



INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

**CANOE SPRINT
COMPETITION RULES**

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide the Rules that govern:

- a) Canoe Sprint
- b) The organisation of Canoe Sprint events

LANGUAGE

The English written language is the only acceptable language for all official communications relating to these Competition Rules and the conduct of all Canoe Sprint ICF competitions.

For the sake of consistency, British spelling, punctuation and grammatical conventions have been used throughout.

Any word which may imply the masculine gender, also includes the feminine.

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List of Abbreviations

ICF	International Canoe Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
NOC	National Olympic Committee
OCOG	Organising Committee of Olympic Games
CSPC	Canoe Sprint Committee
[GR]	General Rules (can only be changed by ICF Congress)
[TR]	Technical Rules (can only be changed by ICF Board of Directors)
COMPETITIONS	All World Championships, All World Cups, All International Competitions
CATEGORIES	Kayak Men, Kayak Women, Canadian Men, Canadian Women
CLASSES	M K1 - M K2 - M K4 - W K1 - W K2 - W K4 - M C1 - M C2 - M C4 - W C1 - W C2 - W C4
EVENTS	Each Class in each distance and in each age group i.e. (K1 M 200m Senior - K2 W 500m Senior - C4 1000m Junior)

CHAPTER I - GENERAL REGULATIONS

1 AIM

[GR]

- 1.1 The aim of a Canoe Sprint competition is for people to race each other in kayaks and canoes over a clearly defined unobstructed course in the shortest possible time according to the rules.

2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[GR]

- 2.1 All competitions announced as international are to be held in accordance with the regulations of the ICF. Competitions arranged by the National Federations or their clubs are considered international if competitors of a foreign country are invited to participate.
- 2.2 These competitions must be supervised or managed by at least one accredited official in possession of a valid International Canoe Federation Canoe Sprint Official card.
- 2.3 There are International competitions which only have to appear in the International Calendar and there is no restriction on entries (except by the organiser).
- 2.4 There are three types of ICF competitions:
 - Senior World Championships (See Chapter IV)
 - Junior and Under 23 World Championships (See Chapter V)
 - World Cup (See Chapter VII)
- 2.5 Canoeing Competitions in Continental and Regional Multi-sport Games and Championships shall be organised under the ICF Rules and Regulations for World Championships for that discipline.
For Olympic disciplines in such events the Olympic programme shall apply.
The organisation and programme of the Canoeing in Multi-sport Games on global level must be

approved by the ICF and for continental level by the Continental Canoeing Associations.

- 2.6 The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks will not be accepted.

3 COMPETITORS

[GR]

- 3.1 Only the members of clubs or associations affiliated with an ICF National Federation have the right to participate in an international competition.
- 3.2 A competitor is always allowed to take part individually in an international competition but must in each case obtain special permission from his/her National Federation.
- 3.3 A Competitor may take part on behalf of the Federation in a foreign country in which he/she is domiciled, if he/she obtains the authorisation of his/her Federation of origin. This authorisation has to be sent before 30th November prior to the year concerned to the ICF Headquarters with a copy to the Chair of the Canoe Sprint Committee. The same procedure applies, should the Competitor change back his/her starting right to the Federation of origin.
- 3.4 If he/she has lived for 2 (two) years or more in (this) a foreign country, the approval of his/her Federation of origin is no longer required.
- 3.5 A competitor may not compete for more than one Federation in any calendar year in the sport of canoeing. This rule does not apply in the case of a competitor who leaves his/her country of origin to marry and live in another country. He/she can, in this case, compete for his/her new Federation without awaiting the delay of 2 years.
- 3.6 The first year a competitor can compete in a junior category is the year that his/her 15th birthday falls in and the last year he/she can compete, as a junior is the year that his/her 18th birthday falls in. Last year he/she can compete in Under 23 category is the year that his/her 23th birthday falls in.

- 3.7 A competitor can compete in a Masters event in the year in which he or she reaches the lower limit of the age categories i.e. for the 35 - 39 age group, athlete is eligible in the year of his or her 35th birthday. In K2/C2 or K4/C4 events the average age of the competitors will determine the category in which a crew can compete.
- 3.8 Each National Federation shall ensure that their competitors are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event and ensure each competitor, team official and the National Federation carries appropriate health, accident and property insurance covering their persons, equipment and property.

4 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR

[GR]

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR is different to the ICF COMPETITION CALENDAR (ICF events only)

4.1 Only a National Federation may apply for an event to enter the International Competition Calendar. Only members of the ICF may apply for events to the Calendar.

4.1.1 An application will be made using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

4.1.2 By the 1st of January the year before, the calendar of ICF Competitions (WCh and WCup) will be published. The deadline for applications for international events will be the 1st of March the year before (2 months after the publication of the ICF Competition Calendar).

5 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

[GR]

To be recognised as an International event, a minimum of 3 boats from 2 Federations must participate.

CHAPTER II - CATEGORIES / DISTANCES, ADVERTISING TRADEMARKS AND BOAT CONSTRUCTION

6 CATEGORIES / DISTANCES

[GR]

6.1 The official events recognised by the ICF are the following:

Men and Women	K1, K2, K4, C1, C2, C4	200, 500 and 1000 meters
	K1, K2, K4, C1, C2	5000 meters
	MK1, WK1, MC1	200 meter Relays

6.2 The official distances of races recognised by the ICF are the following:

Men and Women	200, 500, 1000 and 5000 meters
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7 SPECIFICATIONS

[TR]

7.1 The official boat categories recognised by the ICF are the following:

Men and Women	K1, K2, K4, C1, C2 and C4
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7.2

Boats	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
Max. length	520	650	1100	520	650	900
Min. weight	12	18	30	16	20	30

All measurements in cm and all weights in kg

TRADEMARKS

7.3 Identifications and Advertising Trademarks

7.3.1 Trademarks and Advertising on boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and written text. Requirements for advertising on equipment and clothing for ICF Canoe Sprint Competitions (excluding Olympic Games, see Chapter IV) are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for

Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual

7.3.2. There are reserved places on equipment (Eg. boat and paddle) with size limitations for trademarks and advertising. These areas are dedicated for the identification of Athletes/NF, Manufacturer, Organiser and ICF (including sponsors).

7.3.3. Athlete's name must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit.

7.3.4. The Athletes should wear the appropriate official clothing with easy identification of the nation they represent.

7.3.5. The Advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks is not permitted.

7.3.6. Images, symbols, slogans unrelated to sport funding or political messages are not permitted.

7.4 Requirements for ICF Canoe Sprint Competitions (Excluding Olympic Games):

7.4.1 The guidelines for any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers should be as follows:

7.4.1.1 All advertising material should be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitors' identification and does not affect the outcome of the race.

7.5 Requirement for Olympic Games:

7.5.1 No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or more generally on any article or clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification of the article or equipment concerned.

The ICF rules are subject to the IOC rules. Any matter not regulated by the IOC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

7.5.1.1 The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.

7.5.1.2 The uniform of the competitors and all persons holding an official position may include the

flag of their NOC Olympic emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Olympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

7.5.2 Any boat, accessory, or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during a competition. Teams are responsible for their own equipment.

8 CONSTRUCTION

[TR]

The boat must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water. No part of the athlete's body should be attached to the boat in anyway. Such attachments must be removed.

8.1 The Hull

Section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the kayak and canoe shall not be concave (Only horizontally and vertically).

8.2 The Deck

The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the first cockpit.

8.3 No foreign substance may be added to the boats, which give competitor unfair advantage.

8.3.1 No part of the boat (including the seat and the footrest) may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give competitors an unfair advantage (existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).

8.4 A boat or competitor may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or event presentation.

The device may be used by the competitor for analysis following a race but in no circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to a competitor during a race.

Kayaks

8.5 Boats may have one rudder. The rudder has to be placed under the hull of the boat.

8.5.1 The boat to be designed as to be a sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on (Surf Ski type)

Canoes

8.6 The canoe must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length.

8.6.1 Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the canoe is banned.

8.6.2 The C1 and C2 may be entirely open. The minimum length of the opening shall be 280cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunwale) can extend maximum 5cm into the craft along the whole defined opening. The boat can have maximum three strengthening bars with a width of maximum 7 cm each.

8.6.3 The C4 canoe may be entirely open, the minimum length of the opening shall be 390cm and the edge of the side of the craft (gunwale) can extend maximum 6cm into the craft along the defined opening. The boat can have maximum four strengthening bars with a width of maximum 7 cm each.

8.6.4 The competitors are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the technical requirements for the competitions.

Innovations

8.7 Significant innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before they are allowed for use in ICF International Competitions; including World Championships and Olympic Games:

- a. They must be available to all competitors (no exclusive patents);
- b. The costs involved must be reasonable;
- c. There must be equal chances for all competitors;

d. They must be safe and environmentally sound.

The innovation must be submitted to the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all competitors by January 1st in order to be authorised for use in International competitions that year. Crews with unapproved innovations shall not be allowed to compete. The ICF Canoe Sprint Committee has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable and whether it is safe and environmentally sound.

9 BOAT CONTROL

[TR]

9.1 The length of a kayak or a canoe shall be measured between the extremes of the stem and the stern. Stem bands or other projection of the stem or stern, if any, are to be included.

9.2 No alterations in canoes and kayaks are permitted after the measuring and weighing and before the competition has taken place.

9.3 All loose fittings shall be removed. Permanent knee rests attached in a definitive way to the floorboard and any attachments consisting of water absorbing material must be absolutely dry or they will be removed at the first weighing prior to the race. Three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee and on a random system shall be re-controlled immediately after the race.

CHAPTER III - RACING ORGANISATION AND REGULATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

10 OFFICIALS

[TR]

10.1 Duties of the Organising Committee (TR)

An Organising Committee is responsible for the preparation and running of the competition.

The Organising Committee shall, in particular:

1. Fix the date and the programme of the regatta in agreement with the member federation concerned
2. Draw up and distribute the advance programme including the date and time of the team leaders' meeting
3. Make available a suitable venue and technical equipment conforming to the present Rules of Racing.

10.2 Competition Committee (TR)

10.2.1 The competition is to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:

- 1) Chief Official
- 2) Chief Judge
- 3) Deputy Chief Judge

Two members of the Competition Committee must be in possession of a valid International Canoe Sprint Official card.

10.2.2. Duties of the Competition Committee:

- a) Organise and supervise the competition
- b) In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, which make it impossible to carry out the competition, postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held
- c) Hear any protests that may be made and settle any disputes that may arise
- d) Decide matters concerning disqualification in cases where the regulations are broken during a race
- e) Should a competitor be injured during a heat, the Committee may allow him/her to participate in another heat

- f) The decision of the Committee shall be based on the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules
- g) Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed i.e. disqualification for a longer period than the duration of the competition in question
- h) Before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of the rules, hear the opinion of the Umpire who controlled the race in which the infraction was said to have occurred. The Committee is to seek the opinion of other officials supervising the race, if it is felt to be of importance in clearing up the alleged offence

10.3 International competitions are to be supervised by:

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Deputy Chief Judge
- Competition Manager
- Boat Controllers
- Starter/s
- Aligner/s
- Course Umpire/s
- Turning Point Umpire/s
- Finishing Line Judge/s
- Announcer
- Media Officer

10.3.1 If circumstances permit, one person may function in two of the above positions.

10.4 Duties of the Officials.

10.4.1 The **Chief Official** shall decide all matters arising during the actual competition, which is not dealt with in these rules. The ICF competition shall be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the Canoe Sprint Committee with other officials.

