



2021 Junior Marathon series

Following the success of the Junior Marathon Series, all juniors are once again invited to compete on some of the state's best waterways. The series will take place within the 2021 Marathon Series, allowing juniors to experience the thrill of marathon racing with age-appropriate distances and some great awards to recognise their achievements. To make it even better, Entry is free for juniors and accompanying paddlers who choose early bird entry.

Distances:

U8 and U10: 2km. All U/8 paddlers are required to paddle with an accompanying adult, and it is recommended for U/10s.

U12: 5km

U14 and U16: 10km

U18: 15km

The 5km and 2km juniors will start with the 5km divisional paddlers, 10km juniors will start with the slowest 10km start and 15km juniors with the regular 15km paddlers. These start groups are generally small and very welcoming. Juniors who want to paddle in shorter distances, please contact the marathon committee at marathon@paddlensw.org.au.

Races in the series:

Race 1: Penrith – Saturday 13th June 2021

Race2: Woronora – Saturday 26th June 2021

Race 3: Narrabeen – Sunday 25th July 2021

Race 4: Grays point – Saturday 14th August 2021 (includes prizegiving)

Juniors wanting to compete in the series must enter their age category rather than the divisional category. Ages are determined as of December 31st, 2021, so a paddler who turns 13 in 2021 would be required to paddle U/14 rather than U/12. Doubles crews should enter in the age group of the oldest paddler.

Age Division	Year of Birth	Distance
U8	2013 and later	2km + accompanying adult
U10	2011,2012	2km ± accompanying adult
U12	2009, 2010	5km
U14	2007, 2008	10km
U16	2005, 2006	10km
U18	2003, 2004	15km

Table 1: Age divisions

Juniors are welcome to paddle in whatever craft they're comfortable in, and doubles entries are also strongly encouraged.

More advanced juniors who wish to paddle in faster divisions or longer distances as part of the marathon series may continue to do so. In addition to regular Marathon Series points, they will earn a fixed 48 points towards the junior series in their age class, along with being recognised for series participation.

Points scored in each race of the series will count towards the end of season score and the ultimate female and male winners in each age category.

Entries:

<https://paddleaustralia.azolve.com/Workbench.mvc/Show/6?subCategory=Marathon&category=Competition>

If you have any questions about the Paddle NSW Junior Marathon Series, please feel free to email the marathon committee at marathon@paddlensw.org.au. We look forward to seeing you on the water!