

# BULLETIN



ICF 2025 WILDWATER CANOEING

**SPRINT**  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE



**18. - 20. 9. 2025**

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE - CZECH REPUBLIC  
Lída Polesná wildwater sports centre

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# WORD OF PRESIDENT

**DEAR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,**

It is my great privilege to invite all the passionate supporters of our sport to the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Sprint World Championships, set to take place from September 18th to 20th, 2025, in České Budějovice.

On behalf of the Czech Canoe Union, I would like to express our gratitude to the International Canoe Federation for entrusting us with the honour of hosting this prestigious event. The technical preparations and race organization have been entrusted to TJ Synthesia Pardubice, a team recognized for its expertise in organizing wildwater competitions. Since 2007, when they organized the first National Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Championships on this artificial course, the team has demonstrated exceptional organizational skills in numerous competitions.

The Lída Polesná wildwater sports centre, where the event will take place, has recently undergone extensive reconstruction. Thanks to these improvements, the artificial slalom course now fully meets the standards for hosting major international competitions.

The Czech Canoe Union is proud of strong legacy of organizing world-class wildwater events. Key events include the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2006 in Karlovy Vary, the Junior European Championship in 2003, and World Cups held annually from 2003 to 2008. More recently, we successfully hosted the Junior and U23 World Championships in Roudnice and Labem, followed by the World Cup in 2023 in České Budějovice. I am confident that the upcoming World Championships will build on this tradition, showcasing our continued commitment to the sport on the international level.

Beyond the thrill of elite competition, I believe the 2025 World Championships will offer the chance to forge unforgettable memories for athletes, gain invaluable experience, and explore one of the most enchanting regions in the Czech Republic.

Allow me to express my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated team of enthusiasts and volunteers whose tireless efforts make an event of this magnitude possible. I am equally grateful to the sponsors who have generously supported this event, each playing a vital role in making it happen.

I eagerly await the opportunity to welcome you all to České Budějovice and the Lída Polesná whitewater sports centre for what promises to be an extraordinary celebration of our sport.

**YOURS SINCERELY,**

Ing. Stanislav Ježek  
President of the Czech Canoe Union



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**EVENT TITLE:** 2025 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING SPRINT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**EVENT DATE:** 18th to 20th September 2025

**INFORMATION:** Website:

[2025 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING SPRINT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS | ICF - Planet Canoe](https://www.icfcanoe.org/world-championships/2025/wildwater-sprint-world-championships-budejovice)

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The Czech Republic is a country of paddlers. Various forms of canoeing and water activities do not only have a long tradition, the water slalom and wildwater canoeing is historically and currently one of the most successful sports here. In the South Bohemian region, the effect is reinforced by the traditional canoeing terrains in Šumava, including the famous Lipno area, canoeing classics such as the Vltava, Lužnice, Otava, and finally the vast water areas of the ponds around Třeboň.

## **ARTIFICIAL COURSE OF LÍDA POLESNÁ IN ČESKÉ VRBNÉ**

The area is located at the point where the Vltava. River leaves the town of České Budějovice towards Hluboká nad Vltavou. The artificial slalom course was created in the 1980s by converting a part of the original meandering Vltava riverbed into a slalom course and building the hydroelectric power station in České Vrbné that provides a course with sufficient water gradient. The course was continuously improved and modified. The big evolution came in 2010-2012, when the middle part was completely rebuilt using brand new RapidBlocs system. Changes have also been made to other parts of the course so now it is possible to use two easier courses and another challenging one for training or racing.

Out of respect for Lída Polesná, a four-times slalom world champion, the whole area was named after her.



## **BACKGROUND**

The great adventure of the artificial slalom course have always been the accompanied facilities. Visitors can use the campsite or hostel, have something to eat in the restaurant or play in the playground with their kids. Everything is connected by a cycle path with nearby České Budějovice or the extremely popular chateau Hluboka nad Vltavou. Both are accessible by bicycle or roller skates, as well as by regular boat or public transport.

Thanks to this, the area has always been a popular place for multi-day sports camps, various types of competitions, sporting events and cultural events, too. The complex is actually an island between the slalom course (i.e. the original riverbed) and the new straightened riverbed of the Vltava River. And as an island of well-being, good mood and sport in nature, it never fails to impresses.