10.4.2 The **Chief Judge** cooperates in with the Chief Official and he/she substitutes the Chief Official in case of necessity.

10.4.3 The **Deputy Chief Judge** will closely co-operate with the Chief Official and the Competition

Manager and will handle the administrative tasks of the competition.

He will collect the notes from the Team Leaders of the participating countries on the changes before the beginning of the Team Leader's meeting and put them in order according to the races. At the meeting, he/she will record all changes announced by the Chief Official in this own programme.

If necessary, he/she will check the personal identification documents of the competitors and their age.

He will collect the forms necessary for the administration and any other means necessary for the secretariat.

In case of computer data processing, he/she will keep in contact with the responsible IT person.

During the competition he/she will check the results race by race and will prepare the list of the boats qualified in the next round.

He will formulate the decisions of the Competition Committee passed in the subject-matter of the protest and will arrange to have it recorded in the minutes. He/she is responsible for the accuracy of the minutes. To perform the written tasks the Competition Secretary can employ assistants and office staff as necessary.

10.4.4 The Competition Manager will keep in constant contact with the organisers to solve any eventual problems arising. He/she supervises the races and is responsible for ensuring that the programmes followed without unnecessary delay. He/she shall inform the officials concerned punctually before a new race starts. He/she has to deal also with the good function of the competition administration of the races. (Programme, drawings results, technical documents, boat control, press, protests, etc.) He/she shall make certain that the announcer gives all necessary information about the races such as the start order, the name of any competitor failing to start and the results.

10.4.5 The Boat Controller/s will only allow athletes to compete at the race, whose identification has been checked and whose boat, equipment, clothing, starting number and body number conform to the rules. They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign

substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Art. 8. The Official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats. The competitors having passed the control are entered in a written report. Should any of the boats not fulfil the ICF requirements concerning classification (Art. 8), they shall be excluded from the competition. The organisers will provide for this purpose two certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied. At least three boats are to be selected a random from the participants in the races for boat control after the finish.

10.4.6 The Starter decides all questions concerning the start of the races and is solely responsible for decisions as to false starts. His/her decision is final. English shall be the language used.

If necessary the other words can be repeated in the other recognised languages of the ICF. He/she shall see that the starting equipment is in good working order. He/she shall communicate with the Competition Committee and after having received a signal from them that all is ready, he/she shall order the competitors to their places and carry out the start according to the racing rules. It is the responsibility of the Starter to be satisfied that the circumstances at the start are free from any hindrance.

10.4.7 The Aligner is to bring the boats to the starting line with least possible delay. Their duties will be to check the uniformity of the competitors including their attire as well the number on the back and the boat numbers. English shall be the language used.

If an automatic starting system is in use the aligners will be positioned in 2 separate boats behind the starting line. They will have an unobstructed view inside of the system's boats.

When all boats are aligned and completely inside the boots the aligner will raise a white flag signifying to the starter that they are in position to start. When the boats are not in the boots the aligner shall raise a red flag.

If there is no automatic starting system the aligners may be repositioned.

10.4.8 The Course Umpire shall see to it that during a race the rules are complied with. If the rules are broken, the Umpire shall report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee.

- a) The Competition Committee shall decide whether any of the competitors concerned shall be disqualified or not. If the Umpire has to report an infraction of the rules he/she shall show a red flag and lane number and make a written report before the next race takes place. In such a case, the Competition Committee shall make known its decision immediately and before the result of the race is announced.
- b) If there is no infraction to report, the Umpire shall show a white flag.
- c) In races of 1000m, the Umpire shall follow the race in a motorboat. For Championships races of 1000m, races shall be accompanied by two Course Umpires in two separate catamaran type boats.
In races of 200m, the Umpire(s) shall not follow the race. Two Course Umpires in motor boats shall be positioned before the start line. Two Course Umpires shall be positioned behind the finish line.
For the 500m races, either system as used for the 1000m or the 200m may be adopted for the Course Umpires to do their task. The Chief Official will decide on the most appropriate system to be used, based on his/her opinion of the course features.
The Course Umpire can follow and judge the race also from the Finish Tower as instructed by the Chief Official.
- d) He shall be completely unhampered during the race. No one except the Umpire and the driver shall be admitted to the boat reserved for him/her.
- e) In long distance races with many competitors, more than one Umpire will be nominated. One of the Umpires shall if possible follow the leading group in the race, but without disturbing the other competitors.
- f) In case of hindrances, the Course Umpire must stop the competition passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag

or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling. After this all boats shall return to the start. The Course Umpire shall report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee.

10.4.9 Turning Point Umpires when a race is run along a course with one or more turning points, one or more umpires and one recorder must be stationed at every turning point where they gain the best view of the turn.

- a) The Turning Point Umpire shall see the competitors turn according to the rules. The recorder shall make a list of all who pass the turning point
- b) Immediately after race, the Turning Point Umpire shall report to the Competition Committee as to who has turned and if any infraction of the rules has taken place.

10.4.10 Finishing Line Judges decides the order in which the competitors have passed the finishing line. At World Championships the order of the boats arriving at the finishing line will be decided with a Photo Finish System.

The position of the competitors in the boat will be recorded with video camera at the time of arriving to the finish line. The Chief Finish Judge will decide with the recording whether the competitor was in his/her boat upon arriving or not and report it to the Competition Committee.

When there is no Photo Finish System, the Finishing Line Judges decide the order in which the competitors have passed the finishing line. The judges shall be placed in a position where all lanes at the finish line can be clearly seen.

If the judges differ regarding the placing of two or more competitors, a simple majority shall decide the dispute, in the absence of photo finish. In the case of equal voting, the Chief Judge has the casting vote.

When there is no Photo Finish, the Finishing Line Judges are responsible for recording the times. This shall be done by means of stopwatches or suitable electronic equipment.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Finish Line Judge to ensure that the timing equipment is working correctly.

The Chief Finish Line Judge shall divide the work amongst the Finish line judges.

At the end of each race, he/she shall compare the official times with the other Finish line judges and immediately inform the Chief Finish Line Judge on them.

Each race shall be timed by at least two watches. When the watches have not recorded the same time, the longest (worst) time shall be taken as correct. The stopwatches are to be started when the electronic or optical signal from the start is received.

When a photo finish is used, the result determined by the Finish Line Judges shall be compared with it, with the photo finish being decisive. Video films are not a substitute for photo finish.

10.4.11 The Announcer shall, on the instructions of the Competition Manager, announce the start of each race, the order of starting and the position of the competitors during the race. After the race is finished, he/she will announce the results.

10.4.12 The Media Officer must supply all necessary information to the representative of the press, radio and television about the races and its progress. He/she is authorised therefore to ask information from the different officials who must also procure for him/her as soon as possible copies of the official results.

10.4.13 It is the Officials' obligation to perform their tasks in conformity with the ICF rules.

Every judge will have the obligation to check at whether all means and equipment necessary to perform his/her tasks are ensured. In the event any shortcoming is found, it is reported to the Chief Official or Competition Manager.

Unauthorised persons must not enter any Officials' area unless the Competition Committee or the Jury send for officials or team officials in order to solve problems.

10.4.14 In the Olympic Games or World Championships all officials must be recognised International Canoe Sprint Officials, holding a valid Canoe Sprint certificate.

Procedure for becoming an ICF Canoe Sprint Official:

11.1 Examination:

1. Examination Organization

Officials Examination is organised at the end of an ICF Canoe Sprint Official Seminar if there is sufficient interest.

Continental Associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold a seminar and an examination. This is done together with the application for the Competition Calendar using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

Application deadlines are the same as for the International Competition Calendar. The Examination Calendar is published on the same date as the International Competition Calendar.

2. Examination Candidates

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate candidates for examination at least 30 days before the examination.

The applications must be sent to the ICF Headquarters on the special form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website. ICF Headquarters is forming a database and forwarding the list of names to the Respectful Committee Chair.

3. Examination Procedure

A sub-committee consisting of two members, appointed by the ICF Technical Committee Chair, will hold this examination after ICF Official Seminar containing theory and practise sessions at the international level event.

The examination will be carried out in English language for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF Competitions and will be based on the knowledge of the ICF Statutes, the ICF Rules and practical experience.

If people take the examination in one of the other official languages or without participation in the Official Seminar, they may not be considered to officiate at ICF Competitions.

4. Officials' Cards

After completion of the examination the Respective Chair completes the ICF Official Examination Report and sends it to the ICF HQ, where the Official's cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations.

Candidates may pass the examination according to the criteria created by their Continental Federation or the ICF criteria created by the Technical Committee Chair. Officials who are approved only at the continental level, may participate in a new examination without attending another seminar. Those officials who have passed the examination according to ICF criteria, need four (4) years experience at the continental level before nomination to World Championships events.

5. Validity and Renewals

Validity and renewals are subject to the Technical Chairs criteria. If the Officials Card expires, is lost or destroyed a 20 euro fee for renewal will be charged.

11.2 Financial Responsibility

National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials (before and after the examination).

For every candidate applied for the examination, a National Federation will be charged 20 €. The Invoice will be sent to the National Federation at the end of the year.

The National Federation concerned will cover the seminar and examination organization costs including living and travelling expenses of the examiners. The National Federation may charge candidates to cover some costs and expenses.

11.3 Nomination and Appointment of the Officials for ICF Events

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate Officials for ICF Events.

The deadline for submitting proposals is the 1st of January in the year of the event.

The nominations are submitted to the ICF Headquarters and the respective Technical Committee Chair. The Chair will present a list of selected Officials to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval.

12 INVITATIONS

[GR]

12.1 An invitation to an international competition shall contain the following information:

- a) Time and place of the competition.
- b) Situation and plan of the course(s).
- c) Classes and distances of races.
- d) Sequence and starting times of races.
- e) Whether the races are to be held on still or running water up or down stream, and minimum depth of water.
- f) Address to which entries should be sent.
- g) Last date for receiving entries. This date shall not be earlier than 14 days prior to the first day of the competition.
- h) Conditions/terms of participation

12.2 As far as possible the order of races shall be in accordance with the schedules detailed for Senior and Junior Under 23 World Championships.

12.3 An invitation shall be sent two (2) months before the competition.

13 ENTRIES

[GR]

13.1 Entries for an international competition can only be made through the National Federation in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

13.2 An entry shall, however, always contain the following:

- a) The name of the club or federation to which the competitor/s belong.
- b) The classes and distance in which the team proposes to compete
- c) Family name and given name of each competitor together with the date and year of his/her birth and his/her citizenship. On the entry form for Junior and Under 23 Championships in addition to the name and surname, nationality, sex, also the date and place of birth, name of his/her club must be given and

- prior to the first race he or she or the team leader must produce documentary proof such as passport, identity card or similar document with photograph, confirming the age of the competitor,
- d) Similar details regarding reserves, if any.
 - e) In addition to nominated crews, participating federations are allowed to enter unlimited number of substitutes in every race.
 - f) All entries should be in writing (Letter, Fax, E.mail etc.) Where verbal communication is used, it must also be confirmed in writing by the given deadline (midnight on the due date). In the eventuality of conflicting information, the information with letterhead and/or signature will take precedence.
 - g) Late entries cannot be accepted
 - h) When making the entries, Federations must give the colours of the clothing worn by the competitors and these colours must not be changed during the competition.

