



2026 ICF CANOE SPRINT & PARACANOE WORLD CUP

14. - 17.05.2026 BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL - GERMANY

World Cup 2026 ICF CANOE SPRINT & PARACANOE

Brandenburg an der Havel
14-17 May 2026

BULLETIN UPDATE 2





DEAR ATHLETES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, DEAR FRIENDS OF CANOEING,

On behalf of the German Canoe Federation (DKV), it is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the 2026 Canoe Sprint World Cup in Brandenburg an der Havel. We will not only be welcoming the world's best canoe sprinters, but we will also be placing a special spotlight on Para canoe. Around 1,000 athletes from 50 nations will compete for World Cup points on the historic Beetzsee regatta course and will captivate us with breathtaking performances and thrilling races.

Brandenburg an der Havel is a place that represents canoeing like few others. The regatta course boasts a long history as the venue of numerous national and international competitions and stands as a symbol of the strong traditions and outstanding expertise within German canoeing. Here, once again, the world's best athletes will compete - not only on the water, but also with the team spirit and passion that make our sport so unique. It is also a place that has shaped legends, such as Birgit Fischer, whose extraordinary achievements continue to inspire generations of canoeists.

The 2026 World Cup marks an important milestone on the path toward the major international events of the coming years. The athletes have prepared tirelessly

for this moment and are ready to show us, through exceptional performances, how vibrant and dynamic our sport continues to be.

I am especially delighted that the German Canoe Federation, together with the city and regional regatta team, will host this outstanding event. The region demonstrates not only its deep connection to canoeing, but also the hospitality and enthusiasm we wish to share with the world. The DKV is proud of the quality and dedication of everyone whose commitment and hard work shape the face of our sport.

For me, the World Cup is clearly more than just a competition - it is an invitation to embody the values of sport together: fairness, respect, and the pursuit of excellence. Let us come together as a community and make this event an unforgettable experience for all.

I wish all athletes great success, exciting races, and a memorable time here in Brandenburg. May this World Cup stay with us for a long time to come!

DAJANA PEFESTORFF
President of the German Canoe Federation





DEAR ATHLETES, COACHES, FANS, AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE,

As the First Chairman of Regattateam Brandenburg Beetzsee and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, it is my immense pleasure and honour to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup here in Brandenburg an der Havel!

From 14 to 17 May, 2026, our historic city will once again become the global hub for paddlesports. We are absolutely thrilled to host the world's elite of canoe sprint and paracanoe on our waters. Your dedication, speed, and competitive spirit are a true inspiration to all of us.

We are particularly proud to present our unique natural regatta course on the Beetzsee lake. This course offers not only fair and challenging conditions but is also nestled within a beautiful natural landscape, guaranteeing a memorable atmosphere for both competitors and spectators.

This World Cup is more than just a competition; it is a celebration

of community, sportsmanship, and the spirit of inclusion. The Paracanoe events especially highlight the true strength and diversity within our sport, and we are honoured to feature them prominently.

I wish all participants exciting races, outstanding performances, and a wonderful and successful stay here in Brandenburg an der Havel.

Let the paddles fly!

With sporting best regards,



UWE STEINHÄUSER

First Chairman Regattateam Brandenburg Beetzsee e.V.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup 2026 Brandenburg an der Havel



DATES & ORGANISING COMMITTEE

DATES

Competition days:
14.05. – 17.05.2026

Address:
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BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL: WHERE HISTORY MEETS THE WATER

Brandenburg an der Havel is a city that seamlessly weaves centuries of history with a passionate dedication to water sports, making it a truly unique destination in Germany's state of Brandenburg. Nestled amidst a sprawling network of interconnected lakes and rivers, the city offers a rich blend of cultural heritage and active, nature-based tourism.

A TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE

For the visitor, Brandenburg an der Havel is a living history book. As the original namesake of the Mark Brandenburg and the federal state itself, the city boasts stunning medieval architecture. Its three historic city centers—Old Town, New Town, and the Cathedral District (Dominsel)—present a fascinating journey through time. Must-see attractions include:

- The magnificent St. Peter and Paul Cathedral (Dom St. Peter und Paul), one of the most significant Romanesque churches in the region.
- The impressive St. Catherine's Church (St. Katharinenkirche), a masterpiece of brick Gothic architecture.
- The well-preserved historic city walls and gates, such as the Plauer Torturm.
- The city's historic core, surrounded by water, creates an atmosphere of peaceful, accessible beauty, often referred to as the „Venice of the Mark.“

A GLOBAL CAPITAL FOR WATER SPORTS

Brandenburg an der Havel's true modern identity is defined by its strong connection to competitive water sports. The Beetzsee Lake is not just scenic; it is home to one of Europe's finest natural regatta courses. This world-class venue is consistently chosen for major international events, affirming the city's sporting prestige:

Canoe and Kayak Sprint: The Beetzsee regularly hosts prestigious competitions, including the highly anticipated ICF World Cups (such as the one scheduled for 2026). The natural setting provides optimal, fair racing conditions praised by athletes globally.

