

ICF Canoe Polo Manufacturers Scheme

The ICF Canoe Polo Committee are being very proactive in working with canoe polo kayak manufacturers worldwide to ensure every kayak used in ICF events complies with the current ICF Canoe Polo Rules – Appendix 2 Kayak Specifications.

After some major issues at the 2014 Canoe Polo World Championships, the ICF Canoe Polo Committee has undertaken a full review of the ICF Canoe Polo Kayak Specifications and the Scrutineering procedures for major events. These specifications will be enforced in full for the first time at the 2016 Canoe Polo World Championships. By this time, Rule 48.1 (below) that was first introduced in the 2011 ICF Canoe Polo Rules- will have been in place for 5 1/2 years.

The ICF Canoe Polo Committee recognises the time, effort and cost of producing a new design and want to support registered manufacturers in ensuring their efforts to further the sport are not hampered by others illegally copying their designs.

The ICF Manufacturers scheme allows manufacturers to register with the ICF and provide a list of their own designs and a list of other manufacturers who make those designs under a licence agreement.

Once a design is registered with the ICF- it has some protection under rule 48.1 to prevent it being copied illegally:

"48.1 Only Kayaks approved by the scrutineer may be used. Unregistered or illegal copies of designs registered under the ICF manufacturers scheme may not be used in ICF events and will automatically fail scrutineering."

Several manufacturers of canoe polo kayaks have already started the process of registering their designs with the ICF. The registration process is outlined below. Once a manufacturer is registered with the ICF, their details and a list of their designs will be added to the ICF website in the Canoe Polo section.

From January 1st 2015 the following rules will apply:

101. ICF Canoe Polo Kayak Manufacturers Scheme

1.1. - **After January 1st 2015** - All new composite canoe polo kayaks manufactured by registered ICF Canoe Polo Kayak manufacturers must have an ICF Canoe Polo Manufacturers label permanently fixed into the inside surface of the kayak in plain view in front of the seat that cannot be removed or tampered with in any way. These labels can only be purchased by manufacturers registered with the ICF Canoe Polo Manufacturers Scheme.

1.2. - **After January 1st 2015**- All canoe polo kayaks constructed by registered ICF Canoe Polo Kayak manufacturers must conform to all of these ICF Canoe Polo Kayaks

Specifications. Any breaches of these specifications will result in the immediate suspension of that manufacturer's license for a period of two (2) years. During this time, **NO** kayaks built by that manufacturer will be permitted in ICF Canoe Polo sanctioned events such as World Championships or World Games.

1.3. - After January 1st 2015- All canoe polo kayaks that are used in ICF sanctioned events including World Championships and World Games, that do not have a visible ICF Canoe Polo Kayak Manufacturers label will be individually tested with the appropriate gauges to ensure they comply with these new specifications. Any kayaks that fail these tests will not pass scrutineering and will not be used in ICF Canoe Polo events.

1.4. - **After January 1st 2016-** All Canoe Polo Kayaks used in ICF sanctioned events including World Championships and World Games, must be constructed by manufacturers registered with the ICF Canoe Polo Kayak Manufacturers Scheme. There will be a list of Registered manufacturers in the Canoe Polo section of the ICF Website.

1.5. - **After January 1st 2021** - **Only** kayaks with an ICF Canoe Polo Kayak Manufacturers label will be able to be used at ICF World Championships or World Games. (This does not prevent the use of older kayaks without a label at a lower level within domestic competitions see note below.)

1.6. - National Federations may have their own local rules regarding the use of older designs or kayaks including those without an ICF Canoe Polo Manufacturers label. Please consult your National Federation for details.

Note: The ICF Canoe Polo Committee recognizes the lifespan of a canoe polo kayak can be many years- even at the highest level. These rules effectively mean that any existing kayak built prior to January 1 2015, that does not have a manufacturer's label, will not be able to be used in the 2022 Canoe Polo World Championships.

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to the ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee at ICFPoloRef@canoeicf.com

How to register:

Fill in the online form at www.canoeicf.com with all relevant contact details and your company logo.

