



**INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION**

**EXTREME  
CANOE SLALOM**

**COMPETITION RULES**

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## **LANGUAGE**

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## CHAPTER VIII - SPECIAL RULES FOR EXTREME CANOE SLALOM COMPETITION

The competitions must be conducted in accordance with the ICF Canoe Slalom competition rules, including Chapter IV - Special Rules for Senior World Championships and Chapter VII - Special Rules for World Cup Competition except as modified herein.

### 45 ENTRIES

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45.1 For level 1 & 2 competitions for Extreme Canoe slalom the number of boats that each Federation may enter to the time trials will be published by 1st October the year preceding the ICF competitions.

### 46 CATEGORIES KM, KW

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46.1 Only the following Individual Events will be contested in Extreme Canoe Slalom:

Men	K1
Women	K1

### 47 BOATS, PADDLES, ACCESSORIES

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#### 47.1 Boat Specification

47.1.1 Only mass produced creeker whitewater boats are permitted. The boat must be listed on the ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Boat Index which will be published by 1st January the year preceding the ICF competitions.

#### 47.1.2 Measurements

All types of K1	Minimum length 2.05 m Maximum length 2.75 m
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#### 45.1.3 Minimum Weight of Boats

All types of K1 and C1	18 kg
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47.2 The Competitors equipment including boat, will be checked by the pre start controller. If an Athlete's equipment does not comply with the requirements they will be eliminated from the round.

47.3 Numbered bibs will be distributed according to the ranking from the time trial. The fastest Athlete will receive bib number 1, the second fastest bib number 2 etc. to Athlete 32.

47.4 Requirements for advertising on equipment and clothing for Extreme Canoe Slalom are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual.

## **48 OFFICIALS**

**[TR]**

### **48.1 Officials:**

- 1) Chief Official IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (1)
- 2) Chief Judge IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (1)
- 3) Video Judge IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (2)
- 4) Assistant Chief Judge IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (1)
- 5) Technical Organiser IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (1)
- 6) Gate Judges IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (8)
- 7) Course Designer IJCSL/ICF IJCSL (1)
- 8) Start Judge (1)
- 9) Pre Start & Equipment Control (2)
- 10) Finish Judge (1)
- 11) Chief of Scoring (1)

### **48.2 Duties of Officials**

48.2.1 The Pre Start Control is mandatory and at all times assists the Starter as required especially advising the competitors on when to proceed to the start area and alighting the start platform. The Pre Start Control is also responsible for checking the Competitors equipment meets the requirements.

48.2.2 The Start & Finish Judge are responsible for the timekeeping during the time trials.

48.2.3 The Finish Judge determines what order the competitors crossed the finish line.

49.1 For level 1 & 2 competitions for Extreme Canoe Slalom the number of boats that each Federation may enter to the time trials will be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October the year preceding the ICF competitions. For level 3 - 4 competitions the organizer can set the number of entries per team.

49.2 The fastest boat from each Federation in each event will progress to the heats phase of the Extreme Canoe Slalom competition.

49.2.1 If there are fewer Federations than the places in the Heats round 1 then the places will be filled by the Federations whose second boats was the fastest in the time trial until all places are filled.

### **49.3 Wild Cards**

49.3.1 In the case where the HOC has invited wild card entries they will have automatic access to the heats round 1 phase.

49.3.2 The wild card entry may complete a time trial but regardless of their time they will be ranked in place 1 and 2 in heats phase 1.

49.3.3 Wild card invitations are generally limited to two (2) competitors per event but may be varied by agreement with the Technical Delegate.

50.1 Competitors will be ranked from a time trial with the fastest competitor from the first up to 32 Federations progressing to the Heats round 1 phase.

50.2 If there are less Federations than places in heats phase 1 then the fastest second ranked boats will be progress to heats phase 1.

## **51 COMPETITION FORMAT**

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51.1 The Heats phase will be made of up to 8 races of up to 4 competitors in each race giving a maximum total 32 Competitors seeded as per the brackets draw.

51.2 From each phase the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed competitors in each race will progress to the next phase and the others will be eliminated.

51.3 In the first phase of the competition the Athlete with the fastest time trial result may pick their starting position followed by the second fastest, then the third fastest. The last place is taken by the fourth fastest result. This starting position selection process continues until the final phase.

51.4 If a extreme slalom event is not completed due to cancellation, the Chief Judge can in these exceptional circumstances establish the final results of the competition based on the last completed phase of the event (e.g. heats or semi-finals). In this instance Competitors time trial times should be used to rank remaining Competitors to determine a winner. Firstly the winning Competitors of the previous phase are ranked according to their time trial time, then the second placed competitors etc. until all competitors are ranked.

## **52 SCHEDULING OF COMPETITION**

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52.1 The scheduling of the competition must be approved by the Technical Delegate.

## **53 START NUMBERS**

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53.1 At Extreme Canoe Slalom competitions the bib numbers of the athletes should be according to their time trial place. To the athlete with the fastest time will receive bib number “1”, to the second fastest the bib “2”, etc.

