

DR. JENS KAHL

ICF Standing Canoe Sprint Committee Member



High Performance director of
German Canoe Federation

ABOUT ME

Professional Experience & Sports involvement

Dr. Jens Kahl has been an integral member of the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee since 2001 and has consistently championed the growth and innovation of international canoe sprinting. In his role as Chief Official at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, he demonstrated his commitment to the highest standards of competition and his extensive expertise in officiating. Dr. Kahl has always championed the interests of all canoe sprint nations and initiated important technical innovations and sensible rule changes.

At national level, Dr. Kahl has contributed significantly to the development of athletes and competition standards. From 1997 to 2001, he was a member of the German Canoe Association's Board of Directors for Competitive Sports and has supported the German canoe and kayak teams as team leader at numerous Olympic Games (2000-2012, 2021-2024). His experience as a coach and performance sports director is crucial for the promotion of the German canoeing and kayak team in sprint and slalom.

With many years of experience in the sport of canoeing, Dr. Kahl combines practical knowledge with a deep understanding of the technical and sporting requirements. His contributions to rule development and technical standards have enriched the sport of canoeing worldwide and make him a highly qualified candidate to continue his work on the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee.

With his dedication to promoting the sport of canoeing and his depth of expertise, Dr. Jens Kahl is ideally positioned to continue to make valuable contributions to the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee.

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DAY OF BIRTH:

11th of November 1961



PROFESION: sportteacher and coach

ACTUAL POSITION: since 2001 High performance director of German canoeing federation

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VOLENTARY WORK:

INTERNATIONAL: since 2001 Member of ICF canoe sprint committee
2016 Chief Official in canoe sprint competition at Olympic Games

NATIONAL: from 1994 to 1997 Executive member of the Saxonia canoeing federation
from 1997 to 2001 Executive member for performance sport of German canoeing federation
Participation at Olympic summer Games 1992-2024
1992 coach for Belgium kayak team
1996 scientific staff of German canoe and kayak team sprint and slalom
2000-2012 und 2021-2024 team leader of German canoeing and kayak team in sprint and slalom

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1976-1980	Voluntary coach at club level
1980	High school diploma
1980-1984	Study of sport science at the Lesgaft sport institute in St. Petersburg (Russia)
1984 bis 1990	Scientific assistant at German high school of sport in Leipzig (scientific work group for canoe sprint)
1990	Promotion A to a doctor degree in canoe sprint
1990-1993	Head coach canoe sprint in Belgium
1993-2001	Head of the scientific work group canoe sprint and slalom at the German institute of applied sports science in Leipzig
since 2001	High performance director of German canoeing federation