Click and agree to the terms below on the online form.

Add each of your designs with its Model / Design Name and model number, overall dimensions and images in plan and side on .

Pay the upfront registration fee of 300€. This is a once off fee and covers all your designs.

Once registered the applicant will be contacted by one of the ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineers (a panel of 5 around the world) who will verify the designs in question.

Where possible at least one of these scrutineers will test each design with the appropriate gauges to ensure it complies with the specifications. These scrutineers will also conduct random checks throughout the major events around the world to ensure compliance.

Once the ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineers have approved the designs, the ICF Headquarters will then ratify and sign the documents to complete the process.

As part of the agreement with the ICF, the manufacturer must guarantee the following:

- Every canoe polo kayak manufactured will have an ICF Canoe Polo licence label permanently fixed into the construction of the kayak inside the kayak in a prominent position in front of or beside the seat where damage is minimal.
- Every canoe polo kayak manufactured will meet the current ICF Canoe Polo Rules – Appendix 2 Kayak Specifications. **Any kayak found to breach these specifications will result in a suspension of the ICF Manufacturer status for the builder of the kayaks and all kayaks they manufacture will also be banned from all ICF Canoe Polo events for 2 years.**
- The ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee will be notified of any new designs and corresponding evidence before they will be approved for use in ICF Competition. Once this evidence is received and the Chief Referee is satisfied it is not a pirate copy of another design, the new design will be added to that manufacturer's list of accredited designs. This evidence may include some or all of the following:
 - Multiple pictures showing various stages of the pattern and mould making process,
 - A history of your design evolutions over recent years
 - CAD drawings or similar of the design process
- The ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee must be notified of any new agreements with other Registered ICF manufacturers to build a registered design under licence. Any manufacturer building a registered design under licence must also be a registered manufacturer with the ICF and be mentioned somewhere on the original designer's website or brochures that a licence agreement is in place.

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Please note – both the application fee and individual kayak fees all remain within the discipline of canoe polo to assist the ICF Canoe Polo Committee administer the sport.

Upfront Fee 300€. to be submitted during online registration.

Registration labels will be available from the ICF in **packs of 10 for a fee of 10€ per label. (100€ for 10)**. The labels will be printed by the ICF on resin absorbent paper with an individual registration number. Each number will be recorded against the name of the registered manufacturer who purchases them.

Example Label:



Manufacturers Guarantee for Website:

As a registered manufacturer of the ICF Canoe Polo Manufacturers Scheme I / We guarantee the following:

- That EVERY canoe polo kayak I / We manufacture will have an ICF Canoe Polo licence label permanently fixed into the construction of the kayak inside the kayak in a prominent position in front of or beside the seat where damage is minimal.
- That EVERY canoe polo kayak I / We manufacture will meet the current ICF Canoe Polo Rules – Appendix 2 Kayak Specifications as published on the ICF Website.
- I / We Understand that if ANY kayak I / We have manufactured is found to breach these specifications It may result in a suspension of our ICF Manufacturer status and all kayaks I / We have manufactured will also be banned from all ICF Canoe Polo events for 2 years.**
- I / We will notify the ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee of any new designs we develop and provide any necessary corresponding evidence they request to ensure it is not a pirate copy of another design. Once this evidence is received and the ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee (and scrutineers are satisfied) the new design will be added to that manufacturers list of accredited designs. This evidence may include some or all of the following:
 - Multiple pictures showing various stages of the pattern and mould making process,
 - A history of the design evolutions over recent years
 - CAD drawings or similar of the design process
- I / We will notify the ICF Canoe Polo Chief Referee of any new agreements with other Registered ICF manufacturers to build a registered design under licence. I / We understand that any manufacturers building a registered design under licence must also be a registered manufacturer with the ICF.
- I / We guarantee that any other manufacturers building a design under a licence agreement must be mentioned somewhere on the original designers website or brochures that a licence agreement is in place.