

2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships Penrith, Australia

Competition Guide

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1. Welcome to Country & Introduction

Paddle Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Dharug Country and recognises their continuing connection to the lands, waters and community.

We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present including any people with us here today.

We recognise the Dharug people's close connection to the waterways, in many ways like our own community.

The ICF is delighted to welcome you for this 2025 canoe slalom World Championships.

In this Competition Guide, you will be able to find information generic information as well as specific details for this competition.

If you have any questions, on ICF topics or specific to the event, please contact the person in charge, referred in the following table:

Role	Name	Contact details
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Event Whitewater managers	Manon Bocquet	manon.bocquet@canoeicf.sport
Competition Manager	Lauren Chester	Lauren.chester@paddle.org.au

2. Competition Officials

Role	Name
Jury Chair	Lluís RABANEDA CASELLES (ICF)
Jury Member	Danielle WOODWARD (ICF)
Jury Member	Maree BURNETT (ICF)
Competition Manager	Lauren CHESTER (HOC)
Chief Official	Alena MASKOVA (ICF)
Chief Judge	Frank TROMPETER (ICF)
Technical Organiser	Sue NATOLI (HOC)
Course designer nominated by the ICF	Thomas SCHMIDT (ICF)
Course designer nominated by the ICF	Kristina PETROVIC (ICF)

3. Canoe Slalom Rules and Rules Appendices

This competition will be run under the [ICF Canoe Slalom Rules](#) and [Appendices](#) and according to the specific information listed in this Competition Guide.

Any decision which could be voted during the Team Leader Meeting will be updated in this Competition Guide before the start of the competition.

4. Official communication channels

a. ICF Canoe Slalom events communication channels

Whatsapp group: [official link](#)



b. **!!** 2025 ICF World Championships official communication channel



5. Pre-race requirements (checklist)

a. Anti-doping education program

All athletes, coaches, and support personnel must have completed the relevant anti-doping online course on the WADA Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role. The certificates showing completion should be sent by each National Federation to sue.natoli@canoeicf.sport. Previous certificates are still valid for this season. There is no need to repeat the program unless the person's role changes (e.g. athlete becoming coach).

Accreditations will not be issued until the certificates are marked off.

More information on [ICF website](#)

[Link](#) to access ADEL program.

b. Entry list checking

Once the team leader arrives on the competition site, they must go to the accreditation office to check:

- the entry list per nation and notify any modifications
- the national anthem
- the national flag

c. Official training sessions requests

If any NF has a specific request concerning the official training sessions for a competition, these ones must be sent by email to the technical managers: [Thomas Rosset](#) and [Manon Bocquet](#) before the nominal entries' deadline (10 days minimum prior to the event). No requests will be considered after that deadline.

The ICF team will try to answer at their best to those requests when building the official training schedule. Do not consider that a request sent is officially stated.

d. Guidelines for advertising on equipment

i. Generic guidelines

For canoe slalom boats, ICF Nation and athlete's name stickers are mandatory. Further information can be found in the [ICF guidelines for advertising trademark identification on equipment](#) document.

For Kayak Cross boats, only the Nation Sticker will be required. It has to be placed freely in a suitable place in front of the cockpit. The actual location may vary depending on the model of the boat. The Nation sticker is the same dimensions as for the Canoe Slalom boats.

ii. !! Specific guidelines for the 2025 ICF World Championships

There is a sponsor sticker to place below the NOC code on the boat. These will be distributed with the accreditations.



e. Technical Video Service

A TVS feed will be available for all events and demonstration runs.

ICF TVS manager: [Hans Peter WEISS](#)

Remember; at all times, whether you choose the cloud or download solution a bottle neck is created if many teams decide to "download all files" at the same time. Please be selective with the files you need to download during the competition and if you want all files download the rest outside competition time. Then it works for everyone!!

a) Cloud solution

The TVS cloud solution is available to access the TVS files. Each NF must register on the [2025 Canoe Slalom TVS management form](#) to indicate which person from the team will get access to the Dropbox folder for downloading the videos (one person per nation). Teams who do not register through that form could not receive the link and they will not be able to access the TVS feed.

