

Junior Events

There will be a wide range of kayak, canoe and SUP events specifically for junior (U18) paddlers over the four days of racing. See the [event website](#) for the timetable, classes, race distances, portage requirements and course maps.

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) class is open to kayaks (K), canoes (C) and Stand Up Paddle (SUP) boards that meet the ICF craft requirements as given in the Athlete Equipment section of the [ICF Canoe Marathon Competition Rules \(2023\)](#), an [ICF Canoe Stand Up Paddle \(SUP\) Competition Rules \(2023\)](#). There will be portage for U16 and U18 ICF K1/C1 and K2/C2 events.

The "general" class is open to a larger range of kayak or canoe types, and includes skis. There is no portage for general class events and they tend to be shorter in distance than the ICF events.

There will be short course, long course, singles and doubles options, as well as a Junior K4 Interstate Challenge and a Junior TK2/TC2 Team Relay.

Junior K4 Interstate Challenge

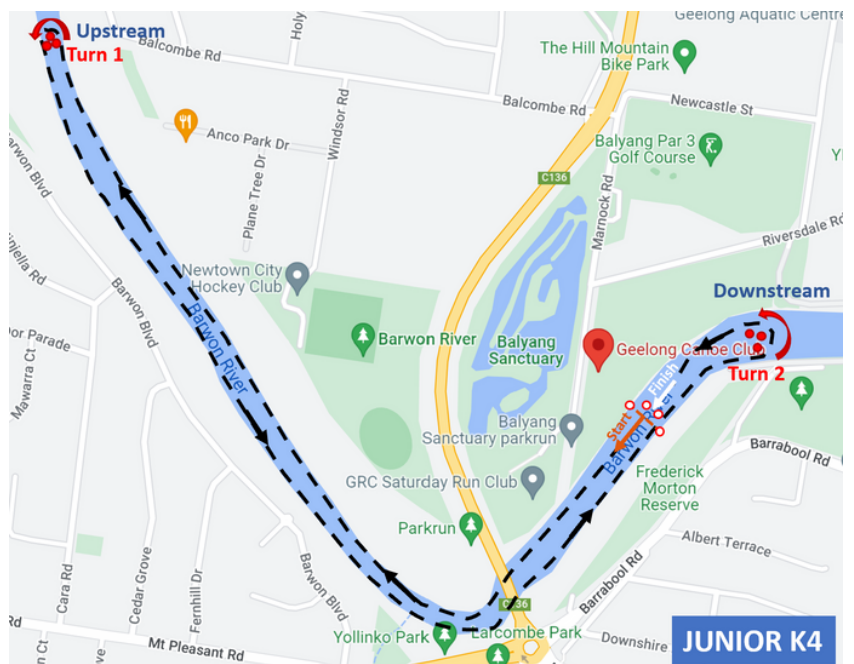
The Junior K4 Interstate Challenge is one lap of the Long Course (approximately 4km). There is NO portage. Paddle Victoria will arrange for the provision of K4 boats for the event which will be allocated via ballot. However other States can provide their own K4.

The race is a mixed team event, meaning that at least 50% of the crew must be female. Each boat represents a particular State. Paddlers from a different State/Territory can paddle as part another team but must be aware that they will be paddling for that State.

The start/finish line is directly in front of the Geelong Canoe Club. The start is in the upstream direction and is an imaginary line between the pole in front of the Officials marquee and the post on the opposite (southern) bank.

Paddlers must keep the coloured buoys along the course to their left. Turn 1 will be a tight turn for the K4, so go wide for the turn.

The finish is also in the upstream direction. Paddlers must only pass through the finish line buoys when finishing their race.





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Junior TK2/TC2 Relay

The Junior TK2/TC2 relay will follow the Short Course layout and consist of three (3) short laps, of approximately 1.1 km each, with a total race distance of 3.4km. There is NO portage.

