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Greetings Xaver Schuler-Steiner



A Huge Welcome

Dear Friends of Canoe Sport



On behalf of the WM Muota 2018 Association I should like to welcome you all to the 2018 World Championships. It was a great pleasure for the Committee to organise the 2017 World Cup Race and a lot of useful information was gained from doing that. Now,

with that experience in the bag, we have stepped up a gear to set about organising the World Championships and will do everything we can to guarantee a slick organisation and the best race conditions.

But who are the WM Muota 2018 association, and what drives their interest in canoeing? Naturally, the association comprises died-in-the-wool canoeists on the one hand, and on the hand other local

representatives from the worlds of tourism and politics. The aim is to organise a magnificent sporting event, whilst at the same time showing off the many different facets of the wonderful Innerschwyz region to our guests from around the world. Besides the Organising Committee, this event would equally not be possible without the support of our sponsors, for which we are most grateful. Likewise we thank the many local associations without whose contribution the non-racing programme would not be possible. We also say a great thank you to the numerous landowners, who have agreed to our many requests and without whose support it would simply not be possible to organise the races.

Welcome to beautiful Innerschwyz!

Xaver Schuler-Steiner

President, Organising Committee

Greetings Franz Föhn-Schelbert



„Muotathal goes international“

On behalf of the Council and the people of Muotathal I should like to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and spectators, but above all, to you, the athletes.

Spring is possibly the finest season and that is true here in the Muota valley too. As spring sets in, the snow on the mountains melts and the Muota fills with water. This is good news not only for the organisers of the Canoe World Championships, but also for the Schwyz electricity company since, as the Muota flows down the valley it is used to produce electricity at several points. Finally, the Muota enters the magnificent Lake Lucerne at Brunnen, on whose western shores the famous “city of light” itself stands.

The occasion of the Canoe World Championships will bring an international focus to the otherwise tranquil and quiet Muota valley; and we welcome this. It is a pleasure and an honour for us. It shows that the

unspoilt environment of the Muota valley, with the Muota River tumbling through it, has its place on the international stage. Now, for the first time since 1973, Muotathal again has the honour of welcoming the Canoe World Championships.

Muotathal is one of the ten largest communes in Switzerland by area, covering a total of 172 km²; however, having only 3600 inhabitants it is sparsely populated and much of it is nature at its most natural. Ried and Bisisthal also form part of the Muotathal district.

I should like to thank the Organising Committee of the Muota Wild Water Racing World Championships, as well as all the volunteers and other helpers, for the huge effort they have put into this event and I wish all the best to all the competitors. I hope that, besides the medals and awards, you also take home with you many happy memories of the Stoos-Muotathal region and of course, of Muotathal itself. Please come back and visit us again. You'll find a lot more information about our valley on our website www.muotathal.ch.

Franz Föhn, Council Leader, Muotathal

The Muota Valley



Muotatal, the Muota Valley, situated in the region Stoos-Muotatal, represents nature, primeval character and tradition. And thanks to the Muota, the river giving the valley its name, it also represents whitewater racing.

The river meanders over 30 km through cantons Uri and Schwyz to its mouth in the Vierwaldstättersee (Lake Lucerne) in Brunnen.

The Muota River is ideal for whitewater racing, and has already proven its worthiness with the 1973 Canoe World Championships, and the 2015 Swiss Championships being held on its waters.

The town Muotathal is an aspiring community which places great value on both tradition and innovation. The Wetterschmöcker (traditional weather forecasters famous all over Switzerland) and the Hölloch cave system are just two of the local specialities that the area can offer. The Muotataler Alp Cheese Market, taking place at the end of October, has, since its start, developed into a huge event, drawing crowds from over Switzerland and Europe.

By the way, “Muotatal” without the H is the valley, and “Muotathal” with the H is the town.

Organising Committee / Useful contacts



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Getting there



Muotathal is situated in the heart of Switzerland and is easy to reach by car.

From Basel or Lucerne:

From Lucerne follow the A14 motorway towards Zug. After 20 km you will arrive at the “Rütihof” three-way motorway intersection. Here follow the A4 motorway towards Schwyz. Leave the motorway at Schwyz and follow the signs to Muotathal.

