



2025 SURFERS Regatta Program

WELCOME TO THE
SQ ZONE CLUB CHALLENGE 3

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: MIDNIGHT 30TH JAN

MURIEL HENCHMAN PARK
OFF SEAWORLD DRIVE, NEXT TO
SEAWORLD RESORT



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Welcome

On behalf of Surfers Paradise Outriggers, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and good wishes for what looks to be an exciting day of competition!

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and waters of the Gold Coast where we will race – the Kombumerri people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

We truly appreciate you all joining us again for racing on both the Broadwater and Open Ocean. We have set our courses to encompass the best conditions that can be offered and whether inside or out, there will be plenty of water action to enjoy.

We have decided to mix the racing up this year to have the greatest numbers of canoes at any time on the water, while keeping the day as short as possible for everyone that needs to travel. Think back to the glory days of the sport when everyone raced together and the camaraderie that it generated.

Our team offer a great range of food and drinks from the BBQ tent, coffee vendor and raffles. All proceeds are helping to complete the new integrated Paddle site and home for our club.

We would like to thank AOCRA, SQ Zone for their support to host, as well as the local community for embracing our sport and athletes from far and wide. We would also thank our volunteer team who have worked tirelessly to ensure this event runs smoothly. Lastly, thank you, the participants! We hope you will enjoy the paddling, competition, partying and make wonderful memories!

All the very best to everyone!

Wayne
Wayne Vela
President





RACING



SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

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EVENT RACE DIRECTOR: GREG WATSON (0407 396 156)

RACE DIRECTOR (Water): Stephen Massicks (0403 014 471)

Event Enquiries: info@surfersparadiseoutriggers.com.au

REGISTRATION

Club Registrars must complete nominations and include **Canoe Numbers** and **Team sheets** by midnight 30th Jan 2025 via the AOCRA website (www.aocra.com.au). All nominations must be registered online before the cut-off date. It is not possible to register on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA website please email support@aocra.com

All team captains must sign-in at the registration tent prior to the event and confirm their team members as recorded on the Team Sheet. All paddlers to attend course briefings prior to the race start. Please check at the registration tent if you are using a loan canoe and a craft will be allocated. There is to be NO swapping of allocated craft.

LATE REGISTRATION

Club registrations after midnight (AEST Qld) 30th Jan will incur a \$500 late fee (\$100 for juniors) in addition to the advertised race fees.

Race Fee Per Paddler Entry	Seniors Long Course	Seniors Short Course	Juniors	Minnows (2 races)
TOTAL	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10
<i>Host Club</i>	\$23	\$18	\$10	\$5
<i>SQ Zone</i>	\$5	\$5	\$3	\$3
<i>AOCRA</i>	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2



RACING



RACE DIVISIONS - ALL COURSES

Men	OC6 & Small Craft	} Minnows 12U/14U/16U/ 19U Novice Open	Master
Women			Snr Master
Mixed			Golden Master Platinum Aggregate

COMPOSITE CREWS (OC6)

Golden Master and Platinum SENIORS from various clubs are permitted in this Club Point Series race and must wear their club uniform. Open, Masters and Senior Master teams will be accepted from the same club only.

Requests to race JUNIOR Teams made up of paddlers from various clubs is acceptable and requests for additional exemptions must be emailed to: secretarsqzone@aocra.com.au **within 14 days** of any regatta.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

Transfers from a losing club to a gaining club must be completed online by both clubs before the nominations close for this Regatta. A losing club will not, without good cause, fail to complete an online transfer.

JUNIOR MEDALS

SPOCC will award the winners of the Junior races (by age division) medals, along with a food/drink voucher (to be used at our BBQ tent).

WATER SAFETY & FIRST AID

There will be a designated medical officer available onsite for the duration of the weekend. A fleet of support boats will operate during the event and are equipped with standard first aid kit, tow rope and lights. All queries/incidents to the Medical Officer.

Mandatory safety regulations apply as per the AO Rules and Maritime Safety Queensland. All craft must have the minimum equipment requirements and be checked by scrutineering officials in order to be eligible to race. Non-compliance will result in a DQ.

*** ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR 16KM LONG COURSE ENTRIES:

All canoes are required to have a mobile phone in a waterproof case **secured to the canoe or on their person** and will be part of scrutineering as required by Maritime Safety Queensland.





SAT EVENT SCHEDULE



0525AM

HIGH TIDE 0510 - 1.56M | LOW TIDE: 1200 - 0.45M

1837PM



0600 - REGISTRATION

OPEN!

