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Dear President,

Dear Secretary General,

The Organizing Committee of the 16th International Pyrenees Cup Slalom cordially invites you to attend the canoe slalom competitions that will be held in March of 2026.

The Pyrenees range of mountains is a tourist area, overlapping the border of France with Spain that will host the participants in a friendly atmosphere. The host cities of La Seu d'Urgell and Pau have a common tradition of cooperation starting on the Twelve Century. The bishop of Urgell, the Count of Bearn has had in the middle age a closer relationship during more than two hundred years.

Now, in another register, **the canoe slalom**, two efficient organization crews in two performance venues bring a new opportunity to strength the ties on both sides of the mountains. The travelling distances between the competition sites are approximately four hours and make the **two races of the International Pyrenees Cup very attractive each year.**

The two competition races will be **the first two ICF Ranking Slalom competitions** of the year in Europe, with the same race format compared to previous editions and before the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Final in La Seu in September of 2026. The period at the very beginning of the sportive season will be conducive to slalom training and improving technical performances. The individual inscription gives wider opportunities to participate and combine sport schedule.

The International Pyrenees Cup Organizing Committee welcomes you to join our 2026 events.



Parc Olímpic del Segre – LA SEU

Thursday, March 5 th	11:30 – 15:30 16:00 – 17:30	Free Training CSL Free Training CSLX
Friday, March 6 th	11:00 – 13:00 11:30 - 12:30 13:00 – 15:00 17:15 – 17:55 18:00 – 18:30	Provisional Start List verification – Sport Info Office Free Training CSLX Free Training CSL Demonstration Heats course and approval Team Leaders meeting & BIB distribution
Saturday, March 7 th	08:45 – 12:20 13:30 – 16:20 16:20 – 17:23	ICF World Ranking competition : Heats: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1 Final B : WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1 Final A : WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1
Sunday, March 8 th	09:00 – 11:35 12:30 – 15:34	ICF World Ranking competition CSLX : Kayak Cross Individual CSLX Heats and Finals CSLX

Parc Aquasports Stade d'Eaux Vives – PAU

Thursday, March 12 th	15:00 – 19:00 19:00 – 20:00	Free Training CSL Free Training CSLX
Friday, March 13 th	11:15 – 12:15 12:30 – 14:30 14:30 – 15:00 16:00 – 19:00 19:45 – 20:15	Free Training CSLX Free Training CSL Team Leaders meeting ICF World Ranking competition CSLX : Kayak Cross Individual CSLX Demonstration CSL Heats course and approval (Sunset 19:00)
Saturday, March 14 th	10:00 – 16:30 16:50 – 18:45	ICF World Ranking competition CSL : Heats : WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1 Final B : WK1, MC1
Sunday, March 15 th	08:15 – 10:40 10:45 – 12:30 12:45 – 13:00 14:00 – 16:30 16:45 – 16:55 17:00	ICF World Ranking competition CSL : Final B : WC1, MK1 Final A : WK1, MC1, WC1, MK1 CSL medals ceremony ICF World Ranking competition CSLX : Kayak Cross Finals CSLX CSLX medals ceremony Close event