- To connect to the Dropbox folder, simply click on the link receive by email.
- NF TVS manager can visualize directly the videos on the Dropbox website. All the files of a run (full run and gate line cameras) are available between 60 and 90 sec after the athlete cross the finish line.
- To download the files locally on your computer, or to visualize the files online no Dropbox subscription is needed. The payment is necessary only if you want to store more than 2Gb of files on a Dropbox account.
Remark: to avoid any pay-wall, use the link on a computer (not a smartphone) having no Dropbox application installed

As mentioned at the beginning of the season, no dedicated internet connection will be provided by the HOC. If the NF wants to secure a fast internet access locally, they have to manage their own internet access solution (4g/5G Sim card, Starlink...).

b) Download solution

In case of issues using the TVS cloud solution, a backup option is available at the enquiry desk. Teams, under the supervision of the ICF TVS manager, will be able to plug their own device via a RJ45 wire and download the files needed. Keep in mind that this backup solution is limited.

For any question or assistance regarding TVS, please contact: tvsl@canoeicf.com

6. Venue information

a. **!!** Course information

Name of the course	Penrith Whitewater Stadium
Competition course length	270m
Competition course drop	5.5m
Competition course flow	12cumecs
Water regulation on course	4 pumps

b. **!!** Venue layout

See in Appendix 1.

c. **!!** NF areas

- Opening hours of the NF area: from 06:30 to 18:00 from 19.09.2025 to 04.09.2025.
- It is **forbidden to add additional tents in the NF area**.
- NF parking is located **on the left of the road**, the entrance is just before the Paddle Australia office.

Power distribution

- Please make sure that your electrical equipment is reliable and will not create any shortcuts or overload on the main network during the competition.

Wireless routers

Wireless routers may be used if they are NOT within the following frequency:

- 5785 GHz, band width +/- 20 MHz
- 5825 GHz, band width +/- 20 MHz
- At no time should any wireless router system be connected to the computer which is connected to the TVS LAN cable
- All devices, including any wireless routers, must be named with National Federation code and device number e.g. AUS1, AUS2, AUS3 – unnamed devices will be removed from the system.
- Any team found to be using a device affecting the competition will have power removed to their compete system.

d. Green box studio

The Team Leader of any Athlete required for the green screen studio to shoot an Athlete video clip will be advised directly including with the exact date, time and location.

e. **!!** Equipment control

- Equipment Control is located **on the left bank at the bottom of the course**.
- Self-checking is open from: **Saturday 27th September from 9:00 to 17:30**
- Equipment control will be open each competition day 1h before the 1st boat starts.
- In Canoe and Kayak event and in Kayak Cross Individual: post competition control and random checking will occur.

- Specificity for Kayak Cross Individual: for the last 10 athletes, if the athlete is in the top 3, he/she must exit at the "beach", right after the finish line (river left) to go straight to the Kiss & Cry.
- In Kayak Cross, during elimination phases: pre-competition checking will occur in the Kayak Cross pre start area.

f. !! Doping control

- Location: in the room accessed from the breezeway to the car park
- Athletes will be notified for Doping Control in the finish area.
- Passports or ID are required for Athletes selected for doping control.

g. !! Enquiry desk & TVS – Emergency download solution

- Location: in the tent adjacent to the OVR.
- In case of issues to download TVS feed on the Cloud solution, you can go to the enquiry desk where there is emergency dedicated switches.

h. !! Medal ceremonies

- Location: on the stage in the middle of the island
- Schedule: see competition schedule, after each session of final.
- Athletes involved in the Finals for Canoe Slalom events should bring their national uniform to the medal ceremony preparation area. There will be boxes there to place the uniform in. There is only a short time between the end of the competition and the medal ceremonies.
- For Kayak Cross on Saturday, the medal ceremonies will be done in competition gear.

