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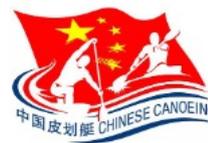
Bulletin 4



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1) RULES

CHAPTER 7 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

On the 10th January 2024 the ICF Board of Directors approved the following Sport Rule (SR) changes to be included in the 2025 rules but to be introduced at the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships. This follows a couple of significant stoppages at the last world championships and at a continental championships which destroy any livestream feed.

- SR - 7.18.5 - The Referees have the power to abandon the game at any time if, in their opinion, the behaviour of the players, team-officials or other circumstances prevent it from being brought to a proper conclusion. If the game has to be abandoned the Referees must report their actions to the Chief Official and the team that causes the game to be abandoned will be disqualified from the competition.
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- SR - 7.18.5.1 - If the game being abandoned is the Grand Final (1st/2nd place) or 3rd/4th playoff the offending team will be disqualified from entering the next major championships.

CHAPTER 13 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

13.14 - TRADEMARKS, ADVERTISING SYMBOLS AND WORDS

- 13.14.2 - On the kayak front deck, the area above the kayak seams and extending 35cm from the front of the cockpit is reserved for a boat sticker incorporating ICF logo, competition logo, competition sponsor logo with the option also of country code for teams. Should this area not be required by ICF/HOC this will be notified via championship bulletin at least three (3) months before the competition opening ceremony. **This area is required for the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships.**
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- 13.14.3 - On the front of the helmet an area 7cm x 4cm is reserved for an ICF or ICF Sponsor sticker. Should this area not be required by ICF/HOC this will be notified via championship bulletin at least three (3) months before the competition opening ceremony and players should apply their country flag to this area. **This area is required for the 2024 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships.**





2) FOOD

We have received a number of inquiries regarding food options/choices. Following a recent venue visit by the ICF CAP the options were explored. There are a lot of choices in the hotels for breakfast and dinner with obviously Asian food, but also Western food and a significant number of vegetarian options.

As for the lunch during the competition, it will be served at the competition site, which is conveniently within walking distance from the hotels. The meal options include meat, fish, and vegetarian dishes, along with fresh fruits and vegetables.

3) SCRUTINEERING

See attached Bulletin 4 - Appendix - ICF Scrutineering guidelines for major championships 2024.

4) COMMUNICATION

To ensure effective communication and to receive information during the competition in mainland China, we recommend that all team members (all athletes, coaches, and staff) create a WeChat app account and log in before entering mainland China. The WeChat app **will** be used by the HOC to communicate with team leaders. The details of creating an account can be found on the official WeChat app website, please visit: <https://www.wechat.com/en/>

5) PAYMENT GUIDE

Electronic payments have been widely available in China, and use cash in a few scenarios. To ensure the convenience of your purchases during the competition in mainland China, we recommend all team members set up electronic payment in advance. We recommend using WeChat Pay and Alipay only.

- WeChat Pay

For more details, please visit:

https://pay.weixin.qq.com/index.php/public/wechatpay_en/product_index

- Alipay

You can go to the app store to download and register for the Alipay app, for more details, please visit:

<https://render.alipay.com/p/yuyan/180020040001212700/>

- Cash

Prepared for any eventualities, we suggest that you bring some cash.





6) ACCOMMODATION DIFFERENCE

Due to the difference in accommodation fees for athletes and family members, the family members who paid the accommodation rate for athletes will need to make up the difference on the day of check-in. The specific difference is \$ 6 (USD) per room per night.

- In special cases where an athlete and a family member share a room, it is allowed to pay for the room at the athlete’s accommodation rate (e.g., a couple, or an athlete with a child).

Price: \$ 48 (USD) per standard room per night.

- If more than one family member is not sharing a room with the athlete, the family members will be required to pay for accommodation at the family member rate.

Price: \$ 54 (USD) per room (two persons) per night (including breakfast).

- Based on the two points above, athletes with multiple accompanying family members will be able to choose different combinations of accommodations. With different combinations of accommodation, each team can make its arrangements. The following is for reference only, for example, an athlete coming with three family members:

Option	Accommodation Combinations	Final Costs
Option 1	1 athlete in a room with 1 family member, and 2 other family members share 1 room.	\$ 48 (USD) + \$ 54 (USD) = \$102 (USD)
Option 2	1 athlete alone or in a room with other athletes, 3 family members in 2 rooms.	\$ 48 (USD) + \$ 54 (USD) + \$ 54 (USD) = \$156 (USD)

Please refer to Bulletin 1, Bulletin 2, and Bulletin 3 for more details on accommodation costs.



