

ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineering Guide for major championships

For major ICF Canoe Polo events including World Championships and World Games, scrutineering of equipment will be a 3 - step process.

1. Cosmetic Tests

At the commencement of scrutineering, each team will present their equipment for checking. The whole team will have a visual check to ensure a high quality uniform appearance of helmets, PFD's and kayaks. **Each failed item MAY be subject to a 50€ fine (as determined by the event organisers). This fine must be paid before rechecking will occur before progressing to Step 2.**

For multiple cosmetic test failures the whole team will lose their scrutineering time slot and will return for rechecking at a later time. Rechecking will take place after all other teams have had their initial checks. Practice times will not be rescheduled.

2. Safety Checks

All kayaks, paddles and helmets will be subject to safety checks for sharp edges. These checks have NOT changed and any failures will need to be rectified.

PFD's will be subject to padding thickness checks. Pfd's will also be checked for number dimensions.

Each player will initially be required to wear his or her Helmet (with facemask). These will be checked for compliance with section 106 and also for helmet number size .

The bumpers of EVERY kayak will be checked for condition- they must correctly attached in new or near new condition and of the correct dimensions. **Any failures will be required to be replaced.**

All paddles will be checked for edge thickness, corner radius (30mm) and sharp edges. **Any failures will need to be rectified as these specifications have NOT changed.**

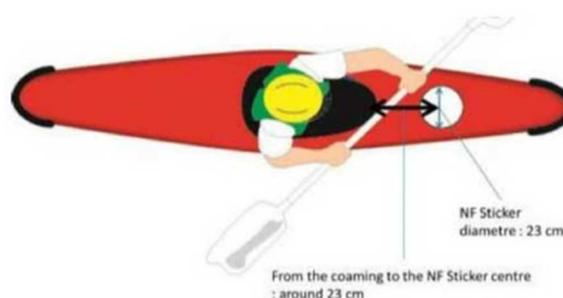
Any issues identified on any piece of equipment will be clearly noted on the team check sheet and initialled by the scrutineer. This issue must be rectified prior to the equipment moving onto the next stage.

3. Technical Checks Note: due to wear and tear-Bumpers are a safety check not a technical check.

Any kayak with an ICF label may be selected for a random check with full gauges for the technical specifications. **Any kayak with an ICF label failing the technical specifications will be banned from use and the manufacturer will be asked to explain**-Note: severe penalties apply.

Any kayak without an ICF label is **not** allowed to be used at a World Championships.

There is an area reserved for NF sticker.



Step 1 – Cosmetic Checks

This step will ensure all items of equipment are uniform in colour and decals for each team.

Kayak checks will ensure any vinyl covering is of a high quality, with limited wrinkles and creases and will last the duration of the event. If vinyl covering is used it must uniform in colour and texture for the whole team.



Cosmetic Check FAIL- Vinyl covering must be smooth and done with care to match the whole team. Ensure a good professional look that lasts the whole event. 50€ fine would apply per kayak

Cosmetic Check FAIL- 2 kayaks with significant red showing and kayaks with different logo's or decals above join line- 5 * 50€ fine would apply

Kayaks must be uniform in colour and logos above the edge (for World Games they must also be uniform below the edge). Clear finish must be uniform in terms of weave.



Cosmetic Check FAIL- The clear carbon boat looks different in colour * 50€ fine would apply



Cosmetic Check FAIL- 3 kayaks with different decals above join line- 3 * 50€ fine would apply



Cosmetic Check PASS- All kayakers, PFD's and helmets the same

Helmets must be of a uniform solid base colour- the practice of covering a helmet with strips or sections of vinyl or tape is no longer acceptable.

Helmet numbers must be the minimum size of 75mm high and be a clearly contrasting colour and font size to stand out from a distance. Helmet numbers must be cut from one piece of vinyl. Strips of tape or vinyl to create numbers is no longer acceptable.