7. Competition information

All the information concerning the competition is available and updated online on the dedicated ICF event Team Info webpage:

2025 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. !! Official training schedule

- Canoe slalom & Kayak Cross sessions start on Saturday 20 and go until Sunday 28 September.
- A Kayak Cross training session will be organized each day except Saturday 20 September
- Athletes competing only in Kayak Cross (14 athletes) will be able to access Kayak Cross Training sessions every day (instead of every other day). They will be identified with a specific orange training bib.
- Kayak Cross gates will be set at the bottom on the course at the following times:
 - Sunday during slalom trainings – Only KC athletes with orange bibs (14 athletes)
 - Tuesday: 13:30 – 14:15 (45 min) – athletes progressing in Round 1
 - Wednesday: 13:10 – 13:55 (45 min) – athletes progressing in Round 1
 - Thursday: 12:55 – 13:55 (60 min) – athletes progressing in Round 1
 These timings are available on the Competition schedule version 3.

- Exact timings, allocations and updates are available on the online [official training schedule](#).

b. !! Competition schedule

- The course is closed following the end of official training Monday 29 September 11:45 until the end of the competition (except for Kayak Cross training slots on Friday 3rd October and Saturday 4th of October).
- The competition schedule version 3 will be posted on the dedicated ICF event Team Info webpage on Sunday 28/09/2025 by 10:00 and spread on the WhatsApp Group.
- Canoe & Kayak events format: Heats – Semi (30) – Finals (12) for all the events
 - Some breaks have been added within Kayak Cross individual, Heat sessions and Team events
 - During the Canoe and Kayak Finals, start intervals have been reduced (from 3 min to 2 min 30 sec) and the number of breaks has increased (2 breaks of 3'30" sec min per final, after the 4th and the 8th athletes on the final start list)
 - During Kayak Cross breaks have been enlarged and have been added within the Final phase

c. !! Demonstration runs

i. !! Demonstrators / Forerunners

The list of forerunners is available in Appendix 2.

ii. !! Heats course – Sunday 28th September

CANOE SLALOM - Course Construction & Demonstration					
13:00	14:30	Course construction and course setting			01:30:00
14:30	15:30	Heats - Course tuning with demonstration runners			01:00:00
15:30	15:35	Interval & Teams Feedback regarding course			00:05:00
15:35	15:40	Heats - Course approval			00:05:00
		Interval			00:10:00
15:50	16:06	Heats - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:00	00:16:00
		Interval			00:29:00
16:35	16:55	Teams - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:30	00:20:00

iii. !! Semifinal / Final course – Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October

- Wednesday, 1st October – Construction & approval**

CANOE SLALOM - Semi / Finals Course construction					
16:00	16:50	Course construction and course setting			00:50:00
16:50	17:35	Semi & Finals - Course tuning with demonstration runners			00:45:00
17:35	17:40	Interval & Teams Feedback regarding course			00:05:00
17:40	17:45	Semi & Finals - Course approval			00:05:00

- Thursday, 2nd October – Full length demo run & rehearsal**

CANOE SLALOM - CANOE - Semi finals					
07:15	07:30	Water on and level stabilized			00:15:00
07:30	08:10	Gate regulation			00:40:00
08:45	09:01	Semi & Finals - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:00	00:16:00

d. !! Course map distribution

The Kayak Cross course map will be available on the dedicated ICF event Team Info webpage from **Saturday 20/09/2025**.

The canoe slalom course maps will be posted and spread on the WhatsApp Group.

- **Heats & Teams course map: on Sunday 28/09/2025 at 14:00**
- **Semi/Final course map: on Wednesday 01/10/2025 at 16:00**

e. Course approval

i. Generic rules

The ICF wants to remind you that the course designers are:

- o Selected from a pool of people skilled enough and proposed by the NF,
- o Are ITOs, which means independent from any NF during the competition.

Any pressure or kind of harassment towards the course designers, as for any ITOs, may lead to sanctions.

ii. !! 2025 ICF Slalom World Championships course approval information

National federations feedback about the course designs can be reported to the ICF Technical manager, to be integrated into the Course Approval process.

ICF technical manager in charge: **Manon Bocquet**

Feedback will be accepted from only one representant per federation at the following times:

- **Heats & Teams course: on Sunday 28/09/2025 from 15:30 – 15:35 on river left, at the bottom bridge.**
- **Semi/Final course: on Wednesday 01/10/2025 from 17:02 – 17:07 on river left, at the bottom bridge.**

f. !! Bib distribution

The full list of the bibs per event is available at Appendix 3.

