

2026 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships

Banja Luka

Team Leaders Meeting

1. Welcome, Introduction of Race Officials

A. Jury Composition

Role	Name
Jury Chair	Jean ZOUNGRANA (ICF)
Jury Member	Andrej JELENC (ICF)
Jury Member	Dejan Travar (BIH)

B. Other main officials

Role	Name
Chief Official	Manuela GAWEHN (ICF)
Chief Judge	Peter SCHOFIELD (GBR)
Race Director	Nikola STANKOVIC (HOC)
Start Judge	Andrej HUMAR (SLO)
Pre-Start Controll Judge	Dragan PRERADOVIC (BIH)
Finish Judge	Thomas GAWEHN (GER)
Boat Control Judges	Jesus SANTIAGO GOMEZ (ESP)

2. Roll Call of delegations

Calculation of simple majority should a vote be required. Chief Official also has a vote and in case of a tied vote the Chief Official has the casting vote.

		Name	Team leader
1	AUS	Australia	Jernej Abramic
2	AUT	Austria	Ursula Profanter
3	BEL	Belgium	Maxime Richard
4	BiH	Bosnia and Hercegovina	Nikola Stankovic

5	BRA	BRAZIL	Rodrigo Miranda
6	CAN	Canada	James Cartwright
7	CRO	Croatia	Tomislav Hohnjec
8	CZE	Czechia	Robert Knebel
9	ESP	Spain	Guillermo Fidalgo
10	EST	Estonia	Eve Külasalu
11	FRA	France	Laetitia Parage
12	GBR	Great Britain	Jamie Christie
13	GER	Germany	Wolfgang Kennel
14	HUN	Hungary	Sara Seprenyi
15	ITA	Italy	Vladi Panato
16	IRL	Ireland	David Pringle
17	JPN	JAPAN	OTO Bungo
18	LUX	LUXEMBOURG	Yves Wehmer
19	MKD	Republic of North Makedonia	Ljubomir Spasikj
20	NED	Netherlands	Pascal Lucker
21	ROU	Romania	Monica Bujoreanu
22	SEN	Senegal	Massamba Fall
23	SLO	Slovenia	Anže berčič
24	SRB	Serbia	Sreten Biljic
25	SUI	Switzerland	Janis Amstad
26	SVK	Slovakia	Slucik Jaroslav
27	USA	United States of Amerika	Aaron Harchak

3. Antidoping education programme (WADA) validation

Every person holding an official accreditation needs to complete the WADA antidoping program prior to the competition phase.

Access to the program: <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

THANKS FOR YOUR DISCIPLINE TO GET EVERYTHING IN TIME!!!!

Link to access ADEL program adel.wada-ama.org

4. Information during the competition – WhatsApp group



5. Confirmation of start list

Please check carefully for spelling, events and withdrawals.

Reminder:

Rule 1.6.1.f - In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late nominal entries from National Federations. It is the Technical Chair's discretion to accept or decline a late entry. Late entries to the competition will incur a fee of 50 euros per athlete in addition to the participation fee.

6. Start list distribution

CLASSIC

The start lists for the **classic individual** will be uploaded to the WhatsApp group on Tuesday, 19.05.2026 at 13:00. and 1 copy will be placed in the BIB bags, bigger teams will receive 2-3 copies.

After the classic individual race, the **classic team race start list** will be uploaded to the WhatsApp group on Wednesday, 20.05.2026 after the individuals. Printed copy must be requested at the Team Leaders Meeting.

Reminder: Please give name changes for classic team events asap to the race office in written form!

SPRINT

The start lists for the **1st and 2nd qualification** heat will be uploaded to the WhatsApp group on Thursday, 21.05.2026. The starting order for sprint heats will be the same than during the classic race.

The start list for the **sprint finals** and the **sprint team race** will be uploaded to the WhatsApp group after the heats.

Reminder: Name changes for sprint team events have to be made in written form as soon as possible after the sprint heats, only teams with 4 finalists in one category are allowed to change the name after the Sprint finals.

7. **BIB distribution**

The same bibs are used for classic and sprint (individual and team) races.

Bibs are distributed at the **race office in Hotel Dragana**.

Classic individual/Sprint individual (same bibs)

Classic team/Sprint team (individual bibs plus boat stickers)

Bib distribution on Tuesday 19.05.2026 , from 13:00 to 15:00

Deposit for bibs: EUR 50.- per Nation

8. **Events Validity**

A. Individual events

EVENT	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1	MC2	WC2
BOATS	69	45	34	16	21	12
NATIONS	25	17	15	9	11	8

B. Team events

EVENT	MK1x3	WK1x3	MC1 x3	WC1x3	MC2 x3	WC2 x3
NATIONS	15	10	8	3	7	1

C. Master events

EVENT	MK1 35+	MK1 45+	MK1 55+	WK1 35+	WK1 45+	WK1 55+
BOATS	8	14	23	0	2	0
NATIONS	7	9	13	0	2	0
EVENT	MC1 35+	WC1 35+	MC2 35+	WC2 35+		
BOATS	4	0	7	0		
NATIONS	3	0	6	0		

9. Race Progression

Event	<i>HR1 to Final</i>	<i>HR2 to Final</i>	Total in Final
MK1	5	10	15
WK1	5	10	15
MC1	5	7	12
WC1	5	7	12
MC2	5	5	10
WC2	5	5	10

10. Competition Schedule

The latest version will be published in the WhatsApp Group on **Tuesday, 19.05.2026** after the Team Leaders meeting and the link will be uploaded to the WhatsApp group.

