



INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

CANOE FREESTYLE

COMPETITION RULES

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INTRODUCTION

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

- a) Canoe Freestyle
- b) The organisation of Canoe Freestyle competitions

LANGUAGE

In case of doubt, British English written language is the recognised language for all communication relating to these competition rules and the conduct of all canoeing international competitions.

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RULES STRUCTURE

ICF Sport Governance Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Rules applicable to all disciplines• Exactly the same wording contained in the first chapter of each rule book	[CR]
ICF Principle Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The principle is applicable to all disciplines• Rules tailor made for each discipline• The principle affects all NFs to a high extent	[PR]
ICF Sport Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition and Field of Play rules• All technical aspects specific to the disciplines	[SR]

RULES DECISION PROCESS

ICF Sport Governance Rules [CR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X			

ICF Principle Rules [PR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X Overall policy and direction	X Final wording after congress		

ICF Sport Rules [SR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal			X	X
Drafting Wording			X	
Discussion		X		
Vote		X		

PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF ICF RULES

The year prior to the Congress	<i>May to November</i>	Consultation with all stakeholders (e.g. athletes, coaches, officials) about rule changes needed.
	<i>December to 1st March</i>	Rule proposals by National Federations and ICF Technical Committees.
The year of the Congress	<i>March</i>	Analysis of all proposals by ICF Technical Committees.
	First ICF Board of Directors meeting <i>in March / April</i>	Vote of the sport rules [SR]. Assessment of sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	At least three (3) months prior to the Congress	Publication of the approved sport rules [SR] by the ICF Board of Directors. Publication of the assessed sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	ICF Congress <i>November / December</i>	Vote of the sport governance rules [CR]. Vote of the main policies and directions concerning the principle rules [PR].
	Board of Directors meeting after the Congress <i>November / December</i>	Vote of the principle rules [PR].

GLOSSARY

Sport	The sport is canoeing, kayaking and all paddling activities.
National Federation	Member National Federation of the International Canoe Federation.
Discipline	A discipline is a branch of a sport comprising one (1) or several events (e.g. Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom...).
Competition	The competition runs from the start of the first event to the completion of the last event of a discipline, excluding the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
Athlete or player	Male or female athlete In Canoe Polo refer to player
Gender	Men or Women
Boat	A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g. canoe, kayak, SUP): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. kayak single);• A crew boat: a boat with more than one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. canoe four).
Age group	e.g. junior, under 21, under 23, masters depending on each discipline
Category	A category is defined by a boat and a gender (e.g. Men Kayak, Mixed Canoe).

Class	A class is defined by a category and the number of places in a boat (e.g. men kayak double; women canoe four).
Event	An event is a contest in one (1) discipline resulting in the award of medals. An event is defined by at least a class and depending on the competition and the discipline with the additional optional information: a distance and / or an age group (e.g. junior men's kayak double 500m, under 23 women's kayak single, men's canoe double classic).
Type of event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual events: A boat comprised of one (1) or more athletes competing against other boats. • Team events: two (2) or more boats competing together against other teams.
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g. preliminaries , heats, semi-final, final).
Run or race or match	The basic unit of an event phase (e.g. heats 1 st run, semi-final, final).
Competition programme	The list of events included in a competition.
Competition schedule	The complete list of events and their different phases with the time at which they will be held.
International Technical Official	Oversee the operation of the competition.

Host Organising Committee	The host organising committee can be a National Federation or a subsidiary or a third party organisation specialising in competition management.
Definition of meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may: optional • should: recommendation • must: mandatory / compulsory

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ICF	International Canoe Federation
ITO	International Technical Official
HOC	Host Organising Committee
IJCFR	International Judge Canoe Freestyle
CFR	Canoe Freestyle
CC	Competition Committee
ICJCFR	International Chief Judge Canoe Freestyle
CFRC	Canoe Freestyle Committee
DSQ-R	Disqualification for the run
DQB	Disqualification for the whole competition

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CHAPTER 1 - SPORT GOVERNANCE

1.1 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[CR]

1.1.1 - All competitions announced as international must be governed by the rules of the ICF.

1.1.2 - Competitions organised by a National Federation, or its affiliated associations are regarded as international if foreign athletes / teams are invited.

1.1.3 - Canoeing competitions in regional, continental, and multi-sport Games must be organised under the ICF rules for World Championships for that discipline.

1.1.4 - The Olympic events should be used as a base for the competition programme in continental games.

1.1.5 - The organisation and programme of canoeing in multi-sport games on a world level must be approved by the ICF and for continental level by the relevant continental association.

1.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR [CR]

1.2.1 - The international competition calendar of each discipline is organised in four (4) levels:

	Type of competition	Competition
Level 1	ICF competition	ICF World Championships
Level 2		ICF World Cups
Level 3		ICF World Ranking competitions
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International competitions• Masters or open competitions• Invitational competitions	

1.2.2 - Only a National Federation, associate member, [their clubs](#), or a continental association of the ICF may apply for a competition [level 4](#) to be entered into the ICF calendar.

1.2.3 - A calendar application for an international competition level 1 and level 2 is outlined in the ICF statutes.

1.2.4 - A calendar application for an international competition level 3 (if applicable) and level 4 can be made by the following process:

1.2.4.a - A calendar application is made directly into the ICF database;

1.2.4.b - The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 3 is First (1st) of September the year before the competition;

1.2.4.c - The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 4 is three (3) months before the competition.

1.2.5 - Calendar publication

1.2.5.a - The calendar of ICF competitions level 1 and level 2 will be published by 1st January the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.b - The calendar of ICF competitions level 3 will be published by First (1st) of October the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.c - The calendar of international competitions (level 4) will be published immediately after approval by the ICF.

1.3 - ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR ICF COMPETITION (LEVEL 1 TO 3) [CR]

1.3.1 - Only athletes who are members of clubs or associations affiliated with a National Federation have the right to participate in an ICF competition.

1.3.2 - An athlete having satisfied 1.3.1. and ~~also~~ having first obtained the (written) consent of the athlete's National Federation, is permitted to compete individually in an ICF competition.

1.3.3 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the level of the particular ICF competition.

1.3.4 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes, team officials, as well as the National Federation itself, carry appropriate health, accident, and personal belongings insurance.

1.4 - AGE GROUP

[CR]

1.4.1 - The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF competition (level 1 to 3) or an international competition (level 4) is the year of their 15th birthday.

1.4.2 - An athlete starting from the year of their 13th birthday can compete in an international competition (level 4) in a specific age group event with a suitably adapted competition format ~~/~~ rules defined by the HOC.

1.4.3 - The last year an athlete can compete in the U16 age group is the year of their 16th birthday.

~~1.4.3-1.4.4~~ - The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.

~~1.4.4-1.4.5~~ - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 21 age group is the year of their 21st birthday.

~~1.4.5-1.4.6~~ - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 23 age group is the year of their 23rd birthday.

