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World championships media guide



ICF canoe and extreme slalom world championships
July 26-31

CANOE SLALOM – A BEGINNER’S GUIDE

The course contains 18–25 gates, each gate comprised of two hanging poles. The downstream gates are coloured green and the upstream gates are red. Competitors must navigate their boat down the course without touching the gate.

As a guide, there will be either six or eight upstream gates.

If the competitor's boat, paddle or body touches either pole of the gate, a time penalty of **two seconds** is added. If the competitor misses a gate, a **50-second** penalty is given. The penalty seconds are then added to the time it took the competitor to complete the course to provide an overall time.

In **kayak**, the competitor is seated and uses a double-bladed paddle, paddling on alternate sides. In **canoe**, the competitor uses a single-bladed paddle and sits with legs bent at the knees and tucked under the body, paddling on either the left or right side.

At a world championships athletes have two opportunities to qualify for the semi-finals. On the first qualifying run 30 athletes from men’s kayak and 20 each from women’s kayak and men’s and women’s canoe progress straight to the semi-finals.

The remaining athletes will have a second run, where the top ten finishes in each race will progress to the semis.

The **ten fastest** semi-finalists will compete in the final, and the ranking and the medallists will be determined based on their finals run alone.



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EXTREME SLALOM – A BEGINNER’S GUIDE

Extreme slalom first appeared on the ICF’s World Cup program in 2015, and since then the growth has been phenomenal. Athlete numbers have been increasing every season, more and more tv networks are showing the races live, and the sport will make its Olympic debut in Paris in 2024.

Extreme slalom is a combination of all canoeing’s white water disciplines, with competitors racing in identical plastic creek boats. The excitement begins from the very start, with four competitors sliding off a ramp more than two metres above the water and splashing onto the course as one. From there it’s a race to the first gate buoy, and it really is a case of anything goes as each paddler tries to steal an advantage over their opponents. Athletes need to negotiate both downstream and upstream gate buoys, and contact is allowed – adding to the thrills and spills and excitement for spectators and athletes alike.

Then there’s the compulsory kayak roll. Athletes only have a short window of opportunity to successfully roll their kayaks, and they need to do a complete 360 degree flip under a roll barrier. During their run athletes may be given faults (breaking start, missing a gate or incorrect kayak roll) or a R.A.L (rank as lower) if they have acted dangerously.

One of the major attractions of extreme slalom is the diversity of countries taking part. Athletes from regions where canoe slalom is still in its infancy are embracing extreme events, and the results have been very exciting.



AUGSBURG CANOE SLALOM AND EXTREME SLALOM SCHEDULE

Wednesday 27 July	
CANOE SLALOM - TEAM EVENTS	
09:30:00	Women's Kayak Team
10:15:00	Men's Kayak Team
11:30:00	Women's Canoe Team
12:07:30	Men's Canoe Team
Start	Thursday 28 July
CANOE SLALOM - Heats run 1	
09:15:00	Women's Kayak - Heats run 1
10:35:00	Men's Kayak - Heats run 1
CANOE SLALOM - Heats run 2	
14:15:00	Women's Kayak - Heats run 2
15:14:00	Men's Kayak - Heats run 2
Start	Friday 29 July
CANOE SLALOM – Heats run 1	
09:15:00	Women's canoe – run 1
10:17:00	Men's canoe – run 1
14:00:00	Women's Canoe – run 2
14:42:00	Men's Canoe – run 2
Start	Saturday 30 July
Canoe Slalom - Group 1 - Semi finals	
09:03:00	Women's Kayak - Semi final
10:08:00	Men's Kayak - Semi final
Canoe Slalom - Group 1 - Finals & Medals	
12:05:00	Women's Kayak
12:41:30	Men's Kayak
Extreme Slalom – time trials	
16:00:00	Women's extreme slalom time trials
16:57:20	Men's extreme slalom time trials
Start	Sunday 31 July
Canoe Slalom - Group 2 - Semi finals	
09:03:00	Women's Canoe Semi final
10:08:00	Men's Canoe Semi final
Canoe Slalom - Group 2 - Finals & Medals	
11:35:00	Women's Canoe Final
12:11:30	Men's Canoe Final
EXTREME CANOE SLALOM - HEATS PHASE	
15:00:00	Women's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Heats

15:24:00	Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Heats
EXTREME CANOE SLALOM - FINAL PHASES	
16:03:00	Women's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Quarterfinal
16:21:00	Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Quarterfinal
16:39:00	Women's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Semi final
16:48:00	Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Semi final
16:59:00	Women's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Final
17:05:30	Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom - Final