From Lake Constance and Rapperswil:

From Rapperswil head towards Pfäffikon / Gotthard. At Pfäffikon follow the A3 motorway a short distance towards Gotthard. Take the first exit towards Gotthard / Schwyz. A rural road then takes you past Rothenthurm and Sattel to Schwyz. In Schwyz travel towards Muotathal.

From Gotthard / Altdorf:

In Flüelen take the bypass tunnel towards Schwyz. After the Mositunnel tunnel, exit the motorway at exit 40 (towards Weggis / Gersau / Schwyz / Brunnen). Drive towards Ibach / Schwyz and take the first exit towards Muotathal at the second roundabout (near Dany's Family Restaurant).

Airports:

Milan: 3h / 236km
Basel: 2h / 150km
Frankfurt: 4.5h / 460km

Zürich: 1h / 88km
Geneva: 3.5h / 310Km
Munich: 4h / 380km

Provisional Schedule



Saturday, 26 May 2018

All day Unofficial free training

Sunday, 27 May 2018

All day Unofficial free training

Monday 28 May 2018

All day Unofficial free training
09.00 – 12.00 and
15.00 – 18.00 Registration of National Teams in Race Office,
Muotathal

Tuesday 29 May 2018

All day Unofficial free training
09.00 – 12.00 and
15.00 – 18.00 Team Registration in Race Office, Muotathal
Boat and Equipment Check in Muotathal School
**16.00 Official Team Leader Meeting in
Race Office, Muotathal**
From 18.00 Reception and evening meal for Team Leaders
and Officials on the Fronalpstock mountain at the
invitation of Stoosbahnen AG

Wednesday 30 May 2018

All day Unofficial free training
09.00 – 12.00 and
15.00 – 18.00 Team Registration in Race Office, Muotathal
Boat and Equipment Check in Muotathal School
**19.30 Opening Ceremony in Muotathal Village and
Muotathal School**

Provisional Race Schedule



Thursday 31 May 2018

09:00	Bib issue, Race Office, Muotathal
Until 10.30	Free training
11.00	Start, Classic Race Individual, Block 1
14.00	Start, Classic Race Individual, Masters
16.00	Start, Classic Race Individual, Block 2
19.30	Award Ceremony, Classic Race, Masters in Muotathal School
20.30	Canoe Film Festival in the Cinema near Muotathal School

Friday 1 June 2018

09:00	Bib issue, Race Office, Muotathal
Until 11.00	Free training
11.30	Start, Classic Race, Teams
17.00	Unofficial Team Leader Meeting in Race Office, Muotathal
19.30	Award Ceremony, Classic Race, Individual and Teams, in Muotathal School
...afterwards	Folk Evening in the Muotathal Multi-purpose Hall