Paracanoe: The city is a dedicated proponent of inclusive sports, frequently hosting Paracanoe events that showcase incredible athletic dedication.

Rowing: Beyond canoeing, the course is a frequent location for national and international rowing championships, making it a hub for water endurance sports.

The city's infrastructure, combined with its welcoming atmosphere, makes it a top destination for athletes seeking high-quality training camps and competition venues. For tourists, the sporting events provide a dynamic backdrop to their cultural explorations.

Brandenburg an der Havel successfully combines its role as a quiet, historic sanctuary with that of an energetic, world-class sporting arena, ensuring an attractive experience for every kind of visitor.





THE BEETZSEE REGATTA COURSE: WHERE CENTURIES MEET THE FINISH LINE

The natural regatta course on the Beetzsee lake in Brandenburg an der Havel stands as a unique testament to the successful marriage of deep European history and modern athletic excellence. It is more than just a body of water; it is a globally recognized venue where the pursuit of Olympic gold takes place against a backdrop dating back to the Middle Ages.

HISTORIC SETTING, MODERN PERFORMANCE

The course's distinct identity stems from its immediate surroundings. Just a short distance from the Beetzsee lies the city of Brandenburg an der Havel, the original namesake of the region. Athletes and visitors compete and train in the shadow of the venerable Dominsel (Cathedral Island), home to the magnificent 12th-century cathedral, and the preserved brick Gothic architecture of the old city districts. This provides an almost paradoxical atmosphere: competitors are striving for milliseconds with cutting-edge technology, yet they are fully immersed in a scene that has changed little in its historical grandeur.