~~1.4.6-1.4.7~~ - An athlete can compete in a ~~masters~~masters' event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years.

~~1.4.7-1.4.8~~ - To enter in an event with a specified age group an athlete or the National Federation must produce documentary proof such as passport, identity card or similar document with a photograph, confirming the age of the athlete.

1.5 - ATHLETE SPORTING NATIONALITY CHANGE [CR]

1.5.1 - An athlete who has competed internationally at any level in the last three (3) years requires authorisation from the ICF with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved ~~in order~~ to change sporting nationality.

1.5.2 - For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality he/she must have lived in that country for the last ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year or hold the nationality of the new country.

1.5.3 - An athlete who is aged 18 or under can change sporting nationality with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved. He/she is not required to fulfil the ~~two (2)~~ one (1) year residency rule.

1.5.4 - The request for the change of sporting nationality must be made to the ICF by the new National Federation no later than ~~30~~30th of November the year before the athlete wants to compete.

1.5.5 - For the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Olympic and Paralympic Charter rules will be applied for nationality issues.

1.5.6 - For an athlete to gain an Olympic or Paralympic quota place in canoeing they must hold citizenship/nationality of the National Federation they represent.

1.5.7 - An athlete cannot compete for more than one (1) National Federation in any calendar year in canoeing.

1.5.8 - UN Refugee athlete.

1.5.8.a - An athlete that has no recognised country of sporting nationality and has official UN Refugee status can compete in ICF competitions. The request to compete in ICF Competitions must be sent to the ICF Headquarters who will decide if the entry can be accepted in conjunction with the Technical Chair of the discipline.

1.5.8.b - The Refugee athlete will hold the same status as a national team member from other countries in the ICF competition and abide by ICF Statutes and Competition Rules.

1.5.8.c - The Refugee athlete must be allowed to compete in the National Championships in the country where he/she obtained UN Refugee status.

1.5.8.d - Changes to the athletes UN Refugee status or that the athlete obtains a sporting nationality will activate the ICF rules for sporting nationality.

1.6 - ENTRIES PROCESS

[CR]

1.6.1 - ICF competitions (level 1 to level 3).

1.6.1.a - Nominal entries for ICF competitions will only be accepted from National Federations which are current members of the ICF.

1.6.1.b - An entry must contain:

- Name of the National Federation to which the athlete(s) belongs;
- First and last name for the athlete(s);
- The country of birth of the athlete(s);
- The gender of the athlete(s);
- Date of birth of the athlete(s);
- The ICF number of the athlete(s) (if known);
- The events in which the athlete(s) or team(s) wish to take part;
- The first, last name(s) and the e-mail address of the Team Leader.

1.6.1.c - Nominal entries must be made on the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.d - A receipt for the nominal entry will be available via the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.e - The deadline for nominal entries is 10 days before the first day of competition or classification for paracanoe;

1.6.1.f - In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late nominal entries from National Federations. It is the Technical Chair's discretion to accept or decline a late entry. Late entries ~~and late withdrawals to the competition~~ will incur a fee of 2050 euros per athlete in addition to the participation fee.

1.6.1.g - In crew boats the names of the athletes must be in the order that they compete in the boat. The first name must be the athlete at the front of the boat.

1.6.2 - International competition (level 4).

1.6.2.a - Nominal entries for international competitions (level 4) will be accepted from individuals or National Federations;

1.6.2.b - Entries must be in writing or online in accordance with the regulations given by the HOC;

1.6.2.c - An entry must contain:

- The sporting nationality of the athlete;
- First and last name(s) for the athlete;
- The gender of the athlete;
- Date of birth of the athlete;
- The events in which the athlete(s) or teams wish to take part.

1.6.2.d - The HOC must acknowledge in writing or electronically the receipt of each entry within two (2) days.

1.7 - VALIDITY OF A COMPETITION

[CR]

1.7.1 - World Championships (ICF competition level 1).

1.7.1.a - In the Olympic and Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

1.7.1.b - For the non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations in each event and at least three (3) continents start OVERALL in the competition. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

1.7.2 - World Cup (ICF competition level 2) and ICF competition level 3:

1.7.2.a - A valid World Cup is held only when there is a minimum of five (5) National Federations from at least two (2) continents start in the competition.

1.7.2.b - To be recognised as a valid event at least three (3) boats/boards or three (3) teams from two (2) different National Federations start in that event.

1.7.2.c - For the validity of the event it is not necessary for all three (3) boats/boards or all three (3) teams finish.

1.7.3 - To be recognised as an international competition (level 4) at least an invitation must be distributed to National Federations or to foreign athletes.

1.8 - ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 1) [CR]

1.8.1 - World Championships are only organised upon the authority of the ICF Board of Directors and only in the events given in the competition programme.

1.8.2 - Changes to the organisation of the World Championships may only be made by the process documented in the contract between the ICF and the HOC.

1.8.3 - The ~~competition programme is decided by the~~ ICF Board of Directors will determine the competition programme, based on the recommendation of the concerned Technical Committee.

1.8.4 - The competition schedule is the responsibility of the ICF. The ICF will consider the broadcasting needs and ~~+~~ / or other external factors affecting the schedule.

1.8.5 - Jury.

1.8.5.a - During the World Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury.

1.8.5.b - The Jury consists of three (3) persons.

1.8.5.c - The ICF Board of Directors appoints the members of the Jury.

1.8.5.d - One (1) of these members is named Chair of the Jury.

1.8.6 - Awards.

1.8.6.a - The awards are given according to the ICF protocol guidelines.

1.8.6.b - The medals are awarded as follows:

- 1st place: a gold medal
- 2nd place: a silver medal
- 3rd place: a bronze medal

1.8.6.c - In the crew boat/board events or team events, each athlete will receive the appropriate medal.

1.8.6.d - To maintain the formality of the ceremony the athletes receiving medals must wear their national team uniforms.

1.8.7 - Nations Cup₂

1.8.7.a - The Nations Cup will be awarded to the National Federation at the World Championships with the best overall performance₂

1.8.7.b - The ranking list will be produced according to the system defined for each discipline.

1.9 - MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 4) [CR]

1.9.1 - Masters World Championships can be organised in each discipline.

1.9.2 - The ICF Board of Directors will determine the events based on ~~recommendation~~the recommendations of the concerned Technical Committee.

1.9.3 - Individual and National Federations entries will be accepted.

1.10 - ANTI-DOPING [CR]

1.10.1 - Doping as defined in the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF anti-doping rules is strictly forbidden.

1.10.2 - The anti-doping programme must be conducted in accordance with the ICF anti-doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF medical and anti-doping committee.

1.10.3 - Athletes and support personnel₂ entered in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition.

1.11 - APPEAL TO THE ICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS [CR]

1.11.1 - A participating National Federation can appeal to the ICF Board of Directors if, after the end of the competition, new facts become known that would substantially affect a decision made at the competition.

1.11.2 - Matters of fact during the competition cannot be contested in an appeal.