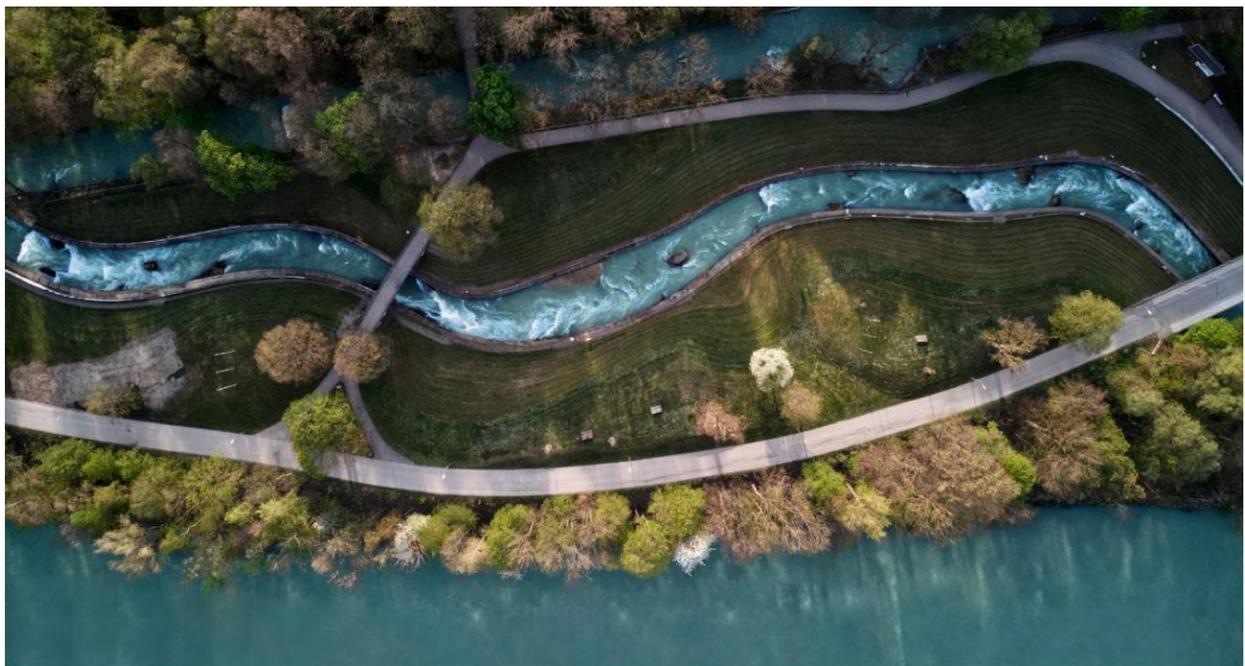
For the most up to date schedule, please refer to the [ICF website](#)

THE AUGSBURG VENUE – WHERE THE OLYMPIC JOURNEY BEGAN

Augsburg is where canoe slalom began its Olympic journey. In 1972 the sport was part of the Munich Games, and the venue is still one of the most popular canoe slalom locations in the world. The venue has recently undergone a renovation in readiness for this year's world championships, and the 50th anniversary of Augsburg hosting canoe slalom at the Olympics.

The competition course in Augsburg is 280 m long. The elevation drop amounts to a total of 4 m, and the water speed is 3 to 6 m/sec. At 10 to 12 m wide and 40 to 120 cm deep, the Augsburg Eiskanal boasts a difficulty rating of Class III whitewater.

35 concrete obstacles create the whitewater's own eddies, waves and rapids. Equal conditions are guaranteed for all participants thanks to the weirs, which control the volume of water allowed in from the natural flow.





SLALOM AND EXTREME CANOE NUMBERS – AT A GLANCE

- 300 athletes from 52 federations and five continents will compete in these world championships.
- The most popular event will be the men's extreme slalom, with 105 athletes from 39 countries entered. 72 competitors from 32 nations have entered the women's event.
- There will be 10 world champion titles contested – eight in slalom, two in extreme slalom.
- Olympic 2024 hosts France will have the biggest team in Augsburg, with 16 athletes. Slovenia have 14 athletes, while hosts Germany, China and Spain will have 13 starters.
- Six countries will have just one athlete competing at these world championships – Iran, Jamaica, Kosovo, Mauritius, Norway and South Africa.
- This will be the 42nd ICF canoe slalom world championships. The first titles were held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1949. It's just the fourth world championships in Augsburg. The first was in 1957, the last was in 2003.
- Australia's Jessica Fox is the most successful female slalom paddler ever, with eight individual gold medals and 11 individual medals overall. In Augsburg she will contest five events – C1, K1, extreme and canoe and kayak team events.
- France is the most successful nation in history, with 60 gold and 153 medals overall. However the combined tally of Germany, East Germany and West Germany is 104 gold and 287 medals.
- 25 nations have won medals in the 41 previous world championships.