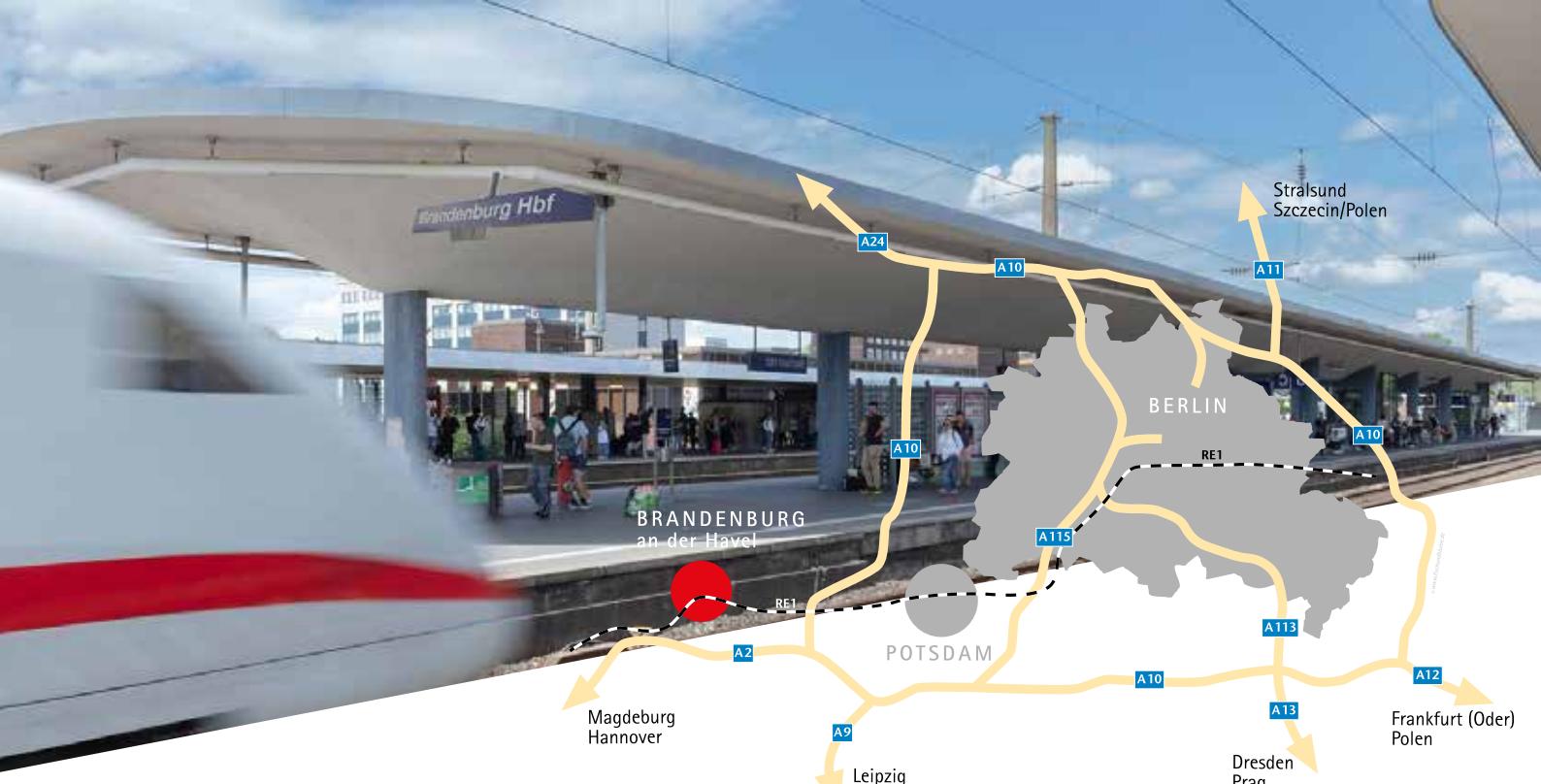
STATE-OF-THE-ART NATURAL VENUE

In contrast to its historic neighbours, the Beetzsee course itself represents the pinnacle of modern athletic requirements. It is celebrated across the international canoeing and rowing communities for being one of the best natural regatta courses in the world.

- Fairness and Stability: The lake's protected position ensures optimal, non-turbulent water conditions, guaranteeing exceptional fairness for all competitors across its 2000-meter length.

- Modern Infrastructure: Despite its „natural“ label, the venue boasts contemporary infrastructure, including modern finish line towers, integrated timing systems, and dedicated boat storage facilities necessary to host top-tier events like the ICF World Cups and European Championships.
- Sustainable Sport: The natural environment reinforces a commitment to sustainable, outdoor sport—a modern trend that perfectly aligns with the historic value placed on the surrounding landscape.

In essence, the Beetzsee Regatta Course provides a powerful synthesis: the enduring legacy of Brandenburg's past grounds the dynamic, high-speed reality of today's competitive sports, making every race a journey through time and a glimpse into the future of paddlesports.



TRAVEL INFORMATION: REACHING BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL

Brandenburg an der Havel is easily accessible for international guests, benefiting from its proximity to Germany's capital, Berlin, and excellent connectivity via air and rail. Here is a guide on the best ways to reach the city:

→ 1. BY AIR: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

The most convenient entry point for international travellers is Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER).

- **Airport Code:** BER (Willy Brandt Airport)
- **Distance to Brandenburg an der Havel:** Approximately 100 km (62 miles).
- **Connectivity:** BER is a major hub serving numerous airlines and international destinations worldwide.

FROM BER AIRPORT TO BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL (BY RAIL)

The quickest and most efficient way to travel from the airport is by regional or intercity train:

- **Regional Express (RE) Trains:** The RE 1 line is the key connection. This train runs frequently (usually every hour) directly from the BER Airport terminal station (via Berlin Hauptbahnhof) to Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof (Main Station).
- **Journey Time:** The total travel time from BER to Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof is typically between 1 hour 20 minutes and 1 hour 45 minutes, depending on the specific connection.
- **Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased directly at the airport train station machines. Look for connections that cover the Berlin ABC zone and beyond (VBB fare zone).

→ 2. BY RAIL: VIA INTERCITY (IC/ICE)

For guests arriving from other major German or European cities, the Intercity (IC) network provides direct access:

- **Main Line Connection:** Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof is a stop on major East-West rail lines, making it easily reachable from cities like Hannover, Cologne, or Amsterdam.
- **Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof):** Even if a direct connection is not available, travelers can always transfer at the centrally located Berlin Hauptbahnhof and take the frequently running RE 1 train directly to Brandenburg an der Havel.

→ 3. BY ROAD (CAR & SHUTTLE)

While train travel is recommended, driving is also an option:

- **Autobahn:** The city is located close to the A2 Autobahn (Berlin-Ruhr Area), with the designated exit being Brandenburg/Lehnin.
- **Rental Cars:** Car rental services are available at BER Airport and major train stations in Berlin.
- **Parking:** Visitors should check with their accommodation regarding local parking availability and fees.