1.11.3 - An appeal to the ICF Board of Directors must be submitted within 30 days following the end of the competition accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

1.11.4 - The ICF Board of Directors makes its decision and addresses it in writing to the National Federation.

1.12 - DISQUALIFICATION FOR SERIOUS UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR [CR]

~~1.12.1 - An athlete who attempts~~ "Disqualified for Serious Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (DQB)" indicates a disqualification due to ~~win a serious breach of the applicable rules or regulations issued by the ICF or the governing body responsible for the competition by irregular means, wilfully breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, as deemed by the officials, may, or a violation of the World Anti-Doping Code.~~

~~1.12.1-1.12.2~~ - For DQB, the ICF has complete discretion regarding whether an Athlete/Team will be disqualified ~~for~~ from one, several or all of the events entered at the competition ~~(DQB).~~, regardless of whether they are scheduled, in progress or already completed.

~~1.12.2-1.12.3~~ - For disqualification after competition caused by doping or ineligibility the following must be completed:

- Deletion of all achieved results and rankings of boat(s) /board(s) (DQB);
- Re-calculation of all results accordingly; ~~and~~
- Production of the revised version of all affected outputs (results, summaries, medals).

1.13 - RESULTS [CR]

1.13.1 - For ICF competitions (level 1 to 3) an electronic copy of the detailed official results must be provided to the ICF in a specified format within seven (7) days of the end of the competition. Electronic results must be kept online for historical purposes.

1.13.2 - For international competitions (level 4) an electronic copy of the detailed entries and official results should be sent to the ICF in pdf format for publication on the ICF website within seven (7) days of the end of the competition.

1.14.1 - The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks is not permitted.

1.14.2 - Boats/[boards](#), accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and written text.

1.14.3 - Images, symbols, slogans and written text unrelated to sport funding or any political messages are not permitted.

1.14.4 - All advertising materials used should be placed in such a way that they do not interfere with athletes' identification and do not affect the outcome of the race.

1.15 - INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL (ITO) - EXAMINATION [CR]

1.15.1 - Examination calendar.

1.15.1.a - Each year the calendar of official examinations is published for each discipline following proposal from each Technical Chair.

1.15.1.b - Continental associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold an examination to the concerned Technical Chair. In this case, this organising entity has to cover the examination organisation costs including the full board and travelling expenses of the examiners.

1.15.2 - ~~Candidates~~ Candidates' application.

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

1.15.2.b - The applications must be sent to the ICF headquarters on the form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

1.15.2.c - The ICF headquarters will forward the list of candidates to the concerned Technical Chair.

1.15.2.d - For every candidate applying for the examination, the National Federation will be charged 20 euros.

1.15.2.e - The final invoice will be sent to the National Federation in the period between ~~30~~30th of October and ~~30~~30th of November.

1.15.2.f - National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials.

1.15.3 - Conduct of the examination.

1.15.3.a - A sub-committee, appointed by the concerned Technical Chair, will administer the examination.

1.15.3.b - The examination will be carried out in English for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF competitions and will be based on their knowledge of the ICF statutes and the ICF rules. Each discipline may add a practical assessment or minimum experience requirement-;

1.15.3.c - If candidates take the examination in any other official language, they may not be considered for officiating at ICF competitions.

1.15.4 - Officials Officials' card

1.15.4.a - After completion of the examination the concerned Technical Chair completes the ICF official examination report and sends it to the ICF headquarters, where the officials' cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations-;

1.15.4.b - The officials' cards expire after four (4) years-;

1.15.4.c - If an official's card is expired, lost, or destroyed a 20 euro fee for renewal will be charged-;

1.15.4.d - A renewed official's card will be issued starting from the previous expiry date-;

1.15.4.e - If an official's card has been expired for more than two years, the ITO must complete the examination again.

1.16 - ITO - NOMINATION FOR ICF COMPETITION COMPETITIONS [CR]

1.16.1 - Only National Federations are entitled to nominate ITOs for ICF competitions level 1 and level 2.

1.16.2 - The deadline for submitting ITO proposals for each discipline is the 31st of December the year prior to the competition.

1.16.3 - The nominations are submitted to the respective Technical Chair (with a copy to the ICF headquarters).

1.16.4 - The Technical Chair will present a list of Officials to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval at the latest by 1st of March.

CHAPTER 2 - INTRODUCTION

2.1 - OBJECTIVE

[PR]

Canoe Freestyle is a whitewater sport where the athlete performs a range of acrobatic tricks and manoeuvres on a feature (artificial or natural) such as a wave or a hole, within a given time.

2.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[PR]

2.2.1 - An ICF competition must be supervised by at least one (1) judge who holds a valid card as IJCFR.

2.2.2 - The types of international competition for Canoe Freestyle:

	Type of competition	Competition	Entries
LEVEL 1	ICF competition	ICF World Championships	See dedicated chapter
LEVEL 2		ICF World Cups	See dedicated chapter
LEVEL 3		<i>Not applicable</i>	
LEVEL 4	International Competition	International competitions	To be determined by the organiser

2.2.3 - An International competition (level 4) may or may not use the appendices for the definition and the value of each move.

2.2.4 - An International competition (level 4) may amend [any of the competition formats defined rules other than section 3 \(safety measures\).the competition format defined in the Chapter 5.](#)

2.2.5 - All these amendments need to be announced in writing on the invitation (see article 6.1).

CHAPTER 3 - ATHLETE EQUIPMENT

I - Boats

3.1 - KAYAK - K1 [PR]

3.1.1 - There are no boat restrictions; however, they must be decked boats and must respect the safety measures.

3.1.2 - Athletes must be sitting with their legs out in front and use a double-bladed paddle

3.2 - CANOE DECKED - C1 [PR]

3.2.1 - There are no boat restrictions; however, they must be decked boats and must respect the safety measures.

3.2.2 - Athletes must be kneeling and use a single bladed paddle.

3.3 - OPEN CANOE - OC1 [PR]

3.3.1 - Athletes must be kneeling and using a single bladed paddle.

3.3.2 - The boat must be able to hold 40 litres of water with the athlete kneeling in the boat.

3.3.3 - The open depth of the boat must be at least 40cm for a length of 80cm.

3.3.4 - The overall open surface area must be at least 3800 cm².

3.3.5 - Buoyancy for the boat ends is to be inflatable (bulkheads are not permitted).

3.3.6 - Boat must respect the safety measures

3.4 - SQUIRT BOAT [PR]

There are no boat restrictions but must respect the safety measures.

3.5 - SQUIRT BOAT DURING A RIDE [SR]

The athlete must not add water or weight to their boat during the ride. If a spraydeck is used, the paddler must not remove it in order to gain a competitive advantage.

II - Safety equipment

3.6 - BOAT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS [SR]

3.6.1 - All boats except Squirt boats must be equipped at each end with anchor points for lifting, carrying or rescuing.

3.6.2 - An average hand must be able to easily grab these points.