- Six different nations have won the men's C1 in the past six world championships.
- Slovakia has won nine of the past ten C1 team events, each time with Matej Benus, Michal Martikan and Alexander Slafkovsky. In 2021 at home they finished third behind France.
- Czech paddlers have won four of the past seven men's K1 titles.
- The Czech Republic has won medals in five of the past six men's K1 team events, including gold in 2015 and 2017. They missed a medal in 2021.
- Australia has won four of the seven women's C1 team events, and Great Britain has won two. The Czech Republic won in 2014 and 2021 and have only missed a medal on two occasions.
- Eight countries have shared the 12 medals on offer in the women's K1 team events at the past four world championships.
- Australia's Jessica Fox has won four of the ten women's C1 world titles contested. She has only missed the medals twice – including in Bratislava in 2011 and again last year in 2021. Her last gold was in 2018.
- Fox has won three of the past six women's K1 titles. She also won silver in 2019.
- Four different nations have won the four women's extreme slalom world titles contested. Brazil is most successful with a gold and silver, both to Ana Satila.
- Four different nations have won the four men's extreme slalom world titles contested. Ten different countries have won the 11 medals on offer.



ATHLETES TO WATCH

MEN'S KAYAK

PRSKAVEC, Jiri (CZE) – Gold medalist from Tokyo, bronze medalist from Rio Olympics, he won the world championships in 2015 and 2019 – both Olympic selection events. He won world cup gold in Tacen this year.

CLARKE, Joe (GBR) – Gold medalist from Rio 2016 who missed selection for Tokyo and is determined to climb back to the top.

KAUZER, Peter (SLO) – Won silver in Rio and was world champion in 2009 and 2011. Tokyo was his fourth Olympic Games. He won world cup gold in Prague this year.

AIGNER, Hannes (GER) – won the bronze medal in Tokyo this year and in London in 2012 and was world champion in 2018. This is his home course.

GRIGAR, Jakub (SVK) – Won bronze in Tokyo, finished fifth in Rio, a two-time U23 and two-time junior world champion.

PRINDIS, Vit (CZE) – The form paddler of 2021, crowned overall world cup winner and triumphing in both La Seu and Pau, and won world cup gold in Krakow this year.

NEVEU, Boris (FRA) – reigning world champion from Bratislava last year.



WOMEN'S KAYAK

FOX, Jessica (AUS) – Olympic bronze medalist in Tokyo and Rio, silver medalist in London, overall world cup winner this season, three-time ICF K1 world champion. Unbeaten in world cups this season.

FUNK, Ricarda (GER) – Gold medalist from Tokyo, reigning world champion from Bratislava last year, was the overall ICF world cup winner in 2016 and 2017. This is her home course.

TERCELJ, Eva (SLO) – ICF world champion from 2019, competed at the Tokyo and London Olympics

KUHNLE, Corinna (AUT) – World champion in 2010 and again in Bratislava in 2011. Missed selection for Tokyo, after finishing fifth in Rio in 2016.

LILIK, Elena (GER) – Second behind Funk at last year's world championships.

FRANKLIN, Mallory (GBR) – Silver medalist from 2018 world championships, silver behind Fox in Tacen.

ZWOLINSKA, Klaudia (POL) – Finished fifth at the Tokyo Olympics, where two gate touches robbed her of a podium finish.

LEIBFARTH, Evy (USA) – American teenager made her Olympic debut, won the K1 junior world title on the eve of the Tokyo Olympics

SATILA, Ana (BRA) – made her Olympic debut as a teenager in London, Tokyo was her third Olympics.



MEN'S CANOE

SAVSEK, Benjamin (SLO) – Tokyo Olympic gold medalist, finished 6th in 2016 and 8th in 2012. ICF world champion from 2017 and European champion in 2020

BENUS, Matej (SVK) – Silver medalist at the Rio Olympics, he is a three-time overall ICF world cup winner, the latest in 2019. Comes from a powerful canoeing nation

TASIADIS, Sideris (GER) – Bronze medalist in Tokyo, silver medalist at the London Olympics, finished fifth in Rio in 2016. Overall ICF C1 world cup winner in 2013 and 2017

ROHAN, Lukas (CZE) – Silver medalist at Tokyo, silver medalist at 2020 European championships, held that form with an ICF world cup win at his final race before Tokyo

GARGAUD CHANUT, Denis (FRA) – Rio 2016 gold medalist who missed selection for the Tokyo Olympics, but was the overall world cup winner for 2021.

