



CANOE SLALOM 2020 – ICF RANKING COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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I. 2020 ICF RANKING COMPETITION CALENDAR

ICF ID	Name	Country	Event Location	Type of Event	Start	End	Nominal Entries Deadline
1775	2019 BRITISH CANOE SLALOM OPEN	UNITED KINGDOM	LEE VALLEY - LONDON	RANKING RACE	05.10.2019	06.10.2019	25.09.2019
1775	NZL OPEN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS	NEW ZEALAND	MANGAHAO	RANKING RACE	18.01.2020	19.01.2020	08.01.2020
1653	2020 CANOE SLALOM OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	NEW ZEALAND	AUCKLAND	CONTINENTAL CH.	01.02.2020	03.02.2020	22.01.2020
2020 ICF Ranking Release #1					15.02.2020		
1487	2020 CANOE SLALOM AUSTRALIAN OPEN	AUSTRALIA	PENRITH	RANKING RACE	FROZEN PERIOD DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC		
1761	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING BASEL HUNINGUE (AFRICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	SWITZERLAND	BASEL - HUNINGUE	RANKING RACE			
1737	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING RACE SOLKAN	SLOVENIA	SOLKAN	RANKING RACE			
1654	2020 CANOE SLALOM ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	THAILAND	PATTAYA	CONTINENTAL CH.			
1766	2020 CANOE SLALOM PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	BRAZIL	RIO DE JANEIRO	CONTINENTAL CH.			
1755	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING MARKKLEEBERG	GERMANY	MARKKLEEBERG	RANKING RACE			
1736	2020 ECA CANOE SLALOM OPEN CUP TACEN	SLOVENIA	TACEN	RANKING RACE			
1772	2020 PYRENEES CANOE SLALOM CUP 1	SPAIN	LA SEU D'URGELL	RANKING RACE			
1773	2020 PYRENEES CANOE SLALOM CUP 2	FRANCE	PAU	RANKING RACE			
1374	2020 CANOE SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	UNITED KINGDOM	LEE VALLEY	CONTINENTAL CH.			
1759	72ND INTERNATIONAL TATRA CANOE SLALOM	SLOVAKIA	LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS	RANKING RACE			
1683	ICF WORLD RANKING CANOE SLALOM MERANO	ITALY	MERANO	RANKING RACE			
1550	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP 1	ITALY	IVREA	WORLD CUP			
1551	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP 2	FRANCE	PAU	WORLD CUP			
1265	2020 ICF JUNIOR & U23 CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	SLOVENIA	LJUBLJANA-TACEN	WORLD CH.			
1459	TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES - CANOE SLALOM	JAPAN	TOKYO	OLYMPICS GAMES			
1763	2020 CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING RACE PRAGUE	CZECH REPUBLIC	PRAGUE	RANKING RACE			
1764	CHILLIWACK CANOE SLALOM OPEN	CANADA	CHILLIWACK	RANKING RACE			
1552	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP 3	SLOVAKIA	LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS	WORLD CUP			
1760	2020 CANOE SLALOM SLOVAK OPEN	SLOVAKIA	BRATISLAVA-CUNOVO	RANKING RACE			
1553	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP 4	CZECH REPUBLIC	PRAGUE	WORLD CUP			
1560	2020 CANOE SLALOM NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	GERMANY	MARKKLEEBERG	WORLD CH.			
1554	2020 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP FINAL	GERMANY	MARKKLEEBERG	WORLD CUP			

II. COVID 19 PANDEMIC - ICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISION (6 MAY 2020)

Following recommendations from the ICF Secretary General and the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee, the ICF Board of Directors agreed to freeze the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking from 15 February 2020 until 31 December 2020 to ensure fair access for all athletes to the ranking.

There will be no ICF ranking points allocated for competitions in this period.

The ICF Canoe Slalom ranking is part of the Olympic Qualification system if a Continental Olympic Qualifier competition is cancelled. The fairness and the accuracy of the ranking is a major consideration.

III. CONSEQUENCES FOR ICF RANKING CALCULATION

The new two-year ranking period covers events in the 18 months prior to 15 February 2020, (already calculated in ICF CSL Ranking release 2020-1) and then from 1 January 2021 until 31 May 2021.

The next Canoe Slalom ICF ranking showing the period as listed above will be published on 1 June 2021.

IV. ENTRIES FOR LEVEL 3 COMPETITION

Entries are open without limitation of the number of boats per event and per federation. However, the Host National Federation can limit the number of boats per event per Federation to not less than 6 boats per event. This must be recorded on the calendar when the entries open on SDP and included in the 1st information bulletin. Two weeks before the closing deadline, the limit will be reviewed and may be extended.

This rule means that:

- Each participating boat will gain International Ranking points.
- National Federations must do all of the entries through the ICF online entries system (SDP).

