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**WILDWATER  
CANOEING  
COMPETITION RULES**

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# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide the rules that govern the way of running Wildwater Canoeing ICF competitions.

# LANGUAGE

The English written language is the only acceptable language for all official communications relating to these Competition Rules and the conduct of all Wildwater Canoeing ICF competitions.

For the sake of consistency, British spelling, punctuation and grammatical conventions have been used throughout.

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## List of Abbreviations

<b>COMPETITOR</b>	Male or female competitor
<b>FEDERATION</b>	Member Federation of the ICF
<b>ICF</b>	International Canoe Federation
<b>IJWWC</b>	International Judge of Wildwater Canoeing
<b>WWCC</b>	Wildwater Canoeing Committee
<b>WCWWC</b>	World Cup Wildwater Canoeing
<b>COMPETITION</b>	World Championships, World Cups and International events
<b>CATEGORIES</b>	Kayak Men (KM), Kayak Women (KW), Canadian Men (CM), Canadian Women (CW)
<b>EVENTS</b>	Individual Classic: K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, C2M, C2W Individual Sprint: K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, C2M, C2W Team Classic: K1Mx3, K1Wx3, C1Mx3, C1Wx3, C2Mx3, C2Wx3 Team Sprint: K1Mx3, K1Wx3, C1Mx3, C1Wx3, C2Mx3, C2Wx3
<b>[GR]</b>	General Rule ( <i>approved by the Congress</i> )
<b>[TR]</b>	Technical Rule ( <i>approved by the Board of Directors</i> )

# CHAPTER I - GENERAL REGULATIONS

## 1 AIM

[GR]

1.1 The object of Wildwater Canoeing is to demonstrate a competitor's mastery of his/her boat in fast moving white water, while running a prescribed course in the shortest possible time.

1.2 Races considered to be Wildwater Canoeing are those held from a point upriver to a point downriver. A river can be one that is natural, modified or artificial and must be at least class III in difficulty.

## 2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

[GR]/ [TR]

2.1 All competitions announced as international shall be governed by the rules of the ICF.

2.1.1 Competitions organised by a Federation or its affiliated associations are always regarded as international if foreign competitors are invited and participate.

2.2 An international competition must be supervised by at least one judge who holds a valid card as an International Judge Wildwater Canoeing (IJWWC).

2.2.1 These officials are appointed by the Chair of the WWCC from nominations submitted by the organisers.

2.2.1.1 Room and board for these officials is paid by the organising Federation.

2.3 International Competitions:  
International Competitions are open to all Federations.

2.3.1 The start order for international competitions is taken from the current ICF Ranking.

2.4 Type of ICF competitions:  
There are four levels of international competitions:

	Type of Competition	Competition	Entries
LEVEL 1 (see chapter IV and V)	ICF COMPETITION	ICF World Championships ICF Junior and U23 World Championships	4 boats per event per federation
LEVEL 2 (see chapter VI)		ICF World Cup	6 boats per event per federation
LEVEL 3 (see article 38.11.2)		ICF Ranking Event <i>(International event selected by ICF WWCC)</i>	To be determined by the organiser
LEVEL 4	OTHER International event		

### 3 COMPETITORS

[GR]

3.1 Only the members of Clubs or associations affiliated with an ICF National Federation have the right to participate in an international competition.

3.2 A competitor is always allowed to take part individually in an international competition but must in each case obtain special permission from his National Federation.

3.3.1 An athlete that has competed internationally at any level in the last 3 years requires authorisation from the ICF and the national federation of the original country in order to change sporting nationality.

3.3.2 For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality they must have lived in that country for the last two years.

3.3.3 The request of the change of nationality must be made to the ICF no later than 30 November the year before the competitor wants to compete.

3.3.4 For the Olympic Games the Olympic Charter rules will be applied for nationality issues. For athletes to be eligible for the Olympic and Paralympic Games they must hold citizenship/nationality of the country that they participate for at the time of the qualification event.

~~3.3.1 A Competitor may take part on behalf of the Federation in a foreign country in which he is domiciled, if he/she obtains the authorisation of his/her Federation of origin. This~~

~~authorisation has to be sent before 30<sup>th</sup> November prior to the year concerned to the ICF Headquarters with a copy to the Chair of the Wildwater Canoeing Committee. The same procedure applies, should the Competitor change back his/her starting right to the Federation of origin.~~

~~3.3.2 If he has lived for 2 years or more in this foreign country, the approval of his Federation of origin is no longer required.~~

~~3.3.3-5~~ A competitor may not compete for more than one Federation in any one calendar year in the sport of canoeing.

~~3.4-6~~ The first year, a junior competitor can compete is the year that his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in and the last year he may compete, as a junior is the year that his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in. The last year he/she can compete in Under 23 category is the year that their 23rd birthday falls in.

~~3.5-7~~ A master competitor can compete in a Masters event in a year that he or she reaches the lower limit of the age category. (e. g. in the 35-39 age group he/she is eligible in the year of his or her 35th birthday). In events that have more than one competitor in the boat the age of the youngest competitor will determine the category in which a crew can compete. Age group categories will commence from 35-39 years increasing in 5 year age groups (40-44, 45-49, etc).

~~3.6-8~~ Each National Federation shall ensure that their competitors are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event and ensure each competitor, team official and the member federation carries appropriate health, accident and property insurance covering their persons, equipment and property.

## 4 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR [GR]

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR  
is different to the  
ICF COMPETITION CALENDAR (ICF events only)



4.1 Only a National Federation may apply an event to enter the International Competition Calendar.

Only members of the ICF may apply for of events to the Calendar.

4.1.1 An application will be made directly into the ICF database or by using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

4.1.2 By the 1<sup>st</sup> of January the year before, the calendar of ICF Competitions (WCh and WCup) will be published. The deadline for applications for international events will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of March the year before (2 months after the publication of the ICF Competition Calendar).

4.2 The Competition Commission will approve the complete calendar of competitions. Once approved the Calendar will be final.

## 5 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

[TR]

5.1 An individual or a team category cannot take place unless at least 3 competitors or 3 teams from 2 different Federations start in that category.

5.2 It is not necessary for the validity of the competition that all 3 competitors or all 3 teams finish.

## CHAPTER II - CATEGORIES - BOAT CONSTRUCTION - TRADEMARKS

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CATEGORIES/ K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, C2M and C2W

[TR]

### 6.1 Individual Classic Events:

Women	K1
Men	K1
Women	C1
Men	C1
Women	C2
Men	C2

### Individual Sprint Events:

Women	K1
Men	K1
Women	C1
Men	C1
Women	C2
Men	C2

6.1.1 A competitor may enter two different individual events in classic races and sprint races.

6.1.2 The individual sprint races can be organized with two runs (the fastest run will be counted) or with two heats and a final. ~~(qualification for the final, see rule 37.4.2).~~

~~Number of boats in the final:~~

~~15 boats in M K 1~~

~~12 boats in W K 1~~

~~12 boats in M C 1~~

~~10 boats in W C 1~~

~~10 boats in W C 2~~

~~10 boats in M C 2~~

6.1.2.1 Heat 1: Start order of the Heat 1 will be the reverse order of the current ICF Ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list. For each competitor (or both competitors in C2) it is obligatory to start in the first heat, if they want to qualify for the finals.

The top 5 competitors of the 1st heat of each boat category will go directly to the finals and so they do not start in Heat 2.

If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared

Heat 2: The start order for Heat 2 is the reverse order of the results of Heat 1 (without those 5 top competitors from Heat 1).

The top 10 competitors in K1m, the top 7 in K1w and C1m, and the top 5 in C1w, C2W and C2m advance to the final to join the 5 competitors from Heat 1.

If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared.

The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying.

results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1.