ANTON, Franz (GER) – 2018 ICF world champion, missed out on selection for Tokyo Olympics.

SLAFKOVSKY, Alexander (SVK) – In possibly his last world cup appearance, looking to break through for first world title after two silver medals. Won world cup gold in Tacen.

BURGESS, Adam (GBR) – Finished fourth at Tokyo Olympics, 2018 European silver medalist and former U23 world champion

CHALOUPKA Vaclav (CZE) – Reigning world champion from Bratislava last year.



WOMEN'S CANOE

FOX, Jessica (AUS) – Has dominated this event, winning Tokyo Olympic gold and the ICF world title on four occasions. Finished second at the 2019 world titles. Yet to win a world cup gold this year.

HERZOG, Andrea (GER) – ICF C1 world champion from 2019, won bronze in Tokyo but has not been on the podium this year.

FRANKLIN, Mallory (GBR) – Tokyo Olympic silver medalist, 2017 ICF world champion and 2019 European champion. Has also won three world championship silver medals, and won world cup golds in Krakow and Tacen this year.

FISEROVA, Tereza (CZE) – 2021 overall world cup winner, sixth at Tokyo Olympics, silver medal at 2017 world championship, bronze in 2018, three-time silver medalist at European championships, including in 2021. Won world cup gold in Prague.

LILIK, Elena (GER) – Reigning world champion from Bratislava last year. Won silver and bronze at world cups this year.

SATILA, Ana (BRA) – 2019 U23 ICF world champion, was also ICF junior world champion in 2014.

LEIBFARTH, Evy (USA) – 18-year-old was the youngest canoe slalom competitor in Tokyo. Won silver at the ICF world cup in Tacen.





MEN'S K1

RECENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

2020 – TOKYO, JAPAN

Gold – PRSKAVEC, Jiri (CZE)

Silver – GRIGAR Jakub (SVK)

Bronze – AIGNER Hannes (GER)

2016 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – CLARKE Joseph (GBR)

Silver – KAUZER Peter (SLO)

Bronze – PRSKAVEC Jiri (CZE)

2012 – LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN

Gold – MOLMENTI Daniele (ITA)

Silver – HRADILEK Vavrinec (CZE)

Bronze – AIGNER Hannes (GER)

MEN'S K1 – RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONS

2021 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – NEVEU Boris (FRA)

Silver – BEDA Marcello (ITA)

Bronze – CRESPO Joan (ESP)

2019 – LA SEU, SPAIN

Gold – PRSKAVEC Jiri (CZE)

Silver – LLORENTE David (ESP)

Bronze – CRESPO Joan (ESP)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – AIGNER Hannes (GER)

Silver – PRSKAVEC Jiri (CZE)

Bronze – EIGEL Pavel (RUS)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – TUNKA Ondrej (CZE)

Silver – PRINDIS Vit (CZE)

Bronze – KAUZER Peter (SLO)

2015 – LEE VALLEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Gold – PRSKAVEC Jiri (CZE)

Silver – POLACZYK Mateusz (POL)

Bronze – SMOLEN Michal (USA)

2014 – DEEP CREEK, USA

Gold – NEVEU Boris (FRA)

Silver – COMBOT Sebastien (FRA)

Bronze – BIAZZO Mathieu (FRA)

2013 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Gold – HRADILEK Vavrinec (CZE)

Silver – PRSKAVEC Jiri (CZE)

Bronze – POLACZYK Mateusz (POL)



WOMEN'S K1

RECENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

2020 – TOKYO, JAPAN

Gold – FUNK Ricarda (GER)

Silver – CHOURRAUT Maialen (ESP)

Bronze – FOX Jessica (AUS)

2016 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – CHOURRAUT Maialen (ESP)

Silver – JONES Luuka (NZL)

Bronze – FOX Jessica (AUS)

2012 LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Gold – FER Emilie (FRA)

Silver – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Bronze – CHOURRAUT Maialen (ESP)

WOMEN'S K1 – RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONS

2021 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – FUNK Ricarda (GER)

Silver – APEL Elena (GER)

Bronze – WOODS Kimberley (GBR)

2019 – LA SEU, SPAIN

Gold – TERCELJ Eva (SLO)