3.6.3 - Athletes must be able to quickly and easily free themselves from their boat at all times.

3.7 - HELMET

[SR]

3.7.1 - Each athlete must wear a fastened safety helmet suitably fitted to his head.

3.7.2 - Only branded products designed for white water use will be accepted.

3.8 - BUOYANCY JACKET

[SR]

3.8.1 - Each athlete must wear a buoyancy jacket.

3.8.2 - Only branded products with a recognised safety certification designed for whitewater use will be accepted. [No modifications to this equipment will be permitted](#)

3.9 - COMPLIANCE OF SAFETY MEASURES

[SR]

3.9.1 - An IJCFR, or a representative of the CFRC will randomly check 10% of the athletes on the safety measures.

3.9.2 - The checking will take place before the run of the athletes' selected.

3.9.3 - In the case of non-observance of the safety rules, the ICJCFR, according to their assigned duties, is allowed to prohibit an athlete from starting and may disqualify the athlete from their run (DSQ-R).

III - Identification

3.10 - BIBS NUMBERS

[SR]

3.10.1 - The front side of the bib is primarily reserved for the ICF sponsor along with the bib numbers.

3.10.2 - The organiser may freely use the reverse side; however, the bib number must be prominently displayed.

3.10.3 - The general layout of the bibs must be approved by the CFRC three (3) months prior to the competition.

3.10.4 - The HOC has the responsibility to provide the bibs.

3.10.5 - The size of the numbers must be 105 to 1520 cm high and 2 cm thick minimum.

3.10.6 - Each athlete is responsible for his/her bibs.

CHAPTER 4 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

4.1 - SURFACE BOATS PROGRAMME

[PR]

List of events	
MK1	Men's Kayak
MK1J	Men's Kayak Junior
WK1	Women's Kayak
WK1J	Women's Kayak Junior
MC1	Men's Canoe Decked
WC1	Women's Canoe Decked
XOC1	Open Canoe

4.2 - SQUIRT BOATS PROGRAMME

[PR]

List of events	
M K1 SQ	Men's Kayak Squirt
W K1 SQ	Women's Kayak Squirt

CHAPTER 5 - COMPETITION FORMAT & PROGRESSION SYSTEM

I - Competition format

5.1 - COMPETITION FORMAT- GENERAL

5.1.1 - Heats, quarter finals and semi-finals are preferentially divided into groups of five athletes. Groups of other numbers may be used for scheduling purposes.

5.1.2 - Warning signal

5.1.2.a - In the event of the audible signal failure, a secondary signal will be used. In the event of failure of the second audible signal, the ICJCFR may offer the athlete affected another run.

5.1.3 - Countdown clock

5.1.3.a - Where possible, a countdown clock, visible to the athlete, will display the time remaining for each run.

5.1.3.b - In the event of countdown clock failure, a (non visible) secondary timing device must be used. In the event of failure of the second timing device, the ICJCFR may offer the athlete affected another run

5.1-5.2 - COMPETITION FORMAT- SURFACE BOATS EVENTS [SR]

~~5.1.1-5.2.1~~ - ICJCFR evaluates whether feature is attainable or non-attainable and announces it at the Team Leaders meeting.

~~5.1.2-5.2.2~~ - Attainable features are features that can be reaccessed during the course of the run, within the allotted time.

~~5.1.3-5.2.3~~ - Non-attainable features cannot be re-accessed during the course of the run, within the allotted time.

~~5.1.4 - The run is audibly finished by an audible buzzer. 10 seconds prior to the run finishing a different or shorter audible buzzer informs the athlete of the time remaining.~~

~~5.1.5-5.2.4~~ - Number of runs and their duration at each competition phase:

Phase	Attainable		Non attainable	
<u>Preliminaries</u> <u>Heats</u>	2 runs of 45 sec	Both scores added	4 runs of 45 sec	Best 2 scores added

¼ finals	3 runs of 45 sec	Best 2 scores added	3 runs of 45 sec	Best 2 scores added
½ finals	2 runs of 45 sec	Best score	2 runs of 45 sec	Best score
Finals	3 runs of 45 sec	Best score	3 runs of 45 sec	Best score

5.2.5 - The run is audibly finished by an audible warning signal. Ten (10) seconds prior to the run finishing a different or shorter audible warning signal informs the athlete of the time remaining.

~~5.2-5.3~~ - COMPETITION FORMAT - SQUIRT EVENTS[SR]

~~5.2.1-5.3.1~~ - The ICJCFR defines the arena that must surround and include the main feature of the surface boats.

~~5.2.2-5.3.2~~ - The ICJCFR decides which features within the arena can be used by the athletes (wave, hole, rocks, wall, etc.)

~~5.2.3-5.3.3~~ - The arena can start a maximum of 50 meters upstream and finish a maximum of 50 meters from downstream the main feature.

~~5.2.4-5.3.4~~ - The arena is announced by the ICJCFR at the Team Leaders meeting.

~~5.2.5 - The run is audibly finished by an audible buzzer. Fifteen (15) seconds prior to the run finishing, a different or shorter audible buzzer informs the athlete of the time remaining.~~

~~5.2.6-5.3.5~~ - Number of runs and their duration at each competition phase:

Heats Preliminaries	2 runs of 60 sec	Both scores added
¼ finals	3 runs of 60 sec	Best 2 scores added
½ finals	2 runs of 60 sec	Best score
Finals	3 runs of 60 sec	Best score

5.3.6 - The run is finished by an audible warning signal. Fifteen (15) seconds prior to the run finishing, a different or shorter audible warning signal informs the athlete of the time remaining.

II - Progression system

~~5.3-5.4~~ - PRELIMINARIESHEATS

[SR]

5.4.1 - Seeding

5.4.1.a - Athletes are seeded in groups for the heats based upon the reverse order of the last level 1 or level 2 competition in this event.

~~5.3.1 - Athletes are randomly selected in groups for the preliminaries.~~

5.4.1.b - Athletes who did not compete in the last level 1 or level 2 competition in this event are randomly seeded in front of the seeded athletes.

~~5.3.2-5.4.2~~ - 25% of the event rounded up to the nearest five (5) with a maximum of 40 and a minimum of 20 athletes will advance to the quarterfinals.

~~5.3.3-5.4.3~~ - When an event has 3540 or fewer athletes, the top 10 from the preliminariesheats go straight to the semi-finals.

~~5.3.4-5.4.4~~ - When an event has 10 or fewer athletes, five (5) athletes will advance straight to the finals.

~~5.3.5-5.4.5~~ - In the case of a tie, tie breakers are as follow:

~~5.3.5.a-5.4.5.a~~ - FIRST - Highest Scoring run

~~5.3.5.b-5.4.5.b~~ - SECOND - 2nd Highest Scoring run

~~5.3.5.c-5.4.5.c~~ - THIRD - 3rd Highest Scoring run (Non-attainable features only)

~~5.3.5.d-5.4.5.d~~ - FOURTH - 4th Highest Scoring run (Non-attainable features only)

~~5.3.5.e-5.4.5.e~~ - FIFTH - Highest scoring move including bonuses performed on one of the runs of the round~~second~~event phase (moved judge by at least one (1) IJCFR).

