

# NEWSLETTER CANOE MARATHON RACING

*For  
National Team Leaders,  
ICF Canoe Marathon Event organisers,  
National Federations,  
International Technical Officials, and  
All other persons interested in Canoe Marathon*

## **NEWSLETTER 2017-1** **January 2017**

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## **THE LONG-TERM CALENDAR**

### **2017**

World Cup 26-28 May World Cup – 21-26 October	Hazewinkel /BEL Shaoxing and Shanghai /CHN	Confirmed Confirmed
Masters European Cup – <b>dates to be confirmed</b> European Championships 30 June-2 July	Ponte de Lima / POR	Confirmed
Masters World Cup 4-5 September World Championships 7-10 September	Pietermaritzburg /RSA	Confirmed

### **2018**

World Cup	<b>Application:</b> Viano do Castelo / POR	
Masters European Cup – <b>dates to be confirmed</b> European Championships 5-8 July	Metkovic /Croatia	Confirmed
Masters World Cup World Championships – 6-9 September	Prado Vila Verde /POR	Confirmed

### **2019**

World Cup - <b>dates to be confirmed</b>	Baerum (Oslo) /NOR  <b>New applications:</b> Olsztyn /POL Ponte de Lima /POR Budapest /HUN	Confirmed
Masters European Cup European Championships	<b>Applications:</b> Moscow /RUS Decize /FRA	
Masters World Cup - <b>dates to be confirmed</b> World Championships - <b>dates to be confirmed</b>	Shaoxing /CHN	Confirmed

## 2020

World Cup		Open
Masters European Cup European Championships		Open
Masters World Cup – <b>dates to be confirmed</b> World Championships 27-30 August	Baerum (Oslo) /NOR	Confirmed

## 2021

World Cup		Open
Masters European Cup European Championships		Open
Masters World Cup World Championships 27-30 August	<b>Applications:</b> Pitesti /ROM Győr /HUN Ponte de Lima/POR	

## THE 2017 EVENTS



### ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup – Hazewinkel, Belgium 26-28 May, 2017

Welcome to the website of the Marathon Canoeing World Cup in Hazewinkel:

[www.canoemarathonbelgium.be](http://www.canoemarathonbelgium.be)

On this website, you will find information about the races, accommodations and transport. More news and updates will follow.

Contact to organiser:

[tomcremers@hotmail.com](mailto:tomcremers@hotmail.com)



### ECA European Canoe Marathon Championships – Ponte de Lima, Portugal 30 June – 2 July, 2017

Masters European Cup will be held in the days prior to the Championships, the exact days to be confirmed.

Website is currently being set up, and further information will follow.

Contact to organiser:

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**ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa**  
**4-5 September, 2017 Masters World Cup**  
**7-10 September, 2017 World Championships**

Website:  
[www.wmc2017.co.za](http://www.wmc2017.co.za)

On the website, you will find information about the event including contact information.

**ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup – Shaoxing and Shanghai, China**  
**21-26 October, 2017**

The World Cup is planned to be using a combination of 2 venues near each other, Shaoxing which is chosen for the 2019 World Championships and Shanghai. Further information should be available very soon.

**CANOE MARATHON RULE CHANGES**

The ICF Board of Directors and the recent ICF Congress have decided the following rule changes which will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.

<b>Rule 3.3.2 COMPETITORS (GR) – Congress decision</b>	A change for all disciplines
Current text	New text
<p>3.3.1 A competitor may compete on behalf of the Federation in a foreign country in which he/she is domiciled, if the competitor obtains the authorisation of their 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 Technical Committee Chair. The same procedure applies, should the competitor revert to their original Federation.</p> <p>3.3.2 If he/she has lived for 2 years or more in a foreign country, the approval of his/her Federation of origin is no longer required.</p>	<p>3.3.1 An athlete that has competed internationally at any level in the last 3 years requires authorisation from the ICF and the national federation of the original country in order to change sporting nationality.</p> <p>3.3.2 For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality they must have lived in that country for the last two years.</p> <p>3.3.3 The request of the change of nationality must be made to the ICF no later than 30 November the year before the competitor wants to compete.</p> <p>3.3.4 For the Olympic Games the Olympic Charter rules will be applied for nationality issues. For athletes to be eligible for the Olympic and Paralympic Games they must hold citizenship/nationality of the country that they participate for at the time of the qualification event.</p> <p>3.4 A competitor may not compete for more than one Federation in any calendar year in canoeing.</p>

