# Nations Meeting

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 17.09.2025





#### **AGENDA**



- Information ICF / ECA
- calendar 2026-2029
- development of the ICF + ECA
- development projects
- rule changes (2027) procedure
- rule changes proposals



## **ICF**

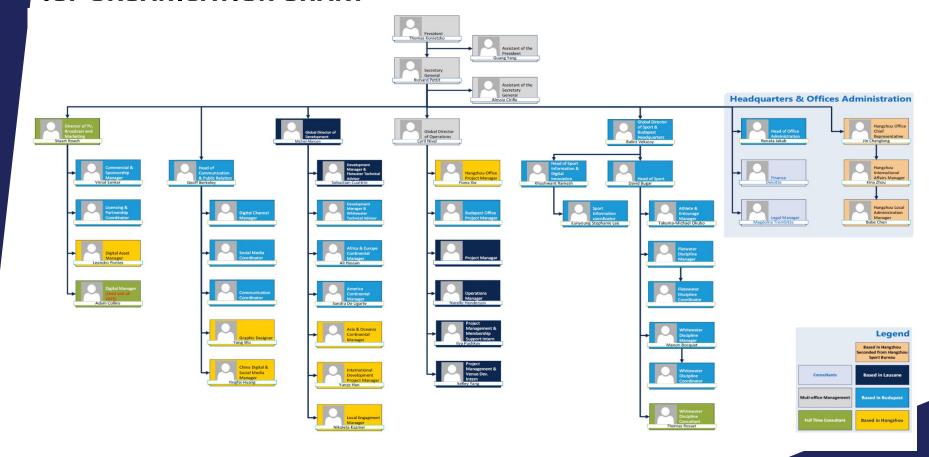


- ICF headquarter: Budapest HUN
- ICF satellite offices: Lausanne (SUI), Huangzhou (CHN)
- ... new staff, new orga structure
- ICF sport commission
- ICF renaming to PADDLE WORLDWIDE from mid 2026
- 2030 PADDLE GAMES

### STUCTURE TO UNITE

| TV BROADCAST AND MARKETING   | COMMUNICATIONS   | DEVELOPMENT   | OPERATIONS  | SPORT  | ADMINISTRATION   |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| STUART ROACH   | GEOFF BERKELEY   | MICHEL ALARCON  | CYRIL NIVEL   | BALINT VEKASSY   | RENATA JAKAB   |
| Expand reach through broadcast, OTT, and digital platforms.  Develop sponsorships, partnerships, and campaigns to drive revenue.  Ensure consistent delivery of professional and engaging content. | Strengthen the sport's voice and visibility worldwide.  Build media partnerships and deliver targeted campaigns.  Promote athlete stories and engage fans through digital platforms. | Collaborate with continental associations to grow the sport globally.  Support pathways for athletes, coaches, and clubs.  Prioritise inclusivity, accessibility, and sustainability in growth.  Excellence Centres Development | Coordinate projects across offices and ensure alignment.  Oversee governance and membership support.  Improve efficiency and internal processes to maximise impact. | Deliver high-quality competitions across all disciplines.  Manage rules, rankings, qualification, and event delivery.  Lead on sport presentation, in-stadium experience, and innovation in data and Al. | Ensure smooth daily operations under the Secretary General.  Provide HR services, recruitment, and staff development.  Maintain compliance with legal, financial, and organisational requirements. |

#### **ICF ORGANISATION CHART**





Organisational Review

Rebrand & Identity Launch

Establishment of Headquarters (incl. Hungarian administrative reporting processes)

Global Project Management & Reporting System

OTT Platform & Digital Ecosystem

Partnerships & Licensing Programmes

**Educational Resources** 

Centres of Excellence - Hangzhou, Kazakhstan, Columbus, Budapest

Event Strategy including Paddle Games 2030

Future Olympic Games (Dakar 2026, Los Angeles 2028 & Brisbane 2032)

