



Canoe Marathon World Championships

MEDIA GUIDE

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CANOE MARATHON – A BEGINNER’S GUIDE

Canoe marathon would traditionally have seen competitors race from one point to another across possible combinations of river, lake, estuary and sea, while having to navigate around any obstacles, having to carry the boat at times if necessary (this is called portage).

Distances for marathon races can vary, but for men it has to be at least 20 kilometres, with no upper limit. For women the minimum distance 15 km with no upper limit, while for juniors the minimum is also 15km and no upper limit.

In **Bascov** the race distances will be as follows:

women’s canoe 15.4km

women’s kayak 26.2km

men’s canoe 26.2km

men’s kayak 29.8km

In 2019 new sprint disciplines over 3.60 kilometres for both kayak and canoe were added to the ICF canoe marathon world championships programme.

The canoe marathon format has developed more recently to encourage a more spectator-friendly approach to the discipline, with courses created to be covered in laps with a number of portages (artificial or real).

World championships were contested by two types of boat, canoe (C) and kayak (K). Men and women have singles events in C1 and K1, and doubles events in K2, while there is also a men’s C2 category.

The world championships have been held every year since 1999, having initially been a biannual event since the inaugural edition in Nottingham, England, in 1988. Canoe marathon can feature different ways of starting the race, but at the world championships a held start is used, where the back of the boat is held by a boat holder on the pontoon until the starter lets them go.

International competitions in canoe marathon began to develop in the 1960’s, and in 1975 the first steps were taken to have canoe marathon recognised by the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

It would be a further nine years until the ICF congress in Sofia, Bulgaria, approved a separate committee for canoe marathon, including the introduction of a world championships.

CANOE MARATHON AT THE WORLD GAMES

In 2022 canoe marathon will make its debut as an official sport at The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. This year's ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Bascov will serve as a qualifying event for the 2022 World Games.

There will be long distance and short distance K1 races for men and women. Twenty men and twenty women will earn quotas for Birmingham. Athletes will be aiming to earn quotas for their country, not for themselves.

The qualification works as follows;

Step 1: At the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, the first placed boat from each continent in the men K1 standard distance and women K1 standard distance races will achieve a quota places for their national federation (NF).

Step 2: Eleven (11) quota places will be allocated to the best ranked NF not yet qualified in the standard distance race.

Step 3: Three (3) quota places will be allocated to the best ranked NF not yet qualified in the same class from the results of the short distance race.

Step 4: If there are no remaining eligible NFs not yet qualified in a specific class, a second quota place will be allocated from the best ranked second NF boat from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships standard distance race, until all quota places have been allocated.

3. Quota allocation

	2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships								
	Standard distance						Short distance		
Gender	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Next best ranked	Next best ranked	Host country	Total
Men	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	1	20
Women	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	1	20