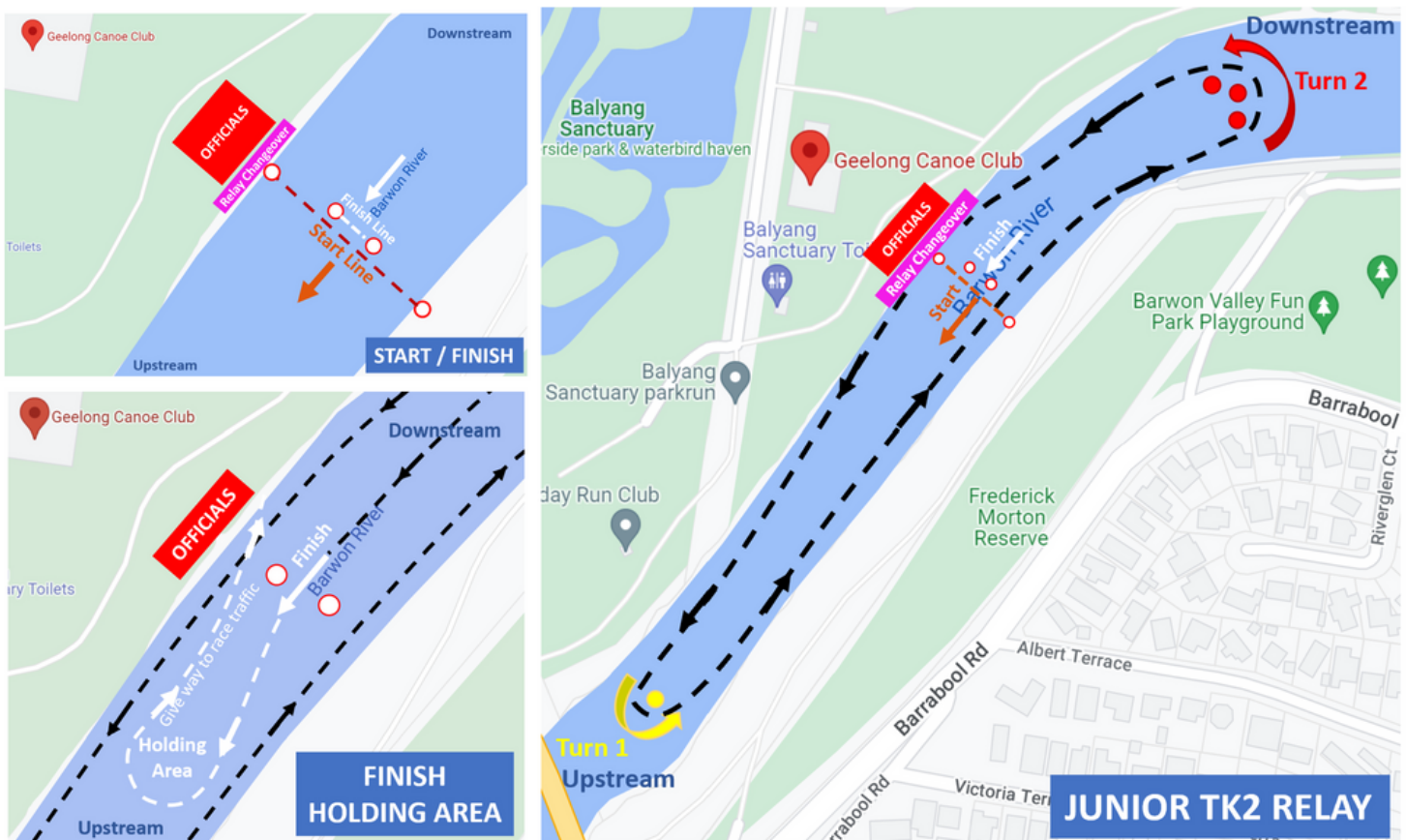
Each team will consist of three mixed (3) crews, consisting of up to six (6) paddlers with at least half the crew being female. Each crew will complete one short lap each, with at least one paddler changing at each lap. Teams can be comprised from any Club or State/Territory.

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Crew changes will be at the dock in front of the Geelong Canoe Club.

The finish is also in the upstream direction. Paddlers must only pass through the finish line buoys when finishing their race. Paddlers must keep the coloured buoys along the course to their left.

Upon finishing, paddlers should remain in the holding area in the centre of the river, upstream from the finish line. Once there is no race traffic, paddlers will be marshalled to the landing area (downstream of portage) to disembark and proceed to scrutineering, if required.



Australian Team Selection

To be eligible for Australian Team selection, juniors must race in the OPEN age category for the Short Course and in the U18 ICF class for the Long Course.



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