

## FAQ's for World Distance Championships



Question	Team	Answer
How Many Bailers will each canoe have?	All	Each V6 will be supplied with 2 bailers and each V1 with 1 bailer.
Can we bring our own Bailers?	All	Personal preference
Are we allowed to take a sponge in the canoe?	All	Personal preference
Will the canoes have Bailer Holders	All	Not all.
What is the answer with regard to Padding inside the canoes? Will it be in or out? Are teams allowed to add their own padding?	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canoes will all have side padding in them.</li> <li>• Paddlers can put in extra side padding if they wish.</li> <li>• Steerers can add padding if they wish</li> <li>• Paddlers can remove side padding if they wish</li> </ul>
Can teams re-rig their canoe prior to their race?	All	Teams will be able to re-rig their canoe 1 hour prior to their race
Clarification on Overlap / Passing/ Turning Rule	All	See attached sheet.
Will it be compulsory to wear skirts on V6	All	Decided on race day.
Are Life Jackets provided ?	All	Yes. However, paddlers can bring own if they have a personal choice.
Are Life Jackets required to be worn?	All	No. Personal choice However they must be in / on canoe.
What's the penalty for infringements? i.e. bumping other canoes, over the start line at start etc.	All	10 minute penalty over the line at the start 5 minute penalty for overlap or passing infringements (per infraction. Infractions must be called by an official.
Can water systems be fixed to the canoes.	All	Not in the V1's. Not recommended in V6. Personal attached water hydration system recommended.
Starts : Will a rope start line be used like in 2017?	All	Yes

What happens if outside assistance is given to a canoe after Huli ( V1 or V6 ) or rounding a buoy in a V1	All except Para. See below for Para	If assistance is required from a safety or official boat with a swamped canoe or Huli, it is ok as long as the Canoe does not advance while being assisted.
Are Life Jackets required to be worn?	Para	No. Personal / Coach's choice
Will Canoes be loading from Mooloolaba waterway inside or the Beach for Para teams?	Para	Yes from beach if conditions allow. Or from Waterway.
How many support Boats will accompany each Para team during the race?	Para	There will be 1 Dedicated Boat per Para team.
If in the event we do tip out, is that an instant disqualification? Or do we have the opportunity to continue the race if we get back in the outrigger	Para	Para Teams and Para V1 paddlers will be allowed assistance to right their canoe without being DQ'd  Assistance may be provided to para athletes. Once righted officials will make the call to allow paddler/crew to complete race or pull them off the course if safety is an issue.
Have the organisers tested whether the Kaimana sprayskirts will fit around an Adaptive seat and not restrict an underwater exit?	Para	The Australian Para paddlers have practiced Huli's in the spray skirts. Seats are specific to individual paddlers. Paddlers will need to be proficient with their own release systems.