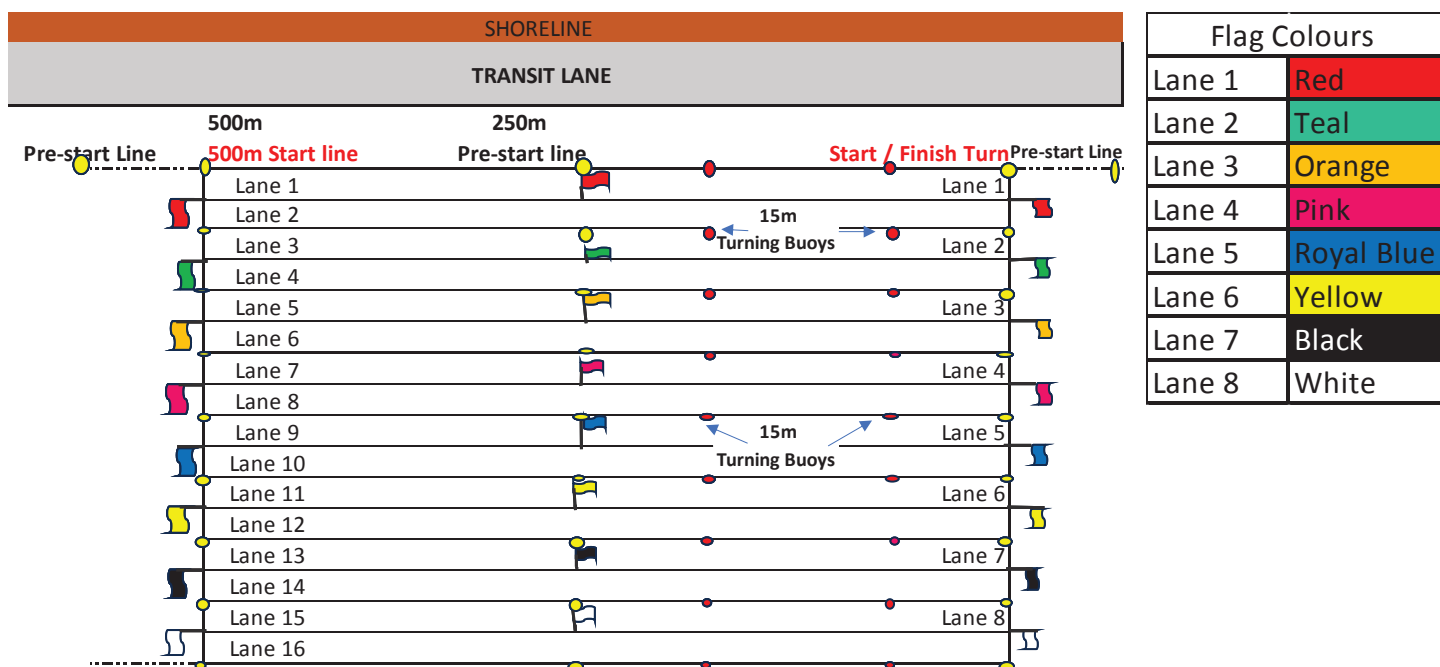
There is filtered water available to fill up your refillable bottles – reduce waste and refill.

Parking is premium anywhere on the Gold Coast. There is lots of free parking available, as the lake is a popular public walking area – come early to nab a park onsite. There is also parking on the roads and surrounding streets.



Parking on the grass onsite will be open from 6am. Once 1st call for the first race of each day – the grassed area parking will be CLOSED. For the safety of everyone, you will not be able to remove your vehicle until after the last race of each day. If you need to leave through the day, this parking is not suitable. Please use another carpark.