53.2 Athletes will be supplied with a coloured bib (red, green, blue, yellow) on the start. This colour will relate to their ranking in the time trial. The highest rank competitor will wear a red bib, the second ranked a green bib, the third ranked a blue bib and the fourth ranked a yellow bib. The competitors with the highest rank choose their starting position first.

## **54 SAFETY MEASURES**

**[TR]**

54.1 Competitors buoyancy jacket and helmet must comply with CSL rule 19.2.1 & 19.2.2.

54.2 Hands must remain on the paddle at all times.

54.3 The paddle is not permitted to have any sharp edges on the paddle blade. If when checked by the Pre Start Controller the paddle is considered to have sharp edges these must be covered with duct tape.

54.4 Competitors are not permitted to push or hold back other competitors or kayaks with their hands or paddles.

54.5 Kayak to kayak contact is permitted but competitors are not permitted to ram their boats into another competitors body.

54.6 Competitors are not permitted to deliberately reach across another Competitors body with their paddle.

54.7 Gates are not to be deliberately hit or displaced.

54.8 Competitors who break any of the safety rules will be disqualified for that phase (DSQ-R).

## **55 THE COURSE**

**[TR]**

55.1 The time for the Competitors to complete the CSLX course should be 45 - 60 seconds.

55.1.1 The course length must be agreed with Technical Delegate to achieve this time.

55.2 The time trial may be held on a different (for example longer) course than the extreme slalom. Whilst not preferable, the time trial may be held with no gates. If gates are being used in the time trial they must be correctly negotiated. If during the time trial a competitor incorrectly negotiates a gate they will be disqualified from competing (DSQ-R).

The format of the time trials is flexible and may be adjusted by agreement with the Technical Delegate.

55.3 The course must consist of 4 to 6 downstream gates and where possible four (4) upstream gates. The 4 upstream gates must be set in pairs, symmetrically, allowing the Athlete to choose to negotiate either up right or up left.

55.4 The course must contain a marked kayak roll zone which is at least 25 m long. The kayak roll zone must be placed between two gate sequences.

55.5 Where possible there must be a suitable start platform which allows a drop into the main channel to start the race.

## **56 APPROVAL OF THE COURSE**

**[TR]**

56.1 The course will be approved without demonstration runs by the Chief Official, Chief Judge, and the Course Designer with consideration for: balance, the kayak roll zone (length and positioning), the time for course completion, competitor safety and that the start is well constructed and positioned.

## **57 START**

**[TR]**

57.1 The four boats in the race start at the same time.

57.2 When starting from a ramp the ramp must be approved by the ICF Technical Delegate.

57.2.1 The ramp should be equipped with an automatic starting mechanism that allows a simultaneous start. In this case the Competitors should start with both hands on the paddle.

57.2.2 In the case where there is no start mechanism then the competitor may start with one hand on the ramp and one hand on the paddle in a vertical position. They may use their paddle to push off.

57.3 In the case where a start ramp is not used then the start may be from a suitable large eddy, ensuring the start is as fair as possible to all participants in the competition.

57.4 The start command will be: “READY - SET” then an acoustic signal will be given. Between the order of READY and the starting signal the competitors must remain stationary.

57.5 If any competitor starts before the starting signal they will be disqualified (DSQ-R). The Start Judge will determine a false start.

57.6 Competitors may move to the start platform once the previous race commences.

## **58 THE GATES**

**[TR]**

58.1 The gates consist of one (1) suspended pole painted with green for downstream gates and red for upstream gates. The gates must follow ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom requirements. Event Logos and/or advertising agreed with the CSLC may be displayed on the suspended poles.

58.2 Gates must be numbered as for rule 27.4, 27.5.

## **59 NEGOTIATION**

**[TR]**

59.1 The gate line is the line from the outside of the gate to the bank on the same side.

59.2 The following conditions must be satisfied for a gate to be considered correctly negotiated:

59.2.1 The whole head of the competitor must cross the gate line in accordance with the correct side of the gate and the course plan.

59.2.2 Part of the boat must cross the gate line at the same instant as the whole head crosses the line.

59.2.3 All gates must be negotiated in accordance with the direction established by the course map.

59.3 Competitors are permitted to touch the gates with their body or any part of their equipment.

59.4 In the roll zone the boat must make a complete 360 degree kayak roll.

## **60 PENALTIES**

**[TR]**

60.1 Competitors will be disqualified (DSQ-R) for the following actions:

- non negotiated gate in time trial or any phase of the competition,
- kayak roll not executed within the zone,
- full 360 degree kayak roll not completed,
- capsize,
- crossing the finish line upside down,
- not following safety measure outlined in Rule 54.

60.2 The following actions will not be penalised:

- touching the gates with any part of the body or equipment.

## **61 SIGNALLING BY THE JUDGES**

**[TR]**

61.1 At the start, every gate, and at the roll zone, the Judge will display a disc for an incorrect negotiation of a competitor. This disc will be the colour of the disqualified competitor and be marked with DSQ on both sides.

