



Visitor Guide

IVF Va'a World Elite & Club Sprint Championships 2016

Welcome, this [Visitor Guide](#) provides a range of general event information. Paddler and competition specific information is included in the [Paddler Guide](#).

[Race Results and Information](#) at <http://vaaworldsprints.com/race/> is continually updated and includes Race Results and Schedules and links to the Visitor and Paddler Guides. Additional event information is available online at [Va'a World Sprints](#).

Event Location

Va'a World Sprints 2016

Lake Kawana Sunshine Coast Stadium

[31 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina Sunshine Coast QLD 4575](#)

Telephone: (07) 5437 7666

Parking East Entry 320 Nicklin Way

- Public Parking and Buses.

Parking North Entry Corner Sportsmans Parade and Main Drive

- Public Parking

Disable Parking Entry Sportsmans Parade South of the Stadium





Event Program

The [Event Program](#) provides times and locations for key event activities. [Race Results and Information](#) provides race schedules. Program changes may be announced throughout the event.



Event Program

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05/05/2016 Thu		Training Day 1	
07:00	16:00 Training		Race Area
	Para Classifications		Para Classifiers Room (PC) Stadium Ground Floor
09:00	10:00 Media Brief		Race Area
06/05/2016 Fri		Training Day 2	
07:00	16:00 Training		Race Area
	Para Classifications		Para Classifiers Room (PC) Stadium Ground Floor
07/05/2016 Sat		Training Day 3	
07:00	13:00 Training		Race Area
	Para Classifications		Para Classifiers Room (PC) Stadium Ground Floor
10:00	11:00 Area Co ordinator Meeting		Corporate Lounge (CL) Stadium L2
13:00	14:00 Volunteer Meeting		Race Area Volunteer Tent
15:00	16:45 Opening Ceremony		Main Field Stadium
16:45	17:45 Hawaiian Airlines Boarding Pass		Courtyard Stadium
08/05/2016 Sun		Elite Racing Day 1	
08:30	09:00 Blessing		Race Area
09:30	12:30 Elite Racing		Race Area
12:30	13:00 Courtyard Entertainment		Courtyard Stadium
13:00	14:00 Awards Presentation (Para)		Main Stage Stadium
14:00	17:00 Training		Race Area
09/05/2016 Mon		Elite Racing Day 2	
09:00	12:30 Elite Racing		Race Area
13:00	15:00 Awards Presentation		Main Stage Stadium
15:00	17:00 Training		Race Area



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10/05/2016 Tue

08:00 16:00 Club Racing
15:30 16:30 Courtyard Entertainment
16:30 17:30 Awards Presentation

Club Racing Day 3

Race Area
Courtyard Stadium
Main Stage Stadium

11/05/2016 Wed

08:00 16:00 Club Racing
15:30 16:30 Courtyard Entertainment
16:00 17:00 Awards Presentation

Club Racing Day 4

Race Area
Courtyard Stadium
Main Stage Stadium

12/05/2016 Thu

08:00 16:00 Club Racing
15:30 16:30 Courtyard Entertainment
16:30 18:30 Awards Presentation

Club Racing Day 5

Race Area
Courtyard Stadium
Main Stage Stadium

13/05/2016 Fri

08:00 13:30 Club Racing
17:30 19:30 Culture Night

Club Racing Day 6

Race Area
Main Stage Stadium

14/05/2016 Sat

08:00 16:00 Club Racing
15:30 16:30 Courtyard Entertainment
16:30 18:30 Awards Presentation

Club Racing Day 7

Race Area
Courtyard Stadium
Main Stage Stadium

15/05/2016 Sun

09:00 14:00 Club Racing
13:30 14:30 Courtyard Entertainment
14:30 16:30 Awards Presentation
16:30 17:00 Close
17:00 18:00 Courtyard Entertainment
18:30 21:30 After Party

Club Racing Day 8

Race Area
Courtyard Stadium
Main Stage Stadium
Main Stage Stadium
Courtyard Stadium
Competitor Tent



Event Layout



Transport and Parking

Two main Paid Parking Areas are provided. The cost per single entry is AU\$5.00 per vehicle. Space is limited and your support in minimising traffic is required. Please consider carpooling and bus transport wherever possible. Do not park on footpaths, verges or no parking zones. Local authorities will be monitoring parking throughout the event and parking infringements will be issued. All parking is at owners own risk. There are no shuttle buses to the event and public transport is limited. The best volume transport option is bus charter. Booking forms to charter bus companies are available at [Transport options](#).

[Parking East Entry 320 Nicklin Way](#)

- Public Parking and Buses.