In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the current ICF Ranking will start after the competitor with the lower ICF Ranking. Number of boats in the final:

15 boats in M K I

12 boats in W K I

12 boats in M C I

10 boats in W C I

10 boats in W C II

10 boats in M C II

If two or more competitors obtain the same result in the final a tie is declared.

6.1.2.2 For Competitors who have two heat runs and are not qualified for the Finals, the second run score in the heats phase is counted as their heats result.

## 6.2 Team Classic and Team Sprint Events

Women	3 x K1
Men	3 x K1
Women	3 x C1
Men	3 x C1
Women	3 x C2
Men	3 x C2

6.2.1 Teams may only be composed of competitors who are accredited in individual events.

6.2.1.1 The sprint team race can be organised with one or two runs. If there are two runs, the fastest run will be counted.

6.2.2 A competitor may enter two different team events in classic races and two different events in team sprint races.

6.2.3 A competitor may participate in a team category different from his/her individual category.

6.2.4 In International competition there may be, at the organisers' discretion, Junior and/or Masters events in any or all of the above events.

6.2.4.1 Only one boat of a team may be substituted.

6.2.4.2 This change must be communicated to the Starter in writing.

## 7 BOATS-PADDLES-ACCESSORIES

[TR]

### 7.1 Boat Specifications

7.1.1 All types of K1:

length 4.50m maximum width of hull 0.60 m minimum

All types of C1:

length 4.30m maximum width of hull 0.70 m minimum

All types of C2:

length 5.00m maximum width of hull 0.80 m minimum

The seam joining the hull to the deck can be considered to be part off the hull for measurement. No extra components shall be added to the boat to enhance the dimension.

7.1.2 Minimum Weights of Boats (the minimum weight of the boat is measured when the boat is dry)

All types of K1:10 kg

All types of C1:11 kg

All types of C2:17 kg

Note: The air bags to be taken as being part of the boat. The spray deck is considered to be an accessory and not part of the boat.

7.1.3 Rudders are prohibited on all boats.

7.1.4 Boats must be designed to, and remain within the required dimensions.

7.1.5 Kayaks are decked boats which must be propelled by double bladed paddles and inside which the competitors sit.

Canadian canoes are decked boats which must be propelled by single bladed paddles and inside which the competitors knees.

7.1.6 Boats may have only a single keel line, with a single bow and a single stern.

## 7.2 Trademarks and emblems

7.2.1 Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols (with the exception of tobacco products), emblems and words.

## 7.3 Requirements for ICF Wildwater Canoeing Competitions

7.3.1 The guidelines for any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers should be as follows:

7.3.2 All advertising material should be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitor's identification and does not affect the outcome of the race.

7.3.3 The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks will not be accepted.

# CHAPTER III - RACING ORGANISATION AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITIONS

## 8 OFFICIALS

[GR][TR]

Depending on its nature and importance, an International Wildwater Canoeing Competition is managed by the following officials:

### 8.1 Jury

8.1.1 Every international Wildwater Canoeing competition must have Juries consisting of 3 members. Jury members must be IJWWC.

The members of the Jury are named by the organising Federation on the basis of nominations received from the participating Federations.

A participating Federation may not have more than one Jury representative.

The Representative of the organising Federation shall preside over the Jury.

8.1.2 The Jury receives protests concerning non-observance of the rules of competition and makes the final decision in the event of disagreement concerning interpretation of the rules.

Decisions of the Competition Committee must be in accordance with ICF rules.

The Jury may disqualify a competitor for the entire duration of the competition.

The Jury decides on all questions raised during the competition that are not covered by the rules.

In the event of a tie vote, the Chair of the Jury decides.

### 8.2 Officials (GR)

International competitions are to be supervised by:

- 1) Chief Official
- 2) Technical Organiser
- 3) Chief Judge
- 4) Assistant Chief Judge
- 5) Section Judge
- 6) Start Judge
- 7) Pre Start Controller
- 8) Finish Judge
- 9) Boat Controller
- 10) Safety Officer

- 11) Medical Officer (only for World Championships)
- 12) Media Officer (only for world Championships)

8.2.1 Officials 1, 2, 3, 4 must be IJWWC.

8.3 The examination for International Judges (IJWWC) requires that the following conditions be met:

8.3.1 Examination:

#### 1. Examination Organisation

- Officials Examination is organised at every World Championships if there is sufficient interest.

- In case out-of-World Championships examinations, only Continental Associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold an examination. This is done together with the application for the Competition Calendar using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

Application deadlines are the same as for the International Competition Calendar. The Examination Calendar is published on the same date as the International Competition Calendar.

#### 2. Examination Candidates

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate candidates for examination at least 30 days before the examination.

The applications must be sent to the ICF Headquarters on the special form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website. ICF Headquarters is forming a database and forwarding the list of names to the Respectful Committee Chair.

#### 3. Examination Procedure

A sub-committee consisting of two members, appointed by the ICF Technical Committee Chair, will hold this examination.

The examination will be carried out in English language for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF Competitions and will be based on the knowledge of the ICF Statutes, the ICF Competition Rules and practical experience.

If people take the examination in one of the other official languages, they may not be considered to officiate at ICF Competitions.

#### 4. Officials' Cards

After completion of the examination the Respective Chair completes the ICF Official Examination Report and sends it to the ICF Headquarters, where the Official's cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations.

#### 5. Validity and Renewals

Validity and renewals are subject to the Technical Chairs' criteria. If the Officials' Card expires, is lost or destroyed a 20 Euro fee for renewal will be charged.

#### 8.3.2 Financial Responsibility

National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials (before and after the examination).

For every candidate applied for the examination, a National Federation will be charged 20 €. Total Invoice will be sent to a National Federation in the period between 30 October and 30 November for the current year.

If a National Federation is applying for an examination out of World Championships, the Federation concerned will cover the examination organisation costs including living and travelling expenses of the examiners.

#### 8.3.3 Nomination and Appointment of the Officials for ICF Events

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate Officials for ICF Events.

The deadline for submitting proposals is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year of the event.

The nominations are submitted to the Respective Technical Committee Chair (with a copy to the ICF Headquarters). The Chair will present a list of Officials to the Competition Commission for their approval by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

## 9 DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

[TR]

9.1 The Chief Official directs the competition according to the rules.

9.2 The Technical Organiser is responsible for:



Local preparations for, and conduct of, the entire competition

The installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition.

9.3 The Chief Judge must assure that the competition is run correctly in keeping with the Competition Rules. He interprets the competition rules and may disqualify a competitor or grant a rerun.

The Chief Judge has the duty to interrupt the run/competition due to unforeseen events or due to extremely harsh weather or water conditions which would be disturbing the regularly course of the run/competition.

9.3.1 The Chief Judge must submit a report to the ICF Secretary General and to the Wildwater Canoeing Committee concerning the running of the competition.

9.3.2 The Assistant Chief Judge will closely co-operate with the Chief Judge and the Chief Official and will assist with the administrative tasks related to the competition especially judging locations and instructions to judges.

He/she will assist in the formulation of the decisions of the Chief Judge regarding any protests and will oversee the recording and archiving of all relevant official forms.

9.4 Section Judges are responsible for the portion of the course to which they are assigned.

9.5 The Starter assures that the competitors are in the correct order and gives permission to start.

He can refuse to start a competitor if the competitor:

- Fails to respect the safety rules.
- Fails to present himself at the start at the moment indicated after having been called.
- Is not properly dressed, has no start number or does not follow the Starter's orders. The starter has to interrupt the run due to the extreme water level changes or harsh weather conditions. He must immediately report the chief judge.

9.6 The Pre Start Controller confirms that both the competitor's boat and personal attire meet the safety rules (safety helmet, buoyancy jacket and boat). See Rule 18.

He checks the boat carries marks approved by the Boat Controller.

He prohibits the departure of competitors and of boats that do not meet safety requirements.

