

# 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships Good Wave, Columbus, USA Team Leaders Meeting

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## 1. Welcome

- Introductions and Thanks
  - Terry Best
  - Lluís Rabaneda
  - Ruud Heijsselaar
  - Ed Wolverton and HOC
  - Committee
  - ITOs
- Make sure all Team Leaders have signed in, List with contact details

## 2. Roll call of National Federations

Calculation of simple majority should a vote be required. Number of nations present: possible 18 Majority: 10 Number of continents: possible 6

AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA
CANADA
CHILE
CHINA
FINLAND
FRANCE
GREAT BRITAIN
GERMANY
INDIA
IRELAND
JAPAN
NORWAY
NEW ZEALAND
POLAND
SPAIN
UGANDA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1.7.1.b - For the non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations in each event and at least three (3) continents start OVERALL in the competition. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

Currently we have only 5 NFs entered in SqM.

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## 3. International Technical Officials

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Judge	Paul Shepherd (ICF/GBR)
Assistant Chief Judge	Charlie Brackpool (ICF/GBR)
Technical Organizer	Ed Wolverton (HOC)
Judge	Peter Harmer (ICF/GBR)
Judge	Trevor L'heureux (ICF/CAN)
Judge	Nina Csonkova (ICF/SVK)
Judge	Yagi Tatsuya (ICF/JPN)
Judge	Alec Voorhees (ICF/USA)
Judge	Dan Daley (ICF/GBR)
Judge	Gregory Didier (ICF/FRA)
Judge	Chelsie Poffenberger (ICF/USA)

## 4. Competition Committee and Jury

- Competition Committee

Role	Name
ICF Freestyle Committee Representative	Alexandre Conte
Technical Organiser	Ed Wolverton
Chief Judge	Paul Shepherd
Team Representative	To be elected

- Jury

Role	Name
Jury Member	Terry Best (ICF)
Jury Member	Lluis Rabaneda
Jury Member	Ruud Heijselaar

## 5. Start List

will be distributed amongst the Team Leaders to check names, classes etc.

## 6. Canoe Freestyle 2023 Rules and Rules Appendices

RULES: [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2023\\_competition\\_rules\\_canoe\\_freestyle.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2023_competition_rules_canoe_freestyle.pdf)

APPENDICES: [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2020\\_cfr\\_appendices.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2020_cfr_appendices.pdf)

## 7. Information during the competition

### A. ICF Event website

For live stream and live results, bulletins and schedules for the 2023 Canoe Freestyle

World Championships in Columbus: <https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-freestyle-world-championships/columbus-georgia-2023>

## B. WhatsApp group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IuWipg1zKnWJsrp3mtBsYN>

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Groupe WhatsApp



## C. Others

- Sport information at the Powerhouse
- Protest need to go to the chief judge located in the judge area (according to rule 11.2.4)
- Event information, ICF global director of events: Balint Vekassy  
balint.vekassy@canoeicf.sport

## 8. Anti-doping education program

Please be sure that all athletes, coaches or medical staff have finalized the ADEL course.

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

## 9. Course information

Event	Squirt	Surface Boats
Name of Course	<b>Love Triangle</b>	<b>Good Wave</b>
Attainable/ Non attainable feature	<b>Attainable</b>	<b>Non Attainable</b>
Heat format for prelims	<b>2 runs / 60 minutes / 10 athletes</b>	<b>3 runs / 60 minutes / 10 athletes</b>
Competition course flow	<b>7800-8000 cfs</b>	
Water regulation on course	<b>Water on / Water off, see competition schedule</b>	

The feature at Good Wave is closed 30 minutes before the start of the competition.

## 10. Competition schedule

- [Latest Competition schedule](#) is already posted

## 11. Safety measure

- 3.6 (Boat) – Anchor point and exiting the boat freely
- 3.7 (Helmet) – Branded Products and designed for White Water
- 3.9 (Buoyancy Aid / PFD) – Recognised Safety certification for White Water Spot

checks will take place before the runs (Rule 3.9.2).

Paddlers will be disqualified from their run (DSQ-R as per 3.9.3) if equipment does not follow the safety rules

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## 12. Key areas during competition

### A. Equipment control

- Boat check in front of power house
- XOC1 athletes are asked to contact Ned Poffenberger (+1202412059) at least 2 hours before the competition starts for boat checking.

### B. Opening Ceremony

- [Refer to Bulletin 3](#)

### C. Medal ceremonies

- Location: at the Powerhouse Plaza / Athletes lounge up at the Powerhouse
  - Squirt medal ceremonies will be at the Squirt venue.
- Times of medal ceremonies are listed: see competition schedule.
- There is only a short time between the end of the competition and the medal ceremonies. The medalist must attend the ceremony with appropriate clothing, the NF uniform.
- Team leader from the gold medalist must attend the medal ceremony. – For athletes without a team leader, please pick up an appropriate representative.