#### **ATHLETES' COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2025**

**Canoe Sprint Paracanoe** Canoe Slalom Non Olympic Election Elected Elected in Penrith (AUS) Proposed to the Board In October by the new **Katie Vincent Emma Wiggs** Candidates elected members (CAN) (GBR) 2 Females Noemie Fox (AUS) Amalie Hilgertova (CZE) Candidates Sebastian Brendel 4 Females, 5 Males Eslam Jahedi 1 Male (IRI) (GER) Michal Martikan (SVK)

### **ECA**



- ECA headquarter: open tender
- new ECA CEO: Jovana Stanojevic SRB
- ECA renaming to PADDLE EUROPE from 01.2026

# Calendar 2026-2029

|   | 2026                             | 2027   | 2028                       | 2029   |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| World Championships<br>Sprint/Classic                                       | 2124.05.2026<br>Banka Luka (BIH) |  | La Plagne (proposal)       |  |  |  |  |  |
| World Championships<br>Sprint   |                                  | 2126.06.2027<br>Sort (ESP)                                   |                            | Paris (bid interest) / Columbus (bid interest) |  |  |  |  |
| Jun/U23 World<br>Championships  |                                  | 30.0607.04.2027<br>Graz (AUT) proposal                       |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| World Cup 1<br>World Cup 2<br>World Cup 3<br>World Cup 4<br>World Cup 5 - 8 |                                  | 2627.06.2027 Sort (E<br>0103.07.2027 Graus<br>(ESP) proposal | Columbus (USA)<br>proposal |  |  |  |  |  |
| European<br>Championships   |                                  | La Plagne (proposal)   |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun/U23 European<br>Championships   | 1215.08.2026<br>Grandtully GBR   |  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Continental Championships   |                                  | 3  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |



https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/wildwater-canoeing/competition-information

- ECA Cup events 2026 deadline 30.09.2025
- For discussion: reduction in competitions

# **Development Activities**



- Development camps in Mezzana (ITA), Solkan (SLO) & Ceske Budejovice
   (CZE)
- ITO/ Race Organisers Seminars WWC: June 2025
- Exciting New Proposals for Wildwater Development Boats
- Development of the International Wildwater Coaching network Next
   Steps

# **Development-Projects**



- ICF & ECA Training camp around the biggest international events → respecting the ICF & ECA policy
- Shared Calendar with national competitions/training camps
- Boats Three K1s & Three C1s been made available through the Czech Canoe Association - policy being developed
- Webinars available for Race Organisers & ITOs (plus online revision quiz)
- Need more Qualified ITOs

#### **URL For Revision Quiz**

https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/ugc/story.php?title=wildwater-rules-revision-quizwj&fbclid=lwY2xjawM2E-5leHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFjOXB2TzNzWFRpcTBOT0hHAR4jzi97h3RTZIGKrvt3bhflw9ji8sVSnUQCOE9heIO5wFZH7cP3pxwWPB4Sbg\_aem\_R7XZ47lwfsuUDL6fmnGMug

url for the shared calendar of the nation level competitions: <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HZfc7KWK1l0eZlWuL2WOZcjFrETQ3oS7C22oQUg\_a1A/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HZfc7KWK1l0eZlWuL2WOZcjFrETQ3oS7C22oQUg\_a1A/edit?usp=sharing</a>

# Rule Changes - schedule

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) has scheduled a major reform process to be presented at the 2026 Congress to modernize its governance, statutes, and rules.

September: Nations Meeting

October: Proposals received from National Federations

November: Rules drafted for agreement by WWC Committee

December: Rules submission to ICF Board for approval

# Rule Changes - proposal

Canoe
federation

Proposals for rule changes will be collected via a Google form.

- increasing boat weights of 1 kg
- Disqualification of athletes if instructions given at team leader meetings are not followed
   (The need for clearer communication and written procedures for teams was emphasized, especially regarding safety and mandatory instructions)

#### For discussion:

- Optionality of Mixed Canoe Teams
- reduction of number of events



# Thank you for your attention!