ENTRIES, PARTICIPATION FEES

Categories	WK1, MC1, WC1 and MK1 for CSL WX1 and MX1 for CSLX												
Nominal Entries	<p>Last year, entries for Pau were closed 15 days before the scheduled closing date.</p> <p>For 2026 ICF RANKING COMPETITION (level 3), entries are limited per nation for each category until February 14th :</p> <p>For La Seu : WK1 – MK1 – MX1: 50 boats WC1 – MC1 – WX1: 40 boats</p> <p>For Pau : WK1 – MK1 – WCSLX – MCSLX : 20 boats WC1 – MC1 : 15 boats</p> <p>After February 14th, only if there are places left, entries are open up to a maximum provisional number : For La Seu : CSL : 290 boats - CSLX : 150 boats For Pau : CSL : 385 boats - CSLX : 180 boats</p> <p>All team leader and athletes must be accredited through SDP All paddlers must have an updated national federation license when they confirm their entry, and must designate a Team Leader</p>												
Spanish athletes :	<p>Spanish athletes must do their entry (CSL – CSLX) through :</p> <p>For La Seu : https://airtable.com/shrr37If6yA7kOTNa If there are places left, entries open until : February 22th at 24h</p> <p>For Pau : https://www.canoeicf.com/sports-data-platform If there are places left, entries open until : March 1st at 24h</p>												
Athlètes français :	<p>Athlètes français, inscription La Seu et Pau sur l'Extranet fédéral : http://compet.ffck.org/inscriptions/competition.php S'il reste des places, inscriptions ouvertes jusqu'au : 17 février minuit</p>												
Other National Federations	<p>Other National Federations must do all of the entries through ICF online entries system (SDP) : https://www.canoeicf.com/sports-data-platform If there are places left for La Seu, entries open until : February 24th at 24h If there are places left for Pau, entries open until : March 3rd at 24h</p> <p>Lien WhatsApp for official communication : https://chat.whatsapp.com/DGIgQLYN2IqCb2BCI2zA0A</p>												
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Payment	<p>La Seu : www.pyreneescup.koobin.com until 2nd of March 2026 at 24h00. Through this link you'll only pay La Seu competition, the reduction on the fee, If applies, will be done in Pau.</p> <p>Pau : March 13th from 11:30 to 14:00 – Possible March 12th in the bungalow and possible by credit card</p>
Caution for the bibs	<p>50€ by nation (or by club for Spain and France) Cash, in the venue office (possible by credit card in Pau) Pour les français à Pau, chèque possible</p>

RULES RACE

General Classification	All paddlers who participated in all competitions. There are two classifications (CSL & CSLX)																																																		
<u>Competition format CSL Based on ICF CSL rules and appendices 2025</u>	<p>La Seu : One Heat run –Final A Pau : One Heat run – Final B – Final A</p> <p>ICF ranking only with Heat and Final A. Final B is optional and unofficial. All paddlers of <u>ICF World Ranking</u> will pass according to ICF progression.</p> <p>In 2025, for the first time in Pau, only 30% of those not qualified in the Final A were able to participate in the Final B. In 2026, if the maximum numbers are reached, 70% of those not qualified in Final A will be able to participate in the Final B.</p>																																																		
<u>Competition format CSLX Based on ICF CSL rules and appendices 2025</u>	<p>Kayak Cross Individual event -> Top 32 proceed to elimination phase. Elimination phase after Kayak Cross Individual according to <u>"2025 Rules Appendices"</u> Appendix 8.A.</p> <p>A. Brackets for Elimination phase after Kayak Cross individual only</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Participants</th> <th>Progressing from Qualification Phase</th> <th>1st Round</th> <th>Number per bracket</th> <th>Bracket Table</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>32 +</td> <td>32</td> <td>Heats</td> <td>4</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 -- > 24</td> <td>24</td> <td>Heats</td> <td>3</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23 -- > 16</td> <td>16</td> <td>Quarter finals</td> <td>4</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 -- > 12</td> <td>12</td> <td>Quarter finals</td> <td>3</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 -- > 8</td> <td>8</td> <td>Semi final</td> <td>4</td> <td>E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 -- > 6</td> <td>6</td> <td>Semi Final</td> <td>3</td> <td>F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 -- > 4</td> <td>4</td> <td>Final</td> <td>4</td> <td>G</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>Final</td> <td>3</td> <td>G</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less than 3</td> <td>No event</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of Participants	Progressing from Qualification Phase	1 st Round	Number per bracket	Bracket Table	32 +	32	Heats	4	A	31 -- > 24	24	Heats	3	B	23 -- > 16	16	Quarter finals	4	C	15 -- > 12	12	Quarter finals	3	D	11 -- > 8	8	Semi final	4	E	7 -- > 6	6	Semi Final	3	F	5 -- > 4	4	Final	4	G	3	3	Final	3	G	Less than 3	No event			
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PyCupCSL Classification	<p>You must participate in the two competitions for final standings.</p> <p>0 point to the winner of each competition</p> <p>2 points to second in each competition</p> <p>3 points to the third of each competition, and so on...</p> <p>Final standings : Sum of points earned in all competitions</p> <p>In case of tie, this will be resolved by the sum of the final results of the two competitions.</p>
PyCup CSLX Classification	<p>You must participate in the four competitions for final standings.</p> <p>(Individual + elimination phases in La Seu & Pau)</p> <p>0 point to the winner of each competition</p> <p>2 points to second in each competition</p> <p>3 points to the third of each competition, and so on...</p> <p>Final standings : Sum of points earned in all competitions</p> <p>In case of tie, this will be resolved by the sum of the rank in the Kayak Cross Individual event of the two competitions.</p>
Judges	<p>In La Seu d'Urgell : Spanish Judges</p> <p>In Pau : French Judges</p>
Jury	French and Spanish to be determined, and Chief Judge of the competition
Course designers	1 French + 1 Spanish in every competition
Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trophy for the best competitor in each category - Gift for the podium - Gift for the athletes
Other information	<p>Boat storage will be placed in venues</p> <p>Free wireless internet access will be available</p> <p>Free access pass and car parking near venues will be guarantee</p> <p>No video service in Pau & La Seu this year for the athletes</p>