### D. Special information for the National Federation

- Parking at front avenue is free
- Food and beverage for sale daily
- Vendors and sponsors on site as well.
- Medical tent/First aid also at the gate, close to the island.
- On water safety.

## 13. Official Social Events

- Saturday 7th - 18:00 - 19:00- Opening Ceremony. Phenix City Amphitheater
- Sunday 8TH - 17:30 - 20:00 - Welcome Party - Historic District Neighbourhood Association
- Monday 9th - 19:00 - 20:30 - Future of Freestyle Meeting. Upstream Powerhouse Building (All Welcome)
- Tuesday 10th - 18:30 - 20:00 - Athletes Social, The Wintering Grounds
- Wednesday 11th - 19:30 - 22:00 - ICF Rules Working Group Meeting, Powerhouse (Only WRG Members)

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- Thursday 12th - 18:30 - 20:30 - Athletes Social at Dan & Jill Gilberts home.
- Saturday 14th - 16:30 - 16:15 - Closing Ceremony at the Power House
- Saturday 14th - 19:00 - 21:00 - Closing Party at the Power House

## 14. Canoe Freestyle events – site information

Site Access:





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## A. Coach Access

Coaches location is shown on the images below.



Once their athlete has finished a ride they can walk to where the athletes get out of their boats. Coaches are not allowed access to the put-in area, they should remain downstream of the grandstand.

## B. Put-in and take out

- The athletes enter on the river by the wooden ramps in front of the judge platform. They will be where the red lines are marked on the image below.
- We cannot have any athletes in the eddy while a run is taking place. They must wait on the ramp and slide into the eddy once the previous paddler has finished.
- Paddlers must keep paddles down to not block the view of the judges (see image).



## C. Pre-start procedure

**Remark: Due to the water release, the competition schedule is tight.**

- All start times listed in the schedule may change slightly on each day, particularly for qualification heats.
- Athletes should arrive early in case of their group starting early (this could be as much as 30 minutes).

## D. Start

- Entry is only from upstream.
- The Chief Judge will provide the signal to indicate the judges are ready giving a thumbs up.
- Athletes will need to enter the feature as quickly as possible once they have been given the thumbs up.