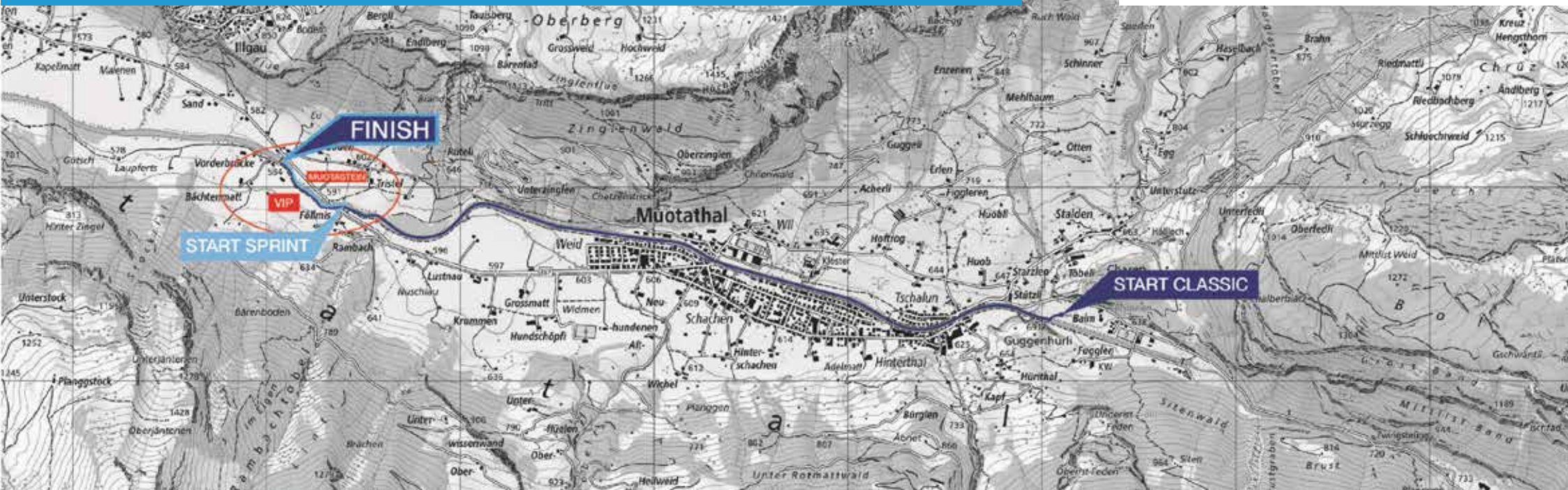
Saturday 2 June 2018



08:00	Bib issue, Race Office, Muotathal
Until 9.45	Free training
10.00	Start, Sprint Race Heats, Individual, Block 1
14.00	Start, Sprint Race Heats, Individual, Block 2
17.00	Swiss Championships and International Kayak-Cross Muota 2018
Until 20.30	Show at the Muotastein
20.30	Award Ceremony, Kayak-Cross, Muotastein Kanu Arena
...afterwards	Entertainment with catering in the Kanu Arena marquee

Sunday 3 June 2018

08:00	Bib issue, Race Office, Muotathal
From 09.30	VIP event in the Muotastein Kanu Arena
Until 09.45	Free training
10.00	Start, Sprint Race Finals, Individual
15.00	Start, Sprint Race Finals, Teams
19.00	Award Ceremony, Sprint Races, Individual and Teams in Muotathal School
...afterwards	Closing Ceremony and Party in the Muotathal Multi-purpose Hall

Courses (Sprint and Classic)



	Classic Race	4.3 km	(Hinterthal-Vorderbrücke)
	Sprint Race	440 m	(Area Föllmis-Vorderbrücke)

The normal scale of river difficulty for the Muota is WW II +, with a WW III section around the Muotastein (the name given to a large stone in the middle of the river) which is part of the sprint leg.

All important information about the route is available in the Internet on the WM Muota 2018 homepage.

Also available on Internet is information about water levels and scale of river difficulty. There is also a film about various parts of the paddle route, as well as photos of the put-in and take-out points.

Alternative race venue



Alternative race venue on the Urner Reuss River from Amsteg to Erstfeld

It was decided, along with the ICF, that an alternative venue for the World Championship 2018 would be defined.

If water levels exceed 60m³/s, the ICF Technical Delegation, in conjunction with the Chief Judge, the race Technical Organiser and the Head of Safety will jointly decide whether the race should continue to be held on the Muota or whether, for safety reasons, the race should be transferred to the Urner Reuss.

Aktueller Wasserstand der Muota:
<http://www.ebs-gruppe.ch/glattalp/#2>



The alternative venue is located near Erstfeld, approximately 40 km from the town of Muotathal. The competition course can be reached by car in approximately 40 minutes. Further details about the various legs of the the Urner Reuss and pictures of the put-in and take-out points are available on the WM Muota 2018 homepage.

Put-in and take-out rules on the Muota



New put-in and take-out rules for paddlers on the Muota

Working together with land owners, farmers, and the municipal council, it was decided that from spring 2017 an official set of rules related to put-in and take-out should be followed. The aim of these rules is to keep the impact of paddlers and events on the farming land bordering the Muota River to a minimum.

This includes official put-in and take-out sites, which have been identified with signs, where kayaks and other water vessels can enter and exit the water. It also includes signs where take-out is strictly forbidden, except in the event of an emergency. At all other places along the river it is forbidden to put-in or take-out and any infringement of these rules can result in a fine.

We ask that all paddlers respect and follow these rules. Many thanks in advance.

All necessary information and cards can be found on the WM Muota 2018 homepage.

