



## SINGAPORE CANOE FEDERATION

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **New Races added in the 40<sup>th</sup> National Canoe Sprint Championships 2017 to develop our Young Paddlers and the Para-canoeing Community into Champions**

**Singapore, 1 June 2017** – Singapore Canoe Federation\* (SCF) will be holding their 40<sup>th</sup> National Canoe Sprint Championships\* (NCC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at MacRitchie Reservoir.

The Guest of Honour for the NCC is Mr Darryl David, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC, Deputy Chairperson, Government Parliamentary Committee for Culture, Community and Youth, accompanied by the SCF Adviser, Mr Desmond Lee, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs, Second Minister for National Development, and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr Darryl David will be flagging off the inaugural Junior Kayak Singles (JK1) 2,000m event for kids aged 12 and under at 4.00pm. This challenging event, introduced to further junior development on the advice of National Kayak Coach Balázs Babella, a former two-time world champion who started paddling before the age of 12, will see some of the youngest paddlers in the NCC pit themselves against one another in a test of skill, endurance and strategy.

In this year's NCC, to promote and champion active participation for athletes with disabilities, a new event was added – Paracanoe Kayak Singles (K1) 200m. This event is scheduled at 5pm where 6 of our paracanoe paddlers will be participating for the very first time – using canoeing as a therapeutic activity, under the Canoe Care initiative.

Said Mr Yip, "We hope to further develop and promote the growth of Canoeing in Singapore. So as to achieve our vision of making Canoeing an inclusive and excellent Sport for all in Singapore."

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\*Please see attachment: About NCC, About SCF

**About the NCC:**

The NCC first started in 1977 and this year's NCC2017 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year.

- **Event:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Saturday & Sunday), 8.30am – 6.00pm\*
- **Venue:** MacRitchie Reservoir
  
- **Number of participants:** 400\*, mainly youths aged 13 – 23 years old
- **Number of schools participating:** 25\*
- **Number of KIAK athletes participating:** 20+, aged 8 – 12 years old
- **Number of para-canoe athletes participating:** 6 (1<sup>st</sup> time participating in NCC)
  
- **Age of Youngest participant:** 8 years old
- **Age of Oldest participant:** 47 years old

*\*All figures are estimate only and subject to change depending on event entry*

**About SCF:**

The SCF, which was established in 1971, is the National Sports Association (NSA) responsible for the management, coordination, development and promotion of canoeing in Singapore.

It is now helmed by a dedicated team of volunteers sitting on its Management Council and Executive Committee, working in tandem with a team of staff who are passionate about the sport of Canoeing and its various disciplines.

It represents the interest of its athletes and members to Sport Singapore (Previously known as the Singapore Sports Council), the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC), the public and other international canoeing bodies.

The SCF aims to promote opportunities for public participation in a full range of canoeing activities in Singapore with high standards of safety. Among other things, the SCF aspires to:

- Nurture and prepare its elite and potential elite athletes to medal at the SEA Games, Asian Games and other regional/international competitions.
- Uphold high standards of sportsmanship.
- Champion the development and enjoyment by the public of all canoeing disciplines in Singapore.
- Develop and promote Singapore as a venue of choice for regional/international canoeing championships/events.
- Promote and champion active participation for athletes with disabilities, using canoeing as a therapeutic activity, under the Canoe Care initiative.

The SCF is affiliated to the International Canoe Federation (ICF), the Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC), SNOC and the People's Association (PA).