**Course Design**

The course for the **World Championships** race is designed by two suitably experienced people nominated by the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee who work with a suitably experienced person nominated by the HOC.

The course for a **World Cup** race is designed by one local National coach (or suitably experienced person) nominated by the HOC and one, usually international coach (or suitably experienced person), drawn from the group nominated by the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee

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Selection of the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee nominated designer/s is decided by random draw conducted by the Competition management. The appointed Course designers should be informed following the final official training session for their Federation.

No coach should design more than one World Cup course during a season. Each Federation may only have one nomination for Course Designer per World Cup.

Normally, nominations will only be considered from Federations who have competed in both Canoe and Kayak events in the previous years’ World Cup racing season.

The course for a **ICF Ranking race** is designed by one local National coach (or suitably experienced person) usually nominated by the HOC and one person, usually an international coach, drawn from the group nominated by their team / Federation.

For all types of ICF Competitions all members of the Course Designer Committee must hold an IJCSL certification.

A course map in the scale of 1:1000 must be available to the Course Designers for the purpose of mapping the course.

For all types of ICF Competitions the chosen Course Designers will design two courses, one for the Qualification Race and another for the Semifinal / Final Race. A separate map must be produced for the Heats (qualification) and Semifinal / Finals course.

The HOC must clearly outline to the Course Design Committee;

* The course design schedule and agree on a time that the course map will be finalised, with a version that is complete and signed by all Course Design Committee members ready for publishing.
* The Start and finish lines and any special requirements related to these areas
* Any other special requirements pertaining to the venue that affect course design eg water flow and control.

The Course Designers must have a minimum of 1.5 hours to design the qualification and semifinals / finals course prior to the HOC commencing the erection of the course.

The course maps for both courses must be issued a minimum of two hours prior to the demonstration runs.

Extra copies of the course map should be made available to Team Leaders, Media etc.

Following the course approval meeting the course map must be updated and reissued if there are any changes to the original design.

Care should be taken that the course is erected as represented on the published maps. Should the Course Designers significantly vary the course during the construction phase an updated course map should be reissued.

It is the Course Design Committee’s responsibility to;

* Take into account Judging locations when considering design options and
* Advise the Chief judge of Judges locations for both courses
* Oversee the course construction
* Ensure the course is maintained in its’ original design during the competition
* Work with the Chief Judge to ensure appropriate pole heights are maintained for the duration of the Competition.

**Relevant Rules**

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