

Equipment Control (Athletes Personal Equipment)

Equipment Control must be carried out during the competition. It is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure that they compete in equipment that meets the ICF rules. The HOC must set up a measuring station that will facilitate the equipment control process.

Each Athlete is responsible for "self-checking" their equipment. To assist with this the HOC must have the equipment measuring station set up, with the scales calibrated, at least two full days prior to the commencement of the competition.

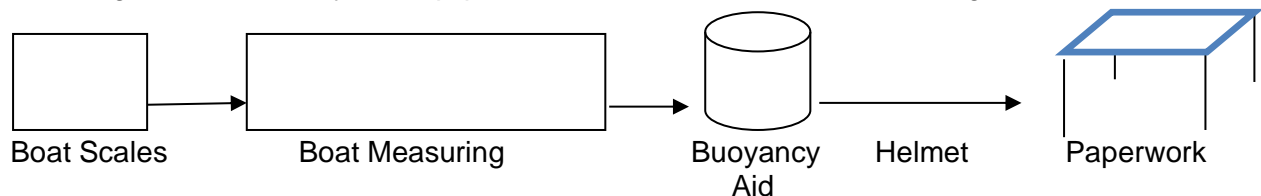
The Athlete's boat must meet the required dimensions including, weight, length, width, ends and fin radius. The helmet and buoyancy aid must be in the ICF registered list and carry the CE or ISO norm markings. The buoyancy aid must not be modified in any way. The buoyancy aid must float a 6.12kg weight.

In Kayak Cross the buoyancy aid, helmet and paddle must comply with the specific Kayak Cross rules.

Equipment Control Location and Layout

The Equipment Control area is around 25 square meters and should provide protection against wind, sun and rain. This area should be located adjacent to the finish area close to where Competitors exit the water.

For the greatest efficiency the Equipment Control area should be linear. Eg;



There needs to be sufficient area between each station for Athletes to move with their boats and not become congested. The area where the Athletes queue should be shaded to protect them should there be delays.

The Equipment Control area is in an access zone limited to Technical Officials, Athletes and Team officials and needs to be cordoned.

At least 1 hour prior to the first scheduled operational session should be allowed to set up and review the Equipment Control process with the Chief Judge or Chief Official.

There should be a certified weight available to check the scales are working correctly. The scales should be checked at the beginning of each day of operation and every three hours throughout the day. The HOC should have a second set of scales readily available should the main scales malfunction.

For Level 1 & 2 competitions the ICF buoyancy aid measuring cage should weigh 6.12kg (equivalent to a 60 Newton force) on these scales. If not, the scales should be adjusted to match the cage. This ensures that the testing of the buoyancy aid, is done in a standard way from one ICF Competition to the next.

Staffing

The Technical Official designated as the Equipment Control Judge has oversight of the whole area and should not be directly involved in any specific checking process.

There should be 6 volunteers present, who are able to communicate in English. To maximise consistency the same staff should remain on the same station throughout the Equipment Control scheduled time. During the self-checking period there should be at least one volunteer present to oversee the use of the measuring equipment and assist with information to the Athletes if needed.

Record Keeping

For World Championships and World Cups the ICF check list must be used, this will be provided to the Equipment Control Judge by the Chief Judge

Measuring Equipment

The measuring station would include;

- For boats
 - scales to check the minimum weight
 - frame to measure the length and width (K1/C1)
 - Width callipers for K1, C1
 - ICF gauge to measure radius of the boat ends, the fin, and paddle
- Facility to check the buoyancy of the buoyancy aid
 - Tub of water large enough to completely submerge the buoyancy aid
 - For level 1 & 2 competitions the ICF buoyancy aid measuring cage, this is bought to the venue by the ICF.

Several sponges or towels must be available to ensure that boats are able to be dried for weighing.

Equipment Control Schedule

The schedule for the opening times should be published to the teams no later than the Team Leader meeting for the competition.

Random Checking process

Usually, the Chief Judge will determine the extent of the random check process and provide a list to the Equipment Control Judge.

During the competition boats and other equipment that do not pass the Equipment Control check must be impounded. The Athlete's Team Leader should be contacted as well as the Chief Judge.

The equipment should only be released when the final decision has been made by the Chief Judge as to the penalty.

Relevant 2025 Rules & Links

Link to ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules, <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules>

Link to ICF Registered Equipment lists <https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/canoe-slalom/equipment>

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