

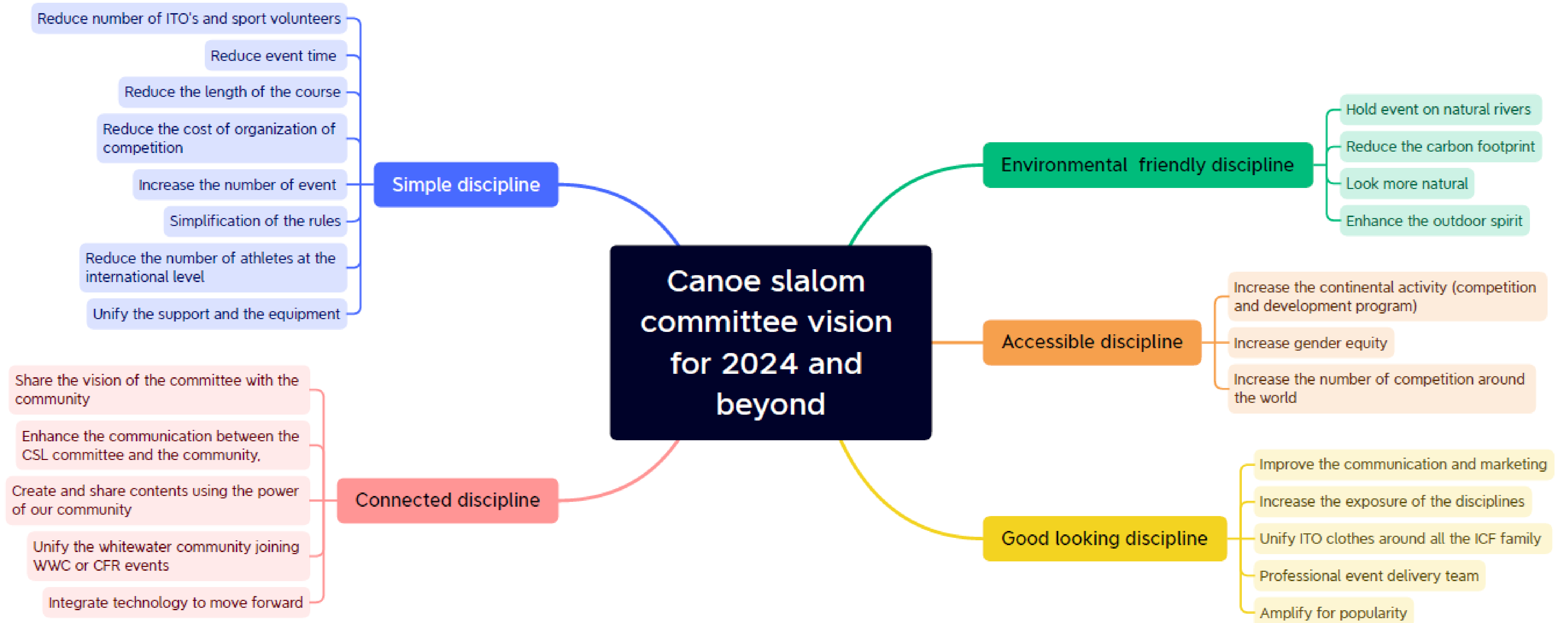
Canoe Slalom 2025 and Beyond



Canoe slalom challenges

Challenges	Reasons
Increase the continental activity outside Europe	IOC TV exposure
Promote simplicity and an understandable discipline	General practise Enforce popularity
Limit the environmental footprint (carbon, water, biodiversity) of the discipline	UN agreements on Carbon and Biodiversity
Keep the discipline up to date technology wise	Increase the number of fans Media distribution, Create educational and sport contents
Increase the attractiveness of the discipline	Strengthen marketing partnership

ICF Committee framework



Kayak Cross



Kayak Cross

Proposal 1

The Time Trials become an event itself in Men and Women => called Sprint cross or NEW NAME

This event can be used a selection process to reach the elimination phase of Kayak Cross but it can be also run independently. As now, maximum 10 gates can be used but some features on the river/course are usable to define the course (left or right of a rock for instance).