0630 - OFFICAL

Welcome

BRIEFING	0645	RACES 1-4	
Race #1 Small Craft	0715	LONG COURSE OC1/2, V1, V3 <i>*DNF unfinished craft at 0915</i>	16km
Race #2 OC6	0745	NOVICE DASH, JNR U12, U14	4km
Race #3 OC6	0745	MINNOW - in conjunction with Dash	2 x 1km
Race #4 OC6	0915	SHORT COURSE OC6 <i>ALL DIVISIONS</i>	8km
	0920	JUNIORS PRESENTATION - OC6	
Race #5 Small Craft	1015	Junior Small Craft	2km/4km
	1130	JUNIORS PRESENTATION - Small Craft	
BRIEFING	1145	RACES 6-7	
Race #6 OC6	1200	LONG COURSE OC6 <i>ALL DIVISIONS</i>	16km
Race #7 Small Craft	1215	SHORT COURSE OC1/2, V1, V3 <i>ALL DIVISIONS</i>	8km
	1430	SENIOR BRAGGING RIGHTS & CLOSE OF REGATTA	



EVENT SCHEDULE



0602AM

LOW TIDE: 0705 - 0.56M | HIGH TIDE 1223 - 0.98M

1729PM



Welcome



0630 - REGATTA OPENING CEREMONY

This will involve all participants being invited down to the beach and involve cultural aspects and the local Councillor Jared Cassidy opening the event.

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

- This Program is subject to change depending on nominations and conditions.
- All times are approximate. We kindly ask that all paddlers listen for announcements and be ready to race in advance of scheduled times.
- All results will be published on Webscorer.

