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## Bulletin #3

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## Introduction

We are in the final stages of planning for this fall's 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships. It is exciting to see so many athletes are taking the opportunity to train on our rapids.

The Host Organizing Committee and the ICF have been working hard to ensure everything is in place for you to enjoy a great event. Athletes have been at the heart of all of our planning, so we hope you have an awesome experience.

## Welcome to Columbus

To help make the most of your time in Columbus and Phenix City, along with our partners, we're delighted to offer you some exclusive deals.

Your welcome bag will have a list consisting of several offers on food & drink in the community, and things to do. To redeem simply present the offer along with your accreditation at any of the participating businesses.

An additional activity that is being offered is a FREE, 2-day ticket to the RushSouth Music Festival on October 14-15<sup>th</sup>. The ticket is in your welcome bag as well. You can find all the music festival details at [www.rushsouthfest.com](http://www.rushsouthfest.com).

You hopefully see that we have started to increase our communication efforts around the event through the [Columbus World Championships Facebook page](#) and have recently created an [Instagram page](#). If you are training or visiting our park or posting about the event on social media, please tag us - @ICFWORLDCHAMPIONSHIPSCOLUMBUSGA

We look forward to seeing you on the Chattahoochee River soon!

## ICF WhatsApp Group

If you haven't already done so, please register for the event WhatsApp group to receive updates and official ICF and HOC information.

To register for the WhatsApp group please use the following link:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/luWipg1zKnWJsrp3mtBsYN>  
or scan the QR code.

During the event, information will also be posted on the bulletin boards at the RV Campground and the Sport Information Office. Announcers will also share information at the venue.



### [Buoyancy Aids](#)

Please note that personal floatation devices and helmets are to be always worn by anyone on or inside the course.

### [Official Training](#)

Official training commences on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The official training schedule can be viewed [here](#).

\*Note this is subject to change based on entries closing after September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### [Further Training Opportunities](#)

The HOC knows that several athletes and teams will arrive prior to the Official Training period to train independently. Athletes are welcome to do so but we are unable to guarantee competition level water.

### [Start List & BIB Numbers](#)

Start list and bib numbers will be provided once entry closes September 29.

### [Competition Schedule](#)

The official competition schedule can be found [here](#).

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### [Live results](#)

Throughout the competition live results will be available on the ICF website found [here](#).

### [LIVE STREAM](#)

The 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships will be live streamed on the ICF's YouTube channel, Planet Canoe.

<https://www.youtube.com/PlanetCanoe>

### [The Danny O' Brien Unique Contribution to Freestyle Award](#)

Following the tragic passing of our friend Danny, (Ref to tribute in bulletin 2) we would like to celebrate Danny's life with an award.

This Award will be given every 2 years at the CFR World Championships, just before the start of the Men's & Ladies K1 Senior medal ceremony. Danny was passionate about what he did for the freestyle community and contributed greatly to our sport in recent years Therefore the award will go to someone, chosen by a panel, who has made a unique contribution to Freestyle. Danny's friends and family have given us permission to celebrate and pay tribute to Danny in this way.

## Sport Information and Accreditation

The Sport Information Office and Accreditation Center will be open from Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am to for Team Leaders to collect their teams' accreditations, competition bibs, and athlete welcome bags. Please note that if you have not paid your fees, you will not receive these items. Fees can be paid via credit card or exact cash on site.

- PowerHouse
  - October 2 – October 8, 2023, from 10:00 – 17:30
  - October 9 – October 13, 2023, from 8:30 – 17:30
  - October 14, 2023, from 9:30 – 17:00

## Team Leaders Meeting

This mandatory session will occur at the Powerhouse on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The session will begin at 09:00am. The address is 1205 Front Avenue Columbus, GA 31901. Each National Federation is required to have 1 (one) Team Leader present and if that leader is not fluent in speaking English than you are allowed to bring a second representative to the meeting.

## Future of Freestyle Forum

Monday, October 9th, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Powerhouse.

Open to all athletes, coaches, and affiliates. This is a moderated opportunity to give feedback in small group format to the ICF Committee regarding the goals and ambitions of freestyle paddling.

## ICF Development Camp

The ICF, HOC and Whitewater Express are delighted to announce the details of our development camp. This year's camp will be aimed at emerging nations. So far, Uganda, Chile, and China have all signed up for the camp, with more countries. to be confirmed.

The camp will run from the 4th to the 14th of October, with a mix of land and water sessions. We are also delighted to announce our camp coaches, Maxi Montoya and Valerie Bertrand, with other coaches to be confirmed.

Freestyle development is a vital part of our program. We look forward to working with these emerging nations at the World Championships and in their home countries after the competition,

For more information about the camp, please contact: [@Ciaran Maguire](#) and [thomas.rosset@canoeicf.sport](mailto:thomas.rosset@canoeicf.sport)

## Judges Seminar

The ICF judge's seminar will happen from 2nd to 4th of October at the Powerhouse. The first 2.5 days will be dedicated to learning and training, last half day will be used for exams. 10 to 12 trainees will attend, they are judges in their country or at international events.