~~5.3.5.f-5.4.5.f~~ - If there is still a tie between athletes in the last qualifying places, all of the athletes concerned will go through to the next round~~event~~phase.

~~5.3.6-5.4.6~~ - Athletes with a score of zero (0) points cannot progress to the next round.

~~5.4-5.5~~ - QUARTERFINALS

[SR]

~~5.4.1-5.5.1~~ - Athletes are seeded by ~~preliminary the~~ result of the heats, the best result starting last. The running order between athletes who progressed via a tie will be randomly selected.

~~5.4.2-5.5.2~~ - Top 10 athletes advance to the semi-finals.

~~5.4.3-5.5.3~~ - In the case of a tie, tie breakers are as follow:

~~5.4.3.a-5.5.3.a~~ - FIRST - Highest Scoring run

~~5.4.3.b-5.5.3.b~~ - SECOND - 2nd Highest Scoring run

~~5.4.3.c-5.5.3.c~~ - THIRD - 3rd Highest Scoring run ~~move including bonuses performed on one of the runs of the round (moved judge by at least one (1) IJCFR).~~

~~5.4.3.d-5.5.3.d~~ - ~~If there is still a tie between athletes in the last qualifying places, all of the athletes concerned will go through to the next round.~~ FOURTH - Highest scoring move including bonuses performed on one of the runs of the event phase (moved judge by at least one (1) IJCFR).

5.5.3.e - If there is still a tie between athletes in the last qualifying places, all of the athletes concerned will go through to the next event phase.

~~5.4.4-5.5.4~~ - Athletes with a score of zero (0) points cannot progress to the next ~~round~~event phase.

~~5.5-5.6~~ - SEMI-FINALS

[SR]

~~5.5.1-5.6.1~~ - Athletes are seeded by the results of the ~~round~~event phase preceding the semi-finals, the best result starting last. The running order between athletes who progressed via a tie will be randomly selected.

~~5.5.2-5.6.2~~ - Top five (5) athletes advance to Finals.

~~5.5.3-5.6.3~~ - In the case of a tie, tie breakers are as follow:

~~5.5.3.a-5.6.3.a~~ - FIRST - Highest Scoring run

~~5.5.3.b-5.6.3.b~~ - SECOND - 2nd Highest Scoring run

~~5.5.3.c-5.6.3.c~~ - THIRD - Highest scoring move including bonuses performed on one of the runs of the ~~round~~event phase (moved judge by at least one (1) IJCFR).

~~5.5.3.d-5.6.3.d~~ - If there is still a tie between athletes in the last qualifying places, the athletes concerned will have one (1) extra run to break the tie.

~~5.5.4-5.6.4~~ - In the case where the tie cannot be broken according to the rules mentioned above, the ICJCFR can propose a solution to the CC.

~~5.5.5-5.6.5~~ - Athletes with a score of zero (0) points cannot progress to the next [roundevent phase](#)

~~5.6-5.7~~ - FINALS

[SR]

~~5.6.1-5.7.1~~ - All the finalists have three (3) runs.

~~5.6.2-5.7.2~~ - The athletes are seeded according to the results of the preceding [roundevent phase](#), the best result starting last. The running order between athletes who progressed via a tie will be randomly selected.

~~5.6.3-5.7.3~~ - Start order is the same for all the three (3) runs.

~~5.6.4 - The best run of the final is selected to determine the ranking.~~

~~5.6.5-5.7.4~~ - In case of a tie, tie breakers are as follow:

~~5.6.5.a-5.7.4.a~~ - FIRST - [1st Highest Scoring Run](#)~~The best dropped runs are selected.~~

~~5.6.5.b-5.7.4.b~~ - SECOND - [2nd Highest Scoring Run](#)~~The highest scoring move is selected.~~

~~5.6.5.c-5.7.4.c~~ - THIRD - [3rd Highest Scoring Run](#)~~The highest number of different moves breaks the tie.~~

~~5.7.4.d~~ - [FOURTH - Highest scoring move including bonuses performed on one of the runs of the event phase \(moved judged by at least one \(1\) IJCFR\).](#)

~~5.7.4.e~~ - [If the tie still remains, it is kept for final result. This may result in one \(1\) or more athletes with the same rank.](#)

~~5.6.5.d~~ - [If the tie still remains, it is kept for final result. This may result in one \(1\) or more athletes with the same rank.](#)

~~5.7-5.8~~ - FORCE MAJEURE

[SR]

~~5.7.1-5.8.1~~ - If an event is not completed due to cancellation, the Competition Committee in these exceptional circumstances establishes the final results of the competition based on the last event phase completed. (e.g. MK1 event gets cancelled halfway through semi-finals, the quarterfinal results would stand for MK1).

CHAPTER 6 - INVITATIONS AND ENTRIES

6.1 - INVITATION

[PR]

6.1.1 - Invitations to an international Canoe Freestyle competition (level 4) must be sent two (2) months before the competition to all National Federations.

6.1.2 - Invitations to an ICF Canoe Freestyle competition (level 1 and 2) must be sent six (6) months before the competition to all National Federations.

6.1.3 - The invitation must contain the following information:

- The date, place and level of competition
- A description of the course
- List of events
- A provisional competition schedule
- Details and character of the feature
- Safety measures
- The entry procedure
- The final date for entries
- The progression system and numbers
- Prizes and the conditions under which they are awarded

6.2 - ENTRIES FOR ICF COMPETITIONS

[SR]

Numerical entries for ICF competitions must be made at least 30 days prior to the competition using the ICF online entry system following the regulations given in the invitation.

6.3 - ENTRY POLICIES

[SR]

6.3.1 - A junior athlete cannot compete in both the junior and senior event.

6.3.2 - An athlete may compete in two (2) different disciplines, such as C1 and OC1, or more.

6.3.3 - Only one (1) single boat design must be used throughout the whole competition in each event. Boat design includes shape and material the boat is made from.

6.3.4 - No boat sharing is allowed in one (1) group.

6.4 - ALTERNATION AND WITHDRAWAL

[PR]

6.4.1 - Alterations and withdrawals must be made in writing to the Technical Organiser at least 24 hours before the beginning of the competition.

6.4.2 - Withdrawal of an entry is final, and re-entry of the same athlete is not possible in the same event.

6.4.3 - The National Federation must have registered any replacement as reserves.

6.5 - PARTICIPATION FEE

[SR]

6.5.1 - Each athlete entering the competition must pay one full participation fee. If an athlete enters additional events within the same competition the second and subsequent events will each be charged at 50% of the participation fee. ~~Each athlete is only required to pay one (1) full competition participation fee regardless of the number of events entered in one (1) international competition.~~

~~6.5.2 - Any additional events entered by that athlete would be charged at a fee of 50% of the original participation fee.~~

CHAPTER 7 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

7.1 - NOMINATION

[SR]

The Technical Chair appoints ICF competition officials. Nominations can be submitted by the HOC.