Any time lost because of the above goes against the competitor.

**9.7** The Finish Judge determines when a competitor has finished the course and coordinates with the Starter.

**9.8** The Timekeepers are responsible for keeping the exact time.

**9.9** The Boat Controller assures that the dimensions and the weights of the boats in the competition conform to the rules. He marks them accordingly. He also ensures that the boats and buoyancy jackets conform to Rule 18 and may mark them.

He may advise on the conformance of boats, paddles, clothing and accessories to Rule 7.2.

The boat controller may refer concerning the safety of equipment (including the boat) to the chief judge.

**9.10** The Safety Officer, together with the rescue squad and according to the circumstances, rescues competitors who have capsized.

He must have available the necessary safety and first-aid equipment to use in the event of a serious accident, and he must render effective assistance to a competitor in difficulty.

A physician must be continuously available.

**9.11** An official may assume two or more functions. No official may call to or in any other way give technical advice to a competitor while on the course.

**9.12** There must be constant radio communication between Chief Official, Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, Pre Start Controller, Start Judge and Finish Judge.

## 10 INVITATIONS

[GR]

**10.1** Invitations to an International Wildwater Canoeing Competition must be sent 3 months before the competition and must contain the following information:

- The date, place and type of competition
- A description of the course

- Training dates when rescue teams are present.
- The approximate hour and order of the starts of the runs
- The categories
- Details of the nature of the course and character of the water (difficulty rating)
- Safety measures
- The address to which entries should be sent
- Amount of entry fee, if any
- The final date for entries
- List of challenges, prizes and conditions under which they are awarded

## 11 ENTRIES

[GR]

11.1 Entries to an international competition must be made by a Federation according to the instructions given in the invitation.

An entry must contain:

- Name of the Federation or Club to which the competitors belong
- First and last name, the fastest competitor in first place
- The categories in which the competitors or teams wish to take part
- The first and last name of team manager, IJWWC and other personnel

11.1.1 Entries may be made by email or fax ~~telegram or facsimile~~ if they have been sent by midnight of the deadline date. These entries must be confirmed immediately in writing.

11.2 The deadline for nominative entries shall be 14 days prior to the first day of the competition. In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the WWC Technical Committee Chair for the acceptance of late nominal /numerical entries from National Federations.

## 12 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

[TR]

12.1 The organising Federation must acknowledge receipt of the entries within 2 days.

## 13 THE START ORDER

[TR]

**13.1** In the individual events starts will be in reverse order of current ICF Ranking.

Where a competitor is not in the current ranking, then he will start at the beginning of the category.

In Junior and Under 23 categories, the start order is based on the reverse order by Federation at the previous Junior and Under 23 World Championships.

**13.2** In the team events the starting order is taken from the average results of the best three competitors of each Federation in each category, from the Classic Race and from the sprint races respectively. The starting order is the reverse order of these average results. In anomalous cases the team/s will start at the top of the list.

## 14 COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[TR]

**14.1** At least 24 hours before the beginning of the competition, a final programme must be available to each participating Federation, giving the name of the participants with their Federation or Club, as well as the result of the draw.

**14.1.1** In organising the programme, the following principles should be followed:

The individual categories are run before the team categories.

The runs of an individual category must be completed during a single day.

The order of the races announced in the invitation, and the intervals between races announced in the programme of competition are binding on the organisers.

Modifications may not be made unless the majority of the team managers give their approval.

Sprint Races may be held on one or two days. For those held over two days, it is preferable that two categories run their two legs of the race the first day, and the two other categories the next day.

**14.2** If a WWC event is not completed due to cancellation, the Jury and Chief Judge can in these exceptional circumstances establish the final results of

the competition based on the last completed phase of the event.

14.3 Team races in ICF and International Competitions consist of two (2) runs, and may be reduced to a single run.

## 15 ALTERATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES [TR]

15.1 Announcement of changes or withdrawals must be made during the team managers' meeting, or in writing at least 1 hour before the first race of the programme on the day of competition.

15.1.1 Withdrawal of an entry is final and re-entry of the same competitor or team is not possible.

15.2 Any change of entry must be communicated to the Starter in writing.

## 16 START NUMBERS [TR]

16.1 Start numbers must be supplied by the organisers.

16.1.1 The number figures must be at least 15 cm in height and 1.5 cm in thickness.

16.2 They should be fixed visibly to the body of the competitors.

In C2 the bowman wears the number.

16.3 Each competitor is responsible for his start number.

## 17 INSTRUCTIONS TO TEAM MANAGERS [TR]

17.1 Each team manager must receive, at least 5 hours before the beginning of the competition, written directions concerning the following points:

- A list of the start orders
- Detailed timetable
- Time that the course opens
- Starting time
- Position of the starting line
- Position of the finish line

- The interval between starts
- The signal used by the Starter to give the start, and that employed by the Judges to clear the course (whistle)
- Place where the competition office and the Jury (only at World Championships) may be found
- The time and place for the inspection of boats
- Manner in which the boats are to be transported from the finish back to the start, if appropriate
- Regulations concerning training
- Place for Anti-Doping Control (when required)

17.2 A meeting of the team managers from each participating Federation must be held at least one (1) hour before the start of the official training. The following points should be discussed:

- Additional instructions to competitors
- Approval of the course
- Changes and/or withdrawal of entries

## 18 SAFETY MEASURES

[TR]

18.1 All boats must be made unsinkable (stability walls can be added to complement the flotation devices) and be equipped at each end with a handle attached no more than 30 cm from the bow and from the stern.

18.1.1 The following are considered as handles: loops of rope, with handles, or a handle that is an integral part of the boat construction

18.1.2 The handles must at all times permit easy insertion of a template which measures 10cm x 10 cm x 1.5cm.

18.1.3 The material used must be at least 6 mm in diameter, or a minimum cross-section of 2 x 10 mm.

18.1.4 Taping of the handles is not permitted.

18.1.5 All boats must be fitted with air bags in both the front of the boat (in front of the foot-rest) and the back of the boat (behind the seat). The minimum total volumes capable of being contained in the air bags are to be as follows:

Front Back

K1 30 litres 50 litres

C1 40 litres 50 litres  
C2 60 litres 60 litres

The volumes will be taken from the manufactures stamp on the air bags. In case of dispute, the first decision shall be taken by the Boat Control Judge and the second decision if appealed by the Jury.

**18.2** Each competitor must wear shoes, a safety helmet with a strap fastened under the chin and a buoyancy jacket. Both must be in good working condition. The structure, shape or composition of the buoyancy jacket/helmet must not be modified in any way. The products must be from recognised and established manufacturers guaranteeing the quality of material and meeting industry standards.

**18.2.1** A buoyancy jacket must comply with the current industry standard that is, EN ISO 12402-5 ( Level 50 ) or any national standard that meets the same requirements. At a competition the buoyancy jacket's uplift will be tested using a 6.12 Kg calibrated stainless steel weight or its equivalent in other metals. The buoyancy jacket manufacturer markings and identification must comply with the EN ISO (or equivalent national standard) standard to allow the control of equipment by ICF officials. This applies to all sizes of buoyancy jacket regardless of body weight. Testing process at ICF Races:

1. The buoyancy jacket must not be modified in any way.
2. The buoyancy jacket must be EN ISO 12402-5 ( Level 50 ) (or equivalent national standard) approved and carry the appropriate labeling.
3. The buoyancy jacket must float the 6.12kg calibrated stainless steel weight.

**18.2.2** The safety helmet must comply with EN 1385. Each helmet shall be marked in such a way that the following information is easily legible for the user, and is likely to remain legible throughout the life of the helmet to allow the checking of the equipment by ICF Officials. Helmet Testing process at ICF Races:

1. The helmet must not be modified in any way.
2. The number of the European Standard;
3. The name or identification mark of the manufacturer;
4. The date of manufacture; The designation "Helmet for canoeing and wildwater sports".