- Training bibs will be available at the **Athlete Lounge in the Nation tent area from 09:00 on Friday 19/09/2025** and must be returned (all at once) **after last training session on Sunday 28/09/2025**.
- A bib deposit of \$100AUD cash only (or equivalent amount in foreign currency) is required on collection of the training bibs and will carry through for the whole competition to be returned on the final day once all the relevant bibs are returned.
- Canoe Kayak (Individual and Teams Events) & Kayak Cross Individual Competition bibs will be available from Sport Information **from 13:00 on Sunday 28/09/2025**.
- The accreditation fee and ITO fee must be fully paid to receive competition bibs.
- The Kayak Cross Individual bibs (numbered & coloured) will be **collected right after each athlete's run in the finish zone area**.

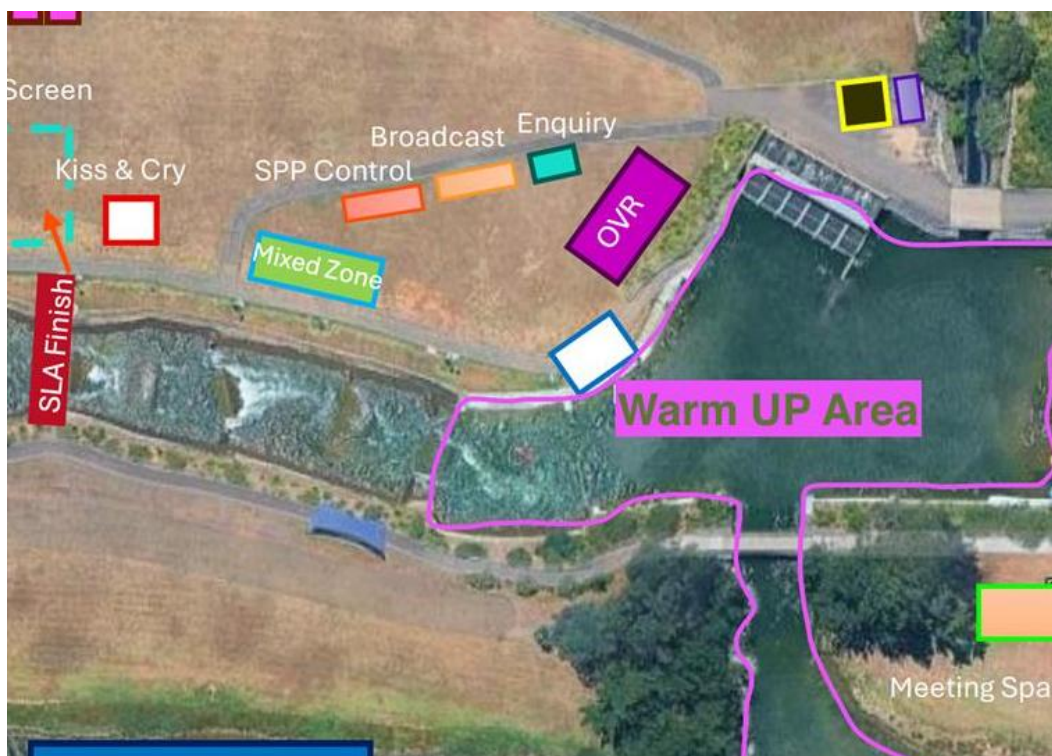
- For Kayak Cross Repechage phases the **numbered bibs** will be distributed from Sport Information on Friday 3 October from 12:00. Coloured bibs will be distributed at the start area and collected at the finish pool (numbered & coloured).
- Kayak Cross coloured bibs will be distributed individually at the start area, then collected at the Kayak Cross finish
- For Kayak Cross Elimination phases the **numbered & coloured bibs** will be distributed individually at the start area before each run on Saturday 4 October.