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.**

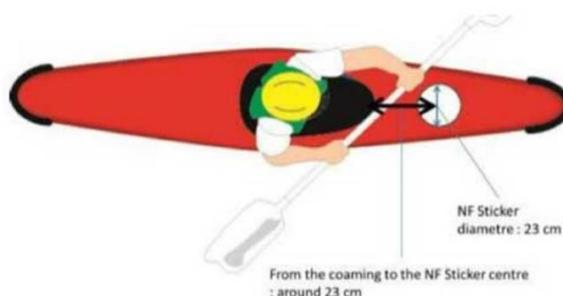
Any issues identified on any piece of equipment will be clearly noted on the team check sheet and initialled by the scrutineer. This issue must be rectified prior to the equipment moving onto the next stage.

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.

KAYAKS

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 kayakers 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 kayaks, PFD's and helmets the same

Bumpers

All kayaks of the same team should have the same colour bumpers, black is the preferred colour.



Cosmetic Check FAIL- Kayak with blue bumper 50€ fine would apply

HELMETS

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. A number of teams have asked about clear gel and the types of weave, also if they are allowed to have a mix of clear gel and colour gel.

The following is acceptable:



Note the white Kevlar and white gel, from a distance they look the same – this interpretation will be applied at the World Championships.



The black helmets above are a mixture of weave and one black gel, this is acceptable once viewed from a distance, and **will pass**.

The manufacturers logo does not need to be covered as long as it is similar in size to the ones below.



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.

PFD

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

Some manufacturers have been inconsistent when creating different sets of PFD's for National Teams. The 'band' at the bottom has been produced in different colours:



This is hidden in the normal paddling position, as seen in the second picture, therefore **will not result in equipment failure** during scrutineering.

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! Kayak padding(Bumpers) must be uniform (the same) colour for all members of the team.



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)

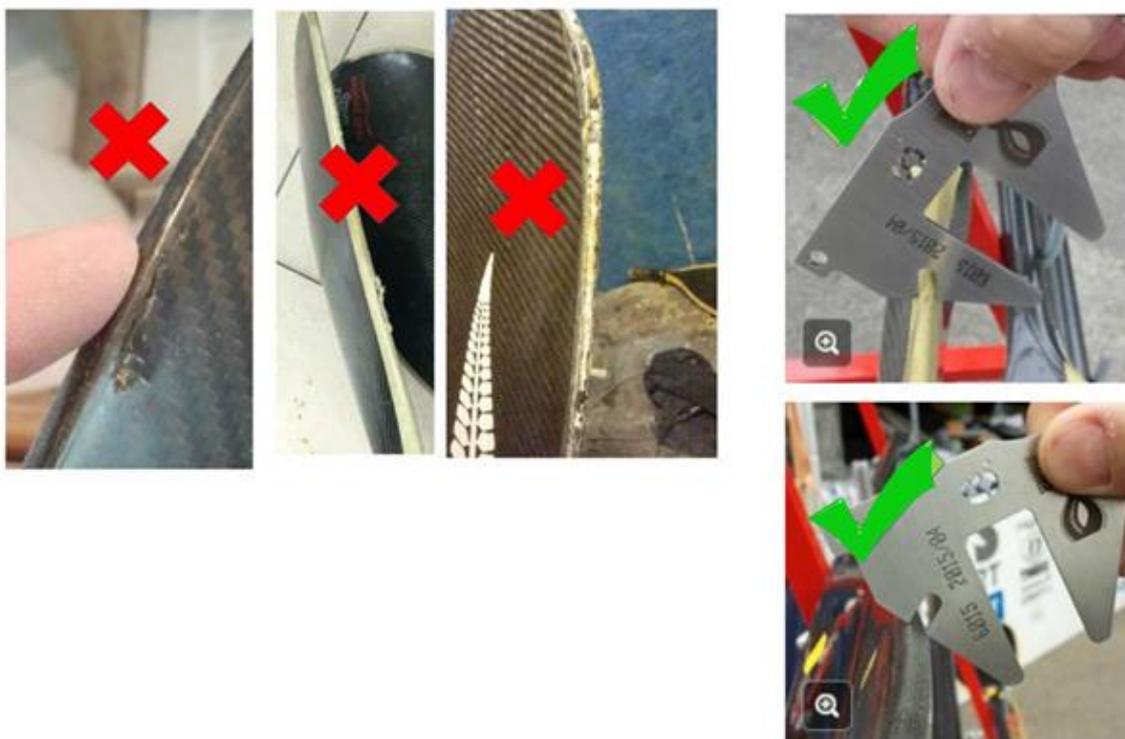
Paddles

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.