[Parking North Entry Cnr Sportsmans Parade and Main Drive](#)

- Public Parking.

[Disable Parking Entry Sportsmans Parade South of the Stadium](#)

- Disable Parking Permits and Registered Para Competitors Only.



Entry Conditions and Expectations

- Please be respectful, consider others in all your actions, follow the directions of all event personnel and support our volunteers by helping out wherever you can.
- Please ensure all rubbish is in the bin and do a quick clean each day.
- Please ensure any structure erected is fit for purpose, secure and is removed when not in use. Groups and individuals are fully responsible for any structure or item brought on site and its use.
- The event site is a smoke free zone.
- No swimming is allowed in the lake.
- No alcohol is to be brought onto the event site.
- No Glass. Drinks or products in glass containers should not be brought on site as they present a safety risk.
- No pets, balloons, drugs, livestock, firearms, explosives, hazardous materials, generators, offensive or inappropriate material are allowed onto the event site.
- Secure all personal property, it is your responsibility.
- No food preparation, bbq's or cooking of any kind is allowed on site unless by an approved food vendor.
- Only approved vendors can operate on site. **The display, trade or promotion of any non-approved item is not allowable.** The event is only possible due to our sponsors and vendors please support them.

IVF Area Competitor Zones and Viewing Areas

Competitor shelter areas are provided within the Competitors Tent and in Viewing Area Tents along the course from the 50m to the 200m. These tents will be marked with designated [IVF Areas zones](#) which are to be managed by the applicable Area Co ordinators in line with event entry conditions and expectations. Smaller IVF Area teams will share a zone. The combined Competitors Tent and Viewing Area Tent allocations will comfortably shelter all competitors. Beyond the allocated IVF Area Tents (after the 200m point) spectators are able to set up individual viewing tents. Any structure erected must be fit for purpose, secure and due to the risk of evening storms must be collapsed or removed when not in use.

Medical

On site Medical Assistance is available in the Race Area beside the finish line. This will be staffed by qualified personnel during all race periods. We also have the services of [Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy](#) as the Event Health and Wellness Provider. Sports & Spinal are providing free on-site physio and massage, screening and patch ups, and special event rates for participants to attend Sports & Spinal clinics. Sports & Spinal are located beside the Medical Tent.

Volunteers



Va'a World Sprints is run by volunteers and without them it would not be possible. Please respect their work and support them where you can. Volunteers can be identified by their Helping Hands Uniforms. If you can help by volunteering please visit the Volunteer Tent in the Race Area.

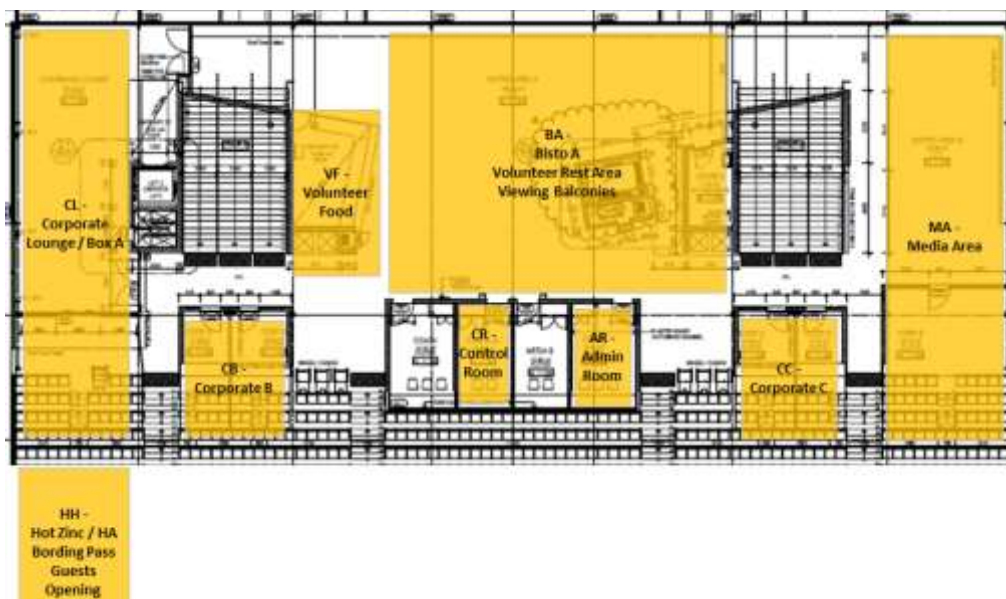


Stadium

The Stadium provides full amenities and is the location for non-race activities.