**18.2.3** All paddlers must wear the shoes on their feet. The shoes must have a thicker sole to protect the feet. The shoes must fit in such a way that they will not come off in a capsize or be released from a boat.

**18.3** It is recommended that organisers spot-checks at both start and finish to ensure conformance with rules 7, 18.1 and 18.2.

**18.3.1** In doubtful cases, buoyancy of the boat is checked. The boat must float level at the surface when filled with water.

**18.4** Competitors must be able to free themselves immediately from their boat at all times.

**18.5** In the event of non-observance of the safety rules, the Starter, the Pre Start Controller, the Boat Controller and the Chief Judge each, according to their assigned duties, are responsible to prohibit a competitor from starting.

**18.6** In any event, competitors start at their own risk, neither the ICF nor the organisers bear responsibility for accidents or damage to equipment that may occur on the competition course.

## **19 COURSE**

**[TR]**

**19.1** The course must be from a point upstream to one downstream.

The course must be navigable for its entire length, always allowing easy passage for the boat. Two course types are possible:

1. Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race
2. Wildwater Canoeing Classic Race

**19.1.1** The Sprint Course can vary from 200m to 600m.

**19.1.2** The Wildwater Canoeing Classic course is less than 30 minutes. The starts are individual type, and/or Team.

**19.2** At the Team Managers meeting before the beginning of the competition, the course must be approved by a simple majority of those present. If the



course is not approved, the competition may be moved to an alternate course.

19.2.1 K1W, C1W, C2W and Juniors may have a shortened course if a majority of Team Managers so demand.

19.3 Dangerous passages may be marked with gates to indicate the correct channel.

19.4 Portages are not allowed.

## 20 TRAINING

[TR]

20.1 Training runs must be provided at least one day before the competition and under the same technical conditions that will prevail during the competition.

The water level during the official training must, except for circumstances beyond control, be the same as during the competition.

The running time may be recorded and posted during training runs.

20.2 Once the bibs are distributed to each Federation, it is mandatory that all athletes wear them when training or racing.

## 21 START

[TR]

21.1 Starts may be directly upstream or downstream. [A competitor is on the course after he leaves the starting position.](#)

21.2 Each boat must be held at the starting position until the start by an assistant to the Starter.

21.3 Only standing starts are permitted. The start will be indicated by an audible signal.

21.3.1 For a team start all boats are released at the audible start signal, all competitors must pass through the start line within 10 seconds of the release. If some natural disaster, or unforeseen circumstance including water level issues occur and the time at the start will not allow the competitors to pass the start line within 10 seconds, the time can be changed - this is the right

of the majority of the team leaders present. If the team will not pass the start within 10 seconds from the release, they will be disqualified.

Definition of a start line:

In the case of a gate, the passage is through the gate;

In the case of crossing a river beam, it is the line between the beams.

21.3.2 In any case, any special instructions of the starter must be adhered to.

21.3.3 Categories may be started in any order with an appropriate time interval between categories.

## 22 START ORDER

[TR]

### 22.1 *Wildwater Canoeing Sprint*

22.1.1 For each Wildwater Canoeing Sprint events each category will have a definite start time for each run.

22.1.2 The individual start times within each category will be variable and as directed by the starter at the time of starting.

### 22.2 *Wildwater Canoeing Classic*

22.2.1 In individual categories the starts are separated by at least 30 seconds.

22.2.2 In team categories starts are separated by at least 1 minute.

22.3 The start intervals are normally the same for the entire competition. Intervals may be varied to accommodate Television live coverage etc.

## 23 FALSE START

[TR]

23.1 Only the Starter is qualified to determine that a false start has occurred and to recall the competitor by means of an appropriate signal.

23.2 The Starter determines if a second start is given and notifies the Chief Judge.

## 24 FINISH

[TR]

24.1 The finish line must be marked very clearly on both sides.

24.2 A competitor's run is complete when he crosses the finish line. He must not cross the finish line more than once at the risk of disqualification.

24.3 In the team event all 3 boats must cross the finish line within 10 seconds of each other. If the team will not pass the finish line within 10 seconds they will be disqualified for that run.

## 25 CLEARING THE COURSE

[TR]

25.1 Any competitor overtaken by another competitor shall allow the overtaking boat free passage if the overtaking competitor shouts "FREE".

## 26 RESCUE OF A COMPETITOR IN DANGER

[TR]

26.1 Since Wildwater Canoeing competition is as much a contest against the elements as against other competitors, it is required that any competitor finding another in real danger, must immediately render him rescue assistance at pain of disqualification for life.

## 27 LOSS OR BREAKAGE OF PADDLE

[TR]

27.1 When a competitor breaks or loses his paddle, he may use only the extra paddle carried on his boat.

27.2 For team runs, an extra paddle may be borrowed from another member of the team.

## 28 CAPSIZE

[TR]

28.1 A competitor may get back in his boat after a capsize and continue the competition.

## 29 TIMING

[TR]

29.1 The time of a run is measured from:

The time that the competitor's body first crosses the starting line to the time when the finish line is broken by the competitor's body (in C2, the first body that crosses the line).

In team racing, the time is measured from the departure of the first boat until the arrival of the last boat.

29.2 Timing of each run for each Race must be accurate to at least 1/100th of a second, and the results must be reported to the nearest 1/100th of second. (Example: WWC - Sprint: running time of 1 minute, 30 and 5/100th seconds would be reported as 1:30.05 minutes; WWC - Classic: running time of 14 minutes, 30 and 5/100th seconds would be reported as 14:30.05 minutes)

## 30 POSTING OF RESULTS

[TR]

30.1 As soon as the results for a competitor or team are known, the start number and the time of the run should be announced and must be posted in the designated place until the time for filing protests has elapsed.

30.2 The following notations will be used in reporting the results:

- Athletes/Teams with a valid result in at least 1run should be sorted normally.

- Athletes/Teams must have a valid result to progress to the next competition phase.

- Athletes/Teams with Invalid Result Mark (IRM) are sorted in the following order:

1. DNF

2. DSQ-R

3. DNS

4. DQB

- Athletes/Teams marked as DQB are disqualified from the entire competition

- Athletes/Teams marked as DQB: Should not be shown on any of the intermediate outputs.

Should be shown only on the Final Results List, last on the list without rank or results

- Athletes/Teams marked as DNF and DSQ-R are ranked

- Athletes/Teams marked, as DNS and DQB are not ranked

- Athletes/Teams receiving an IRM in one of their Heat runs are sorted by their best valid result (except in the case of DQB).

Should two or more Athletes/Teams receive the same IRM, they will be sorted by ICF ~~Canoe Slalom~~ Wildwater Canoeing Ranking within the same IRM group.

~~DNS did not start~~

~~DNF did not finish~~

~~DSQ-R disqualified for particular run~~

~~DSQ-C disqualified from the competition~~

~~In case of DNS, DNF, DSQ-R the result seconds given will be 9999 for calculation and classification. In case of DSQ-C no classification is recorded.~~

30.2.1 After the Heats, Athletes/Teams with two different IRM's will be ranked/sorted according to their best run IRM (except in the case of DQB)

## 31 DEAD HEAT

[TR]

31.1 In the Classic event that two or more competitors or teams obtain the same result, a tie is declared.

31.2 In the sprint event with two runs that two or more competitors or teams obtain the same result, a tie is declared. In the individual sprint event with heats and a final see Rule 37.2.1.

## 32 PROTEST

[GR]

32.1 A protest is considered only when:

- The Team Manager submits it in writing
- It is submitted no more than 20 minutes after the official posting of the results for the last competitor in the category.
- It is submitted personally to the Chief Judge and is accompanied by a deposit of 25-75 Euros, or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition. The deposit is returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit is turned over to the Organising Committee of the competition.