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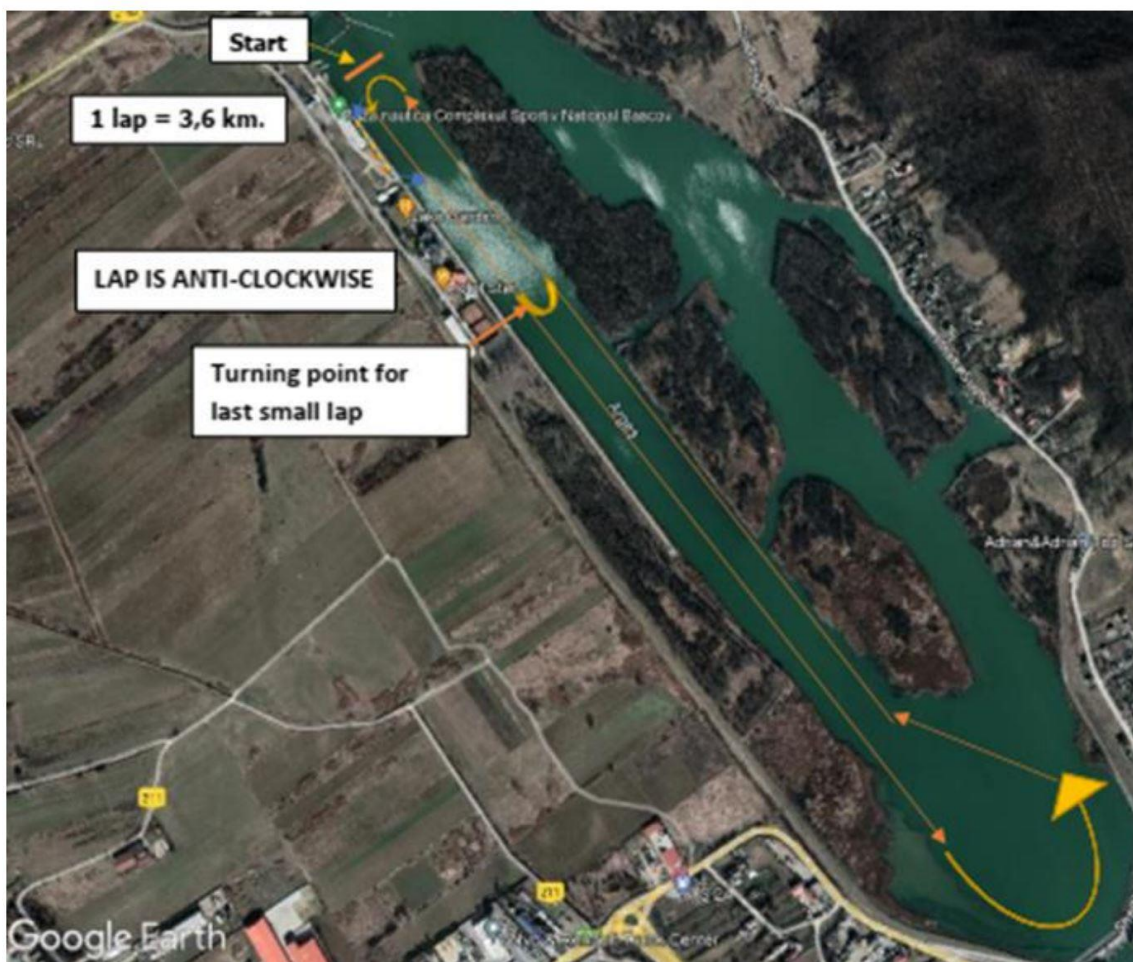


BASCOV VENUE AND COMPETITION COURSE

The Bascov - Budeasa Regatta Course total length is 2180 metres, the width of the main canal is 120 metres and the depth is about 2-3 metres. The return channel has 80m width with one connection canal at 500m start point and at 1300m connected with the main channel.

In standard distance first lap no portage, first portage after 7,2 km

NUMBER OF LAPS	Junior	U23	Senior
Women Canoe	3 (11,8 km)		4 (15, 4 km)
Women kayak	5 (19km)	6 (22,6 km)	7 (26, 2 km)
Men Canoe	5 (19km)	6 (22,6 km)	7 (26, 2km)
Men kayak	6 (22,6 km)	7 (26,2 km)	8 (29,8 km)



2021 MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

September 30th	8:45	K1 Women Juniors	5 + 1 small	10:20:03	10:21:20	0:18:06
	8:50	C1 women juniors	3 + 1 small	09:57:10	9:57:21	0:20:40
	10:45	K1 women seniors heat 1	3 small			
	11:15	K1 women seniors heat 2	3 small			
	11:45	K1 men seniors heat 1	3 small			
	12:15	K1 men seniors heat 2	3 small			
	14:35	C1 Men Juniors	5 + 1 small	15:42:10	15:42:21	0:20:40
	14:40	Award Ceremony K1WJ				
	14:45	Award Ceremony C1WJ				
	16:00	C1 women seniors final	3 small	16:17:50	16:24:46	0:05:29
	16:30	C1 men seniors final	3 small	16:45:43	16:48:10	0:04:50
	17:00	K1 women seniors final	3 small	17:15:20	17:16:43	0:04:43
	17:30	K1 men seniors final	3 small	17:43:43	17:45:23	0:04:13

