

Canoe Slalom 2025 Rule changes




30 August 2024

8+1 key proposals from the CSL committee



Topic	Proposal n°	Description	Approved by the board	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
Canoe & Kayak	CSL 1	Standardize the width of the gates to 140 cm	Yes	✓	
	CSL 2	Simplification of the competition format	Yes *	✓	✓
	CSL 3	ICF CSL Pan-continental Rankings derived from ICF CSL World Rankings	Yes *		✓
	CSL 4	Implementation of a qualification pathway to access to the WCups	Yes *	✓	✓
	CSL 5	Officialization of the short slalom event	Yes	✓	
Kayak Cross	CSLX 1	The time trial become an event called Kayak Cross Individual	Yes	✓	
	CSLX 2	Entries are reduced to 3 per NF for level 1 and 2 competitions	Yes	✓	
	CSLX 3	Removal of the 12 universal quotas in Elimination phase	Yes	✓	
Equipment		Creation of an equipment commission	Yes		

* => Final version of the appendices needs to be approved at the ICF Board meeting, beginning of November 2024

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CSL- 1	Standardise the width of the gates to 140 cm	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
Current status	Currently the gates can be 120 cm, 140cm or 160 cm		
What	The CSL committee define a standard width of 140 cm		
		 Number of Sport rules changes = 1	

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CSL- 2	Simplification of the competition format	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification						
		 Number of Sport rules changes = 11	 App. 1 & 4						
What	<p>The CSL committee proposes to simplify the format running only for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 competitions : Heats (1 run) + 1 Semi-Final + 1 Final • Level 2 and 3: Heats (1 run) + 1 Final <p>Progression will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 competitions: Heats => 30 first athletes in Semi-Final => 12 first athletes in Finals for all the events • Level 2 and 3 competitions: Heats => 12 first athletes in Finals for all the events 								
How	Phase factor in the ICF World Ranking points calculation for CSL will be modified as follows to absorb the fact that people are not competing Semi-Final at level 2 and 3 competitions		<table border="1" data-bbox="1615 1090 2056 1249"> <tr> <td>Heats</td> <td>20-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Semi</td> <td>10-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	Heats	20 -10	Semi	10 -5	Final	0
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<p>CSL- 3</p>	<p>ICF CSL Pan-continental Rankings derived from ICF CSL World Rankings</p>	<p>CSL Rule modification</p>	<p>CSL Rule Appendices modification</p>
<p>What</p>	<p>The CSL committee proposes to enhance this continental activity by creating 3 ICF Pan-Continental Rankings :</p> <p>Panamerican / Europafrican / Oceasian</p> <p>These Pan-continental rankings are calculated for athletes competing for national federations located inside the Pan-continent and based on ICF Level 3 competitions hosted within the same Pan-continent.</p>		
<p>How</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each season at least 4 ICF Ranking level 3 competitions must be organized in each Pan-Continent to support the Pan-Continent Ranking • These competitions are open to athletes from other Pan-Continent since they are ICF level 3 competitions 		

✓
App. 4 and 5

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CSL- 4	Implementation of a qualification pathway to access the World Cups	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
		 Number of Sport rules changes = 2	 App. 5
What	<p>Access the World Cups will be restricted. Quotas are allocated to national federations (not nominative) and are specific to one event only.</p> <p>From 1 up to 3 quotas per event are allocated via :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICF World Rankings • Pan-Continental Rankings <p>Reallocation will be possible when quotas are unused or returned</p>		
When	<p>Quotas are allocated for a season after the last release of the ICF World Ranking on the previous season. (example: allocation time 1st of December 2024 for the 2025 season)</p>		

Kayak Cross

CSLX - 1	The time trials become an event called Kayak Cross Individual	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
		<p style="text-align: center;">  Number of Sport rules changes = 34 Number of Principle rules changes = 2 </p>	
What	The CSL committee proposes to recognize this phase as an independent event called Kayak Cross Individual which can be either used to select athlete or also run independently.		
When	Integrated at all level of competitions (1 to 4)		
How	For level 1 and 2 competitions. A maximum of 10 homologated gates can be used to set up the course. For level 3 competitions, homologated gates, anchored gates and features on the river/course are usable to define the course (left or right of a rock for instance).		

Kayak Cross

CSLX - 2	Entries are reduced to 3 per NF for level 1 and 2 competitions	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of Sport rules changes = 1 Number of Principle rules changes = 2	
What	The national federations can enter 3 athletes per Kayak Cross event (instead of 4)		
When	Level 1 and 2 competitions		

Kayak Cross

CSLX - 3	Removal of the 12 universal quotas in Elimination phase	CSL Rule modification	CSL Rule Appendices modification
		<p style="text-align: center;">✔</p> <p>Number of Sport rules changes = 2</p>	
Current Status	<p>Currently at level 1 and 2 competitions, the progression from the time trials to the elimination phase is done as follows: 20 first athletes ranked + 12 first athletes from national federations not already qualified</p>		
What	<p>The CSL committee proposes to abandon this rule, having a progression based on the 32 first athletes ranked</p>		
When	<p>Level 1 and 2 competitions</p>		

Canoe slalom equipment commission

Current Status	Several NF comes with the request to modify the boat length, and to standardized equipment for CSL and Kayak Cross (paddle, buoyancy vest)
When	The CSL committee thinks this is too short on time to modify the rule for 2025, having no strong project and partners to support such a big modification.
How	The CSL committee would like to create an expert commission with different stakeholders (coaches, manufacturers, athletes) to test, analyse and provide a suggestion by November 2025 to the whole community.