Cosmetic Check PASS- all helmets, kayaks and decals the same

All stickers and logos must be identical in size, colour and location. Previous events scrutineering stickers must be removed.



Cosmetic Check FAIL- different logo's on each helmet 50 € fine per helmet.

Body protection must be uniform in colour and appearance. Minimum number size Front 100mm and back 200mm.



Cosmetic Check FAIL- numbers the wrong size. 50€ fine would apply per PFD

Step 2 - Safety Checks

This step will check all equipment for points of safety.

Kayaks

Will be tested for sharp edges, rough surfaces and padding attachment.

Kayak padding must be in new or near new condition and in one homogenous piece firmly attached to the kayak with no loose edges or ends as per the specifications. No tape, wrapping, extra foam or other substances may be used to increase the padding profile or to ensure correct attachment!



Any padding failing Step 2 must be replaced with a new padding of the appropriate type to suit the kayak design before it will pass. It is recommended that teams or individuals carry spare sets of padding for each design (Minor repairs can be completed during the event with tape or wrapping)

Paddles

Must have no sharp edges or loose tape. Edge thickness will be tested using the appropriate gauge. Edging materials such as Kevlar tape must be correctly attached with no loose edges.

Electrical tape or equivalent is no longer acceptable to make paddles thicker or to cover sharp edges as it is too easily removed or comes off.

If the paddle edge is damaged a more permanent solution such as Kevlar edging is required.



When using the gauge if a paddle is able to enter the slot and reaches the bottom, this will be classed as a fail.

“51.5. Players may not apply any greasy substances to their equipment that change the frictional coefficient of the original surface.”



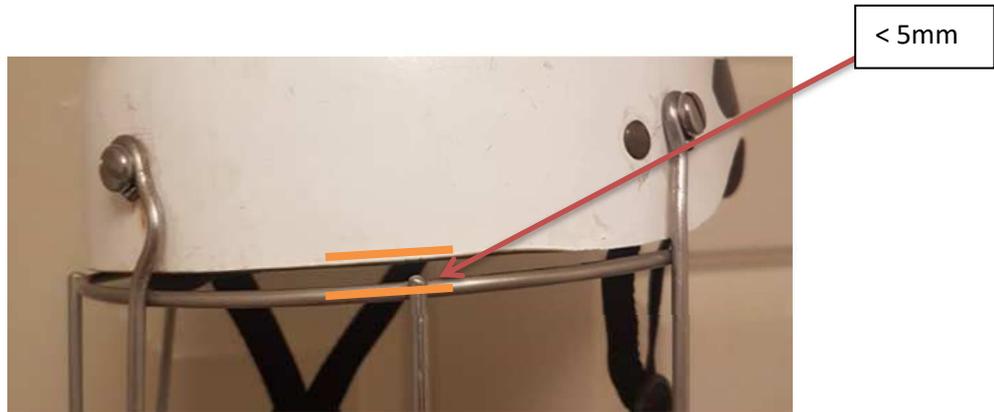
Wax will only be allowed on the paddle shaft, in an area that would be covered by the athlete’s hand when paddling normally.

Epoxy repairs are still allowed.

Helmets

Must have a correctly fitting facemask that covers from the jawline to the temple. It must also comply with the regulations in section 106.

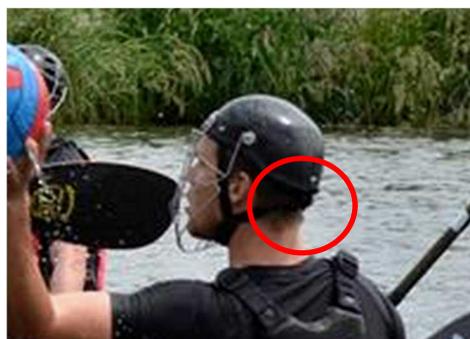
**** Note **** A gap of less than 5mm between the top of the faceguard and the helmet will be allowed. The 5mm can be measured using the paddle gauge.