With a population of 94,000, the statutory city of České Budějovice is the capital of the South Bohemian Region. Situated at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers surrounded by charming countryside, the city covers an area of 56 square kilometres.

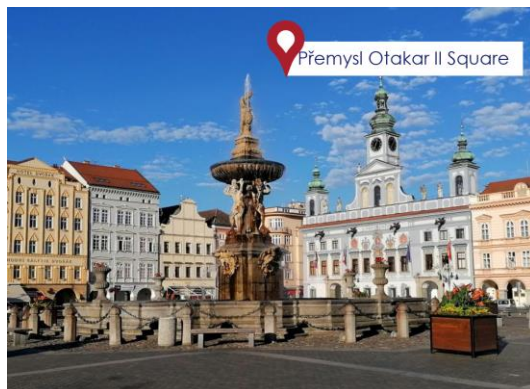
Due to its numerous architectural and artistic heritage sites, the historic city centre has been declared an urban heritage reserve and contains the most tourist attractions. These include the famous **Přemysl Otakar II Square**, named after the city's medieval founder. From the bird's-eye view, the almost regular square shape surprises with a surrounding perpendicular grid of streets.

The dominant building among the Baroque and Renaissance buildings with arcades around the square is the **Baroque Town Hall**. The four stone statues set among the three city hall spires are an allegory of the civic virtues: Justice, Courage, Wisdom and Prudence.

The jewel in the center of the square is the baroque **Samson's Fountain**, the largest of its kind in Bohemia, featuring a sculpture of the legendary hero Samson fighting the lion.

The domination of the city center is the **Black Tower** – a 72-meter tall belfry and city watchtower. Its gallery provides a stunning view of České Budějovice and its surroundings.

The tower was built in the Renaissance style by the councilors in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. To the right of the tower is the **Cathedral of St. Nicholas**. The austere baroque structure was built in the mid-17th century after the beautiful late gothic cathedral was destroyed by fire. The list of the sights is even longer: the Dominican Monastery with the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Salt Store, the remnants of fortification, the Rabenstein Tower and the Iron Maiden...



České Budějovice has become the European Capital of Culture for 2028. On the website:

<https://www.budejovice2028.eu/en>

you can read about the most interesting projects that are a precursor to the big celebrations.



# ACCOMMODATION

We recommend to use the [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) website or you can contact the tourist information centres in České Budějovice and Hluboká nad Vltavou.

## CONTACTS FOR INFOCENTRES:

České Budějovice

tel. +420 386 801 413

e-mail: [infocb@c-budejovice.cz](mailto:infocb@c-budejovice.cz)

Hluboká nad Vltavou

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e-mail: [infocentrum@hluboka.cz](mailto:infocentrum@hluboka.cz)



## HOW TO GET THERE

GPS: N 49°0.76957', E 14°27.14437'



### BY PLANE

For regular access by plane, we recommend to choose one of the nearest airports:

- Prague (PRG), • Linz (LNZ), • Vienna (VIE)

Then use the public transport (train, bus) to get to the České Budějovice railway station. In case of a private flight, it is possible to contact the České Budějovice Airport directly on its official website: [www.airport-cb.cz/en/](http://www.airport-cb.cz/en/).



### BY CAR

Arrival from Písek/Prague (road no. 20): at the first traffic light turn the left towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800m you will arrive at the complex.

Arriving from the direction of Prague, Vienna (road no. 23): follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. At the last traffic light at the exit from the town (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.

From the direction of Linz take the D3 motorway to exit 141 on the 143 road and continue towards České Budějovice. Drive straight through the entire town until you reach the junction by the Bauhaus, where you turn right towards České Vrbné and the canoeing area.



### BY BUS OR TRAIN

Destination: České Budějovice bus/train station

Then take line 9 to the České Vrbné terminal station and walk from there about 800 m or ride a bike, which can be easily rented at the terminal station.

From the station it is also possible to use shared bicycles and take the cycle path leading through the historic centre to reach the place.



# TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

During the 2025 season, two wildwater competitions will be held on the slalom course before the Wildwater Sprint World Championships:

- 10.-11.5. 2025 – ECA Wildwater Canoeing Sprint European Cup (Race 5)
- 29.-31.8. 2025 – Czech National Wildwater Canoeing Sprint Cup

We highly recommend that you take advantage of the opportunity to train on the course on these dates, when it is always possible to use the entire course for downriver boats from at least Friday before the race weekend.

