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## **GETACTIVE! SINGAPORE PESTA SUKAN 2026 NATIONAL CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**25, 26 Jul & 1, 2 Aug 2026 (Sat, Sun)  
Bedok Reservoir**

### **Rules & Regulations**

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### 1. Objectives

- 1.1. Pesta Sukan aims to provide opportunities for sportsmen and women to get together in camaraderie to raise the standard of sports through friendly competition while celebrating our Nation's birthday.
- 1.2. Identification of talents in Canoe Polo.

### 2. Rules

All matches in the Pesta Sukan 2026 shall be held in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations for Pesta Sukan 2026 and the current version of the International Canoe Federation ("ICF") Canoe Polo Competition Rules. The organisers reserve the right to modify these Rules and Regulations without prior notice.

### 3. Competition Venue & Schedule

- 3.1. This year's competition will be held over two weekends (25, 26 Jul and 1, 2 Aug 2026) and two competition categories – Open (Men & Women) and Inter-Tertiary Competition "ITC" (Men & Women).
- 3.2. All matches will be played at Bedok Reservoir. A Novice category will be held on 1 Aug 2026 at Bedok Reservoir for interested participants to learn and play canoe polo games on modified rules.

Day, Date	Timing*	Competition Stage*
Fri, 24 Jul 2026	6pm to 9pm	Scrutineering (ITC and Open)
Sat, 25 Jul 2026	7:30am to 5.30pm	ITC Preliminary Round 1 (Open)
Sun, 26 Jul 2026	7:30am to 5.30pm	ITC (Semi-Finals and Finals) Preliminary Round 1 (Open)
Sat, 1 Aug 2026	7:30am to 5.30pm	Novice Preliminary Round 2 (Open)
Sun, 2 Aug 2026	7:30am to 5.30pm	Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals (Open)

\*Subject to changes



#### 4. Registration

- 4.1. The registration period is from 15 June 2026 to 4 July 2026. Each team can register a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 10 players. Each player can only join 1 team in each category.

Category	Age Range	Requirements
Open	15 years old and above	1. Born in 2011 or earlier 2. On a case-by-case basis, women may be allowed to join the Men's category
ITC	15 years old and above	1. Born in 2011 or earlier 2. New students entering polytechnics or universities must be starting the school term in their respective schools in 2026. 3. For graduating students from polytechnics and universities, his/her commencement ceremony must be in 2026 (any date).
Novice	13 years old and above	1. Born in 2013 or earlier 2. Open to players of any gender with paddling experience, but low canoe polo exposure (i.e. have not participated in ITC / Open Categories in Pesta Sukan / Canoe Polo National Championships before 2026).

- 4.2. The registration fee is \$75 per team for Open category and \$50 per team for ITC category.
- 4.3. All players (except for Novice category) must be at least Canoe Polo 1 certified and the CP1 certificate numbers must be filled in during the follow-up email after the registration.
- 4.4. New players must complete the CP1 course before the start of the competition. For players who do not have CP1 but have attended similar courses, provide your details to [sgcanoepolo@gmail.com](mailto:sgcanoepolo@gmail.com) for follow up. For queries on CP1 certification, email [sgcanoepolo@gmail.com](mailto:sgcanoepolo@gmail.com).
- 4.5. All participants shall be Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs) and foreigners residing in Singapore with the passes as stated in the General Rules & Regulations.
- 4.6. Each team is allowed to start the game with a minimum of 5 players, and a maximum of 8 players.
- 4.7. Submission of the registration form should be done by the team captain. Only one submission is required per team.



## **5. Alterations in Entries, Withdrawals and Walkovers**

- 5.1. No alteration to the athletes will be allowed after the closing date of registration.
- 5.2. Entry fees are not refundable except where an application is refused.
- 5.3. Teams that fail to report or have less than 5 players on the court 5 minutes after assigned game time shall be considered to have voluntarily walkover.
- 5.4. Any team that walkover in the Round Robin will result in the opposing team winning the game (7-0) and gaining 3 points. After the Round Robin, the opposing team will win the game (7-0).