Fees to apply to the seminar are set at 50€, accommodations are handled by applicants themselves.

## Judges Fee

As the ICF regulations require there will a fee towards the judges of the competition to cover some expenses. The fee is \$55 Euros.

ICF will invoice each National Federation for the Judge's fee and then the National Federation will choose to invoice the athletes at their own discretion.

## ICF ONLINE ENTRIES & ACCREDITATION SYSTEM – SDP

### Principles

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.msl.es/icf/icf.jsp>

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

SDP user guide [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf\\_userguide\\_v2.2.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf)

### Nominal entries

Nominal entries close: September 29, 2023

Each athlete competing must be entered by name.

Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.

### Reminder

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

## Campground

The HOC is providing primitive campgrounds space for both RVs and Tents.

Please visit <https://rushsouth.com/campground-registration> to reserve your space.

### Parking

The city offers free public parking in its three decks.

## Transportation

Groome will pick up athletes in Atlanta. Athletes will be able to book in advance with Groome over the phone or online (\$10 discount) by using the code **KAYCOL** (Kayak Columbus). Enter this code in as a group code or a promo code, which ever you can get to work properly.

The Athlete must use the code before making the reservation, otherwise they will not have access to the drop off on Bay Ave. The one-way rate without the code is currently \$57.00. Please book your trip with or without the code working so you can be sure to arrive in Columbus in a timely manner.

Contact info:

[https://groometransportation.com/columbus/?&sd\\_client\\_id=7fe24760-f4a3-4bf4-ac1a-26e9b753a5d7](https://groometransportation.com/columbus/?&sd_client_id=7fe24760-f4a3-4bf4-ac1a-26e9b753a5d7)

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### Catering

The Host Organizing Committee has arranged for a food truck to be on-site each day of the competition, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Each truck will offer a small variety of meal options. Trucks will accept cash (USD) or credit card payments only.

The Host Committee has organized a FREE breakfast at the campground site on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Please plan accordingly.

### Anti-Doping Education

In line with ICF rules for ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-doping Education Learning Platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role: [ICF \(ADEL\) online anti-doping course](#). If someone has already completed the course, they do not have to re-take it. If you are unsure whether you have completed the course, please contact your National Federation.

### Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (18:30) at The Phenix City Amphitheater (508 Dillingham Street Phenix City, AL 36867). Teams are asked to assemble and be ready at 7:00 (19:00) to parade. Teams are asked to:

- Arrive in National Federation tracksuits and accreditation between 6:00 – 6:30 pm, ready to parade at 19:00.
- Assemble at 508 Dillingham Street Phenix City, AL 36867 (walking distance from campground)
- Nominate one female and one male per team for carry flag and country signage (both provided by HOC)
- Have entire team and leaders join the parade, plan to stay behind the flag throughout the parade

### Social Events and Festivals

Throughout the training and competition period, the HOC will be producing socials and special events. Athletes, coaches, officials, sponsors, and others are all welcome to attend.

#### World Championship Attendee-Only Social Events

The following events are open to athletes, coaches, sponsors, and VIPs.

- Athlete Social/Dinner
  - o Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>: Welcome Party - Historic District Neighborhood Association
    - Time: 17:30 to 20:00
    - Place: Promenade at 700 Broadway

- Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo
- Athlete Social/Dinner
  - Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: The Wintering Grounds
    - Time: 18:30 to 20:30
    - Place: 1301 Whitewater Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867
- Athlete Social/Dinner
  - Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: Midtown, Home of Dan and Jill Gilbert
    - Place: 1661 Forest Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906
    - Transportation via Whitewater Express shuttles with pick-up at the roundabout next to Hotel Indigo
- Athlete Social/Dinner: Closing Ceremonies
  - Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Time: 19:00 to 21:00
    - Location: The Powerhouse

#### Community Festivals Open to the Public (including ICF guests)

One of the goals of the Host Organizing Committee is to involve and engage residents in World Championships events. To do this, the Uptown district will be hosting free community festivals and events before, during, and after the competitions.

The festivals are open to anyone who wants to attend, including ICF guests. For detailed information visit: [www.rushsouth.com](http://www.rushsouth.com). Highlights include:

- September 30<sup>th</sup>: Mogadishu Mile (Army Competition); Music, entertainment, and beverages
- October 6<sup>th</sup>: Free Concert on Broadway
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: Market Days on Broadway from 9 am -12 pm
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: Zen Zone and Vendor Village
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: RushSouth Outdoor Music Festival and Outdoor Games (ticket charge)
  - Tickets are available for purchase at [www.rushsouthfest.com](http://www.rushsouthfest.com)