Bib return

- CSL Competition bibs **don't need to be returned**, the HOC is happy to give them to the athletes.
- Athletes doing Kayak Cross only, will also be able to keep a bib. The bib will be available from Sport Information at the end of the Kayak Cross competition on **Saturday 4 October**- sorry we need to keep using the bibs for the whole of the Kayak Cross competition.
- **All training, Teams events and Kayak Cross bibs must be returned**; then the deposit will be returned to the team.

g. !! Warm up area

Athletes are allowed to warm up in the area showed on the picture:



8. Canoe & Kayak events

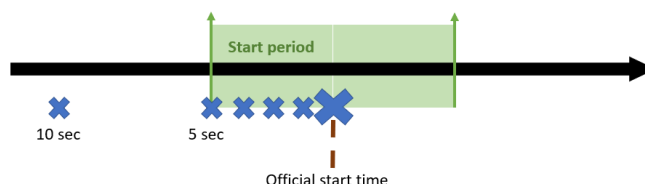
a. **!! Pre-start procedure**

There will be a **display above the entrance to the conveyor belt** showing race time.

b. Start

i. Generic rules

- At all times, the athletes must follow the Starter's instruction, or they may be disqualified for the run.
- On the **left bank**, there will be a countdown clock showing the time to start.
- There will be an acoustic signal (10 seconds before start, and then from 5 seconds before start - 4 shorts, 1 long - start).
- Athletes may start 5 seconds either side of their official start time which is signified by the long beep on the start clock.



ii. **!! Specific rules**

- For Canoe & Kayak Individual events, the athlete must start **between the start blocks**
- For the Team events, to break the beam, the **first athlete** must start **between the start blocks**, the **second and third athletes** should be **behind** and to the **left of the blocks**
- The beam line is **at the top of the first drop (red line)** and is marked by a flag on **each bank**.
- Athletes should **paddle directly to the beam line**. They should **not turn upstream into the current**. Turning upstream means that athletes turn 90 degrees or more relative to the starting blocks.
- Athletes may move to the start position once the previous athlete has broken the beam but must be at the start position 15 seconds before their start.



c. Finish

i. Generic rules

- During the finals, the **leading, second and third athletes/teams must proceed to the "Kiss and Cry" area** located near the **bottom bridge** where the leader will be interviewed. If they drop out of the first three positions they will be **escorted back to the mixed zone**.
- Generally, athletes must not leave the finish zone until dismissed by the Equipment Control Official once they are no longer needed for the ceremonies, anti-doping or equipment control.
- They then proceed via the mixed zone (if in operation) back to the Athlete area.
- Athletes should wear their competition bib in the mixed zone for identification purposes.

ii. **!! Specific rules**

- For Canoe & Kayak events, the **finish beam** is located **under the bottom bridge** and is marked by **Finish signage on the bridge**.
- All athletes must exit via the **platform on river left, near the pumps**, to pass through equipment control, kiss and cry and mixed zone.
- **Each medallist will be able to invite 2 family members at the end of the final to join them on the island for the medal ceremony. The team leader of the medallists must reach the ICF technical managers at the Kiss and Cry to get the passes for the family members.**

9. Kayak Cross events

a. Pre-start procedure

i. Generic rules

- Athletes need to be at the pre-start area prior to their start to prepare their boats (and equipment control during the Elimination phase), and receive any final instructions (colored bibs distribution, choosing their start lane).
- Volunteers will be there to help your athlete if needed on the ramp.

ii. **!! Specific rules**

- In the Repechage and Elimination phase Athletes need to go through equipment control in the **pre-start area**.
- Access to start ramp is **from the left bank**.

b. Start procedure

i. Generic rules

- An automatic start machine will be used for all phases.
- At all times, the athletes should follow the starters instructions.
- The start time for Kayak Cross Individual will be triggered by the activation of the start machine.

- At the start, a Pre-Start Official will inform your Athlete if they have progressed
- The start position is with both hands on the paddle and along the side of the kayak. The paddle must be **parallel to the plane of the platform and the front blade must be behind the front flap**. The **front hand has to be placed over middle of the boat on one side and touching the boat or the spraydeck**.



- The start orders will be:
 - 1) "In position" => the athletes must place their paddle in the start position
 - 2) "Ready" => the athletes wait in steady position; no movement is allowed following the "Ready" command
 - 3) The platform will tilt to indicate the start. The starter will not say "Go".

ii. **!! Specific rules**

➤ **Kayak Cross Individual**

- Athletes must start from **lane 3** on the platform (**third lane from the river right**).
- The start interval is **60 seconds**; athletes should get in their boat directly on the platform.