<b>Rule 3.4 COMPETITORS (GR) – Congress decision</b>	This is correcting a printing error.
Current text	New text
<p>The first year a junior competitor can compete is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls, and the last year he/she may compete as a junior is the year in which his/her 18th birthday falls.</p> <p>The first year an Under 23 competitors can compete is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls, and the last year he/she may compete as a junior is the year in which his/her 23rd birthday falls.</p>	<p>The first year a junior competitor can compete is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls, and the last year he/she may compete as a junior is the year in which his/her 18th birthday falls.</p> <p>The first year an Under 23 competitor can compete is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls, and the last year he/she may compete as an <b>under 23 competitor</b> is the year in which his/her 23rd birthday falls.</p>

<b>Rule 10 DUTIES OF OFFICIALS (TR) - Board decision</b> Current text	The is an update of responsibilities involved with this position. New text
10.13 The <i>Sports Presentation Officer</i> shall be responsible for <b>arranging</b> the following when appropriate; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commentary</li> <li>b. Sound facilities</li> <li>c. TV and livestream</li> <li>d. Web service</li> <li>e. Public announcement of results in co-ordination with the results team</li> <li>f. Spectator facilities</li> <li>g. Marketing of the event</li> <li>h. Media facilities</li> </ol>	10.13 The <i>Sports Presentation Officer</i> shall be responsible for <b>ensuring</b> the following when appropriate; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commentary</li> <li>b. Sound facilities</li> <li>c. TV and <b>Web TV</b></li> <li>d. Web <b>and social media</b> service</li> <li>e. Public announcement <b>and web-publishing</b> of results in co-ordination with the results team</li> <li>f. Spectator facilities</li> <li>g. Marketing of the event</li> <li>h. Media facilities</li> <li>i. <b>Information provision to the ICF office prior to, during and after the event</b></li> </ol>

<b>Rule 24 GROUP RACING AND OVERTAKING (TR) - Board decision</b> Current text	This is to make things clearer, no rule change as such. New text
<p>When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times.</p> <p>When a canoe or kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to <b>keep clear of</b> other competitors at all times.</p> <p>This rule also applies to any manoeuvring within the group and is applicable for all parts of the course including the portage and turns.</p>	<p>When a canoe or kayak is overtaking another canoe or kayak, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of other competitors at all times.</p> <p>When a canoe or kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to <b>avoid colliding with</b> other competitors at all times. <b>A collision will be considered to be an event where a competitor's boat touches another competitors boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages another competitor.</b></p> <p>This rule also applies to any manoeuvring within the group and is applicable for all parts of the course including the portage and turns.</p>

<b>Rule 28 Finish (TR) – Board decision</b>	New section
	Competitors who have been lapped will end their race the next time they cross the finish line after the winner has finished their race. They will be recorded in the place they are at that point in the race. This rule applies to World Championships and World Cups.

<b>Rule 29 DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES (TR) - Board decision</b>	New section
	If a competitor is observed by an International Official to throw a drink bag into the water, they will receive a 30 second penalty. The decision is to be confirmed by the Chief Course Umpire and cannot be the subject of an appeal.

<b>Rule 29 DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES (TR) - Board decision</b>  Current text	This is to make things clearer, no rule change as such.  New text
Any competitor who is considered by a course umpire or race official to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another competitor or unnecessarily deviates from <b>their course may be subject to a penalty.</b>	Any competitor who is considered by a course umpire or race official to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another competitor or unnecessarily deviates from <b>the direct racing line or deliberately blocks the path of a competitor may be penalized or disqualified.</b> <b>A collision will be considered to be an event where a competitor's boat touches another competitor's boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages another competitor.</b>

<b>Rule 30.4 Protest fee (GR) – Congress decision</b>	Standardization for all disciplines
	75 Euros is set for protest fee to all disciplines.

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