32.2 A protest can be lodged against a decision of a judge:

- For a decision that is probably or manifestly erroneous.
- For obvious irregularity in the conduct of the competition

32.3 The Chief Judge evaluates the legitimacy of a protest. He listens to the testimonies of the Judges and informs himself of any other matters in dispute. The Chief Judge transmits his decision in writing.

32.4 At the discretion of the Chief Judge, inquiries into matters of fact or technical errors may be dealt with as simple inquiries (with no fee).

## 33 APPEAL TO THE JURY

[GR]

33.1 An appeal to the Jury must be made in writing by the Team Manager.

33.1.1 An appeal to the Jury must be accompanied by a deposit of ~~25~~75 Euros, or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition. The deposit is returned if the appeal to the Jury is partially or totally upheld. If the appeal to the Jury is not upheld, the deposit is turned over to the Organising Committee of the Competition.

33.2 An appeal to the Jury against a decision of the Chief Judge can be made when it appears that there is a contradiction with the rules of competition.

33.2.1 Items of fact cannot be contested by an appeal to the Jury.

33.2.2 An appeal to the Jury against a decision made by the Chief Judge during the running of the competition can be submitted at the latest, 20 minutes after the latter has announced his verdict.

33.3 An appeal can be made to the Jury protesting the right of a competitor to participate in a competition if this protest has been given to the Competition Organiser at least an hour before the beginning of the competition, but no decision has been made on the subject.

33.4 An appeal to the Jury against a decision on the right of a competitor to participate in a competition can be made until the beginning of the competition.

**33.5** The Chair of the Jury must immediately reconvene the Competition Committee if a legitimate appeal needs to be dealt with.

**33.5.1** The Jury must make its own decision known within 60 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.

**33.5.2** The decision of the Jury is indicated with justifying arguments in writing to the complainant.

**33.6** The Jury should consult the Chief Judge, the Judges and other officials in order to obtain the necessary information to come to a decision.

## **34 APPEAL TO THE ICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS [GR]**

**34.1** A participating Federation can appeal to the ICF Board of Directors if, after the end of the competition, new facts become known that would have prohibited the participation of a competitor.

**34.2** A competitor has the right to submit through his Federation an appeal to the ICF Board of Directors against a decision of the Competition Committee at the competition.

**34.2.1** The ICF Board of Directors determines priority to give to this proposal.

**34.3** An appeal to the ICF Board of Directors must be:

- Settled within 30 days following the end of the competition in question.
- Accompanied by the same deposit defined in Rule 33.1.1.

**34.4** The ICF Board of Directors makes its decision and addresses it in writing to the complainant party.

## **35 DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE RUN [TR]**

**35.1** If a competitor starts in a boat, which does not conform to the rules, he is disqualified for that run (DSQ-R).

**35.2** A competitor who accepts outside assistance can be disqualified for that run by the Chief Judge after the latter has been informed by the official judging the situation. (DSQ-R)

**35.2.1** In the spirit of this article, the following is considered as "outside assistance":

- All aid given to a competitor or to his boat
- Giving, passing, or throwing to a competitor a spare paddle or his original lost paddle
- Directing, pushing, or placing in movement a boat by anyone other than the competitor himself
- Giving directions to competitors by means of electro acoustic apparatus or radiotelephone (e.g. radiotelephone between the competitor and any other person)

**35.3** A competitor who is not ready to start as scheduled can be disqualified for the run if there is negligence on his part. (DSQ-R)

**35.4** Crossing the finish line upside down disqualifies the run. The boat is considered upside down when the body of the competitor is entirely under water. (DSQ-R)

**35.5** If the team will not pass the start within 10 seconds, they will be disqualified for the run. In the team event, failure of all three boats to cross the finish line within 10 second results in disqualification for the run (DSQ-R).

<b>36</b>	<b>DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE WHOLE COMPETITION</b>	<b>[GR]</b>
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**36.1** A competitor who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, who breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, is disqualified for the competition.

**36.1.1** If a competitor is forced to break the rules by the action of another person, the Jury decides if he will be disqualified or not for the competition.

**36.2** Any competitor or official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined by the Chief Judge. Notice of this must be referred to the Jury, who may after repeated action by the offender, disqualify him for that competition.



- 36.3** For disqualification after competition caused by doping or ineligibility the following must be completed:
- erase all achieved results and rankings of boat(s) (DOB); ~~(DSQ-C)~~;
  - re-calculate results accordingly; and
  - produce the revised version of all affected outputs (results, summaries, medals).

# CHAPTER IV - SPECIAL RULES FOR SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 37 SPECIAL RULES RELATIVE TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS [GR] [TR]

### 37.1 ORGANISATION [GR]

**37.1.1** World Championships are only organised upon the authority of the ICF Board of Directors and only in the categories given in the competition rules. Championships shall be open to competitors from all continents but only of National Federations, which are members of the ICF.

**37.1.2** World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing (Sprint) are held every year. The place and date is determined by the ICF Board of Directors in accordance with ICF Competition Rules.

**37.1.3** World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing (Classic) are held every two (even number) years. They are held in conjunction with the World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing (Sprint). The place and date is determined by the ICF Board of Directors in accordance with ICF Competition Rules.

**37.1.4** A valid World Championships is held only if six (6) Federations from at least three (3) Continents start overall in the competition. At the World Championships an individual or team event cannot take place unless competitors from at least six (6) Federations start in the events. If during the course of the event some Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

### 37.2 PARTICIPATION [TR]

**37.2.1** At the World Championships, a federation is entitled to enter up to four (4) boats in each category. These 4 boats are able to participate in sprint and classic events.

37.3.1 Individual Classic Events and Individual Sprint Events:

WOMEN	K1	K1 WOMEN	K1W
	C1	C1 WOMEN	C1W
	C2	C2 WOMEN	C2W
MEN	K1	K1 MEN	K1W
	C1	C1 MEN	C1M
	C2	C2 MEN	C2M

37.3.2 A competitor may enter two different individual events in classic races.

37.3.3 A competitor may enter two different individual events in Sprint races.

37.3.4 Team Classic and Team Sprints Events

WOMEN	K1	K1 WOMEN	3 X K1W
	C1	C1 WOMEN	3 X C1W
	C2	C2 WOMEN	3 X C2W
MEN	K1	K1 MEN	3 X K1M
	C1	C1 MEN	3 X C1M
	C2	C2 MEN	3 X C2M

37.3.5 Teams may only be composed of competitors who are accredited in individual events.

37.3.6 A competitor may enter two different team events in Classic races and two different team events in sprint races.

37.4.1 World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing (Classic and Sprint) are normally held over 5 days of races.

37.4.1.1

- [Day1: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Classic race](#)
- [Day2: Teams Wildwater Canoeing Classic race](#)
- [Day3: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint heats](#)
- [Day4: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint finals](#)

## Day5: Team Wildwater Canoeing Sprint race

~~DNF – DSQ-R will be shown as DNF~~

~~DSQ-R – DNS will be shown as DSQ-R~~

<del>DAY</del> <del>1</del>	<del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Classic Race</del>	<del>Start order of the first race will be the reverse order of the current ICF ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list.</del>
<del>DAY</del> <del>2</del>	<del>Teams Wildwater Canoeing Classic Race</del>	<del>Start order will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times.</del>
<del>DAY</del> <del>3</del>	<del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</del>	<del>The competitions consist of heats with two runs on Day 3 and one final run on Day 5. Heat 1: Start order of the Heat 1 will be the reverse order of the current ICF Ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list. For each competitor (or both competitors in C2) it is obligatory to start in the first heat, if they want to qualify for the finals. The top 5 competitors of the 1st heat of each boat category will go directly to the finals and so they do not start in Heat 2. If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared. Heat 2: The start order for Heat 2 is the reverse order of the results of</del>

		<p><del>Heat 1 (without those 5 top competitors from Heat 1). The top 10 competitors in K1M, the top 7 in K1W and C1M, and the top 5 in C1W, C2W and C2M advance to the final to join the 5 competitors from Heat 1.</del></p> <p><del>If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared</del></p>
<b>DAY 4</b>	<del>Teams Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</del>	<p><del>Teams Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race Start order will be the reverse order of the combination of all three individual times. The race is organised with two heats (no final). The results will be determined by the best time of the two runs.</del></p>
<b>DAY 5</b>	<del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</del>	<p><del>The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1. In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the current ICF Ranking will start after the competitor with the lower ICF Ranking.</del></p>

		<del>If two or more competitors obtain the same result in the final a tie is declared</del>
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37.4.1.2 Start order of the first race will be the reverse order of the current ICF ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list.

