



2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships

PLATTLING

Bulletin 2.0

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ICF WhatsApp-Group

Following the success of using the one-way WhatsApp group to disseminate information at previous events, the same group will be used by the ICF and HOC to provide information in advance and during the 2024 World Cup Series and 2025 World Championships.

To register for the WhatsApp group please use the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/luWipg1zKnWJsrp3mtBsYN> or scan the QR code:



1 Welcome

Greetings for the 2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Plattling

Dear Friends of Canoe Sports,

The city of Plattling is proud and delighted to host the Canoe Freestyle World Championships from June 15 to June 22, 2025.

After the World Championships in 2011 and many other prestigious events on our Plattling Isar Wave, it is an honour and a confirmation of our perfect conditions that we have once again been awarded the hosting rights for the World Championships.

We are pleased to welcome many athletes and officials from around the world, to witness many top-class sporting competitions, and to present the Bavarian culture and way of life to the participants.

Our thanks go to all the responsible parties of the German and Bavarian Canoe Associations, the organisers, and also to the many volunteers on site who contribute to making this event a complete success and ensuring that all athletes are eager to return to Plattling.

We wish all athletes fair and accident-free competitions and much success on our Plattling Isar Wave.



Hans Schmalhofer
First Mayor
City of Plattling



Welcome Words by the German Canoe Association

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear canoeists of the World Championship in Canoe Freestyle,

We Germans often take for granted the abundant water resources in our country and rarely take the time to consciously appreciate this aquatic treasure at our doorstep. However, this changes abruptly when canoe freestyle athletes from all over the world gather at the competition site, the "Isarwelle" in Plattling. The Isarwelle has gained recognition far beyond the borders of Germany, becoming an important meeting place for canoe freestyle enthusiasts. Plattling offers an ideal venue for international competitions.



As President of the German Canoe Association, I would like to personally invite all interested athletes, coaches, officials, as well as guests and spectators to Germany on behalf of the organising committee. On one of the most exciting nature waves, participants will demonstrate their skills and creativity. We expect competitors from numerous countries, each bringing their unique style and expertise to the competition.

I wish all athletes the best of luck and maximum success at the World Championship in Canoe Freestyle, and I hope the visitors enjoy many wonderful and emotional moments while cheering and watching.

I am looking forward to see you in Plattling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "D. Pefestorff".

Dajana Pefestorff
President

GERMAN CANOE ASSOCIATION

Greetings

World Championships of Canoe Freestyle 2025 in Plattling

A cordially Welcome to the City of Plattling for the World Championships of Canoe Freestyle 2025, which will take place from 18th – 22nd June 2025 at the famous wave on the river Isar. The organisation of this event has been taken over by the proven team, which has already been in charge of the organisation of the Canoe Freestyle World Cup 2024 and many German Championships in the last years, thus, having a rich body of experience in regards of such events. Since this year, the organisation team has been regenerated, and I am convinced that also the new team will provide a performance for the freestyle canoeists, which all will best treasure even after years.



On 6 days the best Canoe Freestyle athletes of the world will be guests in Plattling in order to compete with each other during fascinating contests and maybe even to lay the foundation for the win of this World Championships, which already took place in Plattling in 2011. For the Bavarian Canoe Federation it is especially pleasant that again many canoeists of Bavaria and even of Plattling will participate in that event. That shows the very high standard the “Plattling Isar Wave” even today is coming with.

Of course, we expect plenty of spectators at the “Isar Wave”, hoping that the terrific atmosphere of the “Freestyle Stadium Plattling” of the canoe sport events of the last years will be achieved again in 2025.

The executive committee of the Bavarian Canoe Federation as well as myself personally are looking forward to this canoe event and to fascinating competitions. I'd like to thank all voluntary assistants of the organiser, all sponsors and of course the City of Plattling, as without its support this event could not be performed. For this World Championships I wish all athletes and officials an accident free and sportive fair progress.

Bavarian Canoe Federation

The President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Oliver Bungers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Oliver Bungers

Head of Organization - Jonas Unterberg

Dear athletes, coaches, and spectators,

With great anticipation and excitement, I warmly welcome you to the 2025 Canoe Freestyle World Championships in the beautiful city of Plattling! From June 15th to 22nd, we will gather at the legendary Isar Wave for an event filled with skill, passion, and a strong sense of community.