14 HEATS AND FINALS

[TR]

14.1 At least three kayaks or canoes must be entered before the race can be held. If the number of entries in races up to and including 1000 meters is so great that heats are necessary, the number of kayaks or canoes in each heat and in the final must not exceed nine (9).

14.2 The division of the competitors into heats shall be determined by drawing lots.

14.3 Eight or Nine Kayaks or canoes may participate in the final if more than this number has been entered in the entire race as follows:

System for:

10 to 18 competitors (teams) see plan "A"

19 to 27 competitors (teams) see plans "B/1" and "B/2"

28 to 36 competitors (teams) see plans "C/1" and "C/2"

37 to 45 competitors (teams) see plans "D/1" and "D/2"
46 to 54 competitors (teams) see plans "E/1" and "E/2"
55 to 63 competitors (teams) see plans "F/1" and "F/2"
64 to 72 competitors (teams) see plans "G/1" and "G/2"

14.3.1 B final will only be held when there are more than 18 boats in that particular event and a C final will only be held when there are more than 36 boats in that particular event.

14.4 When making the draw, the difference between the numbers of competitors in the heats of a race shall not exceed one. If the number of competitors in the heats varies, the earlier heats have the larger numbers.

14.5 Any crew, which has not taken part in a heat as instructed, shall not be allowed to compete in the final.

14.6 The composition of a crew, which has qualified for semi-finals or for the final, must not be changed. Heats and the final shall be run on the same stretch of water.

14.7 For races of more than 1000 meters, heats shall not be held, and all boats taking part shall start simultaneously.

14.8 Should the width of water not permit a simultaneous start, starts at regular intervals shall be permitted.

15 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES AND PROGRAMME

[TR]

15.1 Applications for entry must be answered within 48 hours of receipt.

15.2 The Organising Committee will accept the entries in conformity with the conditions/terms of participation. Therefore the Organising Committee can reject or delete the entry of the participants who fail to observe the conditions/terms of participation.

15.3 Not later than 24 hours before the first race of the regatta, the programme shall be available at the

regatta course, giving the names and citizenship's of the competitors and the results of the draw.

15.4 Team Leader

The Team Leader will represent his/her team and keep contact with the Chief Official and the organisers from the beginning of the competition up to its end, but he/she cannot disturb their work.

The Team Leader will submit any changes or his/her comments in relation to the competition in writing 30 minutes before the start of the Team Leaders' meeting.

As necessary the Team Leader will arrange to submit the protest or appeal as stipulated.

15.4.1 Team Leaders' Meeting

At least 12 hours before the first race of the competition, the Team Leader's meeting is to be held. At this meeting the names of Team Leaders should be advised. The organisers will describe the regatta course and all other arrangements, which should be adhered to for the duration of the competition. The Chief Official will describe the competition programme and ask for any changes to the entries.

16 ALTERATIONS OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

[TR]

16.1 Any competitor named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute any other in any event (kayak men, kayak women, canoe men). Notification of alterations in the entries must be given in written form to the chief official at least one hour before the first race of the morning or afternoon session

16.2 The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and no renewed entry of the same crew is allowed.

17 ALTERATIONS IN THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

[TR]

17.1 The sequence of races given in the invitation, and the intervals between the races as given in the racing Programme, are binding on the organisers. Alterations cannot be made unless the respective team managers

or national representatives at the competition give their consent.

18 COURSES

[TR]

Courses (1000m - 500m - 200m)

18.1 The standard ICF course for International, Continental Championships, World Championships (nine lanes) and for Continental Olympic Qualification and Olympic Games (eight lanes) shall provide fair and equal racing conditions for all crews racing in separate, parallel lanes over the distances. For Olympic Games, Olympic Qualification, World Championships and World Cups, the standard course must be provided with technical installations and equipment as defined in "The ICF Manual for Canoe Championships".

18.2 In order to be classified as a championship course, full details of the course concerned must be submitted in writing to Chair of Canoe Sprint Committee by the applicants, and the course must be inspected at the cost of the federation concerned and approved by experts appointed by Canoe Sprint Committee. The ICF Board of Directors may lay down special requirements for World Championship, Olympic Games, Olympic Qualification, Regional Games, or World Cups. The ICF Board of Directors (or the Canoe Sprint Committee) may grant exceptions to this rule where necessary for competition in multi-sport competitions or other championships.

Layout

18.3 At least 5 hours before the start of the races the racing course shall be measured and marked by means of clearly visible flags mounted on buoys. The length of the course and all intermediate distances shall be measured by an independent qualified surveyor and an accurate, certified plan shall be held by the Organising Committee. This plan shall be available for inspection by Chief Official at any time.

18.4 Both the start and finishing lines shall be marked with red flags at the points where lines intersect the

outer limits of the course. The starting and the finishing lines shall be at right angles to the course.

18.5 The course consists of up to nine lanes.

Each lane must be at least 9 m wide, straight and without any obstacle.

The depth of water in the entire course shall be at least two (2) metres.

The lanes shall be marked with buoys or floats. The distance between the buoys cannot be more than 25 m.

The last buoys must be marked from No 1 to 9. The numbering goes from the left to the right with the number placed on the buoy in such a way as to be clearly visible from the finish tower. The numbered buoy is to be on the 8 corresponding competitor's right hand side as he/she passes it and also clearly visible to the competitor/s. The buoys should be fixed no closer than 1 metre and no further than 2 metres behind the finish line.

18.6 When there is television coverage of an event, the lane numbering may be in the opposite direction - from right to left, so that the list of competitors and their lanes shown on the television screen match the appearance of the races to be televised.

18.7 Any courses which are non-standard may have different parameters as well, for example: course width, water depth, number of buoys. The course can also be river-water or not necessarily straight.

18.8 Heats and the final shall be run on the same stretch of water.

Courses (longer than 1000m)

18.9 For races of more than 1000 meters, turning points are permitted. The radius of each turn shall be at least 31.5 meters (turn with the width of seven lanes).

18.10 The turning points are to be marked by at least six (6) flags. The flags shall be diagonally divided, with one half in red and the other yellow.

- a) Both the start and the end of the race shall be in front of the Finishing Tower.

- b) The red flags on the finish line shall be placed as much to the outside as possible in order to get the widest feasible finish line.
- c) All starting pontoons are to be removed.
- d) The start position numbering will be opposite from the finish tower and/or opposite TV broadcast cameras.

19 CANOE AND PERSONAL NUMBERS [TR]

19.1 All kayaks and canoes shall carry a vertical plate, made of non-transparent material, marked with black numbers on a white background, indicating the lane. The numbers on the plate must measure 15cm in height and 25mm in thickness.

19.2 The plates shall be placed on the centreline on the afterdeck or thwart.

19.2.1 The size of the number plate shall be 18 x 20 cm.

19.2.2 The personal numbers provided by the organising National Federation shall be placed on the back and if necessary on the front of the competitor as required by the organising federation. The title or main sponsors name may be shown on the front side with the personal numbers

20 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS [TR]

20.1 Each team leader shall receive printed or written information at least 5 hours before the beginning of the regatta, containing the following information:

- a) Detailed information on the courses and their markings.
- b) Starting time.
- c) Starting line.
- d) Finishing line.
- e) Competitors racing number.
- f) Type of boat control.
- g) Time and place of the awarding ceremony.

21 MEANS OF PROPULSION

[GR]

21.1 Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-bladed paddles.

21.2 Canadian canoes shall be propelled solely by means of single-bladed paddles.

21.3 The paddles may not be fixed on the boats in any way.

22 START

[TR]

22.1 Competitors shall be on the water at the starting area, not less than five minutes prior to the specified time of their race. The starting area is defined as the being the area of water within 100 metres before the starting line.

Two minutes before the defined starting time the competing boats have to take the lane determined in the programme.

22.2 Competitors shall be at the starting area in time to allow satisfactory preparation for the start.

22.3 The start shall commence without reference to any absentees.

22.4 If the competitor does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee, he shall be disqualified for the whole regatta. A competitor, who arrives too late at the start, shall be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn and shall be disqualified under this rule.

22.5 When signalled by the Starter, the competitor will take the start position designated so that the bow of the boat is on the start line. In case of an automatic starting system the competitor will place himself/herself so that the bow of the boat is on the start line and thus in the start machine. When all boats are properly aligned, the aligner will then raise a white flag.

22.6 If the Starter is not satisfied with the line-up he/she will call "STOP", and hand over to the Aligner for repositioning.

22.7 The starting command will be "Ready - Set - Go" ("Go" can be a shot or strong sound signal). At the "Ready" command the competitors begin their preparation to paddle. At the "Set" command the competitors place their paddle in the catch position. The competitor must not paddle forward or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure. The starter when satisfied with the competitors positioning and attention will say "Go" (or shot or powerful sound). The competitors must only react to the start command/signal "Go" and are not permitted to anticipate it. The competitors can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command "Go".

22.8 In the event of a false start, the Starter must immediately give a powerful sound signal. On hearing this signal all competitors must stop paddling and follow the Starter's instructions for a new start. Before the new start, the Starter must identify the offending crew/s making the false start and give them a warning. In the event of a second false start by the same crew the boat will be disqualified from the race and must leave the starting area and the course immediately.

22.9 The Starter may also recall competitors for a new start in the event of any unforeseen circumstance - a malfunction of the starting equipment for example. In such a case the same powerful sound signal must be given. If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 22.8, the crew must be given a warning, as in 22.9, even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any competitor making a false start, no penalty shall be imposed.

22.10 The starter will start the race when he/she is satisfied that everything meets with his/her approval. He/she will make a written report on any disqualification and forward it to the Chief Official.

22.11 In the long distance races the starter shall declare "START WITHIN ONE MINUTE" when he/she is satisfied he/she will give the starting signal by a shot or a short powerful sound. The starter will start the race when he/she is satisfied that everything meets with his/her approval. He/she will make a written

report on any disqualification and forward it to the Chief Official.

23 PADDLING ON THE COURSE

[TR]

23.1 In races up to 1000 meters, competitors must keep the whole of their boat within the four-meter wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. Upon any deviation, the boat must go back immediately to this central area of the lane. No boat must come nearer than five meters in any direction to the boat of another competitor - that is, gunwale to gunwale or bow to stern.

23.2 If a boat leaves the centre of the lane and does not return to it, the boat may be disqualified from the event.

23.3 A boat which leaves its allocated lane, must be disqualified from the event.

23.4 If a race is declared null and void, no change of the composition of a crew is permitted at the new start.

23.5 If there is a capsize the competitor or crew is eliminated from the race.

23.6 The Umpire has the right to interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen hindrances arise. The course umpires with a red flag and sound signal may effect such an interruption. Competitors must immediately stop paddling and await further instructions.

23.7 If a paddle is broken a competitor may not be provided with a new one by a supporter.

24 PACING AND WASH RIDING

[TR]

24.1 Taking pace or receiving assistance from boats not in the race or by any other means is not permitted.

24.2 When a race is in progress crews not taking part in the race are strictly forbidden to proceed over the

whole or part of the course, even outside the marking buoys.