## **6. Equipment**

- 6.1. All Open and ITC category participants shall use their own equipment for the competition. Equipment will be provided for Novice category participants. Rental of equipment is not available.
- 6.2. Each Open and ITC category participant must wear a personal flotation device (PFD), helmet and spray deck while competing and failing to do so will result in disqualification.
- 6.3. Novice category participants must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and helmet while competing and failing to do so will result in disqualification. Wearing a spraydeck is optional for Novice category participants.
- 6.4. All participants' equipment must pass scrutineering before the first game.
- 6.5. A size 4 Canoe Polo ball will be used for the Women's category and a Size 5 Canoe Polo ball will be used for the Men's category.
- 6.6. Teams must wear uniform jerseys or similar colour shirt sleeves under their PFD during matches. No sleeveless tops are allowed.
- 6.7. The top colour of the kayak shall not have more than three (3) colour variations per team. The majority of colour shades are to be similar (Black and Carbon will be considered the same colour).
- 6.8. Helmet colour to be uniform, or at least colour shades are to be similar.
- 6.9. The helmet number shall be the same as the PFD number.
- 6.10. PFD shall be uniform throughout the team.
- 6.11. Captain band is required for each team in the Open and ITC category, and is to be worn by the team captain during each game.



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### **7. Disqualification**

- 7.1. Teams/players who do not comply with the current ICF Canoe Polo Competition Rules will be disqualified.
- 7.2. An athlete who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, wilfully breaks the rules, or contests their validity, as deemed by the officials, may be disqualified from the competition.
- 7.3. The organising committee reserves the right to decide and execute disciplinary actions if deemed necessary.

### **8. Game Format**

Previous local competition results will be used to seed teams for the Men's and Women's Open Category. A total of 8 teams (2 per group) will be seeded for the Men's Open Category and 6 teams (3 per group) will be seeded for the Women's Open Category based on the competition format in Annex A. Organisers will reserve the right to use discretion for this process.

### **9. Prize and Medals**

Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) winners (teams) of each category with at least four (4) entries. Any category with three (3) entries or less will be cancelled.

### **10. Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, the Organising Committee reserves the right to delay the commencement of the game or cancel it based on prolonged bad weather conditions, without refund.

### **11. Matters not covered in Rules and Regulations**

- 11.1. For matters not covered in the rules and regulations will be decided by the organising committee and its decision is final.
- 11.2. The organising committee reserves the right to amend the Rules and Regulations and competition schedule without giving prior notification or any reasons thereof.
- 11.3. More information will be communicated in the upcoming Bulletins, including more information about the captain's briefing.

### **12. Contact**

For enquiries, email [sgcanoepolo@gmail.com](mailto:sgcanoepolo@gmail.com) and [events@scf.org.sg](mailto:events@scf.org.sg).



## Annex A

### Men's Open Division 1 (8 Teams)

A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, each team will face a pre-allocated team according to their respective position in the Quarter-Finals. The winners and losers will proceed to the Semi-Finals and Placing matches according to the pre-allocated team according to their respective results.

Round 1 - Round Robin				
<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>			
(4 teams)	(4 teams)			
Round 1 - Round Robin				
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>			
4 teams	4 teams			
top 2 from A & B	bottom 2 from A & B			
Semi Finals				
<b>SF1</b>	1st from C	1st from D	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4
<b>SF2</b>	2nd from C	2nd from D	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4
Finals				
<b>F1</b>	SF1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing	
Bronze Medal Match				
<b>F1</b>	SF 1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing	
DIV A VS DIV B				
	1st (Div B)	7th (Div A)	Winner to Div A next Nat champs	Loser to Div B next Nat Champs
	2nd (Div B)	8th (Div B)	Winner to Div A next Nat champs	Loser to Div B next Nat Champs

### Men's Open Division 2 (8 Teams)

A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, each team will face a pre-allocated team according to their respective position in the Quarter-Finals. The winners and losers will proceed to the Semi-Finals and Placing matches according to the pre-allocated team according to their respective results.

