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Bulletin 1 – Preliminary Information

2026 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships

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1. Welcome

Dear athletes, coaches, officials, fans, and friends of canoe polo,

Welcome to the first bulletin for the 2026 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in Duisburg, Germany.

After the impressive 2024 Championships in Deqing, we are excited to host the international canoe polo community in a city known for water, sport, and team spirit. Duisburg, in the heart of the Ruhr region, blends tradition and innovation.

The Sportpark Duisburg venue is one of Europe's top water sports facilities, offering ideal conditions for thrilling games and peak performance. While Duisburg has hosted world championships before, 2026 will be special as canoe polo takes center stage.

The city, part of the Rhine-Ruhr region, is vibrant and diverse. Beyond sports, explore industrial history at Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord, cultural highlights in Essen and Oberhausen, and enjoy modern gastronomy and urban life.

During the Championships, Duisburg will be a hub for the canoe polo world—a place to meet, celebrate, and share the passion for our sport. This bulletin provides key facts and organizational basics; future editions will cover schedules, travel, accommodations, accreditation, and the supporting program.

We look forward to your participation and unforgettable days in Duisburg.
Let's make waves together – welcome to Duisburg 2026!

Best regards,
Torsten Weil (Secretary General)

2. Event Overview

Host	International Canoe Federation (ICF)
Organizers	Deutscher Kanu-Verband Verein für Wettkampfororganisation Kanu-Polo
Discipline	Canoe Polo
Categories	Senior Men Senior Women U21 Men U21 Women
Dates	15 – 20 September 2026
Venue	Duisburg, Germany Regattabahn Duisburg Adress: Kruppstraße 30b, 47055 Duisburg
Number of fields	4 fields according to ICF rules
Competition format	Preliminary rounds, intermediate rounds, final phase according to ICF rules

3. Venue

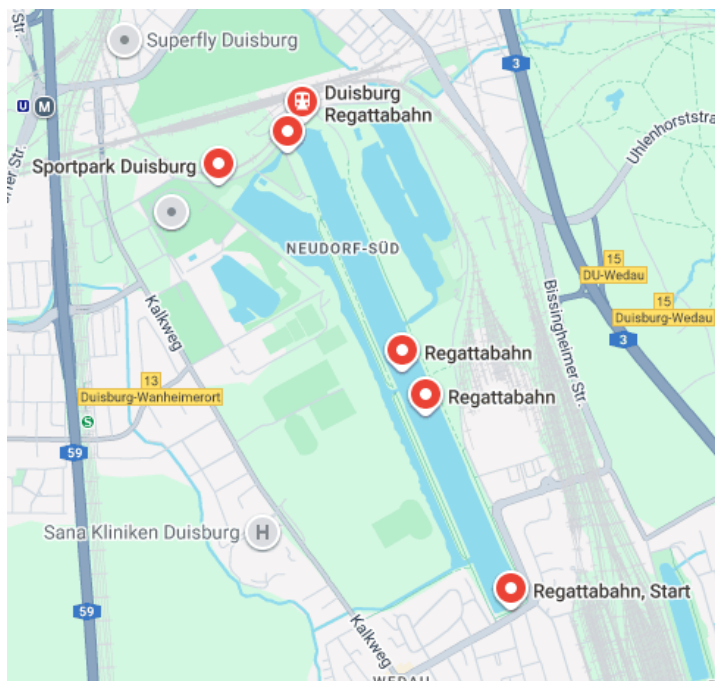
Duisburg, Germany, [Regattabahn Duisburg](#)

Address: Kruppstraße 30b, 47055 Duisburg

The Regatta Course is an artificial rowing/canoeing lake in Duisburg, Germany. The Course was built in 1935 and has hosted numerous international watersports events since its construction.

In year 2005, Duisburg was the host of World Games including Canoe Polo. Including the 1983 World Rowing Championships. It has also served as host of the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 1987, 1995, 2007, 2013 and 2023. The Lake is 2,150m long and 135m wide and up to 9m deep.

You will get a detailed layout plan in bulletin 2.

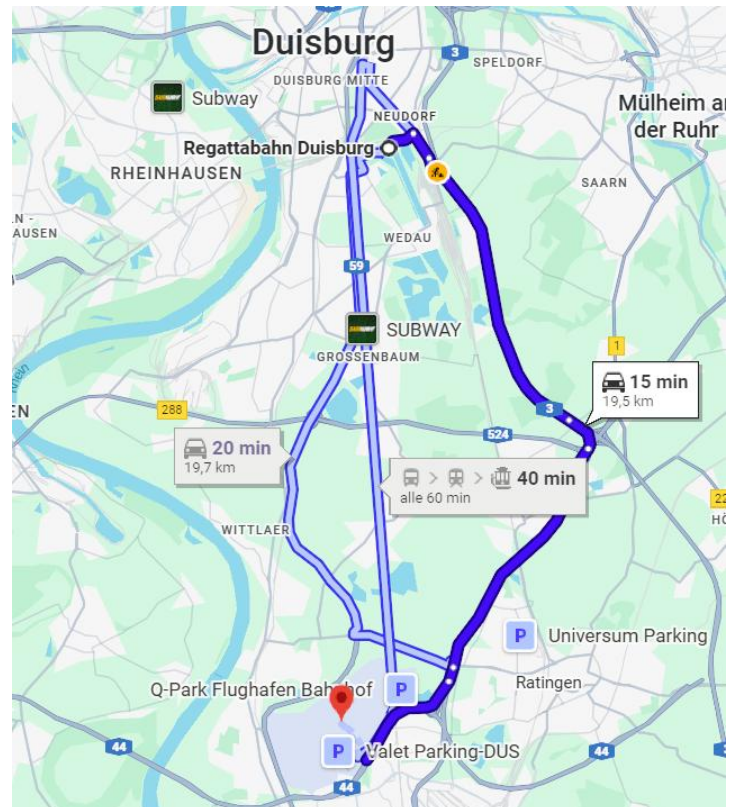


4. Venue accessibility

Düsseldorf Airport (DUS)