25 COMPETITIONS FOR LONG DISTANCES AND RELAY [TR]

25.1 Races of more than 1000 meters distance.

In races of more than 1000 meters competitors may deviate from their lane, providing they do not impede other competitors.

25.2 When a race is run on a course with turning points, these shall be passed to port (i.e. in an anti-clock wise direction).

25.3 A competitor will not be disqualified for touching a turning point buoy, unless, in the opinion of the Turning Point Umpires, an advantage has been gained there from. In making a turn, the boat shall follow as closely as possible the course as marked by the buoys at the turning points.

25.4 If there is a capsize the competitor or crew is eliminated from the race if he/she or they are not able to get in the boat without outside help.

25.5 Any competitor who is responsible for a collision or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another can be disqualified and can be required to pay damages.

25.6 GROUP RACING AND OVERTAKING

When a boat is overtaking another boat , it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times.

When a boat is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to keep clear of other competitors at all time. This rule applies to any manoeuvring within the group.

COLLISION OR DAMAGE

Any competitor who is considered by a course umpire of race official to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the boat or paddle of another competitor or unnecessarily deviates from their course may be disqualified.

LAPPED BOATS Lapped boats are disqualified and they should leave the course immediately.

25.7 Relay distance is 200 m. Relay will be raced with single boats only and no mixed crews. Events will be K1 Men, K1 Women and C1 Men x 4 lengths. No protests are allowed during heats. Start and finish are located at the finish line. A starting system must be used at both start lines. Recommendation is to use 7 lanes. There will be heats and final only. Advancement system will be:

2 heats - 1st 3 plus next best fastest time

3 heats - 1st 2 plus next best fastest time

4 heats - 1st 1 plus next 3 best fastest times

26 FINISH

[TR]

26.1 The boat has finished the race when its bow crosses the finish line with all crew members in it. The Finish line judges will determine the result of the competition based on the order of the boats arriving according to the rules.

26.2 If two or more boats reach the finishing line at the same time they are awarded the same classification in the final. In case of a dead heat finish for any position, which determines the advance to the next level of the competitions, the following rules will apply:

- a) Whenever there are sufficient number of lanes available in the next level of the competitions, drawing of lots will determine to which race these boats will advance. If it is possible it may use also lane number 10 or 0.
- b) Wherever there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day Programme;
- c) In case of a dead heat in a re-race, drawing of lots will determine the outcome. 26.3 if the photo finish confirms the simultaneous arrival of two boats at the finish, resultant placing will be determined according to the best places achieved. Thus two or more may be recorded as first, second, third etc.

27 TASKS OF COMPETITORS AFTER THE RACE

[TR]

27.1 The competitor must leave the course after the finish of the race and cannot disturb the next race.

27.2 The crews selected by the Competition Committee for boat control must immediately contact the place allocated for the post race boat control.

27.3 If selected for doping control, the competitor must comply with the obligations stipulated in the ICF and WADA doping rules.

27.4 Before the award ceremony the top three crews of the final must be present at the location and time indicated.

27.5 At the World Championships, World Cups and Olympic Games the competitors must wear the uniform and shoes of their national federation at the award ceremony.

28 DISQUALIFICATIONS

[GR]

28.1 Any competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing regulations, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing regulations shall be disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.

28.2 Should a competitor have completed a race in a kayak or canoe which is shown upon inspection not to conform with the ICF classifications he/she shall be disqualified from the race in question.

28.3 It is prohibited to receive external assistance during a race.

28.4 No crew may be accompanied along and adjacent to the racecourse by other boats while the race is in progress.

28.5 No crew may receive assistance by using objects thrown into the course.

Any of the above infractions will result in the disqualification of the competitor(s) concerned.

28.6 All disqualifications by the Competition Committee have to be confirmed in writing immediately with the reasons. The team leader has to acknowledge the receipt of a copy with the exact time, which is the start of the protest time.

Failure to deliver the copy confirmation of the disqualification to the team leader does not invalidate the disqualification.

28.7 The Competition Committee may discipline any competitor or Official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may after repeated action by the offender disqualify him/her for that competition.

29 PROTEST

[GR]

29.1 A protest against a crew to compete in a race shall be delivered to a member of the Competition Committee not later than one hour before the start of the first race of the competition. A protest made later than 30 days from the date when the race in question was held is only permitted if the officials of the association making the protest can prove that the facts on which the protest is based came to their knowledge later than one hour before the start of the first race of the competition.

29.2 A late protest shall be referred to the ICF Board of Directors accompanied by the prescribed fee (see below).

A protest made during the competition must be handed to the Competition Committee not later than 20 minutes after publication of the results.

29.3 A protest made during a competition must be addressed to the Competition Committee not later than 20 minutes after the team leader has been informed on the decision against his/her competitor or team and has signed the receipt.

29.4 All protests shall be made in writing and be accompanied by a fee of 25 Euros or an equal amount

in the currency of the country in which the race is arranged). The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

29.5 When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the team leader of the athlete/team in question shall be presented the protest or report to read.

30 APPEALS

[GR]

30.1 Competitors have the right to appeal to the ICF through their National Federations against a decision of the Competition Committee, within 30 days from the date when the race was held. A fee of 25 Euros shall accompany the appeal. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The ICF Board of Directors shall pronounce the final decision.

31 ANTI-DOPING

[GR]

Doping as defined in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code is strictly forbidden. Anti-Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the ICF Anti-Doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF Medical & Anti-Doping Committee.

32 RESULTS AND REPORTS

[TR]

32.1 After the ending of World Championships and from all International Regattas, listed in the Competition Calendar of the ICF, two copies of the results must be posted to the ICF Headquarters.

CHAPTER IV - SPECIAL RULES FOR SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Where a rule is not shown in this Chapter, please, refer to the rules in previous Chapters I, II and III.

33 ARRANGEMENTS

[GR]

33.1 World Championships may be arranged each year (except the Olympic year) with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors, at the place and time decided and in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint regulations. Championships shall be open only to National Federations, which are members of the ICF.

33.2 The races shall be held on four (4) or four and a half (4.5) consecutive days.

33.3 Entries for all events shall be limited to one per nation.

33.4 Substitutes may be entered and may participate in the races according to the Rules in Art. 12, 13.2, and 16.1.

33.5 In any Olympic event a valid World Championships is held only if at least six (6) federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the course of the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

For the Non Olympic events.

A valid World Championship is held only if there are at least six (6) Federations in each event AND there must be at least three (3) Continents starting OVERALL in the competition. If during the course of the event some Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

34.1.1 World Championships in the Olympic events shall be held for the following events: [GR]

Men:

200 m	K1
200 m	K2
200 m	C1
1000 m	K1
1000 m	K2
1000 m	K4
1000 m	C1
1000 m	C2

Women:

200 m	K1
500 m	K1
500 m	K2
500 m	K4

34.1.2 World Championships in the Non Olympic events shall be held for the following events: [GR]

Men:

500 m	K1
500 m	K2
500 m	C1
500 m	C2
200 m	C2
200 m	K1 Relay
200 m	C1 Relay
1000 m	C4
5000 m	K1
5000 m	C1

Women:

200 m	K2
200 m	C1
200 m	K1 Relay
500 m	C2
1000 m	K1
1000 m	K2

An additional 4 events from Paracanoe will be contested at the World Championships.

34.2 A time schedule with different blocks for Olympic and Non Olympic disciplines shall be created. [TR]

34.3 The order of the events is adaptable by the ICF Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

35 SYSTEM OF DIVISION INTO HEATS [TR]

35.1 The drawing of lots for the first races in each class shall be carried out under the control of an ICF official and the supervision of the President of the organising Federation or his/her delegate.

The division into heats shall be made in accordance with the Canoe Sprint rules, with the following additions:

System with 9 “or less” competitors in the final:

35.2 The division into heats will be based on the previous World Championships finals A, B and C. The final 18 or 27 will automatically be included. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots. If changes at the team-leaders meeting result in the fact that the actual number of competitors is too small for the plan used, there shall be a new drawing of lots after the actual number of competitors and a new plan.

35.2.1 The boats - in accordance with the plan concerned - in each heat go forward to a higher round.

35.2.2 From the semi-finals the boats in accordance with the plan concerned - go forward to the final. The others are eliminated.

35.2.3 The Competition Committee will decide by drawing of lots after the last heat of every event regarding the valid alternative plan used for semi-finals.

35.2.4 The distribution of lanes for, semi-finals and finals is automatically determined by the results of the previous race, and the best are in the middle. A semi-final will not be held if all the competing boats would reach the next round of the competition. The results will be determined by means of a draw.

35.2.5 If the number of the boats is less than four (4) in a semi-final the results will be determined by means of a draw.

35.3 See Article 14.3 for the system of plans for competitor ratios.

36 INVITATIONS, ENTRIES AND TIME TABLE

[TR]

36.1 Invitations to World Championships shall be issued by the organising National Federation and shall be made in accordance with the ICF rules and regulations. Invitations shall be sent out at least three (3) months before the first day of the championships.

36.2 Entries for World Championships can only be made through the National Federation in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

Numerical entries: at least 45 days before the first day of the competition

Nominal entries: at least 14 days before the first day of the competition

36.2.1 The entries will only be accepted from members of the ICF.

36.2.2 Entries for all World Championships will be done on the form designed and provided by the ICF, which will be available on-line for each discipline. The form for each discipline is designed in agreement with the respective discipline Committee.

36.3 Entries will contain unique identity number of competitor according to following formula:

DIS NOC G ddmmyyyy 01

DIS - abbreviation of the discipline (CSP, CSL, CAM, CFR, DRB, CAP, WWC, CSA)

NOC - National Olympic Code

G - Gender: 1 for Male, 2 for Female

ddmmyyyy - Date of Birth (date, month, year)

01 - Number of athletes born on the same day in the same country

36.3.1 In crew boats the names of the competitors must be in order that they race in the boat. The first name at the top must be the competitor at the front of the boat.

36.4 All entries should be made using the on-line system approved by the Technical Committee and provided by the competition organiser. In any case the entry form provided must be completed and sent through the on-line system, e-mail or typed form by fax (handwriting not accepted).

36.5 Late entries or entries that are not on the official entry form cannot be accepted. Withdrawing of a boat in the events is only permitted until 8 days before the first day of the races. If the boat does not start and the respective competitor(s) have no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee the competitor(s) concerned shall be disqualified for the entire competition.

36.6 A Time Table giving the starting time for each race (heats as well as finals) and the names of the federations entering in each event must be forwarded to each Federation concerned at least one month before the first day of the Championships.

36.7 At least 3 days before the Championships are held a Time Table must be issued containing the following details:

- a) The starting time for each race (heats as well as finals).
- b) The names and citizenship of the competitors in each race (if heats are required, the names of the competitors in each opening heat must be stated).

37 JURY, COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

[TR]

37.1 During the World Championships the supreme authority rests with the Jury.

37.2 The Jury consist of up to five persons. The Board of Directors of the ICF appoints them.

37.2.1 One of these persons is named Chair of the Jury. Subordinate to this Jury are the Chief Official and other officials according to paragraph 37.4 and proposed by the Canoe Sprint Committee for the approval by the Board of Directors.