LOCAL TRANSPORT WITHIN BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL

Once you arrive at Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof:

- **Trams and Buses:** The main station offers excellent connections via local trams and buses (operated by the VBB/BVB) to all parts of the city, including the historic centre and the Beetzsee Regatta Course.
- **Accessibility:** The city centre is compact and easily explored on foot or by bicycle, especially for visiting the main historical sites.



GENERAL INFORMATION – PROGRAMME

2025 ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP

	Canoe Sprint	Para Canoe
10.05.26, Sunday		Classification
11.05.26, Monday	Access period begins, arrivals, accreditation open, training	Access period begins, arrivals, accreditation open, training, classification
12.05.26, Tuesday	arrivals, accreditation open, training	arrivals, accreditation open, training, classification
13.05.26, Wednesday	team leaders meeting,	
ITO's meeting	official training	
ITO's meeting	official training	
14.05.26, Thursday	competition day	competition day
15.05.26, Friday	competition day	competition day
16.05.26, Saturday	competition day	competition day
17.05.26, Sunday	competition day, departures	competition day, departures
18.05.26, Monday	access period ends, departures	access period ends, departures

More details regarding schedule, will be published at <https://wc2026-canoesprint.de/>
www.canoeicf.com





2026 ICF PARACANOE WORLD CUP INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT RACES, DEADLINE & PARTICIPATION FEE

The ICF has hosted „exhibition“ participation kayak events for Special O athletes for several years. This has been part of the fulfillment of the ICF MOU with Special O World Games to support paddlesport for Special O athletes. This activity has proven consistently popular. We will continue this arrangement for future suitable events. The ICF remains supportive of kayaking in the Special O World Games. These events are scheduled during Lunch Breaks in the Event Programme.

In addition, the ICF ParaCanoe Committee is working on including competitive kayak events for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments (II) as defined by the International Paralympic Committee. In this regard, an II Working Group has been established with its main task to develop an Athlete Classification System which will meet standards of athlete classification as defined by the IPC. In addition, the Working Group will provide recommendations on development of II events.

As the classification system is developed, the population of II athletes also needs to be developed. Consequently, with the support of DKV, the ICF is including II events at the Brandenburg World Cup. In accordance with ICF rules, the events will be exhibition events but will be scheduled within the Event Programme

Details regarding registration will be provided in the 2nd bulletin.

The following races will be held in the respective categories:

Men	Women
II K1 200m	II K1 200m
SO K1 200m	SO K1 200m
SO K2 Unified 200m	SO K2 Unified 200m

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with ICF standards.

DEADLINES, ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

All team entries (numerical and nominal) must be submitted online through SDP system from ICF. The deadline for numerical entries is 30.03.2026 and for nominal entries is 04.05.2026

Link: <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp>

PARTICIPATION FEE

Each participant is charged a participation fee of EUR 30 per day, which includes the following services:

- Accreditation
- Medical Care at the Course
- Security Service at the Course
- Organization Fee
- Drinking Water during training and competition days
- Transport between hotel and course included
- Access to the competition venues for the purpose of training and other activities.
- Boat storage
- Free Wi-Fi at the competition venues
- Per team parking for one trailer, one accredited vehicle, or one container for boats, paddles, and team equipment
- The entry fee is calculated from the day the sports team arrives until the team departs. Days of travelling are one day.



ACCOMMODATION: BOOKINGS, CAMPING & CATERING

The teams will be accommodated in hotels in Brandenburg an der Havel and Potsdam. There is a camping site directly available at the regatta venue. When submitting your entries, you can select your preferred type of accommodation.

Breakfast is available in all types of accommodations. If teams stay overnight at the camping site, breakfast will be served on the regatta course. Lunch will be available for all teams on the regatta course. Please note that dinner options depend on the individual hotel selected.

A shuttle bus service between the regatta course and the official hotels will be available between 10.05.2026 and 17.05.2026.

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for any additional service provided by the hotel, such as minibar, telephone, parking, etc. These costs must be paid directly to the hotel. If your team causes any damage to the rooms or elsewhere at the hotel, payment must be made on-site, or the Organizing Committee will issue an invoice for the cost of the damage.

Check-in time is 14:00. The rooms are to be vacated before 11:00 a.m. on the day of departure. (Upon request, the hotels will provide storage space at an extra charge).

ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS FOR THE TEAMS

Our partner is available to assist with your accommodation bookings. You can complete all your reservations through the online system, starting from 1 Januar 2026 all teams will be able to register at <https://canoe-brandenburg.com> to book their accommodation, meals and airport transfer online.

The costs for additional team members vary depending on the selected category. For the camping category at the regatta venue, see details below. Breakfast can be booked separately.

