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INTRODUCTION LETTERS:

1. A letter from our President, Luciano Buonfiglio

Dear friends,

I have the pleasure of inviting you once again to our beautiful Italy, specifically to one of the most beautiful islands in the world. Indeed, after the exciting world cup in Siracuse and after the cancellation of the World Championships in Rome, it was with great courage, determination, passion, and enthusiasm that Daniele Insabella, Vice President of the Italian Federation of Canoe and Kayak and president of Jomar Club, nominated Catania to host the European Championships of canoe polo. Italy, which has always been at the forefront in the world of canoe polo, could not refuse the invite from ECA, as it loves this sport too much and has the utmost respect for the work that the athletes, technicians, the managers, and the volunteers put in on the regular. We couldn't disappoint. A thank you goes to ECA, to the President Woods, and to the Executive Committee, who saw in us quality and organizational skills; but a special thank you also goes to the President Insabella and the staff for accepting this demanding challenge. The Italian Federation of Canoe and Kayak which I have the honor of presiding over is full of pride for this nomination, and won't fail to support the event and be by the Organizational Committee's side.

I will wait for you with the faith and certainty that, once again, we will live through great, exciting days.

Luciano Buonfiglio

Presidente Federazione Italiana Canoa Kayak



1.2 A letter from the Organizing Committee President, Daniele Insabella

We look forward to welcoming you once again to Italy, and to another great Canoe Polo international event to be held here in Sicily. After a long and difficult period for all of Europe (and for the World in general) we are happy once again to host all of the Canoe Polo family. It is our goal and responsibility to give to all participants a memorable experience in the best possible conditions. Organising this European Championships will not be easy. We are working hard to ensure a great event, while still following all of the appropriate pandemic precautions.

As Vice-President of the FICK and as President of the Organising Committee of ECA 2021 it is my responsibility, and pleasure, to officially invite you to Catania. We hope to see you soon.

Daniele Epifanio Insabella

Vice Presidente Vicario – Federazione Italiana Canoa Kayak

Presidente Comitato Organizzatore - ECA Canoa Polo 2021 CATANIA



ABOUT THE HOST:

2.1 Italy

- Official name = Repubblica Italiana
- Political system = Unitary parliamentary constitutional republic
- Founding of the republic = 1946
- Official language = Italian
- Capital = Rome
- Area = 301,340 km²
- Population = 60,317,116
- Currency = Euro €
- Time zone = UTC+1 (CET)



2.2 Catania

Catania is a lively city overlooking the Ionian coast of Sicily and built at the foot of the highest volcano in Europe. Thanks to this unique position, Catania has it all: beautiful snow-capped peaks, a crystal clear sea and a lush plain rich in fruit trees and other cultivations.

Fire and water have come together right here to give life to a unique city, not by chance declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco together with the seven municipalities of the Val di Noto. Catania was founded in 729 BC. by the Chalcidian Greeks; like most areas of Sicily, which was considered the centre of the world for centuries, the city underwent various dominations which contributed to its artistic, architectural and cultural heritage, giving the city a unique * fingerprint. The culturally diverse historical background has also tempered the character of its citizens, who over the millennia have made hospitality and peaceful coexistence a way of life. The historic center (and via Crociferi in particular) has plenty of beautiful Baroque buildings: some examples are Palazzo Asmundo Francica-Nava with its wonderful hanging garden, the Church of San Benedetto, and the Church of San Francesco Borgia, where the great composer Vincenzo Bellini played the organ. Villa Bellini is another of the city's landmarks



It is a large, well kept park dedicated to the author of the Norma, which stands out for its historical importance and for the conservation of biodiversity of its Botanical Garden. Finally, Catania is conveniently placed close to “La Playa”, a 5 km long sandy beach crowded with establishments and defined, due to the overwhelming boom of the 1960s, the "Milan of the South".

Catania is also a city with a very strong and rich culinary tradition, characterised by unique flavours and aromas. There are countless specialties to taste both at the restaurant and on the

street: the city is in fact renowned for street food. Among the many typical dishes that Catania offers, we mention: lecornie, arancini with meat sauce, butter and spinach, bread with panelle and cazzilli, eggplant parmigiana, caponata, catanese cartocciata and pasta alla norma and the schiacciata . With Catania being a marine city, fish is also prevalent in the local cuisine; it's only here that you can enjoy specialties such as beccafico sardines, the pasta with cuttlefish ink, the pasta with sea urchins, the peppered mussels and fresh fish. The most famous typical sweets are: the olivette di Sant'Agata, the zeppole di San Giuseppe, the cannoli, the almond paste, the cassata, and the granita with pistachio and almond with brioche. Last but not least, Catania also shines in the liqueur department: the sweet Zibibbo wine and the liqueur called Fuoco dell'Etna are excellent.