Carparking



Put-in “Balm”, Start Classic

Near the put-in for the classic race there are plenty of carparks on the gravel area near the football pitch, as well as along the main road above the put-in.

Put-in and take-out “Rambach”, Start Sprint

At the put-in and take-out point at Rambach there is no carparking on the gravel area beside the road. This gravel area is only for loading or unloading of boats. Parking is on the carpark 200 meters up the road. The gravel area at Rambach must at all times be hinderance free to enable access for the business operators.

Users of the carpark further up the road should also keep access unhindered to enable free access for the operating company to the rubbish depot.

Take-out point “Vorderbrücke”, Finish classic and sprint

Here there is no carpark available. Boats must be carried up the left bank to the gravel area for the put-in/take-out point at Rambach.

Due to the fact that the main road between Vorder Brugg and Rambach is in a rural zone, it is not permitted to park on the pavement. If you break this rule, you will recieve a hefty fine from the police.

Take-out point “Selgis”

200 meters up the main road from the Selgis take-out point you will find plenty of carparking on the gravel area to the right.

All details, including pictures of the carparking available around the venue, can be found on the Kanu WM 2018 homepage.

We kindly ask you to adhere to the rules governing the current carparking situation.

Competitor parking during the World Championships



During the World Championships, from Friday 25 May to Sunday 3 June, a special car park for accredited competitors only will be available on the righthand side of the river downstream of the Vordere Brücke. The car park gives direct access to the river downstream of the finish.

This car park is reserved primarily for minibuses with trailers. So long as space is available, other vehicles may also use the car park for loading boats. If there is insufficient space, in particular during the sprint races on Saturday and Sunday, only minibuses with trailers will be allowed access. All other vehicles will have to use the second car park 200m upstream of the Rambach access/egress point.



Accommodation



Throughout the region of Muotathal and neighbouring Illgau there are a variety of hotels, holiday apartments and guesthouses available. We advise you to make your own arrangements by contacting the options listed. Further information about the various accommodation options can be found by visiting their websites or by telephone. Alternatively, the team at the Stoos-Muotatal Tourism Office will be glad to help you in your search. We advise you to make your bookings soon. Please mention that you are booking for the Canoe World Championships because some accommodation has already been set aside for our needs.

At the “Erlebniswelt Muotathal” near the start zone there is a small camping area for tents which offers electricity and showers. Please contact the Erlebniswelt directly on +41 (0)41 831 81 50.

Overnight camping accommodation will also be available mid-way along the course, near the entrance to the village of Muotathal. Running water and showers will be provided on site. Electric hook-ups for mobile homes and camper vans will be available as will charging points for mobile phones computers and tablets.

Price per person per night

Adult	CHF 10.00
Youth 6 -16 years old	CHF 6.00
Children to 5 years old	free of charge
Tent site per night	CHF 12.00
Campervan/caravan/mobile home	CHF 16.00
Includes visitor's taxes	

It is essential that you reserve a space via the Stoos-Muotatal Tourist Office.

Contact and reservation: Stoos-Muotatal Tourismus GmbH,
<http://www.stoos-muotatal.ch/en> / info@stoos-muotatal.ch
+41 (0)41 818 08 80

Additionally, there is the option of finding accommodation in Schwyz, Seewen, Brunnen or Morschach. Information and contact details can be found here: <http://www.schwyz-tourismus.ch/en/unterkunft-tagung>



Visas for foreign nationals can be issued by the Swiss representation covering their place of residence. Basically, there are two types of visa. Both can be applied for by completing a visa application form submitted in good time.

Since Switzerland's adherence to the Schengen and Dublin agreements came into force (12 December 2008) Swiss representations abroad are able to issue particularly two types of visa, depending on the purpose of the proposed stay:

- Schengen Visa, type C: for entry and a stay of up to 90 days within a period of 180 days, for example in the context of tourism, a visit, short-term language studies, etc.
For a stay involving gainful employment a work permit is also required.
- National visa, also known as type D: for longer term stays in Switzerland (more than 90 days). This visa is issued subject to authorisation from the cantonal migration authority competent for the intended place of residence in Switzerland.

The application must be submitted in good time: depending on the time of year/type of visa, the process can take several weeks or even months. For a Schengen visa, the visa application can be submitted no earlier than three months before the planned entry into the Schengen area.