37.2.2 World Championships shall be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the ICF Board of Directors with other officials as required in paragraph 37.3 and 37.4

37.3 During the World Championships the Competition Committee shall consist of three officials who shall be in possession of a valid International Official card. They shall be called Chief Official (Chair of the Sprint Committee or his/her deputy from the Sprint Committee), Chief Judge (from the Racing Committee) and the Deputy Chief Judge.

37.4 The number of officials (excluding the Jury and Competition Committee) to officiate at the World Championships shall be:

Competition Manager	1
Starters	3
Aligners	2
Course Umpires	6
Finishing Line Judges	4
Boat Controllers	6
Medical Officer	1
Media Officer	1

38 HEATS AND INTERVALS

[TR]

38.1 In the 1000 and 500 meters races, the interval between the events (heats, semi-finals and final) must not be less than 30 minutes.

The ranking shall be calculated in the following tables:

Points			
Ranking	Final A	Final B	Final C
1st	30	20	10
2nd	28	18	8
3rd	27	17	7
4th	26	16	6
5th	25	15	5
6th	24	14	4
7th	23	13	3
8th	22	12	2
9th	21	11	1
All others	1	1	1

All boats that participated in the event will receive a minimum of one point. This point ranking applies to events with A, B, C Finals.

40 START AND EQUIPMENT

[TR]

40.1 An automatic start system accepted by the ICF and equipped with loudspeakers at each start position is compulsory for all races.

40.2 The organising Federation shall provide a loudspeaker, which shall be at the disposal of the Starter.

40.3 If necessary an assistant holds the stern of the boat and release it on the shot or electronic sound.

40.4 There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow replay at each start line position to control the start of the competitors at World Championships

and Olympic Games. The videotape will be only at the disposal of the starter.

40.5 IT System Provider - ICF events can be conducted exclusively with an IT system provider approved by the ICF.

The IT system has the task to supply information as defined in 'The ICF Manual for Canoe Championships'.

Requirements:

- Instant updates to the competition programme
- Updates from Team Leaders' Meeting
- Race operations including instant classification of boats
- Medal tables
- Point rankings
- Statistics (eg. number of races, athletes, best times)
- Interface that can be used for media / spectators
- On-line system (on-line entries, accreditation, starting lists, results on website)

The system will be tested at least one year prior to the start of the event.

41 PHOTO-FINISH - TIMEKEEPING

[TR]

41.1 The Organising Federation shall provide two sets of photo-finish equipment accepted by the ICF. The time has to be recorded in 1/1000's and published in 1/100's of a second. The time difference of 5/1000 s or less cause equal result and positions "in finals only". There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow motion that must show the competitor(s) relative position in their boat at the finish line (Video films are not a substitute for photo finish).

41.2 The Federation arranging the Championships must see that a photo finish is taken for each race (heats, semi-finals and finals).

41.2.1 In heats, and semi-finals, the photo finish must show all participants in the race who qualify to go further in the competition.

41.2.2 In finals, the photo finish must record the finish of all participants.

41.3 The photo finish shall be at the disposal of the Chief of the Finish Line in the first place, the Competition Committee in the second place and the Jury in the third place.

41.4 In case of close arrival of two or more boats one copy of the photo finish shall be placed on the official notice board.

41.5 The Chief of the Finish Line and the Competition Committee must compare their decisions with the results of the photo finish, with the latter being decisive. The results of each race are to be approved by the Competition Committee.

41.6 During World Championships as well as Olympic Games no separate time-keepers shall be used. If the electronic time keeping fails the judges at the finish shall take the time by hand.

42 CHECKING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT [TR]

42.1 The Boat Controllers will check boats, competitor's equipment before the competition by the usual means. The Boat Controller and the Team Leader will sign minutes after the checking procedures. The organisers will provide for this purpose two certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied.

42.2 Uniform and uniformity

Every competitor must compete in the team uniform mentioned in the nominal entries.

In a crew boat there must be uniformity among all athletes including sleeve length, hats, headbands and spray covers.

42.3 There will 3 types of Boat Control

- a) Pre-Competition Boat Control (1st Boat Control)

Before the days of the competition each participating Federation has to present all their boats which will be used during the World Championships to this control.

- b) Identity and Polyox Control (ID/Polyox Control)

Before proceeding to the start of a race all crews/boats must pass through identity and Polyox control. The Officials will check all competitors ID, body number, boat number, uniform and crew uniformity. They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Art. 8.4

The official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats

- c) Post Race boat Control (2nd Boat Control)
Directly after all the 1000m, 500m and 200m races.

43 APPEAL

[GR]

43.1 An appeal against a decision of the Competition Committee must be addressed to the Chair of the Jury in writing and be accompanied by a fee of 25 Euros (or equal amount in the currency of the country in which the championships are arranged). The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury not later than 20 minutes after the team leader has been informed with a written communication of the decision against the competitor or team and has signed the receipt given. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

43.2 The decision of the Jury is final.

44 AWARDS

[GR]

44.1 The championships medals shall be given according to the ICF Protocol.

44.2 The championships medals shall be given in three values, gilded, silvered and bronze and shall be furnished by the ICF at the expense of the Organising Federation.

44.3 The medals must on no account be presented to any other persons than those who have won championship races. Only medals, to the exclusion of all other prizes, are to be presented at the official ceremony. Other prizes may be presented on an occasion other than this ceremony. To maintain the

dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony the competitors receiving medals must wear proper clothing (training suits or national uniform) and footwear.

44.4 Four cups will be awarded as follows:

One for Kayak Men

One for Kayak Women

One for Canoe Men

One for "Over-All" winning Federation

Cups will be awarded to the Federation according to the point system defined by the Canoe Sprint Committee.

In case of a tie the Federation with the highest individual position will win the cup in that event.

45 RESULTS AND REPORTS

[GR]

45.1 The results of World Championships must be sent to the ICF Secretary General and the participating nations by the organising national federation not later than 30 days after the end of the championships races. The organising National Federation must send report of any protests made and other documents concerning the races to the ICF Secretary General.

CHAPTER V - SPECIAL RULES FOR JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Refer to the Special Rules for Senior
World Championships except as amended
in this Chapter.*

46 ARRANGEMENTS

[GR]

46.1 Junior and Under 23 World Championships may be arranged only with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors and for such events as are fixed by the Board of Directors. World Championships in Olympic disciplines for Junior and U 23 categories are to be organised together. Championships shall be open to competitors from all continents but only of National Federations, which are members of the ICF.

46.2 Championships shall be held every year beginning in 2013 at the place and time decided by the ICF Board of Directors and in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint regulations. Junior Championships shall not be held at the same time and at the same venue as the Seniors Championships.

46.3 The races shall be held on four (4) consecutive days.

46.4 No National Federation may enter more than one canoe or kayak for any one event.

46.5 Substitutes may be entered and may participate in the races according to the Rules in Art. 12, 13.2, and 16.1.

46.6 In any Olympic event a valid Juniors and Under 23 World Championships is held only if at least six (6) Federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the course of the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

For the Non Olympic events

A valid Junior and Under 23 World Championship is held only if there are at least six (6) Federations in each event AND there must be at least three (3)

Continents starting OVERALL in the competition. If during the course of the event some Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

46.7 Juniors and Under 23 are competitors, as specified in the rule in paragraph 3.6.

47 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

[GR]

47.1 Junior and Under 23 World Championships shall be held in accordance with the Senior Programme.

Women	200 m	K1, C1
	500 m	K1, K2, K4, C2
Men	200 m	K1, K2, C1
	1000 m	K1, K2, K4, C1, C2

47.2 The order of events and the schedule for the Championships will be proposed by the Canoe Sprint Committee in March each year and approved by the ICF Board of Directors at its first meeting of the year.

47.3 The order of the events is adaptable by the ICF Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

CHAPTER VI - SPECIAL RULES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

48 APPLICATION AND PROGRAMME [GR]

Applications, entries and programme for Olympic Games shall be in accordance with the rules of the IOC.

Any rule not regulated by the IOC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

49 JURY, COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS [GR]

In accordance with article 37.

50 DRAWING OF LOTS [TR]

Drawing of lots shall take place at a time and under the supervision of persons approved by the IOC.

51 HEATS AND INTERVALS [TR]

Division into heats shall take place according to the system specified in articles 35 and 38.

52 RANKING SYSTEM [TR]

In accordance with IOC System.

53 COURSE [TR]

In accordance with article 18.

54 START AND EQUIPMENT [TR]

In accordance with article 22 and 40.

55 PHOTO-FINISH - TIME KEEPING

[TR]

In accordance with article 41.

56 CHECKING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT [TR]

In accordance with article 42.

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games.

Boats, accessories and clothing may carry advertising symbols, trademarks or emblems and words for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not exceed total surface area designated suitable by the IOC.

The word " identification " means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the actual manufacturer of the item only. Third party branding of an article of equipment or clothing is not permitted. The identification can appear only once per item unless specified by the IOC.

The uniform of the competitors and all persons holding an official position may include the flag of their NOC Olympic emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Olympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

Any boat, accessory or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during the competition. Teams are responsible for their own equipment.

For a new boat design to be eligible for the Olympic Games the same boat design must have passed the official boat control at the World Championships the year prior to the Olympic Games.

At the Olympic Games the names of the competitors will be placed on the side of the boats. The names (letters) on the stickers should be placed just below

the cockpit. The precise positioning will be determined by the ICF Technical Delegate.

The dimension of the names on the stickers will be a minimum of 6 cm high and will be black letters on white background. The font should be "Arial Black" all in capital letters with first name or initial followed by family name.

These stickers will be provided by the Organising Committee. They will be applied by the ICF Officials at the first Boat Control.

57 PROTEST

[GR]

In accordance with article 29.

58 APPEAL

[GR]

In accordance with article 43.

59 AWARDS

[GR]

In accordance with the rules of the IOC.

60 ANTI-DOPING

[GR]

In accordance with article 31 and with the rules of the IOC.

61 RESULTS AND REPORTS

[GR]

In accordance with the rules of the IOC and with article 45.

CHAPTER VII - SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ICF WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 1

The ICF World Cup in Canoe Sprint shall be arranged under the auspices of the International Canoe Federation.

ARTICLE 2

The Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions will be held every year in a 4 regatta series including the World Championships. In this series there will be a block of 3 events. The last competition can be out of Europe upon an acceptable application.

During the year of the Olympic Games there will be a 3 regatta series. In this series there will be a block of 3 consecutive competitions starting in mid May and where possible at least 2 weeks apart.

The classification is made on the basis of the combined points won in the 3 or 4 Regattas.

ARTICLE 3

Only the Olympic events will count for World Cup ranking points. These events are mandatory at all world cup events. Only finals with at least 6 boats will be taken into consideration. Other races may be added as demonstration races once approved by Canoe Sprint Committee.