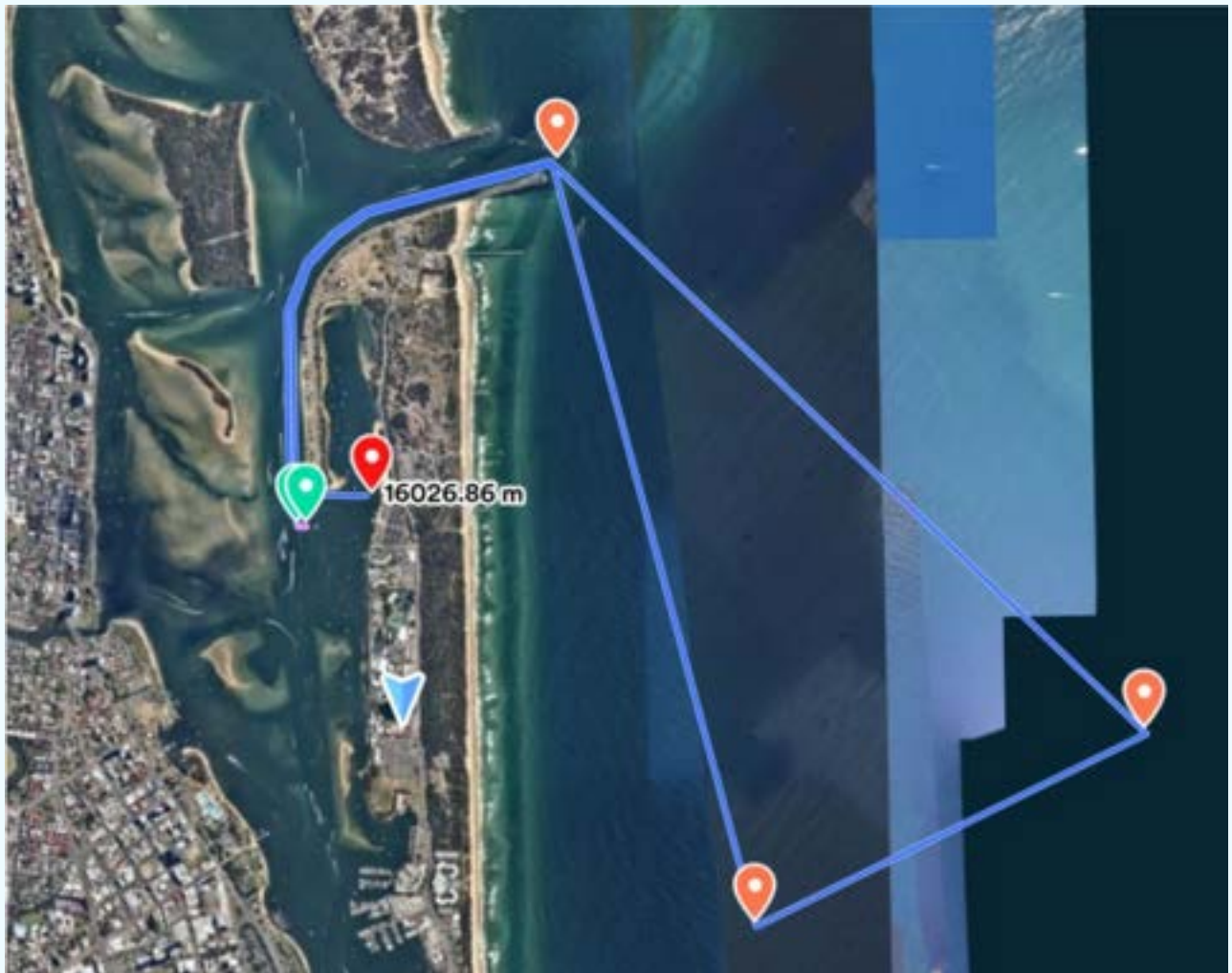


COURSE MAPS

LONG COURSE - 16KM SOUTHERN COURSE TO WONDER REEF

The Seaway is a busy waterway and it is important that paddlers follow the course and directions from the Race Director briefing and Support Boat teams. Teams & Paddlers are not to race in the main channel unless directed by the Support Boat Team.

- Start line from pink markers at the Regatta Site
- Head out the Seaway and turn South (right) around marker buoy - DO NOT cut the corner
- Ama turn around 2 marker buoys
- Head back to Seaway rounding marker buoy - DO NOT cut the corner
- Ama turn around left starter buoy
- Ama turn across finish line



COURSE MAPS

ALTERNATE 16KM LONG COURSE IF WEATHER DOES NOT PERMIT OCEAN RACING

- Start line on the West side of the channel
- Head north across Wavebreak island, follow channel to the Marker Buoy for AMA turn
- Follow channel along West side of Wavebreak Island
- Ama turn at buoy and do another loop around Wavebreak Island
- Follow the Western Channel south through the Broadwater to the end buoy for AMA turn
- Right turn around right buoy of the start line
- Ama turn across finish line

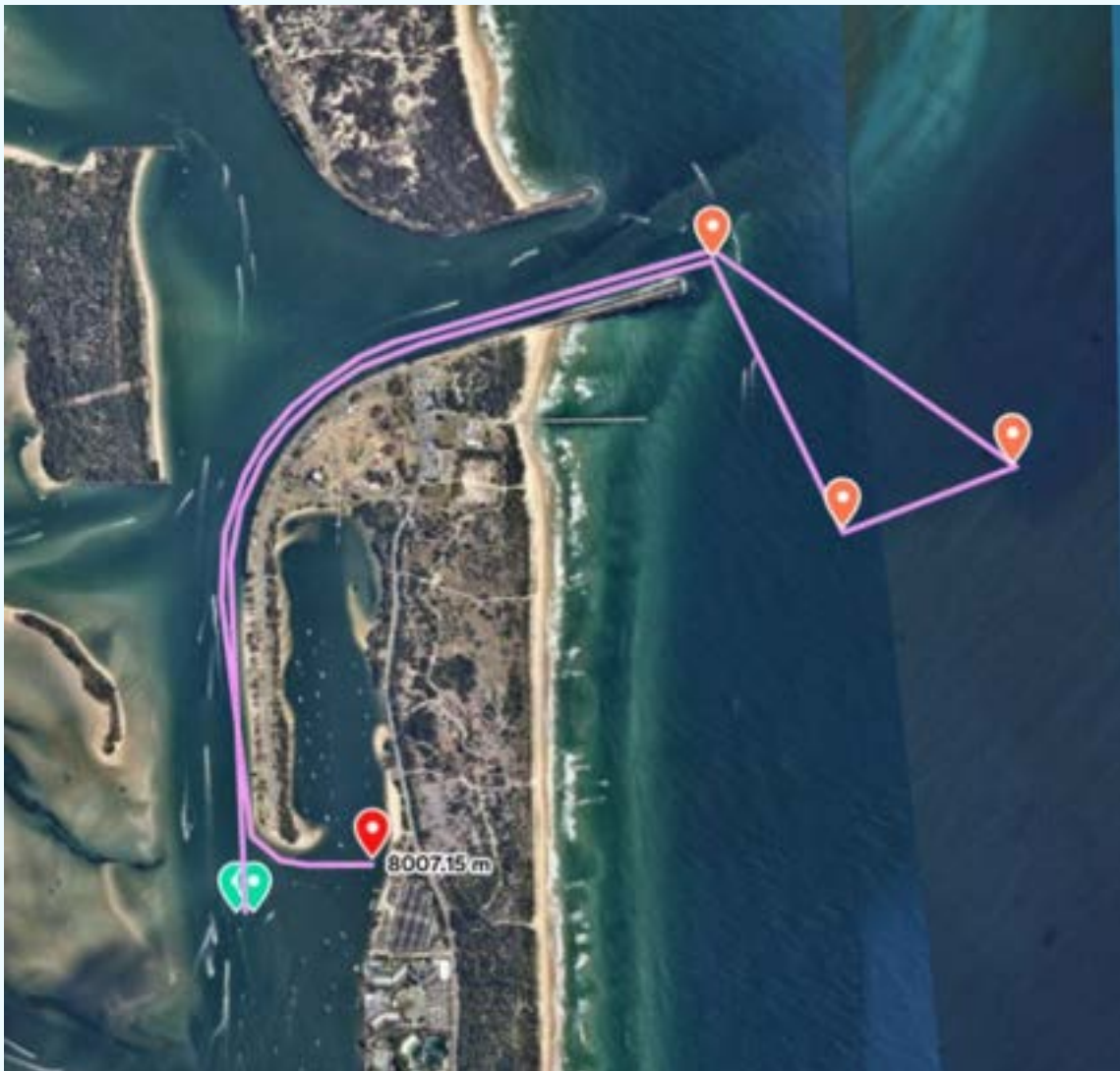
It is up to each canoe to stay out of the main channel and avoid other craft. If the Alternative courses are being used, it is because of inclement weather so there shouldn't be a large amount of water traffic however please be aware of other people using the water and give them space.