Epoxy repairs are allowed.



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.”

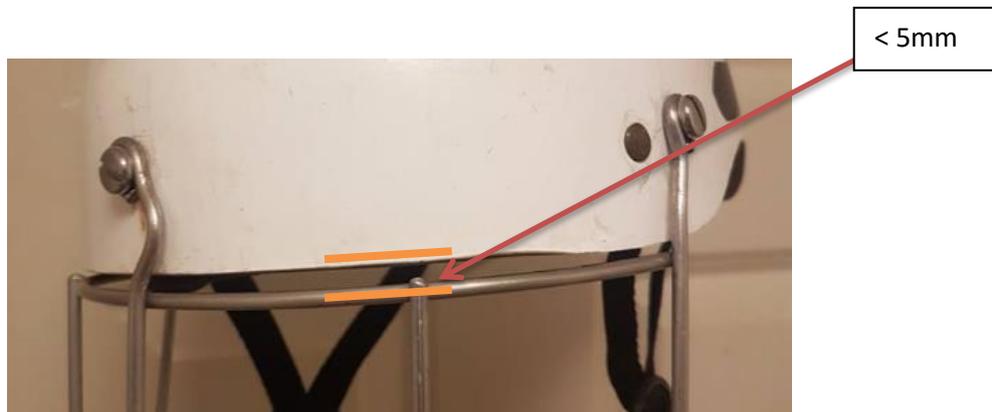


Wax will only be allowed on the paddle shaft, in an area that would be covered by the athlete's hand when paddling normally.

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.

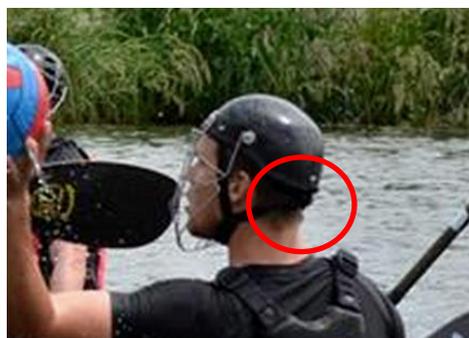
**** Note **** A gap of less than 5mm between the top of the faceguard and the helmet will be allowed. The 5mm can be measured using the paddle gauge.



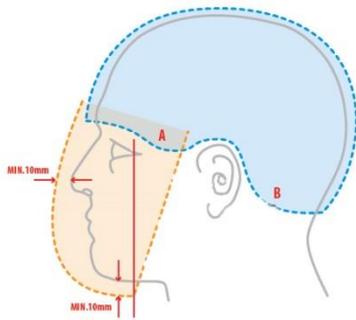
Fail - does not cover chin



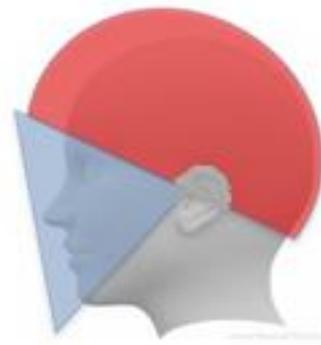
Fail - does not cover chin



Fail – occipital bone not covered.



Recommended coverage



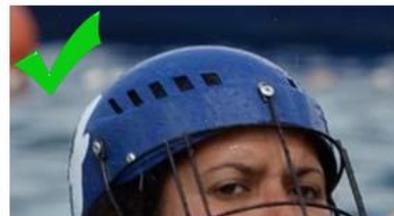
Red area: Helmet
Blue area: Facemask

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 (PFD)

All disciplines within the ICF are now required to have a rule which specifies the type of PFD that is allowed during competition, The rule for polo was updated as:

“16.10.1 - The body protection in the form of a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) must meet or exceed the current ISO 12402-5:2020 and carry the appropriate label.”