As Head of Organization and someone who first competed at a World Championship in Plattling back in 2011, I am thrilled to lead this prestigious event 14 years later. The memories and emotions from that time continue to inspire me, and I cannot wait to share this experience with all of you.



In Plattling, we will not only welcome the world's best athletes but also embrace the unique atmosphere that defines our community. I encourage all participants to prepare to showcase their talents, forge new friendships, and create unforgettable memories during this exciting competition.

As we approach the event, I wish all athletes the best of luck in their preparations. May the 2025 World Championships be a celebration of friendship and fair competition that inspires and unites us all.

I look forward to seeing you in Plattling and embarking on this wonderful journey together!

Jonas Unterberg
Head of Organization

Chief Judge - Charlie Brackpool

On behalf of the entire judging team, I extend a warm welcome to all the athletes, their families, coaches, and support personnel.

This venue enjoys a distinguished reputation within the freestyle community, particularly among those who experienced the 2024 World Cups. The Isar Wave's dynamic nature and challenging features truly test the boundaries of both athletic prowess and creative expression.



As Chief Judge, my priority is to ensure a fair and transparent judging process. We are committed to accurately assessing technical execution while also celebrating each athlete's unique brilliance and artistry. I am incredibly eager to witness the innovative performances from paddlers across the globe and confident that this championship will significantly elevate the sport of canoe freestyle.

We are all extremely excited and look forward to seeing you at the event!

I'm proud to introduce our highly experienced judging team, whose combined 64 years of judging at international events will be invaluable in upholding the integrity of this competition:

Chief Judge: Charlie Brackpool – GB

Deputy Chief Judge: Chelsea Poffenburger – USA

Judging Team: Dan Daley – GB, Gregory Didier – FRA, Matt Hamilton – CAN, James Ibbotson – GB, Trevor L'Heureux – CAN, Nina Csonkova – SVK, Daniel Riedmüller – GER, Tatsuya Yagi – JAP

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 Event title

2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Plattling, Germany

2.2 Event dates

Official training period – Wednesday 11 June – Sunday 15 June 2025

Competition – Monday 16 June - Saturday 21 June 2025

2.3 Outline Schedule

Please note the schedule is provisional and subject to change:

Tuesday 10 June 2025	Media showcase
Wednesday 11 June 2025	Official Training Day 1
Thursday 12 June 2025	Official Training Day 2
Friday 13 June 2025	Official Training Day 3
Saturday 14 June 2025	Official Training Day 4 Team Leaders Meeting
Sunday 15 June 2025	Official Training Day 5 Opening Ceremony
Monday 16 June 2025	Competition Day 1
Tuesday 17 June 2025	Competition Day 2
Wednesday 18 June 2025	Competition Day 3
Thursday 19 June 2025	Competition Day 4
Friday 20 June 2025	Competition Day 5
Saturday 21 June 2025	Competition Day 6

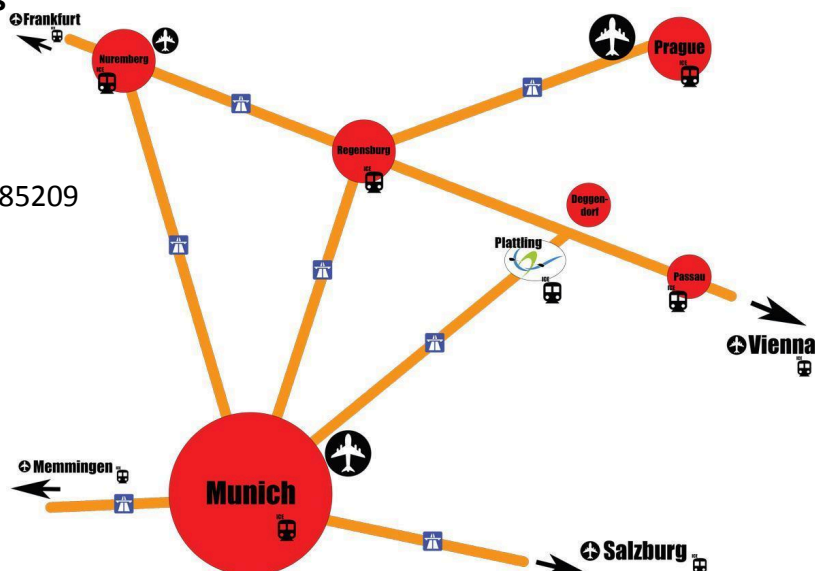
A festival of freestyle and paddle sports will be held in conjunction with the World Championships. See section 5 Events & Competition Programme for more information.