2.2.1 Climate in Catania and Sicily

Catania's climate is good all year round, but in the autumn it is especially enjoyable. Indeed many people prefer the autumn, as you won't find the strong sun of July and August (when the temperature is often well over 30°) but a pleasant range in the mid twenties during the day will allow you to enjoy the beaches and the crystalline waters, or explore the forest glades on the slopes of Mt Etna as well as enjoy the many historical and cultural sites (with over 3,000 years of continuous human habitation there is something from every age) - whilst evening breezes will cool, but not chill, and the nights are balmy. Rain is extremely unlikely, and if it happens, usually short.

You will of course want to visit Mt Etna, an absolutely unique experience - and of course in the autumn, most tourists have already returned home so you will be able to appreciate its wonders in tranquility. Also, don't forget that the harvest will be in, so there'll be an abundance of traditional flavors to sample. Sicilian cuisine is world renowned.

The list of UNESCO sites easily reached from Catania is long: Taormina, Siracusa, Piazza Armerina, Noto, the Alcantara gorges - as well as many lesser known gems which you will simply discover everywhere you look on your trip.



2.2.2 How to get to Catania

The venue of the European Championships is quite close both to the main airport of Catania (Fontanarossa), and to Catania Central Train Station and Central Bus Station. CTA International Airport of Catania - Fontanarossa is very well connected to most of Europe and the world, and it's location near the city center puts it reasonably close to tourist attractions and the ECA venue. There are also a lot of ferries and boats arriving directly in Catania Port (on the commercial part of the Port).

Transfer to and from the airport will be provided by the organization for a fee of 10 € per person, each way. People arriving with boats will pay an additional fee of 5 € per boat. Transfers will need to be booked via our logistics team at logistics.eca2021@gmail.com and will be guaranteed only upon full payment (see page 16)



THE TOURNAMENT

The ECA Canoe Polo European Championships 2021 will take place in the week from the 4th to 10th October.

Categories:

A total of 4 categories will be competing in this European Championship.

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Under 21 Men
- Under 21 Women

3.1 Dates and times for the competition

There is still no timetable of events available. It will be published in the next bulletin. The base schedule of the tournament will follow the same criteria used in the last European Championships of 2019.

1st October

- Opening of the site
- Arrival of Teams

2nd October

- Arrival of teams
- Opening of Accreditation

3rd October

- Arrival of teams
- Accreditation
- Opening of training pitches

4th October

- Arrival of teams
- Accreditation
- Training pitches
- Opening of Scrutineering

5th October

- Accreditation
- Training pitches
- Referees meeting
- Team leaders meeting
- Opening Ceremony

From 6th to the 9th October

- Competition days

10th October

- Semifinals
- Finals
- Closing Ceremony
- Teams Departure

11th October

- Teams departure

3.2 Pitches

The access zones will be divided into 8 different areas:

1. Official's area
2. Competition area
3. Team area and quarters
4. TV area
5. Media area and press room
6. Operational areas
7. VIP lounge

Teams area and quarters

The main area of the venue will be focused for the teams. The quarters will be divided into Seniors and Under21 areas, each team will have its own private quarter.



3.3 Deadlines, entries and registration of teams and staff

All team entries (numerical and nominal) must be made online through SDP system on the ICF platform. The link for the official registration will be posted in the next bulletin.

Entries can only be submitted by the National Federation through the online entries system SDP. Anyone having issues accessing the system or with the entries can contact ICF HQ at sdp@canoeicf.com

Preliminary information and entries, travel and accommodation requests must be by email at: ecacatania2021@gmail.com.

Official communication will only be accepted from verified National Federation staff using a National Federation email address

The official entries (SDP system) will be online and available until 20th August. Changes will be possible until the 1 of September.

Accommodation and transfer booking will be open until 25th August. (See accommodation page 14)



3.4 Participation Fee

The participation fee will be 240.00 € per person for all staff and athletes. The participation fee will be applied from the 4th October to 10th October.