The documents which must be submitted along with the visa application as well as the procedure differ depending on the applicant's country of residence. To find out which documents you need to submit, click on the link below to view the visa application conditions for your country.

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>



If you require a letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa, please send an email to Peter Luthi at wmmuota2018@bluewin.ch. quoting the reference "Visum".

Key dates



3. May 2018	Closing of numerical entries
21. May 2018	Closing of nominal entries
25. May 2018	Payment date for the entry fee
Saturday, 26. May till Wednesday, 30. May 2018	Official training days
Tuesday, 29. May 2018	Team leader's meeting
Wednesday, 30. Mai 2018	Opening ceremony
Thursday, 31. May till Sunday 3. June 2018	Competition

Safety / Medical Services



Safety

Each participant takes part at his/her own risk.

Safety during training sessions are the responsibility of each team coach. Wildwater rescue will only be guaranteed during competition.

Each competitor must follow the safety rules according to the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Rules (helmet, buoyancy jacket, shoes, airbags...).

Medical Services

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the World Cup during the competition days: doctor on duty, hospital and clinic assistance. A medical centre will operate at the sprint course in the finish area with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid and ambulance services are to be covered by your own medical insurance policy. The Organizing Committee is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

Accreditations / How to pay



QUALIFICATIONS	REMARKS	COSTS
Athletes	Limited to registered athletes on ICF online entries	60.- € per person Kayak Cross 30.- € per person
Team leaders	2 maximum per national federation	
Team staff	Unlimited	
ITO	According to the list edited by ICF	Free
NF President or General Secretary	To be validated by ICF 2 maximum per national federation	

how to pay?

The entry fee must be paid in advance on-line.

Please clearly reference your payments as either "Nation-Worlds" or "Nation-Master".

Payment must reach us by 25 May 2018

Bank details

Account owner : Verein Kanu-WM-Muota 2018
Address : c/o R. Weller, Alpenblick 8, CH-6330 Cham
IBAN : CH03 0078 7785 3336 6450 9
BIC : KBZGCH22XXX

All bank charges are payable by the Nations!

Register



How to register?

You need to enter your team through “*nominal entries*” via the ICF software SDP in order to validate them. With the nominal entries, all athletes will be automatically pre-accredited, so you do not need to re-enter them.

Please note, you need to enter all your staff members through pre-accreditations!

Go directly to SDP: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

Log in with your NF login (provided by ICF) and go to «Online Entries».

STEP 1: Online Entries / You just need to complete all athletes details.

STEP 2: Pre-accreditations / You just need to complete all your staff members details.

The Masters Race



The Masters Race

Date: 31 May 2018, 14:00 to 16:00

Course: Classic distance from Hinterthal to Vorderbrücke, 4.3 km

Registration: Registration is to be submitted via the National Federation, using the form available on the homepage www.wm-muota2018.ch. To download the form go to the tab "Athlete Info". Completed forms should be sent by email to: wmmuota2018@bluewin.ch and referenced "Masters Registration". There is no limit to the number of entries per category.

Categories: Age groups A (35-39 years); B (40-44 years); C (45-49 years); D (50-54 years); E (55-59 years); F (> 60 years)
Categories: C1 Ladies and Men, C2 Ladies and Men, K1 Ladies and Men

Registration close: Registration closes **17 May 2018**

Accreditation fees: No accreditation fees are payable. The entry fee is € 60.- per boat which includes entry to the closing party in Muotathal on Sunday evening.

Payment: Payment must be made in advance by the National Federation by bank transfer before **25 May 2018**. The bank details are available on **page 18** of this bulletin.

Start numbers: The start numbers for the Masters races will be issued to the team representatives on Thursday morning, at the officially designated time.

Safety: The safety regulations are as per official World Championship regulations (**see page 17**).

Awards Ceremony: The awards ceremony for the Masters Classic Race will be held at **20:00 on 31 May 2018** at Muotathal School.

Catering for athletes



Catering for athletes

We will be able to offer inexpensive catering arrangements for athletes and other team members in the finish area on race days.

From Wednesday evening to Sunday evening the catering arrangements for volunteers will also be opened to athletes and other team members at lunch time and in the evening.