7.2 - OFFICIALS - TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS [PR]

7.2.1 - For ICF competitions, the HOC pays for local transportation, room and board for all representatives of the ICF (e.g. Jury, ICJCFR, IJCFR), nominated by the Technical Chair.

7.2.2 - Each team attending an ICF competition will pay an administration fee (set by the CFRC) to share the travel costs of the nominated ITOs.

7.2.3 - The travel costs will be divided over all the athletes equally, based on numerical entries, so that every National Federation pays the same amount per athlete.

7.3 - TECHNICAL ORGANISER [\(HOC\)](#)

[SR]

The Technical Organiser is responsible for [all](#) local preparations, [logistics and infrastructure, along with the volunteers and local workforce including the management conduct](#) of the entire competition [site](#), the installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition [as specified by the Technical Deliverables](#).

7.4 - COMPETITION COMMITTEE

[SR]

7.4.1 - Every international Canoe Freestyle competition must have a CC composed as follows:

- ICF Representative (Chairman)
- Technical Organiser
- ICJCFR
- Teams Representative

7.4.2 - The Teams Representative is a Team Leader elected by all the teams attending the last Team Leaders meeting prior to the competition.

7.4.3 - The Technical Organiser and the Teams Representative cannot belong to the same National Federation.

7.4.4 - The CC receives protests and makes the final decision. Decisions of the CC must be in accordance with ICF rules. The CC also decides on all questions raised during the competition that are not covered by the ICF rules.

7.4.5 - In the case of a tie vote, the chairman of the CC decides.

7.4.6 - The CC can invite any technical resource necessary to study the protests received.

7.4.7 - The CC has the right to disqualify for the whole competition (DQB) athletes if they bring the sport into disrepute.

7.5 - CANOE FREESTYLE CHIEF JUDGE (ICJCFR) [SR]

7.5.1 - Definition of the ICJCFR

7.5.1.a - The ICJCFR in a Canoe Freestyle competition is the person in charge of the ICJCFR team all throughout the whole competition.

7.5.1.b - The ICJCFR guarantees that all the athletes are judged equally throughout the competition.

7.5.1.c - The ICJCFR makes sure the international Canoe Freestyle rules are correctly applied in all of the international Canoe Freestyle competitions he attends.

7.5.1.d - The ICJCFR in accordance with the CFRC selects the ICJCFR for the competition.

7.5.2 - The ICJCFR is named by the CFRC at least two (2) months before the beginning of the competition.

7.5.3 - Obligations of the ICJCFR

7.5.3.a - ICJCFR is in charge of the judging area for the whole of the competition. No one is allowed to overrule his/her decisions.

7.5.3.b - ICJCFR oversees the judging panel, scribes and the scoring system.

7.5.3.c - ICJCFR directs the timekeeper and commentator as necessary.

7.5.3.d - ICJCFR supervises the running of the competition and its fairness.

7.5.3.e - ICJCFR directs / instructs the athletes if necessary.

7.5.3.f - ICJCFR starts the runs. In case of a starting or timing problem, where the athlete is not at fault, the run ~~will~~may be cancelled at the ICJCFR's discretion. The athlete must then choose either to run again straight away or to run at the end of the current group. He must inform the Chief-Judge immediately of his decision and this decision is then final.

7.5.3.g - ICJCFR proposes to the CC any major format changes not included in the rules in order to keep the athletes safe. Only security measures and or safety considerations can allow an adaptation of the rules.

7.5.3.h - ICJCFR has the authority to overrule calls by the judges or award a score in order to keep consistency. This can only be done after having questioned the IJCFR. If the overruling is performed, the ICJCFR must fill in a form giving an explanation of his motivation in a few sentences.

7.5.3.i - ICJCFR will be independent of any National Federation.

7.5.3.j - ICJCFR ensures that the Competition results are submitted to the ICF immediately after the competition.

7.5.3.k - ICJCFR sends to the CFRC in the month following the end of the competition a report of his work with the results of the IJCFR evaluation.

~~ICJCFR is lodged at the HOC expense, five (5) days prior to the competition starting and until the end of the competition.~~

7.5.3.l - An ICJCFR substitute must be named by the CFRC before the beginning of the World Championships. He will replace the nominated ICJCFR in case of force-majeure.

7.5.3.m - While not being ICJCFR, the ICJCFR substitute will be IJCFR for the competition.

7.5.3.n - During World Cups the ICJCFR can delegate to the substitute ICJCFR for limited periods

7.5.4 - Limitations

7.5.4.a - ICJCFR cannot be an athlete competing at an international level in Canoe Freestyle in the year that he judges.

7.5.4.b - ICJCFR cannot be a Team Leader in the year that he judges.

7.5.4.c - ICJCFR must not wear any visible sign of his National Federation or national origin during the competition. Furthermore, no visible sign of kayaking manufacturer promotion, unless directed otherwise by the CFRC.

7.5.4.d - ICJCFR cannot deposit any protest to the CC.

7.5.4.e - ICJCFR cannot be a member of the CFRC.

7.6 - CANOE FREESTYLE INTERNATIONAL JUDGE (IJCFR) [SR]

7.6.1 - The IJCFR judges the moves and the bonuses each athlete executes.

7.6.2 - A competition is judged by three (3) IJCFR and three (3) scribes (see article 7.7).

7.6.3 - IJCFR must judge one event all through the competition and cannot change except in case of force-majeure. The decision is taken by the ICJCFR.

7.6.4 - Obligations of the IJCFR

7.6.4.a - IJCFR cannot be a Team Leader in the competition he is chosen to judge.

7.6.4.b - IJCFR does not represent a National Federation but he judges athletes of the world. In case of non-observation of this, the ICJCFR can strike him off the judging team in accordance with the CFRC.

7.6.4.c - IJCFR is lodged by the HOC 3 days prior to the competition and until the end of the competition.

7.6.4.d - IJCFR cannot be a member of the CFRC except in the case of force-major approved by the CC.

7.6.4.e - IJCFR must be on the venue at least 3 days prior to the competition.

7.6.5 - Judging Criteria

7.6.5.a - As each run is performed, the IJCFR verbally instructs his scribe who records the results on the score sheet or electronic device as instructed.

7.6.5.b - The moves and the points for each move are listed in the Appendices (see chapter 15) for surface boats and for squirt.

7.6.5.c - The list is proposed and published by the CFRC.

7.7 - SCRIBES

[SR]

7.7.1 - The Scribe is a technical assistant that records the moves called by the IJCFR.

7.7.2 - The scribe is an unqualified technical assistant.

CHAPTER 8 - FIELD OF PLAY

8.1 - JUDGING PLATFORM

[SR]

The ICJCFR must validate the judging platform before the beginning of the competition which should respect the ICF technical deliverables.