All Trailers to be unloaded in the allocated boat trailer parking in the bitumen carpark



- 500m – V12, V6 and V1 will be as above; Lane 1 to 16 (as illustrated Left to Right)
- 500m (1 Turn), 1000m and 1500m Lane; Lane 1 to Lane 8 (Start at right hand side of illustration)



# EVENTS

Category	V12	V1	V6 Straight	V6 Turns
Mighty Minnows*	250m Mixed	N/A	250m M/F/X	500m (1-turn) Mixed
12U	250m Mixed	250m M/F	500m M/F	500m (1-turn) Mixed
14U	500m Mixed	250m M/F	500m M/F	500m (1-turn) Mixed
16U	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F	1000m M/F
19U	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F	1000m M/F
Open	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F/X	1500m M/F
Masters	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F/X	1000m M/F
Senior Masters	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F/X	1000m M/F
Golden Masters	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F/X	1000m M/F
Platinum	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m (1-turn) M/F
Platinum 75	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m (1-turn) M/F
Platinum 80	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m M/F	500m (1-turn) M/F
Elite (Open)	500m M/F	N/A	500m M/F	1500m M/F

Key: M = Male, F = Female, X = Mixed. \*Mighty Minnows – Piloting new category.

Mighty Minnows - A category introduced to support inclusion of a category that is small and unable to 'paddle up'.

**Mighty Minnows team composition** (V6) and doubled for V12

- 2 Minnows minimum
- No more than 3 x 12U
- 1 x PASSIVE steerer – “14 years and over; *Adult or competent steerer*, male or female” (AO Rule 14.7.5)

Mixed is 3 girls in a V6 canoe at all times

NOTE: V1 Australian Quota (Worlds 2026)

Quota	16U Girls	16U Boys	19U Girls	19U Boys	Open Women	Open Men	M40 Women	M40 Men	M50 Women	M50 Men
V1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
	M60 Women	M60 Men	M70 Women	M70 Men	M75 Women	M75 Men	M80 Women	M80 Men	Para Women	Para Men
	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3



# COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY (Rules)

All AOCRA Rules July 2024 will be adhered to. For specific Sprint related rules – please see AO Rules 16.13

- 3 nominations in an event make it an eligible category. If less than 3, the entry will move down into the next division or until the 3 nominations criteria is met.
- For this event, clubs will be able to combine 2 x V6 age eligible teams to combine to form V12 teams (the nomination will need to be completed by one club). This will include Club teams wishing to qualify for World Sprints 2026.
- V1 & V6 paddlers – may paddle in **2 divisions only when there are 3 or more races separate the heats, semi-finals or finals.** AO will not hold races in loading bay or at the startline, nor will AO be able to ferry paddlers to their team. Please be mindful of this when choosing to race across divisions. There are 300 races to be completed in 3 days, so we cannot support race delays.
- AO Rules 13.1 – Junior rules will apply
- All club transfers for non-Elite races need to be completed by **24th October 2025.**

## INFORMATION

- V6/V12 type being used is Mirage Canoes
- V1 type being used is Zulu (12kg+)
- 12-16 straight lanes will be used for straight races (12.5m width per lane)
- 6-8 Turn lanes will be used for turn races (25m width per lane)

National Fees per race/per person	All Juniors	All Seniors
Total to AO	\$15.00	\$30.00

## REGISTRATION

Each paddler checks-in at registration to receive their wristband in order to race for the weekend





## Qualifying for

# WORLD SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Please see the new qualification process. You can view the [new qualifying and invitation process here](#); please note there have been some significant changes to the process.

## TEAMS WITH “AGING-UP” PADDLERS

If a club crew is seeking to qualify a team that includes a paddler who will be eligible for an older category in 2026 (eg 49yrs old but qualifying in a team for M50W) – the following process applies

- Club to follow intent process (below) and advise the Name and date of birth of the “Aging Up” paddler
- Email verification of the age of the “aging up” paddler to [vicepresident@aocra.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@aocra.com.au)

**IMPORTANT:** Aging Up teams will be competing at Nationals to qualify for Worlds 2026 – these teams are not eligible to compete for National medals or club points.

## Club Intent Form (Close 31st October 2025)

### SUBMITTING INTENT | CLUB TEAMS:

- Club representative or Team Manager to complete the intent form [AO Worlds 2026 Intent Form](#)
- Please ensure your team is entered into the age category they wish to qualify for e.g. V6 M40W with Team Name in notes

### WORLD SPRINT QUALIFIERS:

- All teams that qualify to represent Australia in Singapore 2026 must:
- Register the team by 02/11/25
- Complete a team intent before 31/10/25
- Equal or better the [Qualifying Times](#)
- Once the criteria is met, invitations to represent Australia at Worlds 2026 will be emailed to the club following the National Sprints 2025

**Intents due date 31/10/25 - Please note no late intents will be accepted.**

### PAYMENT FOR INTENTS

Once a Club or Elite team or V1 has met the qualification criteria, and an invitation emailed - instructions for payment will be included.