The daily fee includes:

- Free drinkable water at the venue;
- Accreditation costs;
- Transport between venue and accommodation;
- Venue facilities;
- Medical Care at the venue;
- Security service at the venue;
- Face-masks;
- Covid19 testing areas;
- Daily sanitation;

The participation fee does not include transfers to and from the airport, if required they must be booked through: logistics.eca2021@gmail.com (see page 11). For more info please contact ecacatania2021@gmail.com

The participation fee will not be charged to ECA Officials [including ECA Jury, Technical Officials, ECA Sponsors, ECA Board of Directors, ECA HQ staff], NF Presidents and Secretary Generals as registered with the ICF SDP System, not part of the NF team management.

The participation fee is not included in the prices for accommodate

3.5 Accommodation

The Organising Committee has established protocols with most of the hotels in Catania, to provide several options of accommodation for teams and assure reasonable rates.

The main focus for accommodation is to offer a good quality of stay and to have hotels close to the venue.

All hotels proposed by the Organising are the best options in Catania city, considering many aspects such as cost, quality of service, distance from the venue etc.



We have divided the hotels into three categories. The first category is made up of the best hotels in the city, hotels ranging from 4 stars to 4 stars deluxe. The second category is made up from hotels 3 stars to 4 stars business. The last category is made up of nice hotels up to 3 stars.

Unfortunately we are not yet able to share the final prices of the hotels. Below you will find the intended cost range per person per day. All accommodation options include breakfast.

Category of Hotel	Single room	Twin room	Triple room
1 (4 stars)	Between 120€ and 150€	Between 75€ and 90€	Between 60€ and 75€
2 (3 stars)	Between 90€ and 120€	Between 60€ and 75€	Between 50€ and 65€
3 (N O)	Between 60€ and 80€	Between 40€ and 55€	Between 40€ and 50€

All hotel bookings must be requested by email at: accommodations.eca2021@gmail.com before the 25th of August. Bookings are only considered final once payment is completed (see page 15). You will receive a complete quotation for prices and hotels by writing to accommodations.eca2021@gmail.com with your team details.

3.5.1 Catering

Breakfast is included in all accommodations options and it is always served at the hotel. Lunch and Dinner is served at the venue. The price for each meal is 12.00€ person|day, it is possible to book meals via email at logistics.eca2021@gmail.com or directly at the venue. It is also possible to book dinner at the hotel for an extra fee, this depends on the chosen hotel; information regarding this fee can be obtained by email at ecacatania2021@gmail.com.

3.5.2 Payment of fees and transport-accommodation

Upon pre-booking you will receive an invoice containing the total cost of the Fee and (if requested) the cost of transport, hotel and any other requested services.

50% of the total cost must be paid immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Note: it must be paid before the 20th of August

100% of the total cost must be paid before the 1st of September

Transport to and from the airport and hotel bookings will only be guaranteed upon 100% payment (all hotel bookings must be finalised before the 25th of August).

Account Details

All payments should be made to the following Account Beneficiary:

ASD JOMAR CLUB CATANIA

IBAN: IT16 Y030 3216 9010 1000 0673 965

BANK: CREDITO EMILIANO SPA - AGENZIA CATANIA 4

SWIFT: BACRIT22 XXX

Payments should be made in Euros € and all Bank Costs must be paid by the remitter. No credit card payments will be accepted. Debit cards will be accepted at the venue for catering payments and such. Once you have made the payment please send confirmation to: finance.eca2021@gmail.com to receive the final receipt.

3.6 Additional information

3.6.1 Visa Information

Italy is a member state of the European Union. If your country or part of your staff is travelling on a passport that requires a visa from the Italian State you should contact abrown.eca2021@gmail.com and ask for an official invitation letter, providing the names and passport info for each person that needs to apply for a Visa.

3.6.2 Language

The official language of the competition will be English. All the information documents, forms, local identity signs & comments will be in English and in the language of the host Committee, Italian. In order to ensure equal access to information to all the delegations, we will provide Volunteers with interpreter services for French, English and Spanish languages.

3.6.3 Volunteers

We are organising a big team of volunteers from all around Europe and the World. If you wish to come to Catania for the ECA and be part of our staff, please contact earena.eca2021@gmail.com or phone +39 3485711774 .

3.6.4 Anti-Doping control

The Doping control will be provided according to the ICF standards, in partnership with the National entities ADOP.

3.6.5 Covid-19

During all of the championships athletes and staff will need to use protective face marks. Should they be needed the OC will provide them. There will be disinfectant gel throughout the venue. Entering the venue there will also be a specific zone to monitor body temperature. There will also be free covid-19 rapid test available on site and NAAT testing zones of site.

At the accreditation procedures upon arrivals you will need to give a copy of your European Green Pass or proof of a negative covid19 test carried out 48h before your arrival.

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