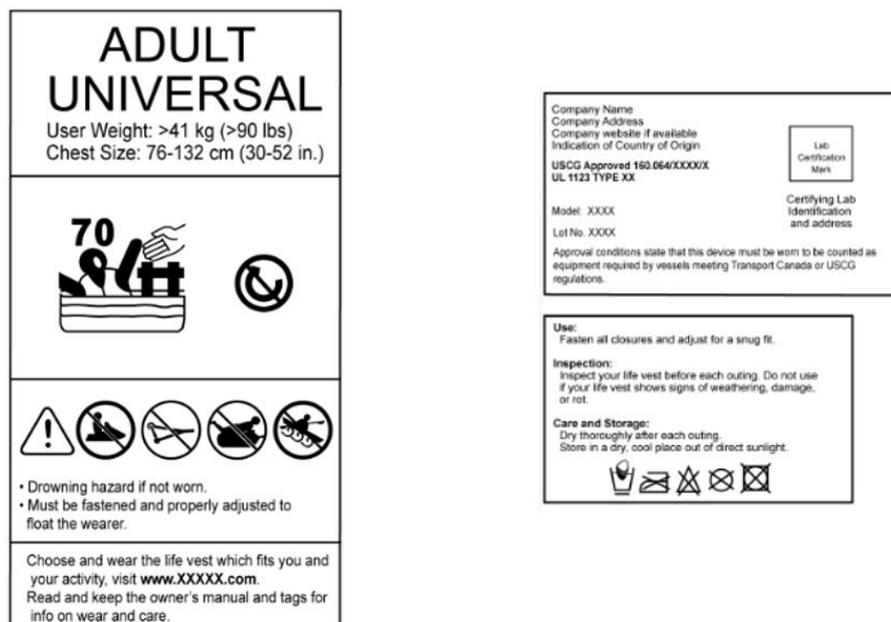
In Europe this means:

PFD/BA falls into Category 3 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), third party testing is required before notification to the recognised body in each country. Finally a 'Certificate of conformity' is issued at which point the equipment can be sold within the EU.

The PFD will carry a label similar to this:



In USA and Canada there is a similar system of testing. A PFD purchased from there will have a slightly different label:



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



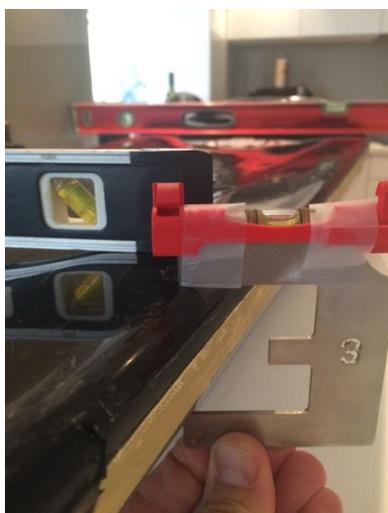
Step 3 - Technical Checks

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

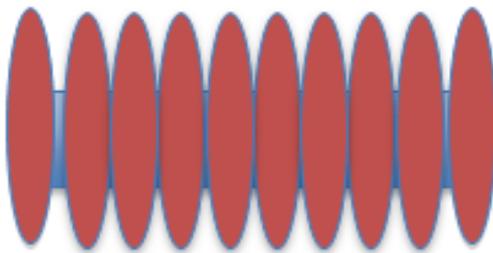
A reminder that all boats must now contain an ICF registered manufacturers sticker.



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



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



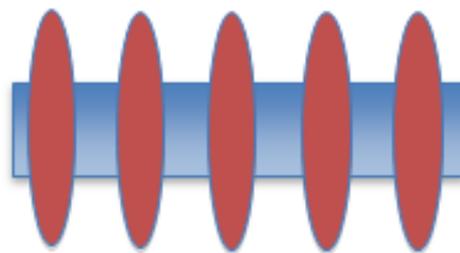
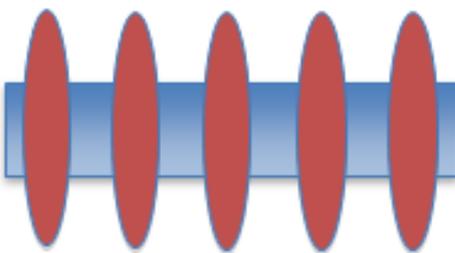
Paddles, Helmets, PFD's

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

Dimension tests including
length, width, depth, radii

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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.

Hand resin/glue

We have seen an increase in the use of hand resin or glue, some players find it helpful to improve their grip on the ball.

There are 3 types:

1. Natural resins: Made from natural materials such as rosin, natural resins are durable and provide high adhesion.
2. Synthetic resins: Produced from plastic materials, these resins offer slightly less adhesion than natural resins but are easier to clean and less messy for hands and floors.
3. Adhesive spray: Alternatives to classic resins, adhesive sprays also add grip without the sticky feeling of resins.

Types 2 and 3 work best in the aquatic environment as they do not leave the sticky residue and cause issues for wildlife or the pool equipment (we are aware of at least on club who have lost their pool due to issues with resin residue).

At the moment Hand glue/resin is allowed, but players need to moderate their use to ensure it does not have an effect on the ball. Failure to moderate use will result in a rule change!



The resin becomes a problem when it starts causing a detrimental effect on the ball like the picture above.