October 1	8:45	K2 Women Juniors	5 + 1 small	10:09:57	10:22:43	0:16:11
	8:55	C1 Men u23	6 + 1 small	10:46:11	10:53:29	0:17:47
	14:00	K1 Women u23	6 + 1 small	15:51:19	16:08:44	0:17:49
	14:05	C2 Men Juniors	5 + 1 small	15:35:31	15:40:55	0:17:14
	14:10	Award Ceremony K2WJ				
	14:10	Award Ceremony C1MU23				
	16:00	K1 Men u23	7 + 1 small	17:57:44	18:05:42	0:16:14
	16:05	Award Ceremony K1WU23				
	16:10	Award Ceremony C2MJ				
	18:05	Award Ceremony K1M23				
October 2	8:15	K1 Men Juniors	6 + 1 small	10:02:33	10:15:32	0:17:12
	8:20	C1 Women	4 + 1 small	09:44:51	9:53:30	0:19:58
	10:30	C1 Men	7 + 1 small	12:36:26	12:53:53	0:17:26
	10:35	Award Ceremony K1MJ				
	10:40	Award Ceremony C1W				
	13:15	K1 Women	7 + 1 small	15:18:27	15:31:39	0:17:02
	13:20	Award Ceremony C1M				
	15:45	K1 Men	8 + 1 small	17:59:59	18:06:03	0:16:22
	15:50	Award Ceremony K1W				
	18:10	Award Ceremony K1M				
October 3	8:45	K2 men juniors	6 + 1 small	10:20:39	10:34:22	0:15:18
	8:50	C2 Men	7 + 1 small	10:48:20	11:07:18	0:16:19
	12:00	K2 Women	7 + 1 small	14:00:35	14:06:00	0:16:38
	12:05	Award Ceremony K2MJ				
	12:10	Award Ceremony C2M				
	14:00	K2 Men	8 + 1 small	16:01:26	16:17:07	0:14:43

RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

MEN'S K1

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. PEDERSEN Mads (DEN)
2. RAMALHO Jose (POR)
3. BALBOA Franco (ARG)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. BIRKETT Andy (RSA)
2. BOROS Adrian (HUN)
3. MOCKE Jasper (RSA)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. MCGREGOR Hank (RSA)
2. BIRKETT Andrew (RSA)
3. BOROS Adrian (HUN)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. MCGREGOR Hank (RSA)
2. BIRKETT Andrew (RSA)
3. RAMALHO Jose (POR)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. MCGREGOR Hank (RSA)
2. BOROS Adrian (HUN)
3. ALONSO Ivan (ESP)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. MCGREGOR Hank (RSA)
2. ALONSO Ivan (ESP)
3. RAMALHO Jose (POR)

WOMEN'S K1

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. KISZLI Vanda (HUN)
2. CZELLAI-VOROS Zsolia (HUN)
3. BROUGHTON Lizzie (GBR)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. KISZLI Vanda (HUN)
2. MIHALIK Sara (HUN)
3. BARRIOS Eva (ESP)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. BELCHER Lani (GBR)
2. KISZLI Vanda (RSA)
3. EGAN Jennifer (IRL)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. CSAY Renata (HUN)
2. KISZLI Vanda (HUN)
3. BEDEC Kristina (SRB)

2015 – Győr, Hungary

1. KOZISKOVA Anna (CZE)
2. CSAY Renata (HUN)
3. BEDEC Kristina (SRB)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. CSAY Renata (HUN)
2. BROUGHTON Lizzie (GBR)
3. KOZISKOVA Anna (CZE)



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MEN'S C1

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
2. BREZINA Jakub (CZE)
3. SHAMSHURIN Kirill (RUS)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
2. GARRIDO Manuel (ESP)
3. DOCZE Adam (HUN)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. KOVER Marton (HUN)
2. GARRIDO Manuel (ESP)
3. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. KOVER Marton (HUN)
2. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
3. BARROS Nuno (POR)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. KOVER Marton (HUN)
2. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
3. BARROS Nuno (POR)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
2. KOVER Marton (HUN)
3. BARROS Nuno (POR)