From 2020, ICF Canoe Slalom Committee limits each nation to hosting no more than two International ranking races (level 3) in any year.

V. ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING LIST

The ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking List is established by taking the average of the best 5 ICF Ranking Points achieved by any competitor participating in the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Series of events.

Events included in the calculation of the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking span a two-year period. Therefore, all races in the two-year period directly before the relevant release date are considered and the best 5 counted for each Athletes ranking.

Athletes having 5 or more results, whilst still averaging the best 5 results, are ranked above all Athletes having only 4 results; those with only 4 results are ranked above those with 3 results. Athletes with 3 results are ranked above Athletes with 2 results and Athletes with 1 result are ranked at the bottom of the list.

VI. ICF POINTS CALCULATION

A. Principle

ICF points are calculated separately for each phase (Heats, Semi final or Final) in which a boat participates. The lowest point value out of those 3 is the ICF points earned by the boat for that race.

B. General Formula for Race Points

$$\text{IcfPoints} = \text{PhaseOffset} + \frac{\text{PhaseFactor} \times \text{Score}}{\text{ScoreLeader}} - \text{PhaseFactor} + \text{QualityFactor}$$

- **Phase Offset**

Phase	PhaseOffset
Final	0
Semi final	10
Heats	20

- **Quality Factor**

- ICF competition Level 1 and Level 2

For ICF CSL World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Games the Quality Factor is “0”

- ICF competition Level 3

The “Quality Factor” is calculated by identifying the five (5) competing Athletes who are ranked highest on the ICF CSL Ranking list. The ICF Ranking points for these Athletes are averaged and this becomes the “QualityFactor” for that event.

Any entered boat who receives a DNS in both Heats runs will not be considered in the Quality Factor calculation.

- **Score:** results of the boat in seconds
- **ScoreLeader:** results of the fastest boat in that phase in seconds

C. Sample Calculation of IcfPoints

1. Example 1

- Competition phase → Final, therefore **Phase Offset = 0**,
- **PhaseFactor** = 150
- Competition is a World Championships, therefore **Quality Factor = 0**
- Boat 1 score = 89.60 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 90.82 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 141.91 seconds

*Points for Boat 1 (winner of finals) = $0 + ((150 * 89.6) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 0.00$*

*Points for Boat 2 = $0 + ((150 * 90.82) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 2.042 = 2.04$*

*Points for Boat 3 = $0 + ((150 * 141.91) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 87.572 = 87.57$*

2. Example 2

- Competition phase = Semi Finals therefore phase offset = 10,
- **PhaseFactor** = 150
- Competition is a World Cup, therefore **QualityFactor** = 0
- Boat 1 score = 101.76 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 100.86 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 103.19 seconds,

*Points for Boat 1 = $10 + ((150 * 101.76) / 100.86) - 150 = 12.8256 = 12.83$*

*Points for Boat 2 (winner of the semi final) = $10 + ((150 * 100.86) / 100.86) - 150 = 10$*

*Points for Boat 3 = $10 + ((150 * 103.19) / 100.86) - 150 = 13.4561 = 13.46$*

For Boat 3 the semi final ranking points are better than ranking points they score in the finals phase due to a "50" second penalty received in the Finals, their semi final points would be used as their ranking points for this race.

The calculation of ranking points for the heats phase would follow the same formula as above using 20 as the Phase Offset.

D. Calculation of Points for Female Athletes during Pregnancy.

The points for an Athlete who becomes pregnant will be frozen at the value of the first release date following the time they cease competition. The Athletes points will remain at this value for the next 24-month period (8 ICF Ranking releases) and they will retain the ICF Ranking relevant to this point value.

The Athletes Federation must write to the ICF Secretary General and the Chair of the Canoe Slalom Committee to advise that their Athlete will not be competing due to pregnancy, what date they expect to cease competition and that they wish their ICF Ranking points to be frozen for up to a 24 month period. They must also provide a medical certificate confirming the pregnancy.

If the Athlete returns to competition within 24 months they will earn points and be newly ranked. Their new post pregnancy races will be used in the calculation of their ICF Ranking. In the first instance the points earned at their first post pregnancy race will be combined with the best 4 of their pre pregnancy races to produce a new ranking. Then the two new races plus their best 3 pre-pregnancy points etc. Once they have competed in 5 races post pregnancy their ranking will be calculated on these 5 races and all the points from the pre pregnancy races will be removed.

In all cases, 12 months (4 ICF Ranking releases) after the Athlete has recommenced competition all the points earned prior to the pregnancy will no longer be counted and will be removed. The ranking will be calculated on any points earned since returning to competition and the Athlete will be ranked accordingly.

If after 24 months (8 ICF Ranking releases) the Athlete does not return to competition the points earned from pre pregnancy races will be deleted and the Athlete will be removed from the ranking list at the next release date.