Ground Level Stadium



Level 2 Stadium



Event Activities and Facilities

- **Blessing** – Va'a are blessed before launching and a full blessing ceremony will be conducted by Aunty Robyn Lenox prior to event racing. Aunty Robyn Lenox is a spiritual indigenous elder and member of the [Nandjimidji Art Group](#).

Oneness of All Blessing – Aunty Robyn Lenox

I give salutations to the Divinity within All.

Heart of God within the heart of all.

I see the beauty, the truth of who you are.

I bless you all.

Salutations from the heart of God within, to the heart of all.

- **Information Booth** – Event and [Sunshine Coast Tourism](#) information are available in the Information Booth area in front of the pedestrian crossing. The [IVF World Distance Championships 2017](#) and IVF Va'a World Sprints 2018 hosts Tahiti will also be set up in this area with information about these world class events.
- **Training** - IVF Area training times are scheduled with Area Co ordinators. The use of Va'a and the lake are only possible during allocated times and only training team members can enter the Race Area. Spectators are welcome in the Viewing Area Grand Stands during these training sessions.
- **Food** - Vendors and seating are located in the stadium Courtyard and on the Northern side of the Stadium. Select food vendors will be operating prior to the Opening Ceremony, on all race days from breakfast up to each day's Medal Ceremony, and covering the Close and After Party on the last day.
- **Stadium Facilities** – Male and Female Showers and Change Rooms are available within the Stadium allowing paddlers to shower and change after paddling and stay on for a meal, presentations and activities.
- **Courtyard Entertainment** – Performances are scheduled prior to medal presentations on the Stadium main field. Artists are provided with the support of [Hostile Entertainment](#). A licensed bar will be available in the Courtyard area.
- **Opening Ceremony** – Teams will assemble in the Competitors Tent for the Opening Parade and then march into the stadium main field and assemble around the Main Stage. Spectator seating is available in the Stadium, spectator entrance is from the front of the Stadium. Only participants should enter the field area. The [Hot 91 Hawaiian Airlines](#) Boarding Pass Winners will be announced in the Courtyard.
- **Sky Divers** – [Sunshine Coast Sky Divers](#) will be onsite throughout and have a special [Sky Diving Offer](#) for Va'a World Sprints competitors.
- **Touching Hands Canoe** – As a component of the Opening Ceremony a representative from each IVF Area will be invited to place their hand print on the [Nandjimidji Art Group](#) Touching Hands Canoe. During the event all paddlers will be invited to do the same. This historical canoe will become a memento of the event and a symbol of the bond between paddlers.
- **Art Exhibition** - The Stadium Foyer will display paintings of the [Nandjimidji Art Group](#). Artwork will be available for purchase. Paintings from the [Nandjimidji Art Group](#) are a feature of the event and are



incorporated in Volunteer Uniforms, Event Merchandise, Medal design, Ceremonial Canoe and across the entire event from open to close.

- **Official Event Merchandise** – [Team Elite Merchandise](#) are the official merchandise provider for Va'a World Sprints 2016 and long-term sponsors of AOCRA. They are trading on site throughout the event and are located at the north western end of the stadium field between the Food Vendors and Merchants. The Merchandise 'Boatique' will be open daily from 8.00 am. Merchandise can also be viewed at the [Team Elite Merchandise Online Store](#) and if you are interested in prices, artwork and team uniforms, please contact Team Elite at info@elitemerchandise.com.au. You can also view Team Wear products and uniforms available from the [Team Elite corporate site](#).
- **Merchants** – A range of products are on display in the Merchants area beside the Competitors Tent.
- **Hot 91** – Local radio [HOT 91](#) will be running live crosses and activities throughout the event. Look out for them.
- **Medal Presentations** – Come and support the paddlers as they receive their medals on the Main Stage. Spectator seating is available in the Stadium or on the grass of the main field.
- **Photography** – [Lesley Downie Photography](#) is the Official Event Photographer and will be capturing the action throughout the event. Photos will be available from the [Lesley Downie Photography website](#).
- **Culture Night** – IVF Areas are invited to take main stage and showcase their culture with a traditional performance.
- **Closing Ceremony** – After the last medal is presented Va'a World Sprints 2016 will come to a close and the IVF flag passed to the 2018 host Tahiti. IVF Areas representatives will be presented with an event memento.
- **After Party** – Paddlers and supporters are invited to celebrate at the Va'a World Sprints 2016 After Party with [Flip Flop](#) music and dance in the Competitor Tent.



Sponsors and Supporters



The Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council is host of the 2016 IVF Va'a World Elite & Club Sprint Championships.



The Naturally Refreshing Sunshine Coast is host region and official destination partner for the 2016 Va'a World Sprints.



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