Meals cost CHF 13.00/€13.00, which includes unlimited non-alcoholic drinks.

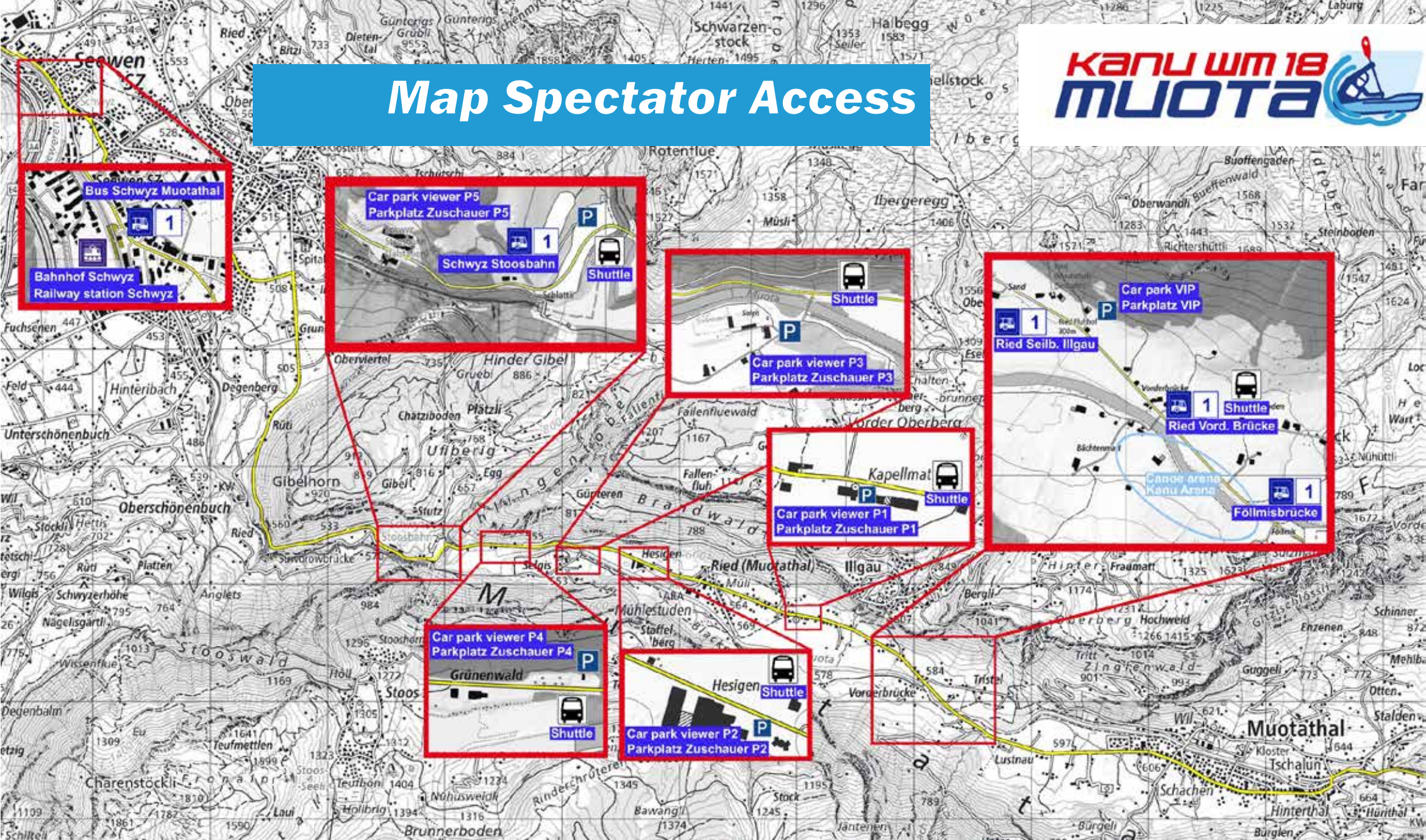
Every day soup and bread with unlimited non-alcoholic drinks will be available for CHF 6.00/ €6.00.

The menu is still being prepared and will be published later on the internet.

