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Asia's Largest Canoe Polo Event Heads to Singapore: Asian Canoe Polo Championships 2023

Singapore, September 2023 – The excitement is building as Singapore prepares to host the Asian Canoe Polo Championships, the largest canoe polo event in Asia. Hosted by the Asian Canoe Confederation and organised by Singapore Canoe Federation, this prestigious championship will take place from 9 to 12 November 2023 at the Marina Bay waterfront. It promises to be a thrilling showcase of skill, teamwork, and international camaraderie.

A historic first for Singapore

For the first time ever, Singapore will play host to the Asian Canoe Polo Championships (ACPC), a biennial competition that rotates among participating nations. This milestone event showcases Singapore's growing prominence in the world of water sports.

The last ACPC was held in Deqing, China, in 2019.

Building on a tradition of excellence

This year's Championships will feature teams from 7 Asian nations, including Japan, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, and Singapore. Each country will be sending up to 4 teams – Senior Men, Senior Women, U21 Men, and U21 Women, each consisting of 8 to 10 athletes and up to 2 team officials. A total of 23 teams will be participating.

Singapore's national team

The Singapore national team comprises approximately 40 dedicated and passionate athletes, divided into four teams: Senior Men, Senior Women, U21 Men, and U21 Women.

These athletes have represented Singapore with distinction at various international Canoe Polo competitions, including the World Games (2021), World Canoe Polo Championships (2021), Asian Canoe Polo Championships (2019), Asia-Pacific Canoe Polo Championships (2018), and the Ningbo Canoe Polo Super League (2018).

As of the latest rankings, the Senior Women's Team stands as Asia's finest and ranks 11th in the world, while the Senior Men's Team holds the 4th place in Asia based on their performance in 2017. The U21 Men's and Women's teams secured 4th and 3rd place, respectively, in their last Asian Championships in 2017.

Qualifying event for 2024 International Canoe Federation (ICF) World Canoe Polo Championships

ACPC 2023 serves as the qualifying event for the 2024 ICF World Canoe Polo Championships.

ICF canoe polo referee assessment and accreditation



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To support the development of refereeing in Asia, there will be opportunities for national referees, nominated by their National Federations, to undergo International Referee Accreditation. This initiative aims to enhance the quality of officiating in the sport.

An exciting carnival experience for visitors

In addition to the exhilarating canoe polo matches, ACPC 2023 will feature a delightful carnival for visitors of all ages. This carnival will offer a range of engaging activities, delicious food stalls, and entertainment, creating a vibrant atmosphere for families and spectators to enjoy.

Exclusive event merchandise, featuring limited edition t-shirts, hats, and other items, will be available for sale on-site only.

Competition venue

- Marina Bay Waterfront Promenade

Key competition dates

- 9 Nov: Opening Ceremony, Scrutineering and Training
- 10 Nov: Match Day 1
- 11 Nov: Match Day 2
- 12 Nov: Match Day 3, Finals, Awards and Closing Ceremony

About Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF)

Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF), established in 1971, is the National Sports Association governing Canoeing in Singapore. Comprising a dedicated team of volunteers on its Council and Executive Committee, along with passionate staff members, SCF is committed to promoting excellence in canoeing and fostering canoeing as a community sport with high standards of safety.

For more information, visit <https://scf.org.sg/events/details/2023-asian-canoe-polo-championships>.

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Annex 1 – Profiles of Singapore national athletes participating in ACPC 2023
Attachment 1 – Logo of ACPC 2023 and photo of the Singapore Senior Women’s team emerging champion at ACPC 2019



Annex 1

Senior Women

1. Tan Li Ling, 32

- Team Captain
- Vest Number: 1
- Position: Goalkeeper (Defence), Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2012
- Years of Playing Experience: 13
- Occupation: Project Officer, Singapore Police Force

2. Leow Fang Hui

- Vest Number: 4
- Awarded Top Scorer at 2022 World Championship, 2019 Asia Championship
- Position: Zoner (Defence), Driver / In-Zone (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2017
- Years of Playing Experience: 16
- Occupation: Risk Analyst/ Management

3. Carmellia Kiong, 26

- Vest Number: 5
- Position: Zoner / Chaser (Defence) Winger, Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2019
- Years of Playing Experience: 9
- Occupation: Rehab Therapist

4. Gracie Chua, 39

- Vest Number: 7
- Position: Zoner (Defence), Winger, Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2005
- Years of Playing Experience: 22
- Occupation: APAC Campus Program Manager

Senior Men

1. Marcus Tiong, 30

- Team Captain
- Vest Number: 7
- Position: Goalkeeper (Defence), Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2023
- Years of Playing Experience: 12
- Occupation: Real Estate Agent

2. Ong Han Loong, 35

- Coach for Women National Team
- Vest Number: 6



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- Position: Zoner (Defence), In-Zone (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2009
 - Years of Playing Experience: 18
 - Occupation: Canoe Polo and Fitness Coach
- 3. Justin Chan, 27**
- Vest Number: 8
 - Position: Chaser / Zoner (Defence), Driver / Winger (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2023
 - Years of Playing Experience: 8
 - Occupation: Engineer
- 4. Leon Ng, 29**
- Vest Number: 3
 - Position: Zoner (Defence), In-zone (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2013
 - Years of Playing Experience: 12
 - Occupation: Engineer

U21 Men

- 1. Siew Hean, 20**
- Vest Number: 7
 - Position: Chaser (Defence), Winger, Driver (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2023
 - Years of Playing Experience: 2
 - Occupation: Student, completed a Diploma in Computer Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic (SP)
- 2. Tristan Foo, 19**
- Vest Number: 9
 - Position: Side Zoner (Defence), Driver & Winger (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2023
 - Years of Playing Experience: 1.5
 - Occupation: Student at Singapore Polytechnic
- 3. Lim Joe Ee, 18**
- Vest Number: 3
 - Position: Zoner (Defence), Driver (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2023
 - Years of Playing Experience: 1.5
 - Occupation: Student at Singapore Polytechnic, Part-time Barista/Cook
- 4. Jervis Tan, 20**
- Vest Number: 5
 - Position: Chaser (Defence), Driver (Attack)
 - Year Joined National Squad: 2023



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- Years of Playing Experience: 4
- Occupation: Full-time National Servicemen

U21 Women

1. Chun Yi, 21

- Vest Number: 5
- Position: Zoner (Defence) Winger, Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2023
- Years of Playing Experience: 2
- Occupation: Student, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Engineering at National University of Singapore

2. Eunice Ho, 20

- Vest Number: 10
- Position: Goal Keeper (Defence), Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2023
- Years of Playing Experience: 2
- Occupation: Student, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science at Nanyang Technological University

3. Ashlyn Poon, 21

- Vest Number: 1
- Position: Centre Zoner (Defence), Driver (Attack)
- Year Joined National Squad: 2023
- Years of Playing Experience: 2
- Occupation: Student, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Nanyang Technological University

4. Niharika Jagdish, 19

- Vest Number: 4
- Position: Zoner or Goal Keeper (Defence), Driver (Attack)
- Years of playing experience: 1
- Occupation: Student, pursuing a Diploma in Aerospace Electronics at Singapore Polytechnic