➤ **Repechage & Elimination phases**

- Athletes **must** be settled in the start position on the ramp **90 seconds** before their start time.
- They should then listen to the sports presentation where they will be introduced to spectators.

c. **Finish**

i. **Generic rules**

- The finish time for Kayak Cross Individual will be triggered by photocell.
- During the Repechage & Elimination phase a photo finish system will be deployed.

ii. **!! Specific rules**

- The **finish line is on the top of the drop at "Jacks" on the second corner of the course**.

- During **Kayak Cross Individual**, athletes must exit at **Equipment Control** on river left at the bottom of the course.
- During **Kayak Cross Repechage & Elimination** phase, athletes should **return to the start pool** by the conveyor and **exit at the steps on the side of the start pool**, around the back of the ramp to the pre-start area.
- For Finals, the athletes must exit at the beach after "Jacks" on river left to reach the Kiss and Cry and the podium.
- Each medallist will be able to invite 2 family members at the end of the final to join them on the island for the medal ceremony. The team leader of the medallists must reach the ICF technical managers at the Kiss and Cry to get the passes for the family members.

d. Rules reminder

○ **Kayak Roll**

To be correctly performed in Kayak Cross competition, a kayak roll must meet the following criteria:

- The roll must be 360 degrees
- At one point when under the roll barrier the boat must be 180 degrees turned

10. HOC topics

a. Bridges

You are reminded that bridges are for access only. The only people who may remain on the bridges are Officials. You may pass over the bridge but not remain on any part.

b. Security

Overnight security will be provided at the stadium from 6pm Friday 19 September until 6am Sunday 5 October.

There is no capacity to store personal belongings in secure areas. Athletes and Teams are encouraged not to bring extra items to the venue. Please remind members of your team not to leave valuable items unsecured.

c. Opening ceremony

- Date: Monday 29 September
- Time: 16:30 – 17:45

At the Stadium directly following the Kayak Cross Individual Medal Ceremonies Athletes, in national team uniform, should prepare and gather along the road from the pumps back through the breezeway by 16:00.

d. Functions & activations

- **Team Leader Meeting & Reception:** 17:30 Saturday 27 September, The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters
- **Women's Symposium:** Tuesday 30 September, The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters & the Stadium
- **Farewell Party:** 18:30 Saturday 4 October, Log Cabin, Penrith

Athlete Activations:

Athlete Trivia night

Tuesday 23 September "Mr Watkins Bar" 6pm

Dalmarri Mural – all Athletes contribute to a mural that will be permanently display at the Stadium. This will be led by the local Dharug people.

Barrista courses

Building First Nation people Nawis (canoes)

e. Merchandising

- Exclusive access for Teams & Officials on Sunday
- 10% discount – show your accreditation
- Cash or card payments

Sunday 28 th	2:30 – 5:30pm	Thursday 2 nd	11:00am – 5:00pm
Monday 29 th	12:00 – 5:00pm	Friday 3 rd	10:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday 30 th	11:00am – 5:00pm	Saturday 4 th	9:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday 1 st	11:00am – 6:00pm		

11. ICF topics

a. LA28 – Canoe slalom - Olympic Qualification System

The Olympic Qualification Working Group established by the ICF Board of Directors has finalised the next steps of creating the Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualification System (OQS) for the Olympic Games LA28.

The ICF Sport team and the Canoe Slalom committee will host an online briefing followed by a live information session at the 2025 ICF Slalom World Championships in Penrith.

The online briefing has taken place on September 22nd at 13:00 CET (21:00 Sydney time zone), where the preliminary OQS document has been presented, including all details of the allocation process, the number of quota places, and the timeline.

You are able to share any questions or queries in written form to events@canoeicf.sport before the 26th of September, which will be addressed at the live information session in Penrith.

