



2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships Rome, Italy



Covid-19 pandemic update

At the present time we are still working towards staging the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships following the postponement of the dates in 2020.

Greg Smale, Chair of the ICF Canoe Polo Committee:

'Firstly, I hope this update finds all those involved with this event still in good health along with your families. We continue to have close co-operation with the Host Organising Committee (HOC) and have had a number of meetings to discuss options but it is very difficult to come to any final conclusion yet.'

'The global pandemic is still very much ongoing although I'm pleased to see some ICF events again taking place in the Olympic disciplines. The 'spikes or second waves' as we know are happening in many countries at this time which is focussing attention on the ability or not of teams travelling and the risk of cancellation etc.'

'Accordingly at this time no decision can be made and we will next review the situation with the HOC circa beginning of November and if we are not able to make a decision then this will move to the beginning of December when we would like to reach a final decision (further postponement/cancellation) subject to ICF Board approval. We are acutely aware that for U21 athletes in particular if there is a full cancellation this will impact their entire time as a young player.'

'The ICF has developed health and safety Covid-19 protocol which to date have protected athletes however it is the ability of non-professional athletes, coaches, support staff and supporters themselves which is of significant concern at present with some travel now allowed but for many associated quarantine issues.'

'Until you receive formal notification that the world's is going ahead once again please **DO NOT** book any flights/accommodation yet'.

'One again from us all the best of health and we will be in contact again soon'.