8.2 - COMPETITION FEATURES

[SR]

The ICJCFR must validate the competition features before the beginning of the official training.

CHAPTER 9 - PRE-COMPETITION

9.1 - COMPETITION SCHEDULE

[PR]

At least fifteen (15) hours before the beginning of the competition, a final competition schedule must be available to each participating National Federation, giving the names of the participants and their start time.

9.2 - TEAM LEADERS MEETING

[PR]

9.2.1 - A meeting (competition briefing) of the Team Leaders from each participating National Federation must be held at least eighteen (18) hours before the start of the competition.

9.2.2 - Only one (1) Team Leader from each National Federation may attend however they may be supported by a (non-voting) translator if the team leader does not speak the language used in the meeting.

9.2.3 - The following points should be discussed:

- Safety matters
- Additional instructions to athletes
- Alterations and/or withdrawals of entries
- Competition schedule
- Election of the Representative for the CC

9.3 - PRACTICE SESSION

[SR]

~~9.3.1 - A schedule of practice sessions, on the feature must be organised by the HOC during the seven (7) days prior the first day of competition.~~

~~9.3.2~~ 9.3.1 - No practice sessions are allowed on the feature, during the competition outside of the published session in the competition schedule.

CHAPTER 10 - COMPETITION

10.1 - START OF A RUN

[SR]

10.1.1 - For surface boats, the run begins as the athlete crosses the main lateral or seam of the wave/hole or with an entry move from upstream, when the boat makes contact with wave/hole. The run continues until the time limit.

10.1.2 - For the squirt class, the run begins as the athlete initiates his/her first move.

10.2 - ENTRY MOVES

[SR]

10.2.1 - There are different levels of entry moves.

10.2.2 - Entry moves must be dynamic and fluid.

10.2.3 - If the boat stalls between contact with the wave and the move intended, it will not be classed as an entry move.

10.2.4 - The levels and values are defined in the Appendix 2 (see chapter 15).

10.3 - BASIC MOVES

[SR]

10.3.1 - The basic moves are listed in Appendix 1 (see chapter 15) for the surface boat and in Appendix 4 (see chapter 15) for the squirt class with the points associated.

10.3.2 - Each basic move can only be awarded only once in a given direction per run.

10.4 - BONUSES

[SR]

10.4.1 - The bonuses are listed in Appendix 3 (see chapter 15) for the surface boats and in Appendix 5 (see chapter 15) for the squirt boats with the points associated.

10.4.2 - They can be awarded only once for the basic move they are assigned to in a given direction.

10.5 - DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE RUN

[SR]

10.5.1 - If an athlete starts in a boat, which does not conform to the rules, the ICJCFR will disqualify him for that run. (DSQ-R)

10.5.2 - Directing, pushing, or movement of the boat by anyone other than the competing athlete themselves is forbidden.

10.5.3 - Only in the OC1 event can athletes assist each other back up the eddy without penalty.

10.5.4 - Equipment, such as towropes, can be used to enter the wave/hole but all of the athletes must be able to use it equally.

10.5.5 - An athlete who is not ready to start at the scheduled time, will be disqualified for that run (DSQ-R) if there is negligence on their part. This decision will be made by the ICJCFR.

10.6 - SCORING

[SR]

10.6.1 - The score for each run is rounded to two (2) decimal places.

10.6.2 - For surface boats events

10.6.2.a - The values of each basic move, bonus and entry move awarded are added per IJCFR.

10.6.2.b - The scores of all IJCFR for one (1) run are averaged.

10.6.3 - For the squirt events

10.6.3.a - The values of each basic move, bonus and entry move awarded are added per IJCFR.

10.6.3.b - This result is multiplied by the value accorded to the deepest mystery move level of the run (see Chapter 15, Appendix 6).

10.6.3.c - The scores of all IJCFR for one (1) run are averaged.

[10.6.3.d-10.6.4 - Live or unofficial scores may be displayed to the paddlers during or immediately after their runs however these are considered unofficial. If these are un-available for part of the competition \(either intentionally or un-intentionally due to technical problem\) then the competition will continue without delay.](#)

CHAPTER 11 - POST-COMPETITION

11.1 - COUNTING VERIFICATION DEMANDS [PR]

11.1.1 - Counting verification demands can be submitted to the ICJCFR.

11.1.2 - Within five (5) minutes of a particular result being displayed, the Team Leader must notify the ICJCFR of his intention to request a counting verification demand.

11.1.3 - Within ten (10) minutes of a particular result being displayed, the Team Leader must submit this verification demand in writing.

11.1.4 - The request can only come from a Team Leader on behalf of his team member.

11.1.5 - The demand must be accompanied by an administration fee of 25€ cash (or equivalent currency of the host country).

11.1.6 - The ICJCFR issues proof of the counting result to the Team Leader.

11.2 - APPEAL TO THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE [PR]

11.2.1 - No appeal / protest can be made against a decision of the ICJCFR and the IJCFR concerning the moves, bonuses and entry move awarded can be made.

11.2.2 - Only the CC is permitted to receive protests.

11.2.3 - An appeal to the CC can be made when it appears that there is a contradiction with the rules of the competition.

11.2.4 - The Team Leader must notify the ICJCFR of his intention to protest to the CC within five (5) minutes of the results being published/displayed or within five (5) minutes of the issue of the counting result, in the event of a verification request.

11.2.5 - The protest must come from the Team Leader in writing, accompanied by 200€ cash administration fee (or equivalent currency of the host country) within 20 minutes of the results of the concerned event being displayed.

11.2.6 - The CC must then meet all together after the current [round-event phase](#) and before the next round.

11.2.7 - The decision of the CC must be made within 30 minutes of the beginning of the meeting.

11.2.8 - Once the decision has been made by the CC, no further protest will be permitted. This decision then becomes a fact.

11.2.9 - Items of facts may not be protested further.

11.2.10 - [The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.](#)

CHAPTER 12 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Refer to the International Competition Rules except as amended in this Chapter.

12.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

12.1.1 - World Championships will take place every odd year.

12.1.2 - The National Federation hosting the competition must abide by ICF standards.

12.1.3 - Squirt boating competitions are to be held at a location that is agreed upon by the HOC taking into consideration overall safety and quality of the squirt feature.

12.2 - OBLIGATION OF THE HOST

[SR]

The host National Federation of the World Championships must organise one (1) of the World Cup competitions in the year prior.

12.3 - TEAM SIZES

[SR]

The maximum number of athletes per event and per National Federation:

Event	maximum
Men's Kayak	5
Women's Kayak	5
Men's Kayak Junior	3
Women's Kayak Junior	3
Men's Canoe Decked	3
Women's Canoe Decked	3
Open Canoe	2
Men's Kayak Squirt	3
Women's Kayak Squirt	3

12.4 - INVITATIONS

[SR]

12.4.1 - Gold Medallists in each event are automatically invited to return to the next World Championships in the same event in addition to their National Federations' quota.