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WOMEN'S C1

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. BABAK Liudmyla (UKR)
2. CALYUN Xin (CHN)
3. KISBAN Zsafia (RSA)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. BABAK Liudmyla (UKR)
2. KISBAN Zsafia (HUN)
3. SANSINENA Marine (FRA)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. BABAK Liudmyla (UKR)
2. LAKATOS Zsanett (HUN)
3. JEZOVA Jana (CZE)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. LAKATOS Zsanett (HUN)
2. CAILLERETZ Julie (FRA)
3. BABAK Liudmyla (UKR)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. LAKATOS Zsanett (HUN)
2. TAKACS Kincso (HUN)
3. SANSINENA Marine (FRA)



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MEN'S K2

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. URBAN/CANDY (FRA)
2. BOROS/MATHE (HUN)
3. BALBOA/BALBOA (ARG)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. MCGREGOR/BIRKETT (RSA)
2. BOROS/SOLTI (HUN)
3. LLORENS/PEREZ (ESP)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. MCGREGOR/MOCKE (RSA)
2. BOROS/SOLTI (HUN)
3. BIRKETT/VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (RSA)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. MCGREGOR/MOCKE (RSA)
2. BOROS/SOLTI (HUN)
3. BIRKETT/HATTINGH (RSA)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. BOROS/SOLTI (HUN)
2. MCGREGOR/MOCKE (RSA)
3. BOUZAN/FERNANDEZ (ESP)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. MCGREGOR/MOCKE (RSA)
2. BOUZAN/FERNANDEZ (ESP)
3. MERCHAN/ALONSO (ESP)



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WOMEN'S K2

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. CZELLAI-VOROS/CSAY (HUN)
2. FERNANDEZ/ALVAREZ (ESP)
3. OSA/TOLEDO (ESP)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. CSAY/CZELLAI-VOROS (HUN)
2. BARRIOS/OSABA (ESP)
3. FERNANDEZ/ALVAREZ (ESP)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. KISZLI/MIHALIK (HUN)
2. CSAY/BARA (HUN)
3. BELCHER/MASON (GBR)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. CSAY/BARA (HUN)
2. PURCHASE/WARD (RSA)
3. GICZY/MIHALIK (HUN)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. CSAY/BARA (HUN)
2. KOZISKOVA/HROCHOVA (CZE)
3. ALBERTI/CICALI (ITA)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. CSAY/BARA (HUN)
2. KOZISKOVA/HROCHOVA (CZE)
3. WARD/REES-CLARK (GBR)



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MEN'S C2

2019 – Shaoxing, China

1. CAMPOS/FRAGA (ESP)
2. ZUCHORA/BORGIEL (POL)
3. LACZO/NAGY (HUN)

2018 – Vila Verde, Portugal

1. BLANCO/FRAGA (ESP)
2. KOLESZAR/BALLA (HUN)
3. BREZINA/DLOUHY (CZE)

2017 – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

1. DOCZE/KOVER (HUN)
2. BLANCO/DIOS (ESP)
3. CAMPOS/SANCHEZ (ESP)

2016 – Brandenburg, Germany

1. DOCZE/KOVER (HUN)
2. BLANCO/DIOS (ESP)
3. BALAZS/KOLESZAR (HUN)

2015 – Gyor, Hungary

1. DOCZE/KOVER (HUN)
2. BLANCO/DIOS (ESP)
3. CAMPOS/SANCHEZ (ESP)

2014 – Oklahoma City, USA

1. DOCZE/KOVER (HUN)
2. CAMPOS/SANCHEZ (ESP)
3. BLANCO/DIOS (ESP)



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SHORT RACES

WOMEN'S C1

2019 – SHAOXING, CHINA

1. BABAK Liudmyla (UKR)
2. KISBAN Zsolia (HUN)
3. WANG Ying (CHN)

WOMEN'S K1

1. KISZLI Vanda (HUN)
2. BEDEC Kristina (SRB)
3. BARRIOS Eva (ESP)

MEN'S C1

1. ROMERO Diego (ESP)
2. CAMPOS Manuel (ESP)
3. BREZINA Jakub (CZE)

MEN'S K1

1. CARRE Cyrille (FRA)
2. CANDY Jeremy (FRA)
3. BALBOA Franco (ARG)



ATHLETES TO WATCH

MEN'S K1

PEDERSEN, Mads (DEN) – Created canoe marathon history in 2019, winning the U23 and senior world titles on the same weekend.