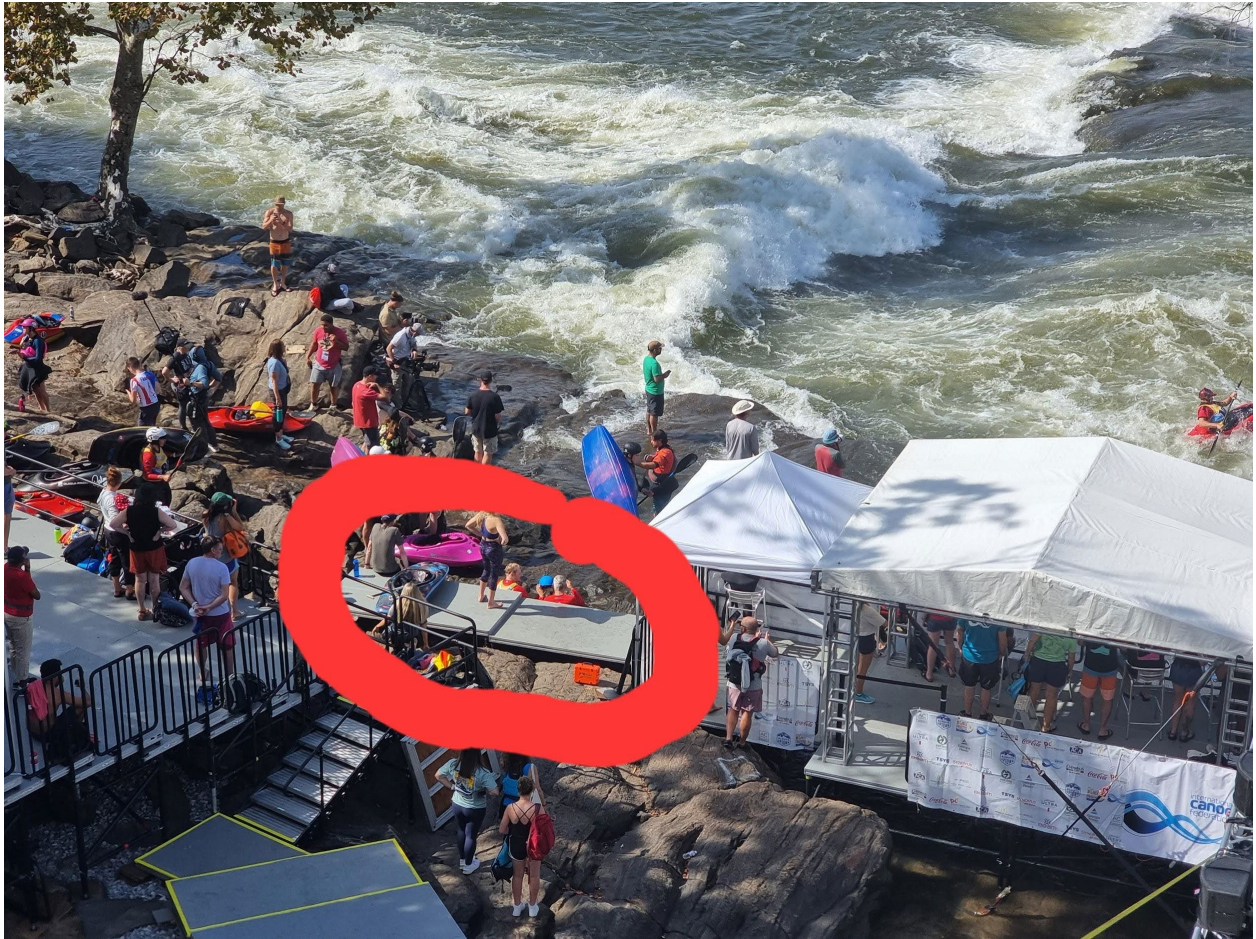


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## E. Media

- Official Media will have access to the area shown



## F. Live stream

- Here is the QR code that directs you to the live stream:



## 15. Athlete's bio for sport presentation

The athlete are asked to fill the form below to help the announcer to introduce them during their ride.

<https://forms.gle/wZUnKL3ALKdzLe2u6>

## 16. Chief judge presentation

- Feature is closed 30 mins before the first rides of each day.
- Feature is open for training 10 minutes after the end of the competition each day. The chief judge requests that this time is only used by athletes who are still in the competition.
- Athletes must enter the feature from upstream. The timer will start as the boat enters the feature. If an athlete flushes on entry, fails to catch, or misses the feature then this will count as a run. Athletes will only be permitted one attempt to launch from upstream and catch the feature per run.
- Flush - As the feature is not attainable, a flush will be the end of a ride. If a move is landed in the feature prior to a flush, the move will score.
- Huge Bonus. Judges will decide and/or agree on suitable limits for this bonus. Photographs and further guidance will be provided during the team leaders meeting.
- Trophy Moves. These can be awarded to a move that does not meet any other definition in the list of moves and is awarded depending on the skill level demonstrated.
- Athletes and coaches need to be reminded that items such as a big screen and live scoring have been a welcome addition to recent World Championships but these are not always possible and are not a requirement for an event.

	Timing Clock	Audible Sound	Big Screen	Live Scoring	Comments
In the Rules	Where Possible	Yes	No	No	
Working during a ride	✓	✓	✓	✓	Perfect 😊
	✗	✓	✓	✓	Chief Judge uses a backup timer but athletes will not be able to see this. Run is still valid. Athletes may be affected by looking for the timer during a run and seeing it not working but should continue their ride as normal as it will still be valid.
	✓	✗	✓	✓	If the buzzer does not work the chief judge will use a whistle. 2 short blasts with 10 seconds remaining and 1 long blast at the end of the ride. Run is still valid. If no audible sound is made at all then another run may be offered.
	✓	✓	✗	✓	Run is still valid. If the big screen is not able display the score for a run, the final score will be read out by the announcers.
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## 17. ICF Subjects

### Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS)

#### A. ICF policy and statement

Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS) Policy aims to protect the physical and psychological integrity of the athletes and any other person related to the paddling family.

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf\\_safeguarding\\_phas\\_policy.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_safeguarding_phas_policy.pdf)

The ICF strongly condemns harassment and abuse in all forms at any time and is committed to preventing this conduct by acting diligently to avoid its occurrence, and inappropriate situations that may give rise to their happening.

#### B. The policy will be applied during ICF competitions

Suspected harassment and abuse must be immediately reported. The report form is available on the ICF website and will be treated with impartiality and confidentiality.

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf\\_safeguarding\\_phas\\_report\\_form.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_safeguarding_phas_report_form.pdf) Local

regulations must be followed in all cases.

#### C. ICF PHAS officer during this competition

Please report any occurrence to the ICF PHAS officer on site: Balint Vekassy

[balint.vekassy@canoeicf.sport](mailto:balint.vekassy@canoeicf.sport)