Single Boats			
Categories	Classes	Events Mandatory (Olympic Events)	With Decision of CSPC
Kayak Women	W K1	W K1 200 m W K1 500 m	W K1 1000 m
Kayak Men	M K1	M K1 200 m M K1 1000 m	M K1 500 m
Canoe Men	M C1	M C1 200 m M C1 1000 m	M C1 500 m
Canoe Women	W C1	W C1 200 m	
Team boats			
Categories	Classes	Events Mandatory (Olympic events)	With Decision of CSPC
Kayak Women	W K2 W K4	W K2 200 m W K2 500 m W K4 500 m	W K2 1000 m
Kayak Men	M K2 M K4	M K2 200 m M K2 1000 m M K4 1000 m	M K2 500 m
Canoe Men	M C2	M C2 1000 m	M C2 200 m
Canoe Women	W C2		W C2 500 m

With the agreement of the Canoe Sprint Committee one of the following events can be added to the World Cup programme as optional races:

5000 meters (Men K1, Men C1, Women K1)
200 meters Relay (Men K1, Men C1, Women K1)
Paracanoe (4 events)

ARTICLE 4

All Federations which are affiliated to the International Canoe Federation are entitled to enter the World Cup Racing events.

ARTICLE 5

The Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions are held in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules.

ARTICLE 6

National Federations wishing to host one of the Regattas shall apply in writing to the Chair of the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee and the ICF Headquarters before 1st August, 4 years before the proposed event.

The ICF Canoe Sprint Committee shall make a proposal regarding the venues to be chosen, taking into consideration the technical equipment of the Regatta Course and the experience of the National Federation in organising ICF Championships or International Regattas.

ARTICLE 7

Upon a proposal submitted by the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee, the ICF Board of Directors approves the venues for holding the separate regattas of the World Cup for the upcoming years.

ARTICLE 8

The Canoe Sprint World Cup Competitions shall be conducted under the authority of a member of the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee.

ARTICLE 9

No World Cup Regatta can be held during the 5 weeks preceding the World Championships or Olympic Games.

ARTICLE 10

The National Federation organising a regatta of the World Cup shall bear the travel, accommodation and meals expenses of the member of the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee. If the CSPC considers the Technical visit necessary before the competition (max 2 persons the costs of travel and stay will be charged to the organizers in this case).

Duty of the ICF's officials

- The delegate of the ICF supervises the competition.
- The delegate of the ICF must demand the complete programme all updated information from the organizer 14 days prior to the invitation, in order to check if the rules and ICF policies are being followed.
- He/she has the right to attend and vote at all meetings regarding the competition.
- He/she must, in co-operation with the organisers, establish the World ranking of all the competitors and oversee the production of the current World Cup results.
- After each World Championships the delegate of the ICF must submit a report to the Chairman of the ICF FWR Committee concerning the sporting nature of the competition.

The competition officials for the World Cup will be nominated by the NFs. The deadline for the nomination is the same as for the World Championships. (See article 11.3)

ARTICLE 11

After the completion of each Regatta of the World Cup, the National Federation shall calculate the classification of the competitors on points in accordance with the adopted system of ranking separately for men's-kayak, women's-kayak, men's-canoe and team events.

The classification shall be forwarded to the Chair of the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee and to the ICF Headquarters. The results shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the ICF CSP Committee and to the ICF Headquarters immediately at the end of the event.

ARTICLE 12

The ICF Canoe Sprint Committee shall be responsible for the final classification on points separately for men's kayak, women's kayak, men's canoe and team events.

ARTICLE 13

The prizes to be awarded to the winners are provided by the ICF. The ICF President will present them or a person authorised by him/her.

ARTICLE 14

The boat finishing in the top three places in the final ranking in each World Cup boat class will receive a prize, provided at least 18 boats have started in the given class by race. The prize money maybe presented with the medal.

ARTICLE 15

If two or more competitors have equal points in the final ranking, they will be ranked on the same place and they will receive the same prizes.

ARTICLE 16

Only competitors and teams who classified in the finals of the World Cup Series (including World Championships) receive points. Only finals with at least six boats will be taken into consideration. In an Olympic Year only the three World Cups will be considered for point ranking.

The point system will be:

Place	Points	
	Single boats	Team boats
1	10	10
2	8	8
3	7	7
4	6	6
5	5	5
6	4	4
7	3	3
8	2	2
9	1	1

ARTICLE 17

Every National Federation can enter no more than two boats in the separate events of the World Cup regattas.

ARTICLE 18

The official awarding ceremony for the prizes of the winners in the men's kayak, women's kayak, men's canoe and team events will take place after or during the World Cup Final.

Medals or prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors/ teams in each event at each competition and one for the overall World Cup winners of each Olympic/mandatory category on the basis of the final results of the total of the World Cup Series. The World Cup ranking in each event is established according to the point system.

The competitor/team with the highest total points is the winner of the World Cup Series in that event.

ARTICLE 19

Automatic start system equipped with loud-speakers is compulsory for all races. The venue of a World Cup shall be equipped with the same technical requirement and standards, which are compulsory at World Championships (see the ICF Organisation Manual).

ARTICLE 20

Anti-Doping control tests must be implemented in each Regatta of the Canoe Sprint World Cup following the ICF Anti-doping rules.

ARTICLE 21

Withdrawing of a boat in the events is only permitted until 8 days before the first day of the races. If the boat does not start and the respective competitor(s) have no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee the competitor(s) concerned shall be disqualified for the whole Regatta.

WORLD CUP - PROGRAMME OF THE EVENTS

The schedule must be set at least 3 months before the first day of the competition and been approved by the

ICF Board of Directors. The schedule can be adaptable to meet television requirements. Negotiations between ICF and television must be completed before 1st January of the year of event.

The competition should be organised on 2.5 days in succession from Friday morning to Sunday morning. The Olympic Program block should be constant between events. Another block for additional events could be scheduled before or after Olympic Program block. The progression system should be based on the World Championships rules.

The timetable for the World Cup Regattas will be decided by the Canoe Sprint Committee and approved by the ICF Board of Directors.

DIVISION SYSTEM WITH A, B AND C FINALES

Legend:

SF	= Semi Final
BT	= by time
1/2, 1/3, 2/7...	= from first to second place, from first to third place, from second to seventh place...
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd ...	= boat winning first place, boat winning second place, boat winning third place...
3x3rd, 4x4th, 4x6th...	= 3 boats in third places, 4 boats in fourth places, 4 boats in sixth places...
The lane distribution of the boats qualified in a B or C final will be based on their result or time achieved in the Semi - Final.	

COMPE TITORS	S Y S - T E M	HEATS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
		10 / 18	A	2 X 9 1/3 to Final 4/7 to SF+ next BT Rest Out
19 / 27	B	3 X 9 1st to Final 2/7 to SF Rest out	2 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/7 + next BT to Final B Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9
28 / 36	C	4 X 9 1/6 to SF + 3 next BT Rest out	3 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/6 to Final B Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9

37/ 45	D	5 X 9 1/7 to SF + next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9
46 / 54	E	6 X 9 1/6 to SF Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9
55 / 63	F	7 X 9 1/5 to SF + next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9
64 / 72	G	8 X 9 1/4 to SF + 4 next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9

PLAN A COMPETITORS 10 / 18

HEATS		SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
H	H	A/1	SF	FINAL A
1	2	4/1 H.	5	1/1 H 5
10.	5 5	5/1 H.	6	2/1 H 3
11.	6 5	6/1 H.	2	3/1 H 7
12.	6 6	7/1 H.	8	1/2 H 4
13.	7 6	4/2 H.	4	2/2 H 6
14.	7 7	5/2 H.	3	3/2 H 2
15.	8 7	6/2 H.	7	1/1 SF 8
16.	8 8	7/2 H.	1	2/1 SF 1
17.	9 8	Next BT	9	3/1 SF 9
18.	9 9			
		A/2	SF	
		4/1 H.	4	
		5/1 H.	3	
		6/1 H.	7	
		7/1 H.	1	
		4/2 H.	5	
		5/2 H.	6	
		6/2 H.	2	
		7/2 H.	8	
		Next BT	9	

1/3 Direct to
Final
4/7 + next
BT to SF
Rest Out

1/3 To Final
Rest Out

PLAN B COMPETITORS 19 / 27

HEATS			SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
H	H	H	B/1	SF1	B/2	SF1	FINAL A	
1	2	3	2/1	H. 5	3/1	H. 6	1/1	H 5
19.	7	6	4/1	H. 7	5/1	H. 2	1/2	H 4
20.	7	7	6/1	H. 1	6/1	H. 9	1/3	H 6
21.	7	7	3/2	H. 4	3/2	H. 4	1/1	SF 3
22.	8	7	5/2	H. 2	4/2	H. 7	2/1	SF 8
23.	8	8	7/2	H. 9	6/2	H. 8	3/1	SF 1
24.	8	8	3/3	H. 6	2/3	H. 5	1/2	SF 7
25.	9	8	4/3	H. 3	4/3	H. 3	2/2	SF 2
26.	9	9	6/3	H. 8	7/3	H. 1	3/2	SF 9
27.	9	9						
			B/1	SF2	B/2	SF2	FINAL B	
			3/1	H. 6	2/1	H. 5	4/1	SF 5
			5/1	H. 7	4/1	H. 3	5/1	SF 3
			7/1	H. 1	7/1	H. 9	6/1	SF 7
			2/2	H. 5	2/2	H. 4	7/1	SF 1
			4/2	H. 3	5/2	H. 7	4/2	SF 4
			6/2	H. 8	7/2	H. 1	5/2	SF 6
			2/3	H. 4	3/3	H. 6	6/2	SF 2
			5/3	H. 2	5/3	H. 2	7/2	SF 8
			7/3	H. 9	6/3	H. 8	Next BT	9

1st to Final
2/7 to SF
Rest Out

1/3 To Final A
4/7 + next BT to Final B
Rest Out

PLAN C COMPETITORS 28 / 36

HEATS					SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
H H H					C/1	SF1	C/2	SF1	FINAL A	
H	1	2	3	4	1/1 H. ... 5	2/1 H. ... 4	1/1 SF	5		
	7	7	7	7	5/1 H. ... 8	6/1 H. ... 8	2/1 SF	3		
28.	7	7	7	7	2/2 H. ... 4	1/2 H. ... 6	3/1 SF	8		
29.	8	7	7	7	6/2 H. ... 1	6/2 H. ... 1	1/2 SF	4		
30.	8	8	7	7	2/3 H. ... 6	3/3 H. ... 3	2/2 SF	7		
31.	8	8	8	7	5/3 H. ... 2	4/3 H. ... 7	3/2 SF	1		
32.	8	8	8	8	3/4 H. ... 3	1/4 H. ... 5	1/3 SF	6		
33.	9	8	8	8	4/4 H. ... 7	5/4 H. ... 2	2/3 SF	2		
34.	9	9	8	8	1 st next BT.9	1 st next B...9	3/3 SF	9		
35.	9	9	9	8						
36.	9	9	9	9						
					C/1	SF2	C/2	SF2	FINAL B	
					3/1 H. ... 6	3/1 H. ... 6	4/1 SF	5		
					4/1 H. ... 2	5/1 H. ... 8	5/1 SF	7		
					1/2 H. ... 5	3/2 H. ... 3	6/1 SF	2		
					5/2 H. ... 8	4/2 H. ... 7	4/2 SF	6		
					3/3 H. ... 3	1/3 H. ... 5	5/2 SF	3		
					4/3 H. ... 7	6/3 H. ... 9	6/2 SF	1		
					2/4 H. ... 4	2/4 H. ... 4	4/3 SF	4		
					6/4 H. ... 9	4/4 H. ... 2	5/3 SF	8		
					2 nd next BT1	2 nd next BT.1	6/3 SF	9		
					C/1	SF3	C/2	SF3		
					2/1 H. ... 6	1/1 H. ... 5				
					6/1 H. ... 1	4/1 H. ... 7				
					3/2 H. ... 3	2/2 H. ... 6				
					4/2 H. ... 7	5/2 H. ... 2				
					1/3 H. ... 4	2/3 H. ... 4				
					6/3 H. ... 8	5/3 H. ... 8				
					1/4 H. ... 5	3/4 H. ... 3				
					5/4 H. ... 2	6/4 H. ... 9				
					3 rd next BT.9	3 rd next BT.1				