2.4 Venue name and address

Isarwelle (rivers left)

94447 Plattling, Germany

GPS coordinates: 48.773437,12.885209



2.5 Key Contacts

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HOC Competition Manager	Anne Sommerauer	anne@plattling-freestyle.com
Address NF	Deutscher Kanu-Verband e.V, Bertaallee 8, 47055 Duisburg	www.kanu.de
Event website	www.plattling-freestyle.com	
ICF website	https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-freestyle-world-championships/plattling-2025	
Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/plattlingfreestyle	
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/plattlingfreestyle/	

2.6 Statement regarding the Water Level

Please be advised that the water levels in Plattling are currently very low. Exercise caution when paddling in these conditions. It is essential to wear an appropriate helmet and to avoid paddling alone. The competition will take place on a rain-fed natural river, and we are experiencing the 6th driest year in Germany since 1881. At this time, it is impossible to predict rainfall for the next four weeks, making it difficult to estimate the water levels at that time. The committee is closely monitoring the water levels and will make a decision as we approach the event.

3 LOCATION

3.1 Location of airports, rail network and roads to the venue/city

Arrival by car:

Plattling has two highway exits on the A92: Plattling-Nord and Plattling-West. Plattling-West is the one to take from the Munich direction, Plattling-Nord is the one to take if you drive down from the north.

Address for navigation system is: Isarwelle, 94447 Plattling, Germany

GPS coordinates: 48.773437,12.885209

Arrival by train:

Plattling has its own train station, which is only 1,9 km away from the wave, so about a 20-minute walk.

Arrival by plane:

The closest airport to Plattling is Munich Airport. There is a train station at the airport where you can take the train to Plattling. This takes 1h 45 min with one change of trains in Freising.

There is also a train station in Frankfurt Airport with a direct train to Plattling, which takes 4 hours. It is possible to take your boat on trains.

Airport	Distance	Time	Destinations
Munich (MUC)	104 km	1 hour by car	International worldwide
Salzburg (SZG)	150 km	2 h 20 min by car	Europe, Türkiye, Dubai
Memmingen (FMM)	245 km	2,5 hours by car	Europe
Frankfurt (FRA)	400 km	4 hours by car	International worldwide

3.2 Weather and Water in May/June

The competition will take place in early summer and the average daily temperature is about 20°C. The water temperature of the river Isar is about 18°C at that time of the year.

3.3 Currency

The currency used in Germany is the Euro €. In shops, restaurants and hotels, major credit cards are widely accepted, though smaller shops like bakeries etc. might only accept cash. In Plattling, you'll find numerous ATMs at the main square in town.

3.4 Local Attractions

The 2025 World Championships in Plattling will take place at the same time as the annual local Bavarian festival in town, „Plattlinger Volksfest“.

The „Bayerischer Wald“ – the highlands north of Plattling is just a stone's throw away. You can go there for hiking or mountain biking. 30 minutes away by car is the "Geisskopf", where the oldest bike park in Europe is located. With lift access and bike rental.

Plattling has a public outdoor pool, just a 10-minute walk away. There is also a nice swimming pool with a spa area in Deggendorf, 9 km north of Plattling.

You can easily reach the beautiful cities of Passau and Munich by train. (0:30 and 1:30 h)

VENUE

3.5 Description of competition venue and sports infrastructure

The Plattling Wave is located in a nature reserve and has served as a meeting place for the European freestyle scene for years. Every year, there are training camps and all kinds of competitions. We have already organised many national championships, EuroCups, WorldCups, the European Championships 2016 and the World Championships 2011.