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Parc Olímpic del Segre

The Parc Olímpic del Segre is constructed in a branch of the river Segre, which was re-channelled after the damage caused by the exceptional flood of 1982. The slalom course's specific features are as follows:

- Length : 220 m
- Drop : 6,4 m
- Flow : 10 m3/s
- Course features : concrete bottom, banks and obstacles of natural boulders
- Spectators capacity : 5.000 people

The Competition Course is accompanied by a beginners course which is 130 m long with a drop of 1,5 m. The designed flow ranges from 3 to 10 m3/s.

The design of the artificial canals includes a system of complementary canals and mechanical conveyor belts which enable canoeists to return to their starting point without having to leave their boats. The dynamic conception of the whole facilities leads to intensive use all year round and separation of canoeists according to their levels of skill and ability.

The drop in the Slalom course is created naturally via channels that branch from the river Segre, with a very gentle slope. The feeder canal, 165 m in length, and mainly the flat water canal, 650 m in length and 20 m in width, are set aside for training in flat water canoeing and the necessary practice that sport lovers require in waters with a steady current.





The Pau Pyrenees White Water Stadium is constructed in a branch of the river « gave de Pau » and lets its users choose between 3 different ways of functioning : gravitational, mixed (part of the water is recirculated) or only with pumps.

The slalom course specific features are as follows:

- Length : 280m
- Breath : 15m
- Height drop : 2%, 4,8m from start to finish
- Flow : 7 to 14 m³
- Conveyors belt transports participants from finish to start point without leaving boats
- Courses features: concrete bottom, banks and obstacles of natural boulders
- Spectators capacity : 8 000 people
- Startpool : 5 000 m²
- Finishing Lake: 1800 m²

Athlete also have the possibility to gather the « gave de Pau » from our finishing lake via a 200m long course equipped with gates. This part of the stadium is also used as a warmer / beginners course.



HOW TO GET PAU OR LA SEU D'URGELL

How to get to Pau :

GPS coordinates > lat 43.30 / long : -0.37

Motorways:

- A65 Bordeaux - Pau (2h30)
- A64 Biarritz - Pau (1h30)
- A64 Toulouse - Pau (2h00)

Pau Pyrénées Airport :

35 minutes from the White Water Stadium

- Direct Paris CDG - Pau (1h30)

Train :

10 min walking from the White Water Stadium

- Direct TGV from Paris (5h)
- Direct ACCESS from Bordeaux (2h) and Toulouse (2h)



How to get from La Seu d'Urgell to

By car

- La Seu D'Urgell - Pau (4h15 - 275km)

By train

La Seu d'Urgell → Porté-Puymorens → Toulouse Matabiau → Pau (6h30)



How to get to the Seu d'Urgell :

GPS coordinates > lat 42,22N / long 1,28E

La Seu d'Urgell is 10 km from Andorra and 200 km from Barcelona.

Andbus : [www.andbus.net/](http://andbus.net/)

NB : It is necessary to book the ticket.

- > From airports of Barcelona and Toulouse.
- > From train stations of Lleida and Toulouse Matabiau.

Alsa : www.alsa.es

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www.rfep.es

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