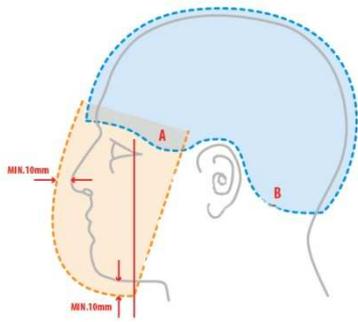
Fail - does not cover chin



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Fail – occipital bone not covered.



Recommended coverage



Red area: Helmet

Blue area: Facemask

Minimum coverage – note chin

The faceguard needs to be fitted so that a paddle cannot enter the gap between the face and faceguard when the head is tilted back.

Helmet bolts

Must not stick out too far or be dangerous (rusty, Bolt sticking out of nut and so on).



Body protection

In the form of a PFD must have the required thickness of **20mm** on the front, back and sides (See specification in section 107).

(Please note- this is a NEW specification to improve player safety. PFD's that previously passed scrutineering may not meet this increased specification.)



Step 3 - Technical Checks

This step will check the technical aspects of all equipment in particular the kayaks.

A reminder that all boats must now contain an ICF registered manufacturers sticker.



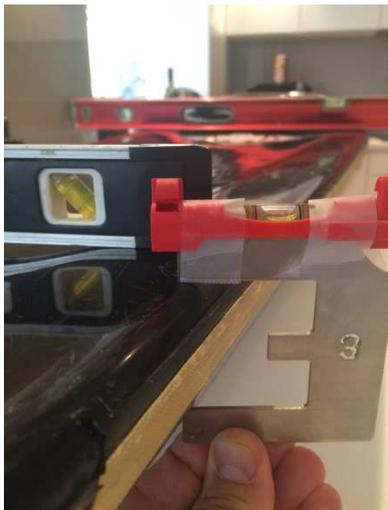
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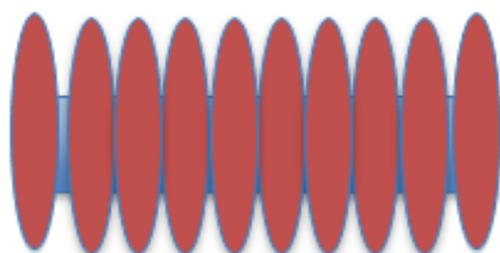
or

Any kayak failing any technical specifications will fail scrutineering and will not be able to be used in the event.

Example Label:



Stage 1 - Players are pre-checked wearing helmet for safety checks.
Volunteers take kayaks and equipment behind screens for cosmetic checks.



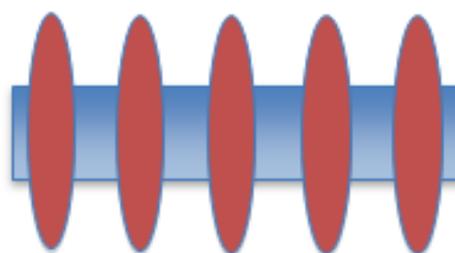
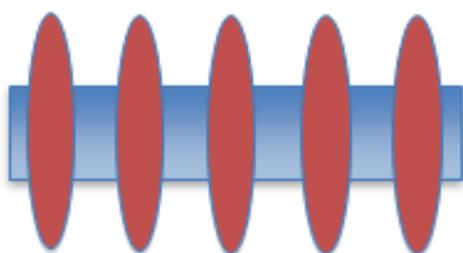
Paddles, Helmets, PFD's

Each kayak gets a scrutineering sheet attached to the seat to track progress

Stage 2 - Once cosmetic checks are passed all kayaks and equipment proceed to safety checks
(volunteers to help transfer items to new area)

Paddles

Helmets, PFD's



Stage 3 - Technical Checks. Kayaks checked for ICF Label, dimension and gauge tests

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Once technical checks are complete, kayaks and equipment returned to team representative.
Kayaks failing technical specifications will not pass scrutineering and cannot be used.