Since the World's, Plattling has been one of the most popular playspots in the world. The sections upper and below the wave offer numerous possibilities for first paddling attempts. The lower Isar below the feature is one of the most beautiful canoe tours in Bavaria. The Isar wave is the ideal training spot for beginners. It is not only professionals who appreciate the easy entrance and their large eddy. In summertime, the large green areas also attract numerous sun worshippers to chill, refresh and barbecue. Not a few of them venture into the waves with short surfboards. So the Isarwave has already made a name for itself in the surfer's scene.

3.6 Venue map



1. No Camping	6. Athletes' tent	11. Judging platform	16. Medal ceremony
2. Brand Village	7. Official tent	12. Announcers	17. VIP Tent
3. Put In / Take Out	8. Information	13. VIP parking	18. Livestreaming Compound
4. Boat storage	9. Bar	14. Athletes' area	19. Waterrescue / Medical
5. Grandstand	10. Vendors	15. Coaching area	

A map of the whole city with all important locations can be found [here](#)

3.7 Presentation of the technical aspects of the wave

The 60 Metres wide wave is formed by a stopper that has been built to protect the riverbed from getting washed out, so it protects the bridge upstream.

3.8 Feature

The Isarwelle in Plattling is a hole feature that tends to become wavy with higher flows.

The Isarwelle in Plattling is well known and one of the best Playspots in Germany. This is mainly due to the surrounding conditions. The wave is suitable for beginners. It is easier than everywhere else to enter the wave from the eddy and the big eddy is catching everyone back after a flush or an occasional swim. The competition takes place on the left river side.

Squirt boaters paddle in the big eddy for their moves and use the eddy line for their mystery moves.

Water level Isar, Plattling (update every 15 minutes)

<https://m.hnd.bayern.de/pegel.php?pgnr=16008506>

< 160 cm: boney, easy to hit rocks at the bottom

160 - 190 cm: still bony, but you'll find sweet spots where it is possible to do all moves

190 - 210 cm: perfect! At 200 cm, you won't hit a rock at the bottom anymore. To set up tricks is easy; the hole is easy to maneuver

210 - 220 cm: still very good. The hole gets flatter. Plugging loops becomes a bit more difficult, spins get easier

220 - 240 cm: The hole gets a bit flatter. Still good for all hole moves, perfect for beginners, and endless surfing. Professionals should take a look at the wave on the river right - it gets more wavy there.

240 - 280 cm: Very flat wave on river left, still good for beginners - take care of the eddy line! Beautiful wave on the river right!

280 cm: Meadow starts to be flooded. / Still a good wave up to 290cm. At 300 cm, the wave flattens out and is not suitable for freestyle boats anymore.



4 EVENT & COMPETITION PROGRAMME

4.1 ICF World Championship Events

Surface boats

- 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 Unisex Open Canoe

Squirt boats

- MSQ Men's Squirt
- WSQ Women's Squirt

4.2 Masters Event

A Master's Competition will be held for the age groups of over 40, over 50, and over 60. This Master's Competition will be recognized as an official ICF World Championship and will be classified as an ICF Level 4 event. All information regarding the Masters World Championship can be found here: <https://www.plattling-freestyle.com/2025-masters-championships/>.

Additionally, there is a **Master's WhatsApp** group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COg45siI37hCr015DSoNRy>

4.3 Festival Events open to all (including ICF Competitors)

One of the aims of the Host Organising Committee in bringing the World Championships to Plattling has always been to involve the paddling and local community in the festival. These events are aimed at anyone (regardless of being on a national team) who wants to participate in the festival actively.

4.4 Festival Events aimed at specific groups

The ICF is finalising details of the ICF development camp to be held in conjunction with the World Championships. Details of who this camp is aimed at and how to be involved will be released [here](#).

4.5 Further Information

More information on all of the festival events and how to get entered/get involved will be posted on the event website: www.plattling-freestyle.com

4.6 Competition Schedule

The official competition schedule can be found [here](#).

*Note this is subject to change based on entries closing after June 6..

4.7 Live results

Throughout the competition, live results will be available on the ICF website [found here](#).