1/6 To SF +
3 next BT
Rest Out

1/3 To Final A
4/6 To Final B
Rest Out

PLAN D COMPETITORS 37 / 45

HEATS					SEMI - FINALS				FINALS		
H	H	H	H	H	D/1	SF1	D/2	SF1	FINAL A		
1	2	3	4	5	1/1	H. .. 5	2/1	H. .. 6	1/1	SF 5	
37.	8	8	7	7	5/1	H. .. 2	5/1	H. .. 2	2/1	SF 8	
38.	8	8	8	7	4/2	H. .. 7	1/2	H. .. 5	1/2	SF 4	
39.	8	8	8	7	7/2	H. .. 1	4/3	H. .. 7	2/2	SF 7	
40.	8	8	8	8	6/3	H. .. 8	7/3	H. .. 1	1/3	SF 6	
41.	9	8	8	8	2/4	H. 6	4/4	H. .. 3	2/3	SF 2	
42.	9	9	8	8	4/4	H. .. 3	5/4	H. .. 8	1/4	SF 3	
43.	9	9	9	8	1/5	H. .. 4	1/5	H. .. 4	2/4	SF 9	
44.	9	9	9	8	7/5	H. .. 9	Next BT..	9	Next BT	1	
45.	9	9	9	9							
					D/1	SF2	D/2	SF2	FINAL B		
					2/1	H. .. 6	1/1	H. .. 5	2 nd	3 rd	BT 5
					1/2	H. .. 5	4/2	H. .. 7	3 rd	3 rd	BT 6
					5/2	H. .. 2	6/2	H. .. 2	4 th	3 rd	BT 4
					4/3	H. .. 7	3/3	H. .. 4	4/1	SF	3
					7/3	H. .. 1	6/3	H. .. 9	4/2	SF	2
					3/4	H. .. 3	2/4	H. .. 6	4/3	SF	7
					7/4	H. .. 9	7/4	H. .. 1	4/4	SF	8
					2/5	H. .. 4	3/5	H. .. 3	1 st	5 th	BT 1
					6/5	H. .. 8	5/5	H. .. 8	2 nd	5 th	BT 9
					D/1	SF3	D/2	SF3	FINAL C		
					3/1	H. .. 6	4/1	H. .. 7	3 rd	5 th	BT 5
					7/1	H. .. 9	6/1	H. .. 1	4 th	5 th	BT 6
					2/2	H. .. 4	3/2	H. .. 6	6/1	SF	4
					6/2	H. .. 8	5/2	H. .. 2	6/2	SF	3
					1/3	H. .. 5	1/3	H. .. 5	6/3	SF	2
					3/3	H. 3	3/4	H. .. 3	6/4	SF	7
					6/4	H. 1	6/4	H. .. 8	1 st	next	BT 8
					4/5	H. .. 7	2/5	H. .. 4	2 nd	next	BT1
					5/5	H. .. 2	7/5	H. .. 9	3 rd	next	BT 9
					D/1	SF4	D/2	SF4			
					4/1	H. .. 7	3/1	H. .. 3			
					6/1	H. .. 1	7/1	H. .. 9			
					3/2	H. .. 6	2/2	H. .. 6			
					2/3	H. .. 4	7/2	H. .. 1			
					5/3	H. .. 8	2/3	H. .. 4			
					1/4	H. .. 5	5/3	H. .. 8			
					5/4	H. .. 2	1/4	H. .. 5			
					3/5	H. .. 3	4/5	H. .. 7			
					Next BT..	9	6/5	H. .. 2			

1/7 To SF
+ next BT
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT
to Final B
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT
to Final C
Rest out

PLAN E COMPETITORS 46 / 54

HEATS						SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
H	H	H	H	H	H	E/1	SF1	E/2	SF1	FINAL A	
	1	2	3	4	5	1/1 H. .. 5		2/1 H. .. 6		1/1 SF	5
	6					5/1 H. ...8		1/2 H. .. 4		2/1 SF	8
46.	8	8	8	8	7 7	4/2 H. ...7		3/3 H. .. 3		1/2 SF	4
47.	8	8	8	8	8 7	4/3 H. ...2		4/3 H. .. 7		2/2 SF	7
48.	8	8	8	8	8 8	6/3 H. ...9		4/4 H. .. 2		1/3 SF	6
49.	9	8	8	8	8 8	2/4 H. ...6		5/4 H. .. 8		2/3 SF	2
50.	9	9	8	8	8 8	1/5 H. ...4		1/5 H. .. 5		1/4 SF	3
51.	9	9	9	8	8 8	3/6 H. ...3		5/5 H. .. 1		2/4 SF	9
52.	9	9	9	9	8 8	6/6 H. ...1		6/6 H. .. 9		Next BT	1
53.	9	9	9	9	9 8						
54.	9	9	9	9	9 9						
						E/1	SF2	E/2	SF2	FINAL B	
						2/1 H. .. 4		3/1 H. ...3		2 nd 3 rd BT	5
						1/2 H. .. 5		5/1 H. ...8		3 rd 3 rd BT	6
						5/2 H. ...9		4/2 H. ...2		4 th 3 rd BT	4
						3/3 H. .. 7		6/2 H. ...9		4/1 SF	3
						3/4 H. .. 3		2/3 H. ...6		4/2 SF	2
						2/5 H. .. 6		6/3 H. ...1		4/3 SF	7
						6/5 H. .. 1		2/4 H. ...4		4/4 SF	8
						4/6 H. .. 8		3/5 H. ...7		1 st 5 th BT	1
						5/6 H. .. 2		1/6 H. ...5		2 nd 5 th BT	9
						E/1	SF3	E/2	SF3	FINAL C	
						3/1 H. .. 3		1/1 H. .. 5		3 rd 5 th BT	5
						2/2 H. .. 6		4/1 H. .. 7		4 th 5 th BT	6
						6/2 H. .. 9		3/2 H. .. 3		6/1 SF	4
						1/3 H. .. 5		1/3 H. .. 4		6/2 SF	3
						4/4 H. .. 7		6/4 H. .. 1		6/3 SF	2
						6/4 H. .. 1		2/5 H. .. 6		6/4 SF	7
						4/5 H. .. 2		6/5 H. .. 9		1 st next BT	8
						5/5 H. .. 8		4/6 H. .. 2		2 nd next BT	1
						1/6 H. .. 4		5/6 H. .. 8		3 rd next BT	9
						E/1	SF4	E/2	SF4		
						4/1 H. .. 2		6/1 H. .. 9			
						6/1 H. .. 9		2/2 H. .. 4			
						3/2 H. .. 7		5/2 H. .. 8			
						2/3 H. .. 4		5/3 H. .. 1			
						5/3 H. .. 8		1/4 H. .. 5			
						1/4 H. .. 5		3/4 H. .. 7			
						5/4 H. .. 1		4/5 H. .. 2			
						3/5 H. .. 3		2/6 H. .. 6			
						2/6 H. .. 6		3/6 H. .. 3			

1/6 To SF
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT
to Final B
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT
to Final C
Rest out

PLAN F COMPETITORS 55 / 63

HEATS								SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
H H H H H H H H								F/1	SF1	F/2	SF1	FINAL A	
55.	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	1/1 H. ...5	3/1 H. .. 7	1/1 SF	5		
56.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	5/1 H. ...1	1/2 H. .. 5	2/1 SF	8		
57.	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	4/2 H. ...8	5/2 H. .. 1	1/2 SF	4		
58.	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	4/3 H. ...2	4/3 H. .. 2	2/2 SF	7		
59.	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	2/4 H. ...6	2/4 H. .. 4	1/3 SF	6		
60.	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	1/5 H. ...4	1/5 H.... 6	2/3 SF	2		
61.	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	3/6 H. ...7	5/5 H. .. 9	1/4 SF	3		
62.	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	2/7 H. ...3	4/6 H. .. 8	2/4 SF	9		
63.	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	Next BT...9	3/7 H.3	Next BT	1		
								F/1	SF2	F/2	SF2	FINAL B	
								2/1 H. .. 4	4/1 H. .. 8	2 nd 3 rd BT	5		
								1/2 H. .. 5	2/2 H. ..4	3 rd 3 rd BT	6		
								5/2 H.... 9	1/3 H. .. 6	4 th 3 rd BT	4		
								3/3 H. .. 7	5/3 H. .. 9	4/1 SF	3		
								3/4 H. .. 3	3/4 H. .. 3	4/2 SF	2		
								2/5 H. .. 6	2/5 H. .. 7	4/3 SF	7		
								4/6 H. .. 8	1/6 H. .. 5	4/4 SF	8		
								5/6 H. .. 1	5/6 H. .. 1	1 st 5 th BT	1		
								3/7 H. .. 2	4/7 H. .. 2	2 nd 5 th BT	9		
								F/1	SF3	F/2	SF3	FINAL C	
								3/1 H. .. 3	1/1 H. .. 5	3 rd 5 th BT	5		
								3/2 H. .. 7	5/1 H. ..1	4 th 5 th BT	6		
								1/3 H. .. 5	3/2 H. .. 7	6/1 SF	4		
								2/3 H. .. 6	2/3 H. .. 4	6/2 SF	3		
								4/4 H. .. 8	4/4 H. .. 2	6/3 SF	2		
								4/5 H. .. 2	3/5 H. ..8	6/4 SF	7		
								5/5 H. .. 9	2/6 H. ..3	1 st next BT	8		
								1/6 H. .. 4	1/7 H. .. 6	2 nd next BT	1		
								5/7 H. .. 1	5/7 H. .. 9	3 rd next BT	9		
								F/1	SF4	F/2	SF4		
								4/1 H. .. 2	2/1 H. .. 4				
								2/2 H. .. 3	4/2 H. .. 2				
								5/3 H. .. 1	3/3 H. .. 7				
								1/4 H. .. 5	1/4 H. .. 5				
								5/4 H. .. 9	5/4 H. .. 1				
								3/5 H. .. 7	4/5 H. .. 8				
								2/6 H. .. 6	3/6 H. .. 3				
								1/7 H. .. 4	2/7 H. .. 6				
								4/7 H. .. 8	Next BT.. 9				

1/5 To SF +
next BT
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT
to Final B
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next
BT to Final C
Rest out