12.4.2 - The Junior World Champion has an automatic invitation to return to the next World Championships in the senior event of his class if he/she is no longer a junior. This is in addition to his/her National Federation quota.

12.5 - IJCFR

[SR]

12.5.1 - Only a Grade A IJCFR can judge at World Championships.

12.5.2 - IJCFR cannot compete in the World Championships if chosen to judge.

12.6 - IJCFR ASSISTANCE

[SR]

12.6.1 - Each National Federation entering must provide assistants relevant to their team size.

Number of athletes	Number of assistants
3 to 9 Athletes	1 assistant
10 to 19 Athletes	2 assistants
20+ Athletes	4 assistants

12.6.2 - A National Federation not providing assistants will have to pay a fine to the ICF. The amount is fixed by the ICF three (3) weeks before the competition.

12.6.3 - A National Federation competing for the first time at the ICF World Championships does not have to provide assistants.

12.6.4 - The name of the assistants of each National Federation must be provided one (1) week before the beginning of the competition.

~~12.7 - ICJCFR~~ [SR]

~~12.7.1 - An ICJCFR substitute must be named by the CFRC before the beginning of the World Championships. He will replace the nominated ICJCFR in case of force majeure.~~

~~12.7.2 - While not being ICJCFR, the ICJCFR substitute will be IJCFR for the World Championships.~~

~~12.8 - 12.7 - APPEAL TO THE JURY~~ [PR]

~~12.8.1 - 12.7.1 - An appeal must be presented in writing and submitted with a fee of 75 Euros (or equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition) to the Chair of the Jury within 20 minutes of the time that a decision of a protest is known.~~

~~12.8.2 - 12.7.2 - The decision of the Jury is final.~~

~~12.8.3 - 12.7.3 - The fee will be returned if the claim is upheld.~~

~~12.9 - 12.8 - NATIONS CUP~~ [PR]

~~12.9.1 - 12.8.1 - One Nation Cup in Canoe Freestyle will be awarded for the "Overall" winning National Federation based on the number of gold medals the athletes from a National Federation have earned.~~

~~12.9.2 - 12.8.2 - In the case of a tie in the number of gold medals, the number of silver medals is taken into consideration, and then the number of bronze medals.~~

~~12.9.3 - 12.8.3 - If two (2) or more National Federations have an equal number of gold, silver, and bronze medals, they obtain the same rank and they are ordered in the table alphabetically by their NOC code.~~

CHAPTER 13 - WORLD CUP

Refer to the International competition rules except as amended in this Chapter.

13.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

13.1.1 - World Cup competitions can take place every even year.

13.1.2 - The HOC for each competition must abide by ICF standards.

13.1.3 - Squirt boating competitions are to be held at a location that is agreed upon by the HOC taking into consideration overall safety and quality of the squirt feature.

13.2 - NUMBER OF WORLD CUPS

[SR]

13.2.1 - The ICF decides for every World Cup series the number of competitions chosen.

13.2.2 - A World Cup series must comprise at least two (2) competitions. In the case of insufficient bids, the World Cup may not be organised.

13.3 - TEAM SIZES

[SR]

13.3.1 - The team sizes are unrestricted but must always be entered by a National Federation.

13.3.2 - The CFRC can however decide to limit the team sizes. In this case, the sizes will be published at least six (6) months before the beginning of the World Cup series.

13.4 - IJCFR

[SR]

IJCFR can compete as an athlete in a World Cup that they are chosen to judge in. IJCFR cannot judge the event (see chapter 4) that they are competing in.

13.5 - IJCFR ASSISTANCE

[SR]

13.5.1 - Each National Federation competing must provide assistants relevant to their team size:

Number of athletes	Number of assistants
3 to 9 Athletes	1 assistant
10 to 19 Athletes	2 assistants
20+ Athletes	4 assistants

13.5.2 - A National Federation not providing assistants will have to pay a fine to the ICF. The amount is fixed by the ICF three (3) weeks before the competition.

13.5.3 - A National Federation competing for the first time at the ICF World Championships does not have to provide assistants.

13.5.4 - Each National Federation must provide the name of the assistants one (1) week before the beginning of the competition.

13.5.5 - Officials provided by a National Federation can be counted as Assistants provided.

13.6 - WORLD CUP RANKING

[SR]

13.6.1 - At every competition, each athlete is awarded points according to his rank in the event he participated in.

13.6.2 - All the points the athlete collects for a particular event at each competition are added and the athlete with the most points wins the World Cup.

13.6.3 - In case of a tie ~~for the World Cup title only,~~ the result of the [World Cup Final](#) competition breaks the tie.

13.6.4 - Points according to rank are awarded as follows:

Rank	Points	
1	100	
2	95	
3	90	
4	85	
5	80	
6	75	81 - Rank
7	74	
...	...	
...	...	
79	2	
80	1	
81	1	Minimum of 1
82	1	
...	1	

CHAPTER 14 - INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS - TRAINING PATHWAY

This chapter define the dedicated aspect of the Canoe Freestyle international technical official training pathway in addition of the ICF sport governance article 1.15.

14.1 - IJCFR TRAINING

[PR]

14.1.1 - IJCFR must have attended a training seminar organised by the CFRC.

14.1.2 - At the end of the training seminar, every trainee has to take a written and practical examination.

14.1.3 - Following their results, the trainees can be awarded either Grade A or Grade B. If they do not attain one of these grades they cannot officiate as an IJCFR.

14.2 - ANNUAL ACTIVITY RESUME

[SR]

14.2.1 - In order to carry on being IJCFR, every January, the National Federation must submit to the CFRC a resume of their judges activity for the previous year.

14.2.2 - This resume will be reviewed by the CFRC and they can then be retained as a grade A or grade B on decision of the CFRC.

14.2.3 - If this is not done, the IJCFR goes down one (1) grade, with a minimum being Grade B.

14.2.4 - If this is not done for two (2) consecutive years their grade may be removed by CFRC.

14.3 - CHANGING GRADE

[SR]

14.3.1 - After each World Cup or World Championship, the IJCFR are evaluated on his/her activity by the ICJCFR.

14.3.2 - They can then be regraded as a grade A or grade B on decision of the CFRC.

CHAPTER 15 - APPENDICES

15.1 - LIST OF APPENDICES

[SR]

The ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition rules Book is linked to the following appendices:

- Appendix 1: Basic moves list - Surface boat
- Appendix 2: Entry moves definition - Surface boat
- Appendix 3: Bonuses list - Surface boat
- Appendix 4: Basic moves list - Squirt boat
- Appendix 5: Bonuses list - Squirt boat
- Appendix 6: Mystery multipliers - Squirt boat

15.2 - VALIDATION

[SR]

The CFRC propose and publish annually the appendices after approval by the ICF Board of Directors.

15.3 - PUBLICATION

[SR]

The appendices are published on the ICF website in the rules section (www.canoeicf.com).