4.8 Live Streaming

The 2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships will be live-streamed on the Planet Canoe YouTube channel. Click here to sign up!!! [Planet Canoe YouTube channel](#)

4.9 The Danny O'Brien Unique Contribution to Freestyle Award

As we approach nearly two years since the loss of our beloved friend Danny, we are dedicated to preserving his legacy with an award in his honor. First introduced at the last World Championships in Columbus, this award will continue to be presented biennially at the CFR World Championships just before the Men's & Women's K1 Senior medal ceremony. It recognizes individuals who have made a unique impact on the sport of freestyle. We are proud to continue this tradition and celebrate Danny's life. The award will be given to someone, chosen by a panel, who has significantly contributed to the freestyle community.

4.10 Folk Festival

During the time of the CFR World Championships, a vibrant folk festival takes place, beginning on Wednesday, June 17th, delighting both participants and visitors. This festival offers a wonderful opportunity to experience local culture, savor traditional foods, and enjoy musical performances. In addition to exciting rides and games, there are numerous stalls featuring crafts and regional specialties. The folk festival creates a festive atmosphere and perfectly complements the sporting events, ensuring entertainment and enjoyment for the whole family.

5 TRAINING

5.1 Official Training

Official training will take place from Wednesday, 11 June to Sunday, 15 June 2025.

There will be 1 training slot per day per nation. Exact timings will be determined after the numeric entries close. Additional open training opportunities will also be scheduled.

Training on the Isarwave is free of charge.

5.2 Masters Training

A dedicated timeslot for the Masters will be scheduled in the evening, right before the wave is opened to everyone, following each day of training.

5.3 Unofficial Training

Paddling on the Isarwave is free of charge. Make sure to check the water level online:

<https://m.hnd.bayern.de/pegel.php?pgnr=16008506>

The best time is early summer and of course, late summer and fall after solid rainfalls.

5.4 Water Safety

Please keep in mind that the Isar is a natural river, which presents varying risks depending on the water levels. Wearing safety equipment such as helmets and buoyancy aids is mandatory. Always paddle with a group and keep an eye on your fellow paddlers to ensure mutual safety.

During the competition and official Training, a local water rescue team safety crew will be on the water.

5.5 Water quality

The Isar River in Plattling has sufficient quality for bathing.

6 ACCOMMODATION & CAR HIRE

6.1 Camping at the venue for accredited persons

During the Event, camping on the Event Site is provided for accredited persons! Toilets are available on site. There won't be any showers or power supply on site. The showers of the local swimming pool can be used by all accredited persons for free. **As the Isar-Wave is located in a conservation area, we kindly ask you to keep the meadow clean!**

6.2 Camping at the venue for non-accredited individuals

For non-accredited individuals, camping at the event site is available for a fee of €5 per day or €30 per week. The camping fee can be paid at the Event Information desk or at the Race Office.

6.3 Additional CamperVan Space

In Addition to that, there is also a free CamperVan Space with 30 places in Plattling that offers facilities for water, electricity, disposal of black water, and chemical toilets.

(Address: Georg-Eckl-Straße , 94447 Plattling)

<https://www.plattling.de/freizeit-kultur-tourismus/uebernachten-in-plattling/wohnmobilstellplatz-am-freibad/>

6.4 Hotel Accommodation around the area

Plattling offers a number of hotels and Flats. Check back for prices and offers:

<https://www.plattling.de/freizeit-kultur-tourismus/uebernachten-in-plattling/hotels-und-pensionen/>

Also, some good offers can be found at Airbnb.

Name	Standing	Price	Number of beds	time from the venue	Hotel Website
Bayerwaldblick	★ / holiday apartment	> 40,- €	-	< 10 min	ferienwohnung-plattling.de
Birkenmayer	★ / holiday apartment	> 25,- €	-	< 10 min	birkenmayer-plattling.de
Vila Belaggio	★★	> 56,- €	30	< 10 min	vila-belaggio.de
Schlosswirtschaft Moos	★★★	> 46,- €	50	< 20 min	schloss-wirt.de
Zur Isar	★★★	> 55,- €	150	< 5 min	hotel-zur-isar.de
Liebl	★★★	> 61,- €	50	< 10 min	hotel-liebl.de
Donaustrandhaus	Camping	> 25,- €	-	< 20 min	-
Camping Straubing	Camping	> 25,- €	-	< 30 min	campingplatzstraubing.de
Wohnmobilstellplatz	Caravan	> 0,- €	30	< 10 min	-

6.5 Self-Drive Cars

On-site parking is available and will be assigned. During the event, the accreditation fee will include a proportional number of parking passes per nation.