In person meeting is scheduled on 3rd of October at The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters

Space limited, maximum 2 representatives per NF

Please sign in via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JXxB75MqiM>

b. Athletes' commission

Athletes' commission chair: Bridgitte HARTLEY (RSA)

- **Voting**: Athletes will cast their votes during the World Championships in Penrith using the Platform ElectionBuddy.com (More info available in the NFs areas via QR codes)
The vote is open from Monday, August 29 of September at 8:00 AM to Saturday, October 4 at 12:00 PM (noon)
- **Election**: All voters can vote for one male and/or one female
Only athletes competing at the World Championships in Sydney are eligible to vote
- **Candidates**: Noemie Fox (AUS), Amalie Hilgertova (CZE) and Michal Martikan (SVK) – CVs and videos can be seen [here](#).
- **Terms of office**: 2025-2029

c. ICF Survey: Shape the future of our sport

The ICF has launched a new survey to gather valuable insights and help grow the global paddle sport community. [Fill out and share the survey](#) with all your friends who are passionate about canoeing.

d. Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS)

i. 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.

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.

ii. 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.

Local regulations must be followed in all cases.

iii. ICF PHAS officer during this competition

Please report any occurrence to the ICF PHAS officer on site: Thomas Rosset – Thomas.rosset@canoeicf.sport

iv. Reference and tools

Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS) Policy

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_safeguarding_phas_policy.pdf

ICF Safeguarding PHAS Report

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_safeguarding_phas_report_form.pdf

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a. !! Appendix 1 - Venue Map

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SYDNEY 2025

SITE PLAN | VERSION: V9_20250909



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|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Spectator Entry (5m x 3m) | Box Office (Check in window) | Spectator Entry / Ticket Scanning and Bag Checks |
| Sport Information (15m x 5m) | Boat Racks (Existing) | Workforce Entry (VVIP Entry by prior arrangement) |
| Enquiry Tent (5m x 3m) | Sport Presentation Control (6m x 3m) | Scaff Tower @ 4.3m height for cable entry to site (power & broadcast) |
| ICF Office (15m x 5m) | Broadcast Commentary (6m x 3m) | Generator Compounds (TBC) |
| OB Trucks / Compound | Stage (12.6m x 12m @ 900mm) | Accessible Viewing Area |
| On Venue Results (OVR) (12m x 6m) | Vision Screen x 2 (23m2 16x9 LED @ stage) & (8m² LED @ north) | Mixed Zone (13.2m x 6.6m) (6 CCB x 3 CCB) |
| Media Centre | Merchandise (Using onsite Event Shed) | Equipment Check (5m x 5m) |
| Anti-Doping & Athlete Medical | VIP Hospitality Area (20m x 6m) Two Storey | Kayak Cross Start Tent |
| M / F Amenities (Permanent) | Temporary Grandstand (208 pax, 14,504w x 7716d x 4858h) | Ceremonies |
| Event Control (Inside PWS Office) | Food & Beverage / Activation Zone | Kiss & Cry |
| Workforce Break Area | Spectator Amenities - (16 Pan Cubicle Unit) | Athlete Pathway |
| Café / Kitchen | Spectator Amenities - (Urinal Block) | Athlete Lounge (12m x 6m) |
| Spectator Medical (5m x 5m) | Spectator Amenities - Accessible Units | |

b. !! Appendix 2 – Demonstrators / Forerunners

i. Canoe & Kayak events

➤ Heats & Team events demonstration

Sunday 28th September 2025

Demonstration / Rehearsal	Timing
Heats event	15:50 – 16:06
Teams event	16:35 – 16:45

- Course tuning
- Heats events - Full course rehearsal

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
WK1	F1	Ada Mackie	WK1	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)
MK1	F2	Seb Montalto	MK1	F6	Sevan Billaut
WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)	WC1	F7	Claire Clements
MC1 R	F4	George Pankhurst	MC1 L	F8	Declan Ellis

- Team events – full rehearsal

Event	Bib	Name	Bib	Name	Bib	Name
WK1	F1	Ada Mackie	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)	F6	Georgia Rankin
MK1	F2	Seb Montalto	F9	Dominic Curtin	F11	Merle Long
WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)	F7	Claire Clements	F10	Freja Boocock
MC1	F4	George Pankhurst	F8	Declan Ellis	F12	Mark Crosbee

➤ Heats & Team events forerunners

Canoe events

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Canoe Heats event	9:45 – 9:51
Canoe Teams event	14:30 – 14:35

Canoe Heats - Forerunners

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
MC1	F4	George Pankhurst	MC1	F8	Declan Ellis
WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)	WC1	F7	Claire Clements