## NOMINATION INFORMATION

- All V6 and V12 nominations to be completed by the club. Individual team entries will not be accepted.
- V1 nominations are to be completed by individual paddlers
- It is not possible to register on the day
- All club transfers for non-Elite races need to be completed by 24th October 2025.

**Nominations & Team sheets will close on the 2nd November 2025 – if the team is qualifying, please advise their intent and team name in notes.**

\* If you are having trouble with the online registration through [AO Club Login](#), please email [support@aocra.com.au](mailto:support@aocra.com.au)

### Elite Teams (V6 Straight, V6 Turns & V12 500m)

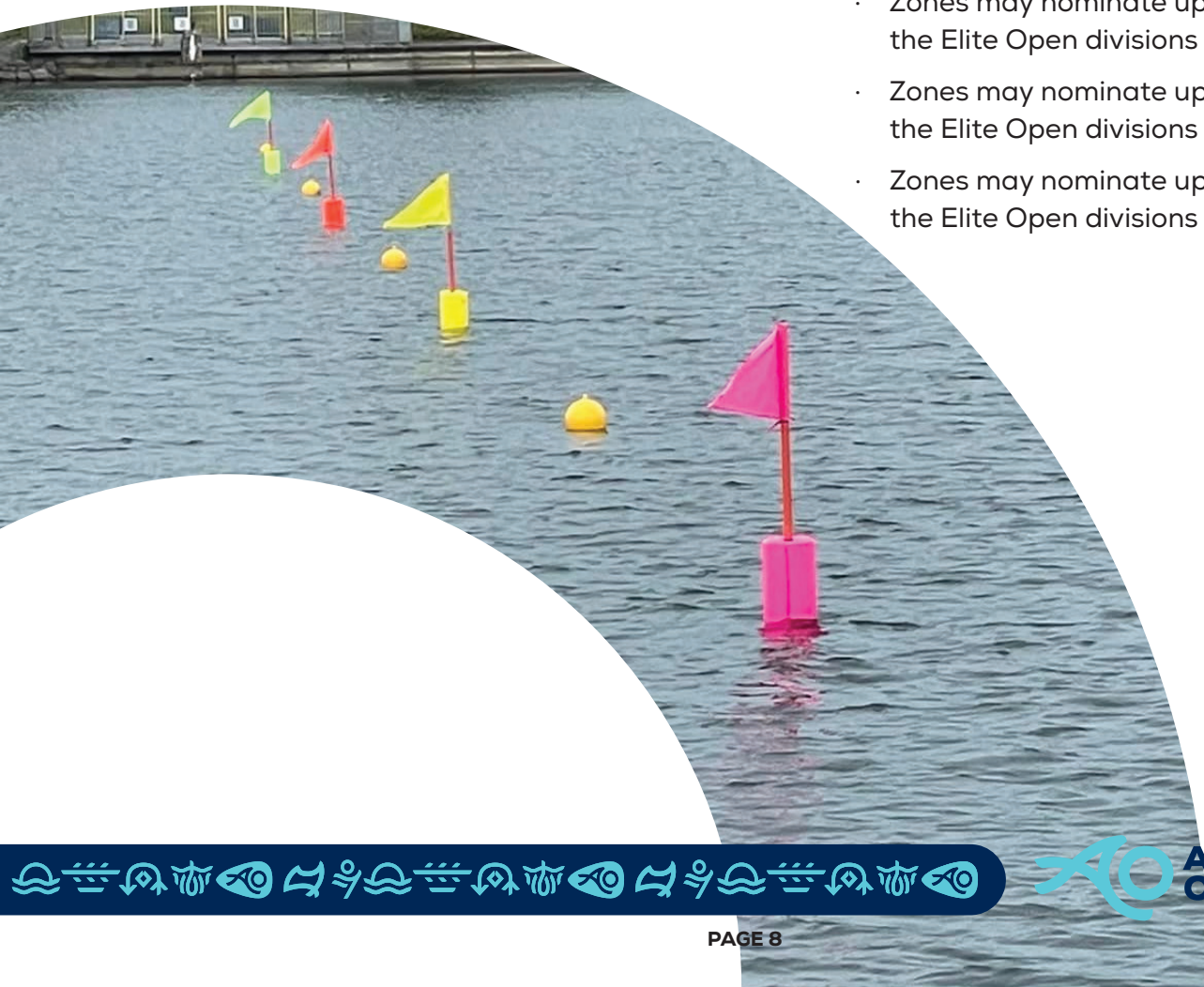
Any team wishing to qualify as an Elite Team for Australia, will need to nominate their team in the Elite qualification V6 race at the National Sprint event via their respective zone.