7 ENTRY

7.1 Entry process & deadlines

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP) <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent tosdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.

SDP user guide http://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf

Numerical Entries

Numerical entries close: **16 May 2025**

- You must submit through SDP the number of athletes you will enter in each event.
- Please also give indicative numbers for the overall number of athletes and team personnel who will attend the event with your delegation.

Nominal Entries

- Nominal entries close: **6 June 2025**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
- Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time.

These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams. Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the event organiser will NOT be accepted.

7.2 Participation fee

A Participation Fee of 250 € will be charged for each accredited athlete and team official to cover the duration of the Official Training and Competition phases of the 2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Plattling.

The participation fee will include the following services:

- Entry to the 2025 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships competition
- Access to the Opening Ceremony
- Access to Athlete/Team accredited areas
- Public wifi access at the venue
- Free parking on site
- Emergency first aid during Official Training and Competition times
- Water safety during Competition and official Training
- Drinking water during official training and competition periods
- Refreshments/snacks during the competition
- Athlete welcome package
- Entry to Festival Events aimed at ICF Competitors

The judges' fee will be between €40 and €50. The amount will be announced after the nominal entry.

7.3 Bank details

The participation fees must be paid by bank transfer before the arrival at the competition, no other payment method is available.

When making payments, please quote “FR WC” followed by your country code.

Payments must be made in €. Bank and currency charges must be paid by NFs in addition to the accreditation fee.

Bank account:

DKV GmbH

Postbank Ndl DB PFK

Address: Bundeskanzlerplatz 6, 53113 Bonn, GER

IBAN: DE35 3601 0043 0003 1544 31

BIC: PBNKDEFFXXX

8 VISA REQUIREMENTS

See the website of the Federal Foreign Office:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/-/231148>

9 MEDICAL SERVICES

On-site medical support, in accordance with ICF standards, will be on site throughout the official training and competition periods, and we will liaise with all the relevant local authorities towards any emergency requirements.

The next hospital providing 24h emergency care is DONAUISAR Klinikum Deggendorf, Perlaserger Str. 41, 94469 Deggendorf

The next BRK ambulance location is just downtown, 5 minutes away from the venue.

10 Anti-Doping

10.1 Doping Control

Doping control will be performed in accordance with the ICF Anti-doping requirements and WADA standards.

10.2 Anti-Doping Education

In line with ICF rules for ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-doping Education Learning Platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role: [ICF \(ADEL\) online anti-doping course. If someone has already completed the](#)

[course](#), they do not have to re-take it. If you are unsure whether you have completed the course, please contact your National Federation.

11 OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 15th, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Magdalenenplatz in Plattling (Preysingplatz 1, 94447 Plattling, Germany). Teams are asked to arrive between 3:30 PM and 3:45 PM to be ready for the opening ceremony at 4:00 PM.

Teams are asked to:

- Arrive in National Federation tracksuits and accreditation between 3:30 PM and 3:45 PM, ready for the opening ceremony at 4:00 PM.
- Assemble at Magdalenenplatz in Plattling.
- Nominate one female and one male per team to carry the flag and country signage (both provided by the organizing committee).
- Have the entire team and leaders join the opening ceremony, staying behind the flag throughout the event.

Schedule:

1. **Opening Ceremony:**
The ceremony begins with the official welcome and the raising of the flags. Speeches by distinguished guests and cultural performances form the core of the event.
2. **Departure of Athletes and Parade to the Isar Wave:**
After the opening ceremony, the athletes will parade to the Isar Wave. During the parade, teams will follow the flag in alphabetical order by nation, with Germany leading.
3. **Reception at the Isar Wave:**
At the Isar Wave, non-alcoholic cocktails and pizza will be served. Here, athletes can celebrate the conclusion of the ceremony in a convivial atmosphere.

12 JURY MEMBERS

- Ruud Hejselaar
- Dajana Pefestorff
- Oliver Bungers

13 EVENT PARTNERS



14 LOCAL PARTNERS



15 EVENT SPONSORS



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