COURSE MAPS

SHORT COURSE - 8KM

- Start line from pink markers at the Regatta Site
- Head out the Seaway and turn South (right) around marker buoy - DO NOT cut the corner
- Ama turn around 2 marker buoys
- Head back to Seaway rounding marker buoy - DO NOT cut the corner
- Ama turn around left starter buoy
- Ama turn across finish line





COURSE MAPS

ALTERNATE 8KM LONG COURSE IF WEATHER DOES NOT PERMIT OCEAN RACING

- Start between the buoys on the Western side of the Channel
- Head north across Wavebreak Island and follow channel to AMA turn at Buoy
- Follow channel around sandbar to the front of Wavebreak Island
- AMA turn at the start line buoy on the left
- AMA turn at finish

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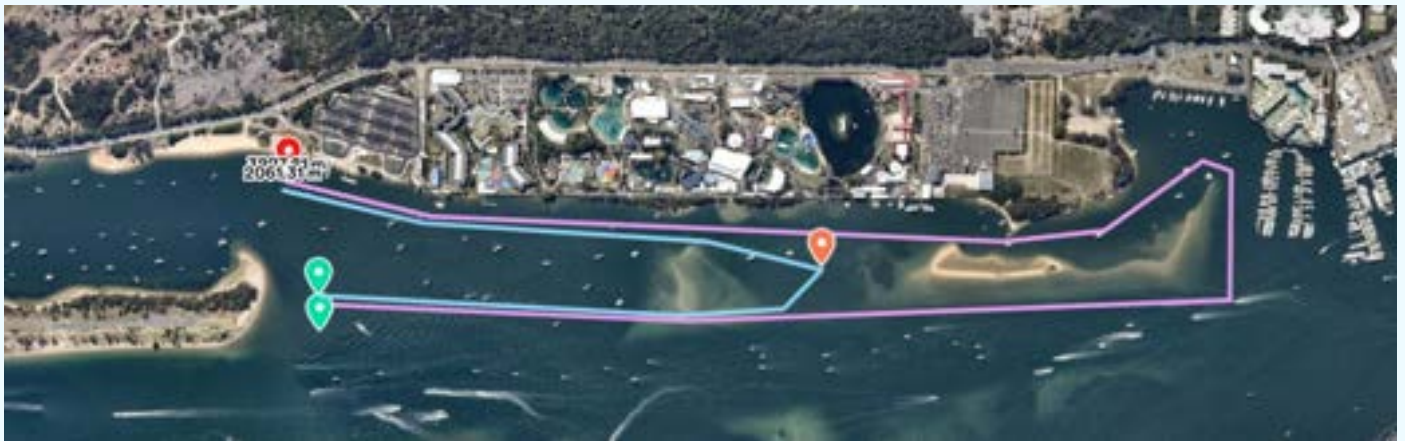




COURSE MAPS

NOVICE DASH & JUNIOR COURSES 4KM, 2KM, 1KM BROADWATER

- Start between the buoys in front of Doug Jennings finger
- Head south keeping the channel markers on your right
- Turn left towards fishing trawlers and go around the markers indicating the sand bank
- Follow channel back down to regatta site
- AMA turn at finish





LOCATION



REGATTA SITE

The regatta site is located at Muriel Henchman Park off SeaWorld Drive, next to Seaworld Resort.