Start order of the second individual race will be the reverse order of the result of the first individual race.

Start order for Sprint individual Heat 2 and Finals see rule 6.1.2.1

Start order for the classic team races will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times of the classic race in the same category.

Start order for the sprint team races will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times of the first heat of the sprint race in the same category. If the race is organised with two heats (no final) the results will be determined by the best time of the two runs.

37.4.1.~~2-3~~ To serve better the sporting needs as well as the conveniences of the public the order in which different categories are run is left to the choice of the organiser, but must be agreed by the technical committee.

37.4.2 World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing Sprint are normally held over 3 days of races.

~~The competitions consist of heats with two runs and one final run.~~

~~Heat 1: Start order of the Heat 1 will be the reverse order of the current ICF Ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list. For each competitor (or both competitors in C2) it is obligatory to start in the first heat, if they want to qualify for the finals.~~

~~The top 5 competitors of the 1st heat of each boat category will go directly to the finals and so they do not start in Heat 2.~~

~~If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared~~

~~Heat 2: The start order for Heat 2 is the reverse order of the results of Heat 1 (without those 5 top competitors from Heat 1).~~

~~The top 10 competitors in K1M, the top 7 in K1W and C1m, and the top 5 in C1W, C2W and C2M advance to the final to join the 5 competitors from Heat 1. If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared~~

~~The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1.~~

~~In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the current ICF Ranking will start after the competitor with the lower ICF Ranking.~~

~~If two or more competitors obtain the same result in the final a tie is declared.~~

### ~~Team Sprint race~~

~~The team sprint race is organized with:~~

~~– 2 heats : results will be determined by the best time between the two runs.~~

### 37.4.2.1 Day1: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint heats

Day2: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint finals

Day3: Team Wildwater Canoeing Sprint race  
Type program of the event:

<p><b>DAY-1</b></p>	<p><b>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</b>  <u>Heats</u></p>	<p><del>Heat 1: Start order of the Heat 1 will be the reverse order of the current ICF Ranking. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list. For each competitor (or both competitors in C2) it is obligatory to start in the first heat, if they want to qualify for the finals.</del></p> <p><del>The top 5 competitors of the 1st heat of each boat category will go directly to the finals and so they do not start in Heat 2</del></p> <p><del>If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared</del></p> <p><del>Heat 2: The start order for Heat 2 is the reverse order of the results of Heat 1 (without those 5 top competitors from Heat 1). The top 10 competitors in K1M, the top 7 in K1W and C1M, and the top 5 in C1W, C2W and C2M</del></p>
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		<p>advance to the final to join the 5 competitors from Heat 1. If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared</p>
DAY 2	<p><del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint finals</del>  <del>Teams Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</del></p>	<p><del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race Final</del>  <del>The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1.</del>  <del>In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the current ICF Ranking will start after the competitor with the lower ICF Ranking.</del>  <del>If two or more competitors obtain the same result in the final a tie is declared</del></p> <p><del>Start order will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times. The race is organized with two heats (no final). The results will be determined by the best time of the two runs.</del></p>
DAY 3	<p><del>Team Wildwater Canoeing Sprint race</del>  <del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race</del></p>	<p><del>Start order will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times. The race is organized with two heats (no final). The results will be determined by the best time of the two runs.</del>  <del>Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race Final</del>  <del>The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1.</del>  <del>In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the current ICF Ranking will start after the competitor with the</del></p>



		<del>lower ICF Ranking.          If two or more competitors          obtain the same result in the          final a tie is declared</del>
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**37.4.2.2 Start order:** see rule 6.1.2.1 **Start order for the sprint team races will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times of the first heat of the sprint race in the same category. The race is organised with one final run.**

**37.4.2.2-3** To serve better the sporting needs as well as the conveniences of the public the order in which different categories are run is left to the choice of the organiser, but must be agreed by the technical committee.

**37.4.3** A tentative program of the Championship must be sent to the Wildwater Canoeing Committee, one (1) year before the date on which the Championship is to be held. With the permission of the ICF the program may be extended or varied.

## 37.5 INVITATIONS [GR]

**37.5.1** A Bulletin setting out the details for the World Championships must be sent out to all Federations 8 month before the start date of the Championships.

**37.5.2** Invitations for World Championships must be addressed by the organising Federation to all the other Federations in accordance with the competition rules of the ICF. This must be done at least 3 months before the first day of the competition.

## 37.6 ENTRIES [GR]

**37.6.1** Entries for World Championships can only be made through the National Federation in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

Numerical entries: at least 45 days before the first day of the competition

Nominal entries: at least 14 days before the first day of the competition

37.6.1.1 The entries will only be accepted from members of the ICF.

~~37.6.1.2 Entries for all World Championships will be done on the form designed and provided by the ICF, which will be available on line for each discipline. The form for each discipline is designed in agreement with the respective discipline Committee.~~

~~37.6.2 Entries will contain unique identity number of competitor according to following formula:~~

~~DIS NOC G ddmmyyyy 01~~

~~DIS – abbreviation of the discipline (CSP, CSL, CAM, CFR, DRB, CAP, WWC, CSA)~~

~~NOC – National Olympic Code~~

~~G – Gender: 1 for Male, 2 for Female~~

~~ddmmyyyy – Date of Birth (date, month, year)~~

~~01 – Number of athletes born on the same day in the same country~~

37.6.2.1 In crew boats the names of the competitors must be in order that they race in the boat. The first name at the top must be the competitor at the front of the boat (except for Dragon Boat).

37.6.3 All entries (numerical and nominal) should be made using the ICF on-line system ~~approved by the Technical Committee and provided by the competition organiser. In any case the entry form provided must be completed and sent through the on-line system, e-mail or typed form by fax (handwriting not accepted) following the regulations given in the invitation.~~

37.6.4 Late entries or entries that are not on the official entry form cannot be accepted. Late entries will only be accepted in accordance with Rule 11.2

37.6.5 Submitted lists must give the name of the head of delegation, team manager, as well as other officials of the team.

Note: - each participating Federation should provide at least one current IJWWC, holding a valid card. The name of these IJWWCs must be sent to the Chair of the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee by the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the World Championships for him/her to present a list of Officials to the Competition Commission.

## 37.7 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

[TR]

37.7.1 The Organising Federation must acknowledge receipt of each entry.

## 37.8 PROGRAMME

[TR]

37.8.1 At least 1 month before the opening of a World Championship, each participating Federation must receive the provisional programme with an approximate timetable, and containing the number of registered boats in each category from each participating Federation.

37.8.2 The proposed programme must be sent to the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee 6 months before the World Championship races. With the permission of the ICF the programme may be modified.

37.8.3 The final programme must be received by the participating Federations no later than eight days before official training. Changes may be made at the Team Managers Meeting.

37.8.3.1 This programme must contain:

The complete programme of events and the timetable for the events, the name and Federation of each participating competitor and their start numbers.

## 37.9 OFFICIALS-ICF

[GR] [TR]

### 37.9.1 JURY

[GR]

During the World Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury.

