

Canoe Sprint Competition Rules – 11. Jury:

A basic guide to understanding the responsibilities of the Jury

For all World Championship events a Jury is appointed by the ICF Board of Directors. The Jury is the supreme authority of the event. Although the actual competition is run through a Competition Committee, it is subordinate to the Jury. A Jury may also be appointed for other competitions and the same principals would apply.

The Jury must ensure that the ICF Statutes, Competition Rules and Regulations are complied with during a competition and where necessary interpret the Statutes, Competition Rules and Regulations. In effect, the Jury represents the ICF Board of Directors as guardians/trustees of the sport.

To fulfil their responsibilities the Jury has access to all parts of the organisation of the competition and they need such access to ensure governance of the event.

As with the trustee of any organisation the values – for example ‘integrity’, ‘honesty’, ‘transparency’ are essential. Everything the Jury does must be able to stand the test of scrutiny by the ICF Board of Management, the public and the media. Members must not be provoked into taking an action that may be considered biased, in favour of an individual or group, rather than behaviour designed to translate the principles of the ICF Board into practice.

All Officials, Coaches and Competitors should be aware of the position of the Jury. They should not, through direct contact/comment, invite behaviour that could be viewed as inappropriate on the part of a member of the Jury which may give that member a conflict of interests.

Although not specifically stated in the Rules, except in regards to protests, all have access to the Jury through the Competition Committee. Enquiries or requests for answers to queries must be addressed through the Competition Committee, Competitors by their Team Leader and Officials direct. All queries must follow this route. This course of action is essential to preserve the integrity and transparency of all personnel and thereby the sport.

The same principles apply to all Officials appointed to officiate in any competition. Integrity, honesty and transparency of the sport are essential. All Officials must avoid any conflict of interests in carrying out their duties.

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