11. Venue & Course Information

Name of the River	Vrbas
Competition Course length Sprint	360 m
Competition course high difference	4.1 m
Competition course flow	Ca. 100 cumecs per sec

Water Levels regulation times:

17.-19.05.2026 10:00 - 16:00

20.-23.05.2026 10:00 – 18:00

12. Closing of the course

The course is closed 15 min before the first official start each day until 10 minutes after the last athletes pass the finish line on the whole course.

13. Pre-Start Control

The pre-start control will be on the left river side near the boat entrance. All athletes have to pass the pre start control.

14. Start and Finish location and procedure

A. Start procedure – individual events

The boat will be held on the start (raft before start gate) and released from 0 after the countdown has finished.

Athletes are responsible to get themselves to the starting positions.

Athletes must stay in the designated waiting areas (upstream) until the athlete at the start leaves the starting position.

There will be a clock facing upstream showing the time.

There will be an acoustic signal at the start.

Athletes must strictly follow the starter's instruction, otherwise they might be disqualified for the race/run.

Athletes must start **within 3 seconds** of their start time.

At all times, the athletes must follow the Starter's instruction, or they may be disqualified for the run.

B. Start procedure – team events

All boats will be held.

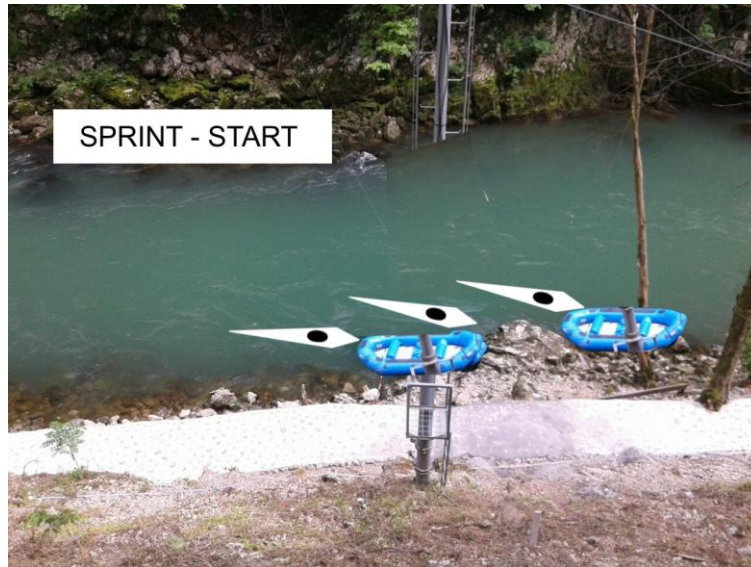
Moving backwards after the start signal is not allowed.

All boats must pass the beam line **within 10 seconds** from the start time ("0").

Classic start



Sprint start



C. Finish

Athletes must exit on river **left** (classic) below the finish line and on river left (sprint) at the platform below the bis stairs and pass through the equipment control.

Athletes must not leave the finish zone until dismissed by the equipment control judge once they are no longer needed for the equipment- or antidoping-control.

15. Course approval

The course must be approved by a simple majority of the nations present at the team leader meeting.

16. Results

Results will be posted on the official notice close to the finish line.

The links for the live results and live streaming will be published in WAPP asap and on canoeicf.com

Live results web address is <https://siwidata.com/canoe123/live?SessionKey=kosta.2717>

<https://www.canoeicf.com/wildwater-canoeing-world-championships/banja-luka-2026>

Live streaming if available on the Planet Canoe channel of the Youtube platform

17. Location of Inquiry / Protest desk, Protest fee

The enquiry desk is in the finish area.
Access to this area is limited to accredited Team Leaders only.

The protest fee is 75 euros.

The chief judge will review all the available information for the processing of the enquiry. Following the investigation of the enquiry, the decision becomes a matter of fact and therefore can't be protested further. An enquiry is considered only when submitted within 20 minutes for classic and 5 minutes for sprint race after the competitor's result is posted.

18. Equipment measuring and post competition control

The devices for boat measuring will be prepared Monday and daily 1 hour before first start near the finish line.

It is open for self-control Monday 18.05.2026 from 10:00 to 14:00 at the Hotel Dragana.

There will be random post-race equipment control at the finish line. Airbags must be fully inflated.

19. Doping control

The doping control station is located at Rafting Center Kanjon

Athletes will be notified for Doping Control at the finish area.

ID card or passport will be requested.

20. Awards Ceremony, Time and Location, Dress requirement

Event	Ceremony	Location
Opening Ceremony	Tuesday 19.05.2026 18:00	Sports Hall Center
Classic individual, Master and team events	Thursday, 21.05.2026 14:00	Sportsground Classic Finish Line
Sprint individual and team events	Saturday, 23.05.2026 18:30	Sportsground Classic Finish Line

Podium Athletes (plus Team Leader of the winning nation) MUST be in assembly area (close to the stage) no later than ten (10) minutes before the ceremony. Only athletes who have won medals in that particular event are allowed on the podium. For all the medal ceremonies, athletes must wear their official team uniforms, and appropriate footwear is required (barefoot is not allowed).

Athletes may not wear hats or headgear and no sunglasses are allowed throughout the Ceremony.

Important note: National flag, other flag, propaganda or message is NOT allowed on the podium.

21. Water Safety and rescue

The water rescue service (Croatian Mountain Rescue) will be located along the course as required.

Please follow their instructions at all times.

A medical service team can be found near the finish lines

22. National Federations parking

Road will be closed from the police on all competition days from 08:00 to 19:00

Parking Tickets will be available at the accreditation.

Classic Start: Access to the start position at the classic start is forbidden (only time keepers and judges have access)