If you would like to participate in these races, please feel free to email Alexandra Plachtova (alexandra.plachtova@canoeicf.com).

Outside of the above mentioned dates, please to contact Mr. Ondrej Pinkava (info@raftingcb.cz) the main manager of the venue, to arrange a date for possible training sessions.

## THE COURSE



Videos from the past races can be found here:





# EVENT AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Keep in mind that this document is the first version of the bulletin and the World Championship program. The schedule will be specified after the application deadline.

## VENUE

The competition venue will be open to all the NF delegations from 13th till 21st of September 2025.

## ICF RULES

All events will be governed by the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Competition Rules 2025.  
<https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#wildwater>

## TIME SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

The Senior World Championships will include an inserted master's race. The master's competition will be run according the type B, which means there will be 2 runs and the fastest run will be counted.

After the individual finals are completed, a bonus VIP canoecross race in a C2 MIX format will be run before the team races.

## TIME SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

### 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025, THURSDAY

9:00-18:00 Free training - according to schedule  
10:00-14:30 Boat and Equipment Control  
15:00-16:00 Bib distribution individual  
17:00-18:00 Opening Ceremony

### 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025, FRIDAY

8:00-8:50 Free training  
9:00-14:05 Heat 1 and heat 2  
14:45-16:00 Free training for masters  
16:10-18:18 Heat 1 and heat 2 for masters

### 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025, SATURDAY

8:00-8:50 Free training  
9:00-10:20 Finals  
10:50-12:15 VIP canoecross event  
13:19-14:19 Free training for teams  
14:30-15:35 Team races finals  
16:30-18:15 Medal ceremony  
18:15-18:45 Closing ceremony  
19:00-20:00 Catering for the teams  
20:00-00:00 Afterparty







# ENTRIES AND PARTICIPATION FEE

## PRINCIPLES

Entries and accreditation requests must be done by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP):

<https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to [sdp@canoeicf.sport](mailto:sdp@canoeicf.sport) prior to the respective deadline.

## SDP USER GUIDE

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf\\_userguide\\_v4.0\\_final.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v4.0_final.pdf)

## NOMINAL ENTRIES

Nominal entries deadline: 9th September 2025

Each competing athlete must be entered by name.

Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at the same time.

These entries will be used to issue accreditation cards for all teams.

QUALIFICATION	REMARKS	PRICE
Athletes	Limited to registered athletes on ICF online entries	100 € per person
Team leaders	Maximum 2 Team leaders per national federation	100 € per person
Team staff	Unlimited	100 € per person
ITO	According the list edited by ICF	Free
NF President or Secretary General	To be validated by ICF maximum 2 people per NF	Free
NF guests	Contact Mrs. Líba Rolečková	

Reminder:

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee, or to the competition organiser will NOT be accepted.

## BANK DETAILS

The payment of participation fees has to be made by bank transfer before you reach České Budějovice. After all your registrations are closed you can ask us for an invoice in the race office.

IBAN: CZ74 0600 0000 0002 5749 9345

BIC: AGBACZPP

Currency: EUR

Owner of account: Cesky svaz kanoistu, z.s.

Address: Zátopkova 100/2, 160 17  
Praha 6 – Břevnov

## VISA REQUIREMENT

The Czech Republic is a member state of the European Union. The Czech Embassy in your country will provide you with all the detailed information about visas. You will find details on the website of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs - [www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information\\_for\\_alien/index.html](http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/index.html).

Please inform the Organizing Committee in advance together with the visa form whether your team needs entry visas to the Czech Republic. The Czech Canoe Union must receive these registration forms before 20th of August 2025. The visa form can be found in Appendix 1.

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The ICF WWC Global Development programme is part of the Senior Sprint World Championships. The organizing team's aim is to involve new athletes, coaches, and whole federations in Whitewater Canoeing competitions and to provide them with the maximum support. Teams assigned to this program will be able to take advantage of support with boats and other equipment rentals, accommodation, meals, coaching and will also take part in various team-building events. All this will be in the spirit of integrating new athletes and their coaches into the international wildwater community.

More info will be published soon at the ICF event website of this Championships: [2025 ICF WILDWATER CANOEING SPRINT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS | ICF - Planet Canoe](https://www.icf-world.com/2025-wwc-sprint)





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## VISA FORM

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