PLAN G COMPETITORS 64 / 72

HEATS								SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	F/1	SF1	F/2	SF1	FINAL A	
64.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1/1 H. ... 5		4/1 H. .. 8		1/1 SF	5
65.	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	4/2 H. ... 2		1/2 H. .. 5		2/1 SF	8
66.	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	3/3 H. ... 7		2/3 H. .. 6		1/2 SF	4
67.	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	2/4 H. ... 4		3/4 H.... 7		2/2 SF	7
68.	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	1/5 H. ... 6		1/5 H ... 4		1/3 SF	6
69.	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	4/6 H. ... 9		2/6 H ... 3		2/3 SF	2
70.	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	3/7 H. ... 8		3/7 H.... 2		1/4 SF	3
71.	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	2/8 H. ... 3		4/8 H.... 1		2/4 SF	9
72.	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	Next BT.. 1		NextBT.... 9		Next BT	1
								F/1	SF2	F/2	SF2	FINAL B	
								2/1 H. ... 4		1/1 H. .. 5		2 nd 3 rd BT	5
								1/2 H. ... 5		2/2 H. .. 6		3 rd 3 rd BT	6
								4/3 H. ... 2		3/3 H. .. 7		4 th 3 rd BT	4
								3/4 H. ... 7		4/4 H. .. 8		4/1 SF	3
								2/5 H. ... 3		2/5 H. .. 3		4/2 SF	2
								1/6 H. ... 6		3/6 H. .. 2		4/3 SF	7
								4/7 H. ... 1		4/7 H. .. 9		4/4 SF	8
								3/8 H. ... 8		1/8 H. .. 4		1 st 5 th BT	1
								2 nd next BT.9		2 nd nextBT1		2 nd 5 th BT	9
								F/1	SF3	F/2	SF3	FINAL C	
								3/1 H. ... 7		2/1 H. .. 6		3 rd 5 th BT	5
								2/2 H. ... 4		3/2 H. .. 7		4 th 5 th BT	6
								1/3 H. ... 5		4/3 H.... 8		6/1 SF	4
								4/4 H. ... 2		1/4 H. .. 5		6/2 SF	3
								3/5 H. ... 8		3/5 H. .. 2		6/3 SF	2
								2/6 H. ... 3		4/6 H. .. 1		6/4 SF	7
								1/7 H. ... 6		1/7 H. .. 4		1 st next BT	8
								4/8 H. ... 9		2/8 H. .. 3		2 nd next BT1	
								3 rd next BT.1		3 rd nextBT9		3 rd next BT	9
								F/1	SF4	F/2	SF4		
								4/1 H. .. 8		3/1 H. .. 7			
								3/2 H. .. 7		4/2 H. .. 8			
								2/3 H. .. 3		1/3 H. .. 5			
								1/4 H. .. 5		2/4 H. .. 6			
								4/5 H. .. 1		4/5 H. .. 9			
								3/6 H. .. 2		1/6 H. .. 4			
								2/7 H. .. 4		2/7 H. .. 3			
								1/8 H. .. 6		3/8 H. .. 2			
								4 th next BT.9		4 th nextBT1			

1/4 To SF +
4 next BT
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT
to Final B
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next
BT to Final C
Rest out

APPENDIX 1 - PARACANOE PROVISIONAL RULES

Please note these rules are provisional and are pending ratification at the ICF Congress in 2012

1. GENERAL

The ICF's objective for Paracanoe is inclusion: to provide the opportunity for paddlers with a disability to compete at Canoe Sprint World Championships and international Regattas. The rules contained herein are provisional. Paracanoe events are subject to the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules currently in effect where not specified.

Before a Paracanoe paddler can compete in an ICF competition, Sport Class and Sport status of the paddler must be approved by the ICF known as classification.

The ICF classification aims to place athletes into classes according to how much their impairment impacts on the core determinants of success in canoeing.

2. EVENTS

MENS

K-1 200 Metre (LTA)
K-1 200 Metre (TA)
K-1 200 Metre (A)
V-1 200 Metre (LTA)
V-1 200 Metre (TA)
V-1 200 Metre (A)

WOMENS

K-1 200 Metre (LTA)
K-1 200 Metre (TA)
K-1 200 Metre (A)
V-1 200 Metre (LTA)
V-1 200 Metre (TA)
V-1 200 Metre (A)

MIXED GENDER

K-2 200 metre (TA & A)
V-2 200 metre (TA & A)

The ICF allocates 4 paracanoe events for points toward the overall National Federation prize at World Championships. The events with the highest levels of participation will be selected as events whose results contribute to a National Federation's overall standing.

3. PARACANOE BOAT STANDARDS

- a) Modifications are permitted for stability if the boat is made slower. (ie. stabilizing pontoons).
- b) Adaptation equipment is not regulated. It is included as part of the weight of the boat if it is securely attached.

K-1

Maximum Length	520 cm
Minimum Width	50 cm. (measured 10cm from the bottom of the hull)
Minimum Weight	12 kg

K-2

Maximum Length	650 cm
Minimum Width	47 cm. (measured 10cm from the bottom of the hull)
Minimum Weight	18 kg

V-1

Maximum Length	730 cm
Minimum Weight	13 kg

V-1 Ama (pontoon)

Maximum Length	See note 1 bellow
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V - 2

Maximum Length	850cm
Minimum Weight	18 kg

V-2 Ama (pontoon)

Maximum Length	See note 1 below
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Va'a Notes:

1. The va'a shall be a single hull va'a, rigged with a single ama (outrigger pontoon) and double 'iako (spreaders), separated by at least one (1) seat.
2. A.) The hull, ama and 'iako must meet the specifications set forth above.
B) When the event host is not providing a set of identical V1 or V2 for the event, the hull, ama and 'iako must meet the specifications set forth above.
3. Para Va'a equipment such as a support seat must be removable. The paddler may supply his/her own equipment as approved by the IVF Para Va'a Committee Chair.
4. Either sit-in or sit-on-top va'a may be used; however, the sit-in va'a is recommended.
5. The ama will be attached on the left side, but must be able to be attached on the right side to accommodate paddler needs as approved by the IVF Para Va'a Committee Chair.
6. Rudders are not permitted.

4. SPORT CLASSIFICATION

The ICF recognizes three (3) sport classes for Paracanoe: LTA, TA, A. The International Va'a Federation (IVF) recognizes six (6) sport classes. The following classifications blend the two classification systems.

1. LTA (IVF 5 & 6 Point Paddler)

The LTA class is for paddlers with a disability who have functional use of their legs, trunk and arms for paddling, and who can apply force to the foot board or the seat to propel the boat.

2. TA (IVF 4 Point Paddler)

The TA class is for paddlers who have functional use of the trunk and arms. They are unable to apply continuous and controlled force to the footboard or seat to propel the boat due to significantly weakened function of the lower limbs.

3. A (IVF 1 - 3 Point Paddler)

The A class is for paddlers who have no trunk function (i.e. shoulder function only). An A class paddler is able to apply force predominantly using the arms and/or shoulders. These athletes will likely also have poor sitting balance.

More detail can be found on the ICF Website (www.canoeicf.com) for Classification of athletes.

5. SPORT CLASS STATUS

Each athlete will be given a status by which they are recognised by the ICF. The titles are New (N), Confirmed (C) and Review (R). The definitions and details of the Sport Class Status can be found on the ICF website (www.canoeicf.com).

6. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PADDLERS SEEKING ICF INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Before the classification process can commence, all applicants shall submit complete, sign and submit all relevant forms to the ICF

PROCESS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF PARACANOE ATHLETES

A Classification Panel will assess paddlers with a physical disability according to the process described in the ICF Paracanoe Classification Instruction Manual.

Athlete Eligibility

An athlete must be determined as eligible to compete in Paracanoe events by meeting the minimum requirement for disability which includes:

- Physical disabilities which lead to sufficient loss determined during the Functional Classification test

Changing Sport Classifications

Sport Classifications can only change due to changes in medical conditions or the change in the use of a prostheses/orthotic. Improvements in stroke technique will not result in the changing of a classification.

Competing Outside of Assigned Sport Class

Paddlers may compete in a more functional sport class than their assigned sport class, but not a less functional sport class. For example, a paddler classified as TA may compete in LTA events, but may not compete in A events.

Athlete failure to attend evaluation

If an Athlete fails to attend evaluation, the Athlete will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at that Competition in that sport.

Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend the evaluation an Athlete may be given a second and final chance to attend the evaluation.

Non Co-operation during evaluation

An Athlete who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is unable or unwilling to participate in Athlete Evaluation shall be considered Non-Cooperative during evaluation and the process deemed void.

Intentional misrepresentation of skills and/or abilities

An Athlete who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is intentionally misrepresenting skills and/or abilities shall be considered in violation of the Classification Rules and will not be able to compete in ICF Competitions.

Athlete Support Personnel

The ICF will enforce sanctions on Athlete Support Personnel who assist or encourage an Athlete to fail to attend Athlete Evaluation, to fail to cooperate, intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities or disrupt the evaluation process in any other way.

7. PROTESTS & APPEALS OF CLASSIFICATION

Protests

A formal protest may only be filed by a National Federation Team Leader and/or by the appointed Chief Classifier of the competition. A National Federation may Protest the Sport Class of an Athlete from their own or another nation, in accordance with the provisions of this International Standard.

Protests must be on the ICF Paracanoe Classification Protest Form and submitted to the Chief Classifier of the competition no later than three hours after the athlete is informed of their classification and status. If the Protest is accepted, the Chief Classifier shall appoint a Protest Panel and shall notify all relevant parties of the time and date for any subsequent protest evaluation.

Protest Panel During Competition

Details can be found in the Paracanoe section on the ICF website (www.canoeicf.com).

Out-of-Competition Protests

Details can be found in the Paracanoe section on the ICF website (www.canoeicf.com).

8. APPEALS

An Appeal can be for formal objection regarding the Classification procedures.

The identity of Athletes whose Sport Class has been appealed may not be publicly disclosed by the ICF before completion of the Appeal.

Appeal Jurisdiction

The Appeal Body shall have jurisdiction to review Classification decisions in order to:

- Ensure all appropriate Sport Class allocation procedures have been followed
- Ensure all appropriate Protest procedures have been followed.

Appeal Submission

Appeals may be commenced at any time.

Only a National Federation has the right to submit an Appeal to the ICF.

Appeals must be accompanied by a fee of 25 Euros or as determined by the ICF. This fee is refunded should the Appeal be upheld.

Appeal Body and Hearing

The Appeal Body will comprise of no less than three individuals who have at no stage been involved with or informed of the dispute brought before the Appeal Body.

In order to ensure a level of independence of decisions, a majority of the members of the Appeal Body should not have any official responsibility in the ICF.

Each party will have equal opportunity to present their case to the Appeal Body.

Appeal Decision

The Appeal Body shall issue a written decision resolving any Appeal after the Hearing. The decision shall be provided to all parties within 28 days of the Hearing.

Appeal decisions are final and are not subject to any further appeal.

Confidentiality

Appeal proceedings are confidential.

9. ICF PARACANOE CLASSIFIERS

ICF Classifiers appointed to ICF competitions shall not be engaged in any activities in support of any team of a National Federation at the competition.

All information received and discussions held which pertain to the classification of identifiable individuals shall be considered confidential in nature and shall not be discussed with individuals not identified as ICF Paracanoë Classifiers.

Types of Classifiers

An ICF Classifier is one who has been approved as such by the ICF. There are two types of ICF Classifiers:

- (1) ICF Medical Classifier: a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or physiotherapist
- (2) ICF Technical Classifier: a person with extensive practical knowledge of paddling, such as a paddling coach, sport scientist, former paddler, physical educator or similarly qualified person.

Extensive details on Classifiers and further detail on Paracanoe Rules can be found in the Paracanoe section of the ICF Website (www.canoeicf.com).