MCGREGOR Hank (RSA) – 12-time world champion who missed the 2019 world titles because of illness. His mere presence will make other paddlers nervous, and to win another world title at – will be an incredible achievement.

RAMALHO Jose (POR) Put up a brave performance in Shaoxing in 2019 to chase Pedersen to the finish. Ramalho has an incredible record and a world title is long overdue.

BALBOA Franco (ARG) – Made the marathon world sit up and take notice with a gutsy bronze in Shaoxing.

BOROS Adrian (HUN) – Strong Hungarian chasing his first world title. Second in 2018 and 2015.

WOMEN'S K1

KISZLI Vanda (HUN) – two-time world champion chasing a third consecutive title. Sometimes qualifying to represent Hungary is harder than the world championship race, so expect Kiszli to be in good form.

CZELLAI-VOROS Zsolia (HUN) – Another incredibly consistent Hungarian. Has been busy, paddling at the ICF SUP world championships earlier this month. Chased Kiszli all the way home in 2019.

BROUGHTON Lizzie (GBR) – Always consistent, warmed up with two eye-catching performances over 1000 and 5000 metres at this month's ICF canoe sprint world championships.

MEN'S C1

CAMPOS Manuel (ESP) – Mr C1. Four time world champion, has finished outside top three only once since 2007. Chasing a hat-trick of world titles.

KOVER Marton (HUN) – Four time world champion returning to marathon after a break away. Will be the dark horse in a very competitive field.

ROMERO Diego (ESP) – has won the past two C2 world titles, now gets his chance to add a C1 crown to his swag. Paddled with Campos for the 2019 title, now goes head-to-head.

BREZINA Jakub (CZE) – Brave performance to win silver in Shaoxing in 2019, will need to be at his best again here.

WOMEN'S C1

BABAK Liudmyla (UKR) – the closest paddler to a sure thing this week. Has been without peer since 2017, chasing a fourth consecutive world title. Star quality.

KISBAN Zsolia (HUN) – third behind Babak in 2019, second in 2018. Hungarians are incredibly strong in all forms of canoe marathon, but Kisban has the toughest challenge.

SANSINENA Marine (FRA) – two-time bronze medalist (2015 and 2018).

MEN'S K2

URBAN/CANDY (FRA) – back to defend their title from 2019. Arguably this is a stronger field, but this is a strong combination.

MCGREGOR/LOVEMORE (RSA) – McGregor has won four K2 titles, this is his first with Lovemore. Experience so important in K2, and none are more experienced than McGregor.

HART/RICE (RSA) – Will be one to watch simply because they are South African. But Kenny Rice is also a seasoned campaigner, silver medalist at 2019 ICF ocean racing titles, while Hart won bronze at this year's ocean racing titles.

WOMEN'S K2

CSAY/VOROS (HUN) – defending champions, there is no bigger name in the history of women's canoe marathon than Renata Csay. 20 world titles already – could this be number 21?

KOHOLMI/RENDESSY (HUN) – Two of the most exciting young paddlers in the world today. U23 world champions, will throw down the challenge early to their more experienced rivals.

FERNANDEZ/ALVAREZ (ESP) – runners up in 2019, bronze in 2018, will be in the mix for a long time.

OSA/TOLEDO (ESP) – bronze medalists in China in 2019. Never discount the Spanish.

MEN'S C2

CAMPOS/ROMERO (ESP) – Defending world champions. Romero has been half of the past two winning crews.

GRANA/SANCHEZ (ESP) – This race is looming as a Spanish shoot-out, with veteran Oscar Grana chasing an incredible 13th medal in this event. He won his first medal, a bronze, back in 2005. He was world champion in 2018. Sanchez is also no slouch, having won four minor medals, but never a world title.

ZUCHORA/BORGIEL (POL) – Silver medalists from Shaoxing in 2019.

KOVER/HORVATH (HUN) – Kover has been half of the winning crew on five occasions. Returning to marathon after a break, his partnership with Horvath will be one watched closely,