Round 1 - Round Robin				
<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>			
(4 teams)	(4 teams)			
Round 1 - Round Robin				
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>			
4 teams	4 teams			
top 2 from A & B	bottom 2 from A & B			
Semi Finals				
<b>SF1</b>	1st from C	1st from D	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4
<b>SF2</b>	2nd from C	2nd from D	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4
Finals				
<b>F1</b>	SF1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing	
Bronze Medal Match				
<b>F1</b>	SF 1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing	
DIV A VS DIV B				
	1st (Div B)	7th (Div A)	Winner to Div A next Nat champs	Loser to Div B next Nat Champs
	2nd (Div B)	8th (Div B)	Winner to Div A next Nat champs	Loser to Div B next Nat Champs



## Annex B

### Women's Open (10 Teams)

A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, each team will face a pre-allocated team according to their respective position in the Quarter-Finals. The winners and losers will proceed to the Semi-Finals and Placing matches according to the pre-allocated team according to their respective results.

Round 1 - Round Robin									
Group Y		Group Z							
(5 teams)		(5 teams)							
Quarter-Finals					Round 2				
QF1	Y1	2Y winner			2X	Y4	Z5		
QF2	Y2	Z3			2Y	Z4	Y5		
QF3	Y3	Z2							
QF4	2X winner		Z1						
Semi-Finals					Round 3				
SF1	QF1 winner	QF3 winner	Winner to Finals	Loser to 3/4	3X	QF1 loser	QF3 loser	Winner to 5/6	Loser to 7/8
SF2	QF2 winner	QF4 winner	Winner to Finals	Loser to 3/4	3Y	QF2 loser	QF4 loser	Winner to 5/6	Loser to 7/8
Finals					Placing				
1st/2nd Placing	SF1 winner	SF2 winner			3rd/4th Placing	SF1 loser	SF2 loser		
					5th/6th Placing	3X winner		3Y winner	
					7th/8th Placing	3X loser		3Y loser	
					9th/10th Placing	2X loser		2Y loser	

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A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, each team will face a pre-allocated team according to their respective position in the Quarter-Finals. The winners and losers will proceed to the Semi-Finals and Placing matches according to the pre-allocated team according to their respective results.

Round 1 - Round Robin									
Group Y		Group Z							
(4 teams)		(4 teams)							
Quarter-Finals (Round 2 Equivalent)									
QF1	Y1	Z4							
QF2	Y2	Z3							
QF3	Y3	Z2							
QF4	Y4	Z1							
Semi-Finals					Round 3				
SF1	QF1 winner	QF3 winner	Winner to Finals	Loser to 3/4	3X	QF1 loser	QF3 loser	Winner to 5/6	Loser to 7/8
SF2	QF2 winner	QF4 winner	Winner to Finals	Loser to 3/4	3Y	QF2 loser	QF4 loser	Winner to 5/6	Loser to 7/8
Finals					Placing				
F1	SF1 winner	SF2 winner		1st/2nd Placing	3rd/4th Placing	SF1 loser		SF2 loser	
					5th/6th Placing	3X winner		3Y winner	
					7th/8th Placing	3X loser		3Y loser	



## Annex C

### Men's ITC (4 Teams)

A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, we will proceed on to the Semi-Finals. The 1st team will play with the 4th team and the 2nd team will play with the 3rd team. The winner of each match will move on to compete for first place in the finals, while the losing team will compete for the 3rd place in the 3rd/4th placing match.

Round 1 - Round Robin							
<b>Group M</b>							
(4 teams)							
Semi Finals							
<b>SF1</b>	M 1 Winner	M 3 Winner	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4			
<b>SF2</b>	M 2 Winner	M 4 Winner	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4			
Finals							
<b>1st/2nd Placing</b>	SF1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing		<b>3rd/4th Placing</b>	SF1 loser	SF 2 loser
							3rd/4th Placing

### Women's ITC (4 Teams)

A round-robin will be played during the initial phase of the competition. After the round-robin, we will proceed to the Semi-Finals. The 1st team will play with the 4th team and the 2nd team will play with the 3rd team. The winner of each match will move on to compete for first place in the finals, while the losing team will compete for the 3rd place in the 3rd/4th placing match.

Round 1 - Round Robin							
<b>Group M</b>							
(4 teams)							
Semi Finals							
<b>SF1</b>	M 1 Winner	M 3 Winner	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4			
<b>SF2</b>	M 2 Winner	M 4 Winner	Winner to finals	Loser to 3/4			
Finals							
<b>1st/2nd Placing</b>	SF1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	1st/2nd Placing		<b>3rd/4th Placing</b>	SF1 loser	SF 2 loser
							3rd/4th Placing