The Jury consists of up to five (5) persons. The ICF Board of Directors appoints members of the Jury.

One of these is named Chair of the Jury.

The Chief Official and other technical officials are subordinate to the Jury.

Appeal against decisions made by the Chief Judge must be presented in writing and submitted with a fee of [25](#) [75](#) Euros (or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition) to the Chair of the

Jury within 20 minutes of the time that a decision is given by the Chief Judge. The decision of the Jury is final. The fee will be returned if the claim is justified.

## 37.9.2 OFFICIALS

[GR]

World Championships must be managed by the officials, listed in Article 9 of the Competition Rules, under the directorship of the Chief Official. Officials may assume two or more functions. They may not also assume any National team obligations, such as Team Manager, Coach, Trainer.

The name and details of these officials must be sent by the Federations to the Chair of the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee by the end of March in the year of the Championships for him/her to present a list to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval.

The expenses for room and board during the whole competition is the responsibility of the Organising Federation, for the following Officials: Jury, Chief Official, Technical Organiser, Chief Judge.

## 37.10 COURSE

[TR]

37.10.1 The course at World Championships Wildwater Canoeing Classic will be less than 30 minutes long. The course for the Classic team event is held on the Classic course.

37.10.2 The course at World Championships Wildwater Canoeing Sprint is held on a course that can vary from 200m to 600m. The course for the sprint team event is held on the same course.

37.10.3 The course is supervised by one official from the Organising Federation recommended by the WWCC to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval.

## 37.11 TIMING

[TR]

37.11.1 Timing at World Championships must be carried out both by a photoelectric system (accurate to 0.01 of a second) and stopwatch. In any case, the body

of the competitor must be used to both start and stop the clock. (See rules 29.1).

**37.11.2** In the calculation of results, the photoelectric system has priority.

In the event of failure of the photoelectric system, the backup times are used.

## **37.12 ANTI-DOPING**

**[GR]**

**37.12.1** Doping as defined in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code is strictly forbidden.

Anti-Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the ICF Anti-Doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF Medical & Anti-Doping Committee.

## **37.13 AWARDS**

**[GR]**

**37.13.1** The championships awards are given in the form of medals according to the Olympic protocol.

The medals to be awarded shall symbolise gold, silver and bronze.

They are provided at the expense of the organising Federation, which obtains them upon application from the ICF.

**37.13.2** The medals are awarded as follows:

For Wildwater Canoeing Classic Competition

For Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Competition

For Wildwater Canoeing Classic Team Competition

For Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Team Competition

**37.13.2.1** Individual Championships:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Gold

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Silver

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Bronze

**37.13.2.2** Team Championships:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Team - Gold to each member

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team - Silver to each member

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team - Bronze to each member

**37.13.3** In the C2 category, both members of the crew will receive the appropriate medal.

Only these medals and no other prizes shall be presented at the awards ceremony.

The organising Federation on some other occasion may give other awards or gifts.

In no case shall the award be given other than to the person winning, or his official representative.

**37.13.4** To maintain the solemnity and dignity of the presentation ceremony the competitors receiving medals must wear proper clothing (training suits or national uniforms).

**37.13.5** ICF Nations Cups for Classic and Sprint Competitions

**37.13.5.1** Five overall cups will be awarded for Classic Race and five overall cups will be awarded for Sprint Race:

K1 WOMEN
Combined C1 WOMEN, C2 Women
K1 MEN
Combined C1 men, C2 Men
“Over-All” winning Federation

**37.13.5.2** The cups will be awarded to the Federation with the highest points as follows:

- *For : K1 - Men / K1 - Women*

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	20 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	19 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	18 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	17 points
....	....

- *For: Combined C1 - Women, C2 - Women and Combined C1 - Men, C2 - Men (Added together)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	9 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	8 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 points
....	....

- *For: “Over-All” winning Federation*

“Over-All” winning Federation Points added together from K1-Men; K1-Women; Combined C1-Women and C2 - Women and Combined C1-Men and C2-Men.

In case of a tie the cup will be awarded as follows: The Nations will be ranked based on the combined results of Men's K1. If there is still a tie it will be based on the combined results of Women K1.

#### 37.14 RESULTS AND REPORTS

[GR]

**37.14** A copy of the detailed final and official results of the World Championships, reports relevant to the protests, from the organising Federation, Chief Official and from the Chief Judge and all other relevant documents must be sent to the ICF Secretary General and to the Chair of the Wildwater Canoeing Committee, within 30 days after the closing of a World Championship.

## CHAPTER V - SPECIAL RULES FOR JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Refer to the International Competition Rules and Special Rules for Senior World Championships except as amended in this chapter.

### 38.1 PURPOSE [GR]

In order to extend the practice of Wildwater Canoeing Championships for Junior and Under 23 will be held in every two (odd) years.

### 38.2 AGE LIMITS [TR]

**38.2.1** In the individual events of K1M, K1W, C1M, C2M C1W, C2W an athlete may only enter and compete in the same event in either Junior or U23. For these events Athletes may enter different events in different age groups.

**38.2.2** In the C2M and C2W event an Athlete may enter in both age groups with different partners as long as they comply with Rule 3.4. They may not enter both age groups with the same partner.

**38.2.3** Before the competition, the Team Manager must present an official document such as a passport or identification card that includes a photo, for age confirmation purposes of the competitors (Refer to Rule 3.4)

### 38.3 Team Events [TR]

Where a Federation does not have sufficient Athletes to make an entry in a Team event at an age group then in this case, up to two Athletes may compete in both age groups in the same Team event to complete a team as long as they comply with Rules 3.4 and 6.2.2

### 38.4 CATEGORIES/ K1M, K1W, C1M, C2M, C1W AND C2W [GR]

**38.4.1** Individual Classic Events and Individual Sprint Events :



WOMEN	K1	K1 WOMEN	K1W
	C1	C1 WOMEN	C1W
	C2	C2 WOMEN	C2W
MEN	K1	K1 MEN	K1W
	C1	C1 MEN	C1M
	C2	C2 MEN	C2M

### 38.4.2 Team Classic and Team Sprint Events

WOMEN	K1	K1 WOMEN	3 X K1W
	C1	C1 WOMEN	3 X C1W
	C2	C2 WOMEN	3 X C2W
MEN	K1	K1 MEN	3 X K1M
	C1	C1 MEN	3 X C1M
	C2	C2 MEN	3 X C2M

## 38.5 COURSE / COMPETITION SCHEDULE / START ORDER

[TR]

### 38.5.1

Junior and Under 23 World Championships in Wildwater Canoeing (Classic and Sprint) are normally held over 5 days of races:

#### ~~38.5.1.1~~

DAY 1	Individual Wildwater Canoeing Classic Race	<del>Start order of the first race will be the reverse order of the previous Junior and Under 23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championship in Classic. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list.</del>
DAY 2	Teams Wildwater Canoeing Classic Race	<del>Start order will be reverse order of the combination of all three individual times.</del>
DAY 3	Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race	<del>The (Sprint) competition consist of the heats with two runs on Day 3 and one final run on Day 5. Heat 1: Start order of Heats 1 will be the reverse order of individual classic race. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list. For each competitor (or both competitors in C2) it is obligatory to start in the first heat, if they want to qualify for the finals. The top 5 competitors of the 1st heat of each boat category will go directly to the finals and so they do not start in Heat 2 If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared Heat 2: The start order for Heat 2 is the reverse order of the results of Heat 1 (without those 5 top competitors from Heat 1). The top 10 competitors in K1M, the top 7 in K1W and C1M, and the top 5 in C1W, C2W and C2M advance to the final to join the 5 competitors from Heat 1. If two or more competitors obtain the same result a tie is declared</del>
DAY 4	Teams Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race	<del>Start order will be the reverse order of the combination of all three individual times.</del>
DAY 5	Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Race – Finals	<del>The Finals in each boat category shall consist of one run. The start order of the final run is the reverse order of the qualifying results of Heat 2 followed by the reverse order of results of the top 5 from Heat 1. In the case of a tie in Heat 1 or Heat 2 the competitor (boat) with the better ranking in the classic event will start after the competitor with the lower result. If two or more competitors obtain the same result in the final a tie is declared.</del>

38.5.2 Day1: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Classic race  
Day2: Teams Wildwater Canoeing Classic race

Day3: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint heats

Day4: Individual Wildwater Canoeing Sprint finals

Day5: Team Wildwater Canoeing Sprint race

38.5.3 Start order of the first race will be the reverse order of the previous Junior and Under 23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championship in Classic. Unclassified cases start at the beginning of the list.

