## Sporting Program

**Scheduling of Events**

1. See rule 41.4.1
2. The scheduling of events (sporting program) must be agreed with the ICF CSL Committee via the appointed Technical Delegate, 12 months in advance of the relevant World Championships race, and between 6-12 months in advance of the relevant World Cup Series race.
3. Once agreed the Sporting program can only be varied with permission of the ICF CSLC via the appointed Technical Delegate
4. Team events when held, should occur either before or after the completion of the Individual events (Heats, Semi-finals and Finals).
5. Consideration should be given in the schedule to allow Athletes to compete in multiple events.
6. Once the upcoming Olympic schedule is known, if possible, the sporting program should reflect the Olympic schedule in order of events
7. Unless there is a significant reason to vary, the events should be held in the following order;

* World Championships – 5 day program

1. Day 1 Team events Session 1: C1M, K1M, C1W

Session 2: C2M, K1W

1. Day 2 Qualification Heats: C1M, K1M, C1W
2. Day 3 Qualification Heats: C2M, K1W
3. Day 4 Semi-finals and Finals: C1M, K1M, C1W
4. Day 5 Semi-finals and Finals: C2M, K1W,

* World Cup Series Race – 3 day program

1. Day 1 Session 1: Heats C1M, K1M, C1W
2. Session 2: Heats C2M, K1W
3. Day 2 Semi-finals and Finals from Session 1 above
4. Day 3 Semi-finals and Finals from Session 2 above

**Event program**

1. At least 9 months prior to the World Championships race, and 6 months prior for a World Cup Series race, a provisional event program should be published on the race website and distributed to Federations
2. This program must include;
   * 1. Pre competition training days and times
     2. Official training days and times
     3. Day and times course is closed to Competitors
     4. Team leaders meeting
     5. Course design timetable
     6. Bib distribution
     7. Boat control times
     8. Demonstration run day and time
     9. Day and time for each Session of the competition
     10. Events and phases to be held during each session of the competition
     11. Day and time of flower and medal ceremonies
     12. Start interval for each phase of the competition for each event
     13. Day and time of release of provisional start list
     14. Day and time of release of course map
     15. Venue opening times
     16. Water on and off times if applicable
3. This program could also include details of any functions for teams during the racing period
4. This program should be updated regularly and as necessary

**Detailed Competition Schedule**

1. Once nominal entries close the Host Organising Committee (HOC) should prepare a ***Detailed Competition Schedule*** which documents the sporting program.
2. Once prepared this document must be signed off by the Chief Judge (or delegate)
3. This document should be prepared and agreed at least 5 full days prior to the commencement of the competition for the World Championships and 3 full days prior to a World Cup Series race.
4. The Detailed Competition Schedule must clearly specify the following information;
   1. Time for each segment of the competition, in minutes, from the commencement of demonstration runs until the final medal ceremony including;
      1. Demonstration runs
      2. Competition rehearsal if relevant and within this period
      3. Foreruns for all sessions of competition as required
      4. Time for each event relevant to the entries, for each phase of the competition
      5. Start interval for each event for each phase of the competition
      6. Interval between events for each phase of the competition
      7. Any other activity that may be occurring on the water during the period (eg freestyle paddling demonstration, flower ceremony departing on a raft etc)
      8. Flower ceremonies
      9. Medal presentation ceremonies for all events
5. Any specific relevant parameters that may have an impact on this schedule must also be documented. eg scheduled TV broadcast times, water availability times.
6. Once agreed the Competition needs to be delivered to this schedule.
7. The only method to vary this schedule for components of the competition is by negotiation with the Chief Judge, or as the CSL rules stipulate by a ruling of the Competition Committee or Jury, or agreement of majority of Team Managers (see rule 15.1.1)
8. A summarised version of this document, including only relevant items, may be distributed to Teams for their information

**Scheduling the days prior to the competition days**

Appropriate consideration must be given to the scheduling of the days prior to the competition days. This scheduling includes;

Course Design

Demonstration runs

Course Construction

Course approval

**Course Design**

The following should be taken into account when scheduling the time related to course design;

* For World Cups and ICF ranking races the scheduled time of the draw for the Course designers
* Members of the Course Design committee who are coaches of participating Federations, should be informed of their appointment following their last official training session
* The Course Design committee must have a minimum of 1.5 hours to design the course prior to the commencement of the course erection.
* At World Championships the Course Design committee should, ideally, commence four days prior to competition (Rule 41.11.6).
* The Course Design committee needs hour at least 1 hour to accurately draw the course maps for publishing once the initial course designs have been completed.
* There should be adequate time allowed for the copy and distribution of the course maps
* The course maps must be released a minimum of two hours prior to the demonstration runs

**Demonstration runs**

* Demonstration runs usually take around 20 minutes per course
* Course approval follows directly after the completion of the demonstration runs
* Sufficient time should be allocated following Course approval for the Demonstration runners to complete full length runs of the course eg. 10 Athletes at 1 minute is another 11 minutes.

**Course Construction**

* Depending on the gate hanging system and the number of assistants, course constructionmay take up to two and a half hours

**Course approval**

* Course approval typically takes around 15 minutes per course
* There should be some extra time available here should it take longer than expected or if any changes to the course are required and subsequently considered and/or approved

**Boat Control**

* Boat control typically may take 1 hour to set up the measuring equipment and for the staff to review the process.
* Boat control should be fully operational at the first advertised scheduled time

**Related Competition Rules**

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