## **62 CLEARING THE COURSE**

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62.1 Rule 31.1, 31.2, 31.3 apply only during the time trial phase of the CSLX competition.

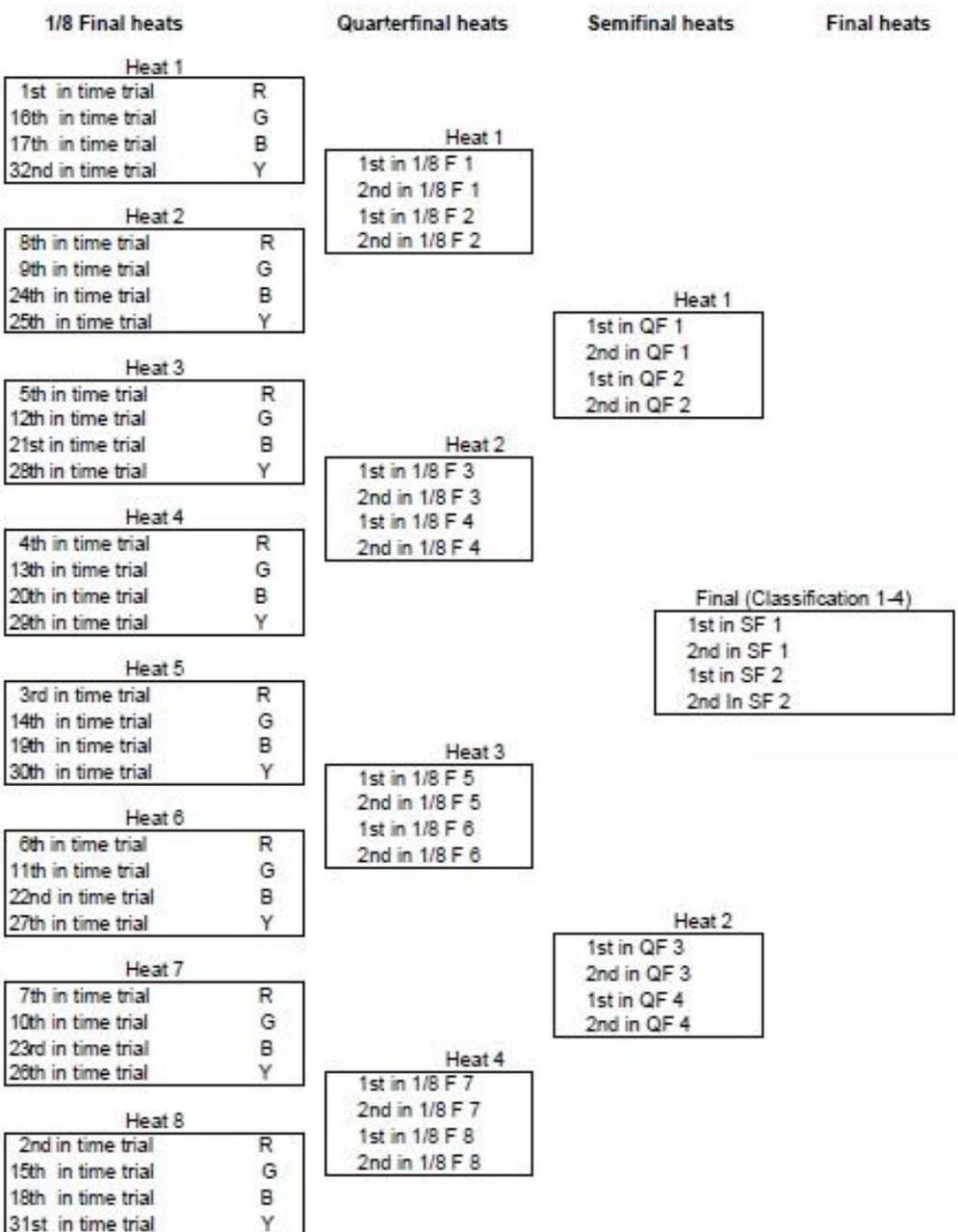
63.1 Time trials will be held to rank Competitors for the first phase of the CSLX competition.

63.2 Photo finish equipment will be used during the CSLX competition.

64 CALCULATION AND POSTING OF RESULTS

64.1 In the case of a Wild Card entry that does not compete in the time trial they will be seeded at place 1st and 2nd into the heats round 1.

64.2 Competitors in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will progress as per the bracket table.



64.3 Competitors eliminated at any phase of the competition will be given their rank based on the comparison of the time trial times of competitors eliminated at the same phase. All 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked competitors will be ranked above all 4<sup>th</sup> ranked competitors.

64.4 In the Final competitors are ranked by finishing positions. Where they do not finish they are ranked in the following order DNF, DSQ-R, DNS, DQB. In the case that two competitors have the same code they will be ranked by their time trial time.