Canoe Team event – Forerunners

Event	Bib	Name	Bib	Name	Bib	Name
MC1	F4	George Pankhurst	F8	Declan Ellis	F12	Mark Crosbee
WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)	F7	Claire Clements	F10	Freja Boocock

Kayak events

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Kayak Heats event	8:55 – 9:01
Kayak Teams event	14:10 – 14:15

Kayak Heats - Forerunners

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
WK1	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)	WK1	F7	Claire Clements
MK1	F2	Johann Schmidt (GER)	MK1	F6	Sevan Billaut

Kayak Team event – Forerunners

Event	Bib	Name	Bib	Name	Bib	Name
WK1	F1	Ada Mackie	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)	F7	Claire Clements
MK1	F2	Seb Montalto	F9	Dominic Curtin	F11	Merle Long

➤ Semi / Finals demonstration

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Demonstration/Rehearsal	Timing
Semifinal / Final Demonstration	08:45 – 09:01

- Course tuning
- Full course rehearsal

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
WK1	F1	Ada Mackie	WK1	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)
MK1	F2	Seb Montalto	MK1	F9	Johann Schmidt (GER)
WC1	F7	Claire Clements	WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)
MC1 R	F8	Declan Ellis	MC1 L	F4	George Pankhurst

➤ Semi / Finals forerunners

Canoe events

Thursday 02nd October 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Canoe Semifinal / Final Foreruns	10:15 – 10:23

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
MC1	F4	George Pankhurst	MC1	F8	Declan Ellis
WC1	F3	Camille Castryck (FRA)	WC1	F7	Claire Clements

Kayak events

Friday 03rd October 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Kayak Semifinal / Final Foreruns	10:15 – 10:23

Event	Bib	Name	Event	Bib	Name
WK1	F5	Helene Schmidt (GER)	WK1	F10	Freja Boockock
MK1	F2	Seb Montalto	MK1	F9	Dominic Curtin

ii. Kayak Cross events

➤ Rehearsal (2 races)

Monday 29th September 2025

Demonstration/Rehearsal	Timing
Kayak Cross Elimination Rehearsal	11:45 – 12:05

- 2 races, two sets of 4 athletes (1*MX1, 1*WX1)
- Full course rehearsal

Bib	Name WX1	Name MX1
Red	Georgia Rankin	Dominic Curtin
Green	Ada Mackie	Merle Long
Blue	Claire Clements	Sevan Billaut
Yellow	Freja Boock	Riley Galea

➤ Forerunners

Monday 29th September 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Kayak Cross Individual Forerunners	13:05 – 13:09

Kayak Cross individual forerunners

Event	Bib	Name
WX1	F7	Claire Clements
MX1	F9	Dominic Curtin
WX1	F10	Freja Boock
MX1	F11	Merle Long

Saturday 04th October 2025

Foreruns	Timing
Kayak Cross Repechage Foreruns	10:15 – 10:21

Kayak Cross Head to Head – Forerunners

Bib	Name WX1	Name MX1
Red	Georgia Rankin	Dominic Curtin
Green	Freja Boock	Merle Long
Blue	Claire Clements	Riley Galea
Yellow	Ada Mackie	Sevan Billaut

c. **!! Appendix 3 – Bib design allocation**

i. **Forerunners**

Forerunners will use the training bibs from number F1 to number F12. Refer to the Demonstrator & Forerunners list (appendix 2).

ii. **CSL Individual events**

MK1 - Red	WK1 - Green	MC1 - Blue	WC1 - Teal
			

iii. **CSL Team events**

MK1*3 - Red	WK1*3 - Green	MC1*3 - Blue	WC1*3 - Teal
			

iv. **Kayak Cross Individual**

MX1 - Orange	WX1 - Purple
	

v. **Kayak Cross Elimination phase**

Elimination phase number bibs will be distributed at the pre-start area.

In each bracket, athletes will place over their number bib a colour bib to designate their ranking in the kayak cross individual/repechage. The colour bibs will change around depending on who proceeds and will be distributed directly before each bracket at the pre start area by the judges.

Highest ranked = **Red**, 2nd ranked = **Green**, 3rd ranked = **Blue** and 4th ranked = **Yellow**

Red	Green	Blue	Yellow
	