Start order of the second individual race will be the reverse order from the result of the first individual race.

Start order for Sprint individual Heat 2 and Finals see rule 6.1.2.1

Start order for the classic team races will be the reverse order of the combined total of the three individual times of the classic race in the same category.

Start order for the sprint team races will be reverse order from the combined total of the three individual times from the first heat of the sprint race in the same category. If the race is organised with two heats (no final) the results will be determined by the best time from the two runs.

## CHAPTER VI - SPECIAL RULES FOR WORLD CUP COMPETITION

### 39.1 DEFINITION OBJECT

[GR]

**39.1.1** World Cup Competitions in Wildwater Canoeing (WCWWC) are organised every year for the purpose of propagating the sport.

**39.1.1.1** One award is made in each of the event: K1-Men, K1-Women, C1-Women, C2 Women, C1-Men, C2-Men, bearing the title ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup.

**39.1.1.2** The WCWWC normally consists of a series of 4 events in a maximum of 2 continents: 2 Sprint Races, 2 Classic Races in 2 different places.

The Third and Fourth Races, Sprint and Classic, count as the Final. It is obligatory that they be titled as Finals.

### 39.2 ORGANISATION

[GR]/ [TR]

**39.2.1** Candidatures for World Cup Competitions must be proposed to the Chair of the ICF WWCC before the 1<sup>st</sup> September of year X for a competition to be held in year X+2, by the National Federations.

By the 1st of January the year before (ie X+1), the calendar of ICF Competitions (WCh and WCup) will be published.

**39.2.2** The WWCC selects from the candidates for World Cup participation. These selections are endorsed by the ICF Board of Directors.

**39.2.3** These events must be specified as WCWWC in the ICF calendar.

**39.2.4** The same competition course may not be used more than three times in succession as a WCWWC.

**39.2.5** World Cup Competitions are not valid unless at least 5 Federations start.

**39.2.6** The competitions must be conducted in accordance with the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Rules, except as modified herein.

**39.2.7** WCWWC are only open to Federations who are members of the ICF.

**39.2.8** With the permission of the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee, legs of the World Cup may be held on one or several days.

### **39.3 ENTRIES**

**[TR]**

**39.3.1** The Federations may enter up to 6 boats per category to take part in the WCWWC. There will be no team event held.

A competitor may enter two different individual events in Individual Classic and Sprint races.

**39.3.2** Entries must be received by 14 days before the respective World Cup Competitions.

### **39.4 THE COURSE**

**[TR]**

**39.4.1** The course must be approved by a simple majority of the team Managers present.

### **39.5 START ORDER**

**[TR]**

**39.5.1** The establishment of the start order in each category for the first WCWWC must be in reverse order of the previous years World Cup ranking. Competitors not on the World Cup Ranking List will start before World Cup ranked paddlers in reverse order of the previous year World Ranking List with any other paddlers with no ranking, starting at the beginning of the list.

**39.5.2** The starting order for the following WCWWC is the reverse order of the current World Cup Ranking.

#### **39.5.3 Timing**

**39.5.3.1** Timing at World Cup Sprint events must be carried out both by a photoelectric system and stopwatch. In any case the body of the competitor must be used to both start and stop the clock (see rule 29.1).

**39.5.3.2** In the calculation of results, photoelectric system has priority. In the event of failure of the photoelectric system the backup times are used

## **39.6 ICF OFFICIALS FOR WCWWC [TR]**

**39.6.1** The WWCC nominate 1 ICF Delegate for each of the WCWWC events.

**39.6.1.1** The travel expenses, room and board of the delegates of the ICF are paid by the organising Federation.

## **39.7 DUTY OF THE ICF OFFICIALS [TR]**

**39.7.1** The delegate of the ICF supervises the competition.

**39.7.1.1** He has the right to attend and vote at all meetings.

**39.7.1.2** He must, in co-operation with the organisers, oversee the production of the current World Cup results.

**39.7.2** After each WCWWC the delegate of the ICF must submit a report to the ICF Secretary General and to the Chair of the ICF WWCC concerning the sporting nature of the competition.

## **39.8 AWARDING OF THE WORLD CUP IN WILDWATER CANOEING [TR]**

**39.8.1** On the basis of the final results of each of the WCWWC, the Cup ranking in each category is established.

**39.8.1.1** Each of the participating competitors receives points in the WCWWC as follows:

K1 Men - 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 95 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 91 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place 88 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place 86 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place 85 points, etc.

K1 Women, C1 Women, C2 Women, C1 Men, C2 Men, - 1<sup>st</sup> place 50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 46 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 43 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place 41 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place 39 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place 38 points etc.

**39.8.1.2** After all the competitions are concluded, the final ranking is established by adding together the best four results whether the competitor has competed in the finals or not.

**39.8.2** The competitor with the highest total points is the winner of the World Cup in his category.

**39.8.2.1** In the event of a tie in the final ranking, higher ranking is given to the competitor having the best result in the finals.

If there are two races at the final of the final of the World Cup, then the best results is produced by adding together the result of the two races.

**39.8.2.2** If there is still a tie, the higher ranking is given to the competitor with the best result in the first four races prior to the finals.

## **39.9 AWARDS**

**[GR]**

**39.9.1** The following awards are furnished by the ICF.

Up to 8 Cups for individual categories

**39.9.2** Medals or prizes must be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each category at each competition.

## **39.10 CLOSING CEREMONY**

**[TR]**

**39.10.1** The final results must be announced and the World Cups awarded in a manner according to the statutes concerning ICF-Competitions.

## **39.11 ICF RANKING**

**[TR]**

**39.11.1** The objective of ICF Ranking is to establish a ranking system for top athletes in Wildwater Canoeing. The ICF Ranking is an ongoing System of Points rank all the competitors in each individual event.

**39.11.2** Ranking points will be given at World Championships, World Cups and ICF Ranking Events (maximum of 13 events in all) selected by the ICF

WWCC. A ranking is given in all categories about the last two years.

**39.11.3** The results will be obtained by a computer programme produced by the ICF WWCC which will be given to the organisers of the designated events. The organiser must send the current ICF rankings to the ICF Ranking Manager at the latest by the day after that competition.

The results will be distributed after each race. The final ICF Ranking of the season will be made by the end of November after the World Championships or the World Cup Finals. Any organiser not submitting the results to the ICF WWCC may have the competition eliminated from the following year's calendar.

**39.11.4** The ICF Ranking is taken from the best three results of each competitor during the last two years. The following point system will be applied:

EVENT	MAXIMUM POINTS	MINIMUM POINTS
World Championship	1000	500

Points are given based on the results of the athletes. The winner receiving the Maximum points and 15 points are deducted for each subsequent position on the results.

World Cup Race 800 300

Points are given based on the results of the athletes. The winner receiving the Maximum points and 10 points are deducted for each subsequent position on the results.

| ~~ICF Ranking International Races~~ 500 100

Points are given based on the results of the athletes. The winner receiving the Maximum points and 5 points are deducted for each subsequent position down the results list.