SITE MAP

Access the Muriel Henschman Carpark via Seaworld Drive.



CAR PARKING

There is plenty of room for Canoe Trailers. Please ensure you park in the designated boat trailer spaces, and to avoid fines we strongly advise **ONLY** canoe trailers utilise these spaces.

There are a number of designated car spaces in the car park with **free** parking for 8hrs on Saturdays & Sundays.

Alternatively, parking is available along Seaworld Drive and in the carparks further north. **Do not at any time park on the grassed areas** – you will be fined.



THE FINE PRINT



SPECIFIC RULES FOR CLUB POINTS

Apply all the AO Rules and in particular:

- **Eligibility**
- Age categories and a host club may offer a short and long course race for: Aggregate Women, Aggregate Mixed and Aggregate Men age categories.
- Minimum of three nominations in a race to enable allocation of points.

However, the Points Ambassador may use their discretion and allocate points to Teams where the Zone do not have enough Teams, e.g. Platinum.

- The unlimited OC6 canoe Open Women, Mixed and Men are an eligible category to race inline with eligibility as discussed above.
- Senior mixed teams apply the 3 x female and 3 x male combination – section/s xx
- Junior mixed teams may have a 3 x female and 3 x male or 4 x female and 2 x male combination.
- Clubs with less than 12 members will confirm with SQ Zone pre-season which club (another club with 12 or less members) they will partner with to facilitate club transfers and form club teams.
- When clubs have members not available on the day to race due to an emergency, the Club Head

Coach and or committee member are required to:

- Write an email to the SQ Zone secretary and registrar discussing the situation to be given an exemption and approval to swap the unavailable club member for another bona fide club member (current and financial AOCRA member and club) and seek out an SQ Zone President or Vice President in person on the day well in advance as practical to explain the situation and agree on replacement.
- All will go to the Registration Tent and confirm with Race Director if required and have the Host Registrar check the replacement member AOCRA ID and Club to be of current status and update the Team Sheet accordingly.
- Failure to follow this process will result in no club points allocated for the club and team.
- When a Club Coach and Registrar would like to nominate a Junior for a Senior Team. An email with an explanation and all appropriate paperwork needs to be signed and forwarded to the Zone Secretary and Registrar within 7 days of Registration of the Team.

Zone Race Rules

1. Start line and turning buoy infringements receive a time penalty of 3 minutes. This is initiated by an event official.
2. Poor sportsmanship where a canoe impeded another canoe resulting in damage is a DQ. This is initiated by an event official or written protest by competing individual or team – or similar wording.
3. All competitors are to wear their club uniform for Club Challenge racing in all individual races and team races. However, in Team races 60+, 70+ and Juniors may wear their own club uniform rather than the nominating club. This is initiated by an event official and or SQ Zone committee. Failure to wear correct club uniform will result in no club points allocated for the club and team.
4. All paddlers are to have done their Huli and Swim Tests and passed. As being competent. If a paddler cannot swim and or tread water, they are required to wear a PFD while racing.
5. At the 2024 SQ Zone Championships, there is no aggregate age for team racing.





THE FINE PRINT



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 prior to 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 Prior to the Event Date

Change of Mind or Unable to Attend

Once the nomination fee is paid there is no refund for a 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@aocra.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 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 Postpones or Cancels the Event

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 in line with the AOCRA Rules.
- Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum an 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.
- Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum a 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 a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.
- The Zone reserves the right to refund a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.
- AOCRA reserves the right to refund 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.





BBQ FOOD

A SELECTION OF HOT AND COLD FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BBQ TENT INCLUDING:

Bacon & Egg Roll

Fresh Bread Roll with Crispy Bacon and Fried Egg.
Top with your favourite BBQ / Tomato sauce.



Sausage & Bread

Tasty sausage sandwich... Top with caramelised onions and your choice of sauce - Mustard, Tomato or BBQ



Beef Burgers

Burger Buns filled with lettuce, tomato, cheese and a tasty beef pattie. Top with your favourite sauces



Cold Drinks