- Australian Elite Open Men & Women's Team will be the fastest in the Elite Qualification Final.
- Australian Elite 19U Men & Women's Team will be the fastest in their respective Final.

## TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams will nominate their Elite teams via an AO zone. These can be **club teams or composite teams** - all nominated paddlers must be a current AO member and meet the Australian residency rules as per AO Rules July 2024 - 15.2.

- Zones may nominate up to 5 teams for the Elite Open divisions for V6 500m
- Zones may nominate up to 3 teams for the Elite Open divisions for V6 1500m
- Zones may nominate up to 2 teams for the Elite Open divisions for V12 500m





As we all know, events can only be run with the help of many hands. If you would like to volunteer during this event, please email the team: [aocra.events@aocra.com.au](mailto:aocra.events@aocra.com.au) with your details, days and times you're available and if you have a station of preference – then we'll be in touch.

## In the know!

- Footwear – bring your canoe-friendly footwear (Thongs/Jandals/Flip Flops) for walking to marshalling/registration.
- SunSmart – Its going to be warm. Bring your hat, shirt and sunscreen. Stay safe from the sun
- Online Shop – pre-order all your AO merchandise from our [online shop](#). Click and collect at National Sprints.

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## AOCRA Refund Policy in the event of Postponement and or Cancellation

Refund policy may vary depending on the type of event and the Host or Organiser. The Host of each event must include a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event Program outlining the terms for eligibility to request a refund. The Refund Policy must be the same wording as outlined in the AOCRA Rules; otherwise, the Host must seek approval from AOCRA Events for any changes before publishing a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event program. The Refund Policy applies to nomination fees paid to enter a sanctioned AOCRA event only. Nominee Cancellation Before the Event Date: Change of Mind or Unable to Attend

Once the nomination fee is paid there is no refund for change of mind. If you have paid the nomination fee and are unable to attend the event due to extenuating circumstances outside of your control, you may apply in writing using the AOCRA Request for Refund Form on the AOCRA website and email to [support@aoara.com.au](mailto:support@aoara.com.au) giving details of the reason for requesting a refund. The Host, Zone and AOCRA are not obligated to refund their respective portions of the nomination fee, and if a refund is approved it will be processed in full less an administration fee of up to \$10 for processing the refund. AOCRA determines the administration fee at the time of processing a refund and retains the administration fee to cover their processing costs. The nominee cannot request a refund on the day of the event or after the start date of the event.

## Host Giving Notice of Postponement or Cancellation

The Host must follow the AOCRA Rules to postpone or cancel an event and give notice in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook post, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The effective date is the date of dispatch.

**Event Postponed.** Should the Host, Zone or AOCRA postpone an event, they are required to give notice at any time prior to the scheduled start time of an event. A date for the rescheduled event must be announced within 7 days of the original event date in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook page, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The Host reserves the right to postpone the event (where no refund will be issued).

The rescheduled event program content / format may change including scheduled times which is at the discretion of the Host and they reserve the right to do without notice. The Host, Zone or AOCRA may continue to postpone an event following the same process as above. Event Cancelled

The Host, Zone or AOCRA may cancel an event inline with the AOCRA Rules.

Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum a 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum an 70% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee. Cancellation more than 1 day before the event is at minimum a 60% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation on the day of the event is at minimum a 40% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

The Host reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above. The Zone reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above. AOCRA reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

## Refund Payment

Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment.

