

2025 Canoe Freestyle Rule Change Proposals

#	Editor: NF / BoD / CSL Committee	CR/PR/SR	ART.	EXISTING WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING. All modifications must be written in bold blue	Committee/NF Comment	Committee STAND	BOARD STAND April 2024	CONGRESS November 2024
2	CFR Committee	PR	3.3.2	The boat must be able to hold 40 liters of water with the athlete kneeling in the	The boat must be able to hold 40 liters of water with the athlete kneeling in the boat, and all flotation fully inflated and in place.	To prevent manipulation of floatation to pass this OC1 requirement. Note, drysuits DO constitute inflatable floatation if containing excessive air.	In Favour	In Favour	
3	CFR Committee and GBR	PR	3.3.3	The open depth of the boat must be at least 40cm for a length of 80cm.	The open depth of the boat must be at least 37.5 40 cm for a length of 80cm.	The agreed rules were originally determined by direct measurement of a small number of Spanish Flies and Robson CU Flies at International competitions. The Robson CU boat has been in small series production over the last 20 years and has won many medals at many World Championships and World Cup events. The CU Fly has never met the requirement of this rule as written. Robson state in their specifications that the Depth is 15.25" or 38.7cm. Move to 37.5 for tolerances. GBR	In Favour	In Favour	
4	CFR Committee	SR	3.6.1	All boats except Squirt boats must be equipped at each end with anchor points	All boats except Squirt boats must be equipped at each end with anchor points with sufficient strength for lifting, carrying or rescuing.	To align rules with current freestyle boat shapes	In Favour	Approved the rule	
5	CFR Committee	SR	3.6.2	An average hand must be able to easily grab these points.	An average hand must be able to easily grab at least one these points.	To align rules with current freestyle boat shapes	In Favour	Approved the rule	
6	CFR Committee	SR	3.7.2	Only branded products designed for white water use will be accepted.	Only branded products designed for white water use will be accepted: The helmet must meet or exceed the EN 1385 standard or equivalent.	To establish a more controlled safety standard for helmets.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
7	CFR Committee	SR	3.8.2	Only branded products with a recognized safety certification designed for whitewater	Only branded, inherently buoyant products with a recognized safety certification designed for whitewater use will be accepted. No modifications to this equipment will be permitted.	To disqualify inflatable PFDs from being used in competition.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
8	CFR Committee	SR	3.9.1	An IJCFR, or a representative of the CFRC will randomly check 10% of the athletes	An IJCFR, or a representative of the CFRC will randomly check at least 10% of the athletes on the safety measures.	To allow for checking more than 10% of athletes.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
9	CFR Committee	SR	5.1.4	New rule	The CFRC & HOC may modify the competition schedule under extreme circumstances. Competing athletes will be kept up dated on any changes.	To introduce greater flexibility to change the competition schedule in an emergency or unexpected situation, without having to go ask permission to the BoD.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
10	CFR Committee	SR	5.2 to 5.7	Chapters moved in the 2025 Rule appendices without any changes	5.2.1 - The competition format for the surface boats and squirt events will be published annually in an appendix (see CHAPTER 15). 5.3.1 - The progression system for the different events organized during an ICF Canoe Freestyle competition will be published annually in an appendix (see CHAPTER 15).	To give the CFR committee to revise the competition format and progression system every year and being more adaptable.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
11	CFR Committee	PR	6.4.1	Alterations and withdrawals must be made in writing to the Technical Organizer at	Alterations and withdrawals must be made in writing to the Chief Judge at least 24 hours before the Team Leaders meeting beginning of the competition:	This timing allows for the changes to be submitted as late as at the Team Leaders meeting—one of the main purposes of the meeting.	In Favour	In Favour	
12	CFR Committee	PR	6.4.4	New rule	An athlete withdrawing before the heats shall not be ranked.	Add (modified) from slalom for ranking withdrawn paddlers.	In Favour	In Favour	
13	CFR Committee	PR	6.4.5	New rule	An athlete withdrawing after the heats shall be given a ranking of last place in the highest phase that they qualified for. Their position in that phase will be left vacant.	Modified from slalom for ranking withdrawn paddlers.	In Favour	In Favour	
14	CFR Committee	SR	7.5.3.h	ICJCFR has the authority to overrule calls by the judges or award a score in or	ICJCFR has the authority to overrule calls by the judges or award a score to keep maintain consistency. This can only be done after having questioned the IJCFR. If the overruling is performed, the ICJCFR must fill in a form explaining his motivation in a few sentences: document an explanation. The explanation must contain the following information: Local date/time, class, phase, run, paddler involved, judge involved, judge's original decision, head judges overruling decision, and the reasoning for the overruling.	Need to specify purpose. We need to come up with this form and the required info it must have: AT LEAST Local date/time, class, phase, run, paddler involved, judge involved, judge's original decision, head judges overruling decision, and the reasoning for the overruling.	In Favour	In Favour	
15	CFR Committee	SR	7.5.3.n	During World Cups the ICJCFR can delegate to the substitute ICJCFR for limited	During World Cups ICF Competitions the ICJCFR can delegate their responsibilities to the deputy/substitute ICJCFR for limited periods or classes	To allow the chief judge to delegate some workload to the deputy at all ICF competition.	In Favour	In Favour	