Silver – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Bronze – JONES Luuka (NZL)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Bronze – FUNK Ricarda (GER)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – DUKATOVA Jana (SVK)

Bronze – FUNK Ricarda (GER)

2015 – LEE VALLEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Gold – KUDEJOVA Katerina (CZE)

Silver – FUNK Ricarda (GER)

Bronze – PFEIFER Melanie (GER)

2014 – DEEP CREEK, USA

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – PENNIE Fiona (GBR)

Bronze – PFEIFER Melanie (GER)

2013 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Gold – FER Emilie (FRA)

Silver – NEWMAN Nouria (FRA)

Bronze – SCHORNBERG Jasmin (GER)



MEN'S C1

RECENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

2020 – TOKYO, JAPAN

Gold – SAVSEK Benjamin (SLO)

Silver – ROHAN Lukas (CZE)

Bronze – TASIADIS Sideris (GER)

2016 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – GARGAUD CHANUT Denis (FRA)

Silver – BENUS Matej (SVK)

Bronze – HANEDA Takuya (JPN)

2012 – LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN

Gold – ESTANGUET Tony (FRA)

Silver – TASIADIS Sideris (GER)

Bronze – MARTIKAN Michal (SVK)

MEN'S C1 – RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONS

2021 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – CHALOUPKA Vaclav (CZE)

Silver – SLAFKOVSKY Alexander (SVK)

Bronze – ANTON Franz (GER)

2019 – LA SEU, SPAIN

Gold – JOLY Cedric (FRA)

Silver – ELOSEGI Ander (ESP)

Bronze – BOZIC Luka (SLO)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – ANTON Franz (GER)

Silver – WESTLEY Ryan (GBR)

Bronze – TASIADIS Sideris (GER)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – SAVSEK Benjamin (SLO)

Silver – SLAFKOVSKY Alexander (SVK)

Bronze – MARTIKAN Michal (SVK)

2015 – LEE VALLEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Gold – FLORENCE David (GBR)

Silver – SAVSEK Benjamin (SLO)

Bronze – WESTLEY Ryan (GBR)

2014 – DEEP CREEK, USA

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Silver – SAVSEK Benjamin (SLO)

Bronze – ANTON Franz (GER)

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2021 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – APEL Elena (GER)

Silver – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Bronze – SATKOVA Gabriela (CZE)

2019 – LA SEU, SPAIN

Gold – HERZOG Andrea (GER)

Silver – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Bronze – WERATSCHNIG Nadine (AUT)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Bronze – FISEROVA Tereza (CZE)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Silver – FISEROVA Tereza (CZE)

Bronze – SATILA Ana (BRA)

2015 – LEE VALLEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – HOSKOVA Katerina (CZE)

Bronze – VILLARRUBLA Nuria (ESP)

2014 – DEEP CREEK, USA

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Bronze – REBOURS Oriane (FRA)

2013 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Gold – FOX Jessica (AUS)

Silver – FRANKLIN Mallory (GBR)

Bronze – LOIR Caroline (FRA)



MEN'S EXTREME SLALOM

RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONS

2021 – BRATILAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – CLARKE, Joseph (GBR)

Silver – BUTCHER Finn (NZL)

Bronze – LEITNER Mario (AUT)

2019 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Gold – HENGST, Stefan (GER)

Silver – GUBENKO, Nikita (RUS)

Bronze – GONCALVES, Pedro (BRA)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – DE DIONIGI, Christian (ITA)

Silver – NEVEU Boris (FRA)

Bronze – BERSINGER Thomas (ARG)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – HRADILEK, Vavrinec (CZE)

Silver – NEVEU, Boris (FRA)

Bronze – DAWSON, Mike (NZL)

WOMEN'S EXTREME SLALOM

RECENT WORLD CHAMPIONS

2021 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Gold – FOX, Jessica (AUS)

Silver – LILAK Elena (GER)

Bronze – LEIBFARTH Evy (USA)

2019 – PRAGUE, CZECH REEPUBLIC

Gold – VOJTOVA, Veronika (CZE)

Silver – MUKHGALEEVA, Polina (RUS)

Bronze – TROMPETER, Caroline (GER)

2018 – RIO, BRAZIL

Gold – SATILA, Ana (BRA)

Silver – WEGMAN, Martina (NED)

Bronze – MUKHGALEEVA, Polina (RUS)

2017 – PAU, FRANCE

Gold – TROMPETER, Caroline (GER)

Silver – SATILA, Ana (BRA)

Bronze – HILGERTOVA, Amalie (CZE)