We would ask interested teams to contact us in advance in order to gauge the interest in this possibility. Please therefore contact Peter as soon as possible by email on wmmuota2018@bluewin.ch.

The actual number of meals required can be ordered 2 days in advance from the main office. The requested number of meal vouchers will then be issued on the appropriate day by the office upon receipt of payment.

Map Spectator Access



Spectator Access



Spectator Access

Arrival by car:

Spectators arriving by car have a choice of 5 car parks along the road leading into the Muotathal valley.

Car parks P1 to P4 are free, clearly signed and staffed by our team of volunteers.

The car parks with spaces available at any time are indicated on a large roadside sign. It is strongly recommended not to proceed beyond the indicated official carpark as there are no other car parks available further up the valley.

Carpark P5 is a reserve car park only. This is the official public car park of the Stoosbahnen AG funicular and can be used only if the appropriate parking fee is paid.

On competition days a regular shuttle bus service will run from all car parks to the competition arena near the race finish.

Please note:

The parking areas are not monitored. Stoosbahnen and the organisers of the ICF Canoe World Cup accept no liability in the event of any incident.

Parking is very limited. For this reason it is essential to use public transport when attending the races in Muotathal.

Arrival by Public Transport:

A half-hourly bus service runs from Schwyz railway station to Muotathal (Bus no. 1, Arth Goldau - Lauerz - Schwyz – Muotathal). The journey time is 24 minutes. Get off at the Ried, Vordere Brücke stop, which is at the race finish.

The bus timetable is available at:

<http://www.aags.ch/home/fahrplan/haltestellenfahrplaene-ab-10122017.html>



Important Safety Information

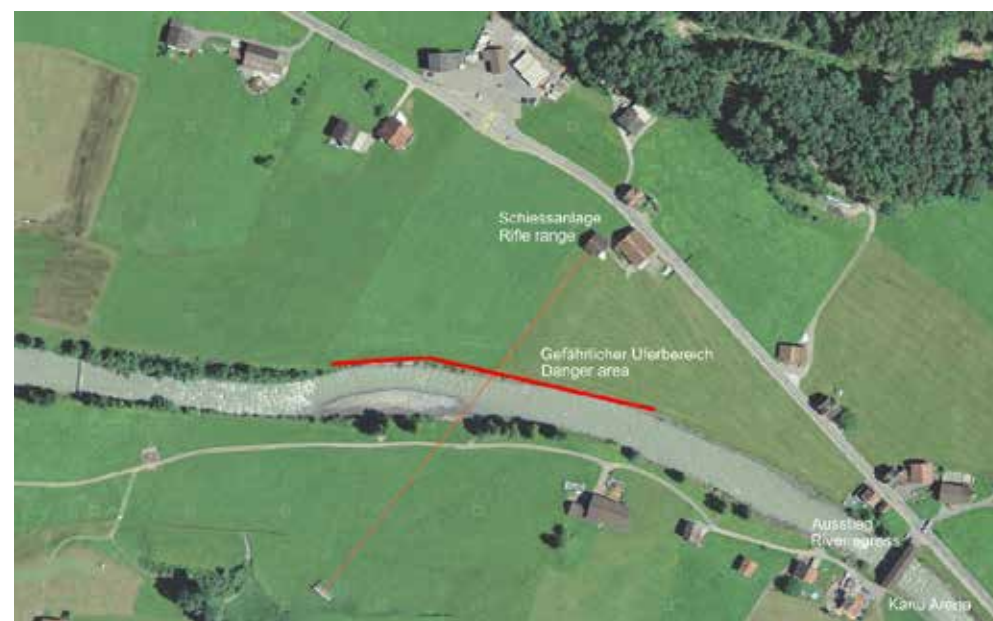


Important Safety Information

Approximately 200m downstream from the Kanu Arena, below the finish bridge and the official get-out at the "Vordere Brücke", is the shooting range of the Muotathal Shooting Club. The line of sight of the range crosses directly over the Muota River, the stand being on the right hand side and the targets being on the left hand side.

During official shooting events there is a serious danger to life if you attempt to exit the river in this area. The river can, however, be paddled safely at all times.

If the range is in use during race training, it is strictly forbidden to exit the river within a safety zone of 100m upstream and 100m downstream of the range line of sight.



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