Located in Düsseldorf, there is an International Airport with connections to 174 destinations.

20 kilometres away from the Duisburg, Regattabahn where the event is holding. It is 25 minutes away from the venue by car. There will be an information point and an opportunity for shuttle service, contact the HOC for details.



Duisburg, Train Station

Located in Duisburg, there is a railway station, with good connections to Cologne Airport, Frankfurt Airport, Brussels Airport and Amsterdam Schiphol.

The railway station Duisburg is 5 Kilometres (10 minutes by car) away from the venue.



The venue of the World Championships 2026 is really close to the main highways, especially the highways from the main Airports (5 minutes by car). Close to the venue, there are public parking slots (5 minutes by walk). There will be an area dedicated to the teams (free of charge).

VISA

All participants are kindly requested to contact the German Embassy or Consulate in their home country. Be aware that visa applications may take some time to process. Please send requests for supporting documents to your visa application to the Organising Committee (Torsten.Weil@kanu.de) without any delay once specified by the German Embassy or Consulate. We will then contact the German Embassy in your home country directly.

An up-to-date overview of visa-required and visa-free entries to Germany can be found here:

[Overview of visa requirements/exemptions for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany - Federal Foreign Office \(auswaertiges-amt.de\)](#)

5. Schedule (preliminary framework)

12 September	Arrival of the teams Accreditation, free/official training (TBC)
13-14 September	Official training, scrutineering 8am-5pm
14 September	Opening ceremony - 7pm Grandstand/venue, referees meeting, team leader meeting
15 September	Start of U21 games
16 September	Start of Senior games
19 September	U21 Finals
20 September	Senior Finals, Closing ceremony
20-21 September	Departure

6. Accommodation

We offer hotels in various categories at the following prices.

All hotels are located in Duisburg and are connected to the competition venue by a shuttle service.

Categorie 1:	105, - € per night and person 136 beds available	level: 2 stars	5-10 minutes by shuttle
Categorie 2:	115, - € per night and person 490 beds available	level: 3 stars	5-10 minutes by shuttle
Categorie 3:	135, - € per night and person 469 beds available	level: 4 stars	5-10 minutes by shuttle

Each room will accommodate two persons and will include breakfast.

Details of the booking process will be in Bulletin 2. The latest deadline to confirm accommodation via the HOC is March 20th 2026. Contact detail: booking@vfw-kanupolo.de

There is an option to offer food at the venue:

- **Lunch** (a salad buffet, a choice among three hot main courses (meat, poultry or vegetarian), a dessert and drinks): 32,50 €
- **Lunch** (same as above) **and dinner box** (vegetarian or meat sandwich, yogurt, chocolate bar, mineral water): 39,50 €

There will be a rotation in the lunch menu and dinner box every day.

It is necessary that the order and payment of the food are done prior to the event, by August 10th 2026.

7. Transportation

Airport transfer: we will send out information in the second bulletin.

There will be a special email contact for logistics.

Shuttle bus will be provided between team official hotels and the competition venue. Teams booking hotels outside the officially offered ones will not be connected to the shuttle service.

8. Participation fee

The participation fee for the 2026 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships, payable by all athletes, coaches, team staff and team leaders irrespective of actual arrival and departure dates will be:

€ 285 (EUR)

for the entire nine-day (9) access period of 12th September 2026 – 20th September 2026.

The accreditation desk will be fully open on the 12th September.

By prior arrangement, pick-up of accreditations can be arranged on the 11th of September – please contact the HOC: booking@vfw-kanupolo.de

All participation fees must be payable to the HOC before the issue of any accreditation passes.

The participation fee includes the following services:

- Accreditation pass
- Usage of the training and competition venue.
- Opening and Closing ceremonies.
- Kayak and equipment storage.
- Free venue WIFI.
- Medical care at the venue.
- Security on the venue.
- Drinking water
- Shuttle service between team hotel and venue (for official HOC offered hotels)

The participation fee does not include meals and accommodation.

9. Kayak rental

- 1) There will be carbon fibre kayaks available for rental.
- 2) This must not be an individual approach. The designated team leader must request the number of kayaks required for his/her team/s.
- 3) The costs will be specified in Bulletin 2.
- 4) All kayaks will be in good condition with bumpers and footrests fitted and comply with ICF Canoe Polo rules.

10. Next bulletins

- **Bulletin 2** – will be published and circulated after the closing of the wildcard entries: detailed schedule, travel information, accommodation lists, accreditation, transport.
- **Bulletin 3** – approx. 3 months prior to the event: match pairings, schedule, technical details, operation plans.