Sprint cross will be integrated to Level 1 competition, and could be run at Level 2, 3 and 4 competition.

Goal

Create a new awarded event - support of the development of Kayak Cross

The idea is to develop the discipline on other courses/venue less common for slalom activity but which could be really adapted to this practice. This is a way to come back on natural sites and to gather more paddlers from the whitewater practice.

Kayak Cross

Proposal 2

The NF can enter only 3 athletes per NF in Kayak Cross at the Level 2 competitions

Goal

Limit the duration of the Sprint Cross (time trials) events

Simplify to matching to Canoe and Kayak Slalom / and matching also the Olympic Qualifying system which depends essentially on Canoe and Kayak event

Reduce the environmental impact => not travel with one athlete for only one run

Kayak Cross

Proposal 3

At Level 1 competition the universality rules is kept (20 +12) / 3 entries per NF

At Level 2 competition the universality rule is abandoned

Goal

Level 1=> Promote our sport worldwide during the World Championships and ensure universality during Kayak Cross is achieved, which is important for IOC review process.

Showcase the best athletes at World cup

Kayak Cross

Proposal 4

The boat must still be registered on the ICF list.

The list is updated twice a year /1st of January and 1st of July)

Note for the Olympic, only boat registered at the begin of the year (1st of January) will be authorized

Goal

Allow the manufacturers/teams to modify a boat during the season.

Kayak Cross

Proposal 5

The Kayak Cross is still run at the same time as the Canoe Slalom events at Level 1 and Level 2 competitions

Goal

As Kayak Cross is an event of Canoe Slalom discipline, the Olympic quota allocation will be done mostly from Canoe and Kayak Slalom events. Athletes selected will have to practice both so it's better to keep it unified. This can be different for Level 3 competitions.

Canoe and Kayak Slalom



Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 6

The width of the gates is standardized to 140 cm

Goals

Set a standard width to:

- Limit the costs of production and selling price
- Simplify and standardized the gate setting
- Work on better and unified look of the gates

Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 7

The 4 team events (3xMK1 / 3xMC1 / 3xWK1/ 3xWC1) are replaced by one mixed Team event.

New team event format = 2 athletes (male and female mandatory) from the same NF (1 canoe and 1 kayak), competing together on the course

1 team per Nation

Consider the implementation of “Team Gates” where the two Athletes need to pass within 5 or 10 seconds of each other

Goals

Open the team events to Federations with less competing Athletes

Reduce the competition time at the World Championships

Open a new event which can be delivered at the Level 2 competitions

Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 8

Implementation of Sprint (Speed) Slalom see rule 20.1.

Format = Half or the requirements of a Canoe & Kayak Slalom format (Between 9 and 12 gates with maximum 4 upgates), run on a shorter distance.

This event is integrated at the Level 1 competition.

It could be integrated at Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 competitions

Goal

Create a new medal event event at Level 1 and potentially at other competition level

Reduce the duration, length and workforce needed for an event to better showcase it

Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 9

Addition of 2 runs (semi final + final) on the Olympic Canoe and Kayak Slalom event

Goal

With the current technology, this is possible now to better explain with graphics the timing gaps between competitors – which was not the case 15 years ago.

The idea is to re-give an advantage to the athletes having a good first run in Semi Final – as in the past – and to showcase better our Champions.

Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 10

Qualification to have access to the Level 2 Competitions (World Cup)

Access via nation ranking from continental competition

Goals

Control the quality of the start field

Enhance Continental activity

Achieve sustainability goals

Challenges

Need to revalue the continental competition / building sufficient continental activities

Canoe & Kayak Slalom

Proposal 11

For Level 2 competitions, use Heats + Final (at 12 athletes) format

For Level 1 competitions, use Heats + Semi (at 30 athletes) + Final (at 12 athletes)

Goal

Create room to run more events on a same week of competition

To align with Olympic Final Format

To align all the events to 30 in Semi