CAMPING SITE FEES (INCL. 19% VAT) PER DAY

- Person: €5.00 per day
- Team Tent: €17.00 per day (incl. electricity)
- Car on Campground: €10.00 per day
- Power Supply: €4.00 per day (incl. electricity)
- Caravan/Mobile Home: €12.00 per day (incl. electricity)

CATERING

Breakfast and will be always served at chosen hotel. You can book additional meals on the regatta course or separately at the selected hotels. The organizing committee will be happy to help you with this.

Full board at the venue

We also offer a full board service at the regatta venue. There is a special dining area situated directly in the athlete's area. Prices are given below:

Breakfast:	18,00€ per person and day
Lunch:	22,00€ per person and day
Dinner:	20,00€ per person and day





ACCOMMODATION: DEADLINES, & PAYMENT

DEADLINES

Hotel reservations must be made no later than 15 February 2026. However, early booking ensures your preferred hotel category.

CANCELLATION POLICY

After 31 March 2026, 100% of the booking fee will be charged.

PAYMENT TERMS

50% due at the time of booking.

The remaining balance is due by 31 March 2026.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

50% of the total fees mentioned above must be paid to the Organizing Committee by 31 March 2026, with the remaining 50% due by 30 April 2026.

All bank transfer fees must be covered by the sender. Please ensure that the full payment for your entire team's stay is made. You are kindly requested to print the bank remittance and bring it with you when checking in. Your reservation will be confirmed once we receive the advance payment.

Once your entry fee is fully paid, the Organizing Committee will send an electronic confirmation notice.

PAYMENT TO THE ACCOUNT

Regattateam Brandenburg Beetzsee e.V.

Brandenburger Bank

IBAN: DE33 1606 2073 0305 8811 45

BIC: GENODEF1BRB

CANCELLATION

100% refund if cancelled before 30 March 2026.

50% refund if cancelled between 30 March 2026 and 30 April 2026. No refund if cancelled after 1 May 2026.



ITO'S & ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

ITO – INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

All International Technical Officials of the competition must be accredited. Access to the course is not permitted without an accreditation card.

ITO are kindly requested to come directly to the Accreditation Centre upon arrival. If you arrive after 8:00 p.m., please go directly to the designated hotel. The team should come to the Accreditation Centre the following morning.

KEY DATES 2026

11 May, Monday	CO and selected ITO arrival
12 May, Tuesday	ITO arrival
13 May, Wednesday	TL meeting, ITO meeting
14-17 May, Thursday-Sunday	Competition days, departures
18 May, Monday	Departure day

ACCOMMODATION:

All ITO will be accommodating in Hotel Seehof, located close to the regatta venue.

TRANSFERS

The Organizing Committee will provide free pick-up from Berlin-Brandenburg Airport (BER) based on the information in the Google document provided by the ICF office

MEALS

The Organizing Committee will provide full board for all ITOs. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotel, while lunch will be provided at the regatta course.



OTHER INFORMATION: TRANSPORT SERVICE, PARKING, VISA INFORMATION & MEDICAL CARE

TRANSPORT SERVICES

For teams of more than 6 people arriving together at the same time, we offer a round-trip transfer between Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) and Berlin for €70 per person, one way €35. Individuals or teams of 6 or fewer should contact the Organizing Committee for a customized price.

Please contact us if you like to arrive earlier.

Booking deadline: 30.04.2026

PARKING

Teams will receive one parking pass for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5t).

The pass is valid for vehicles up to the size of a 9-seater minibus, parked near the Athletes Area. Additional parking passes are available for 50 EUR / car / competition.

WATER

Water will be available from dispensers. Please ensure that competitors bring their own water bottles.

VISA INFORMATION

Participants from countries where a visa is required will receive a confirmation letter from the German Canoe Federation upon request, once their participation is confirmed.

Please contact the OC via info@wc2026-canoesprint.de

All participants from non "Schengen Treaty" State Members are kindly requested to contact their local German Embassy or representative for any clarification.

Please be aware that visa applications may take some time to process. For further information, visit the official web site of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Startseite_node.html

INSURANCE & MEDICAL CARE

All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries.

A First Aid and Emergency Medical Service will be available at the course. A Hospital nearby the venue will be on standby to cover the needs during the event. All medical services provided by the public health care system must be paid directly by the athlete or the National Federation.

BOAT RENTAL & CONTAINERS

The official rental service for this event will be provided by ICF's partners. All information will be published in the second bulletin.

SIDE EVENTS

All information regarding side events will be published in Bulletin 2.

NEXT INFORMATION'S

Next Information's you may find in Bulletin 2 which will be published by the of March 2026.



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