



**2024 ICF CANOE SPRINT
MASTERS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

BULLETIN #1

**July 12 – 14, 2024
Plovdiv – Bulgaria**

OFFICIAL INVITATION

To All National Federations
Affiliated to the International Canoe Federation

Dear Friends in Canoe Sprint,

We have a great pleasure to invite cordially your National Federation to take part in the 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint MASTERS World Championships that will be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria dated on July 12 to 14, 2024.

With a big enthusiasm, we are pleased to present you the Bulletin #1 that will give you an outline of introducing the City of Plovdiv and the Regatta Course facilities.

We are looking forward very much to welcome you in Plovdiv where we will meet, discuss and ensure all measures are taken to make this ICF Event more successful one for all of us.

*The Organizing Committee
of the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship
Plovdiv BULGARIA*

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Dear Sports Friends,

The Bulgarian Canoe Federation is pleased to invite you to take a part at the 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint MASTERS World Championships which will be held on 12–14 July 2024 on the Regatta Course in Plovdiv. I am sure we will witness athletics performance of the highest quality and our efforts go towards making the Plovdiv regatta venue a worthy arena for a fair competition between the best athletes in the World. For years ago we have received the right to carrying out of this Championship. During this time the rowing and canoeing channel in Plovdiv has completely changed: The big reconstruction of the sport complex has been made.

Nikolay Buhalov
President of Bulgarian Canoe Federation



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the city of Plovdiv I can assure you that you will be warmly welcome here and in the calm and fair waters of the Plovdiv Regatta Venue you will find all that is needed in order to give the best of yourself and have an amazing race.

Kostadin Dimitrov
Mayor of Plovdiv

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition Venue: Regatta Course PLOVDIV, Bulgaria

Dates: 12 - 14 July 2024

Events: Canoe Sprint – in accordance with the ICF rules



Plovdiv is one of the oldest towns not just in Bulgaria, but also in whole Europe. This is the second largest city in Bulgaria, after Sofia. It is situated in the western part of the Gorno Thracian lowland, on the two banks of the biggest river in Bulgaria- Maritsa and on top of six unique syenite hills- “tepeta”. The city is situated 150 km east of the capital of Bulgaria- Sofia and 270 km west of Bourgas. Layers of cultural treasures from prehistoric, Thracian, roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and revival periods can be found in the region.



Recently Plovdiv was proclaimed the oldest continuously inhabited city in Europe and 6th in the World. It is 8000 years old. In 2012 the City of the Seven hills, as often Plovdiv is being referred to, was included under #3 (following Rome and Athens) in “Top 10 of the most beautiful ancient cities in the World”. No wonder “The New York Times” called Plovdiv “ A Roman Grande East of Italy”.

The Ancient Theatre is one of the highlights of the city – heritage from the Roman Era. Originally built in the 1st century AD, now it is the biggest open-air stage on the Balkans with capacity of 3500 people. More than 15 international festivals take place here.

Another remarkable site bequeathed to Plovdiv is the Roman Stadium. With its impressive size (total length 240 m and width 50 m), the Stadium had the capacity of 30 000 people. Now, after the recent reconstruction it finds its way into the hearts of both citizens and tourists. Just 5-minutes-walk from the Stadium is the Ancient Forum with the Odeon. More than 200 coins and a marble statue were found there during recent archaeological researches. Plovdiv average temperature in July is around 31 °C

EVENTS

Masters MEN

AGE GROUP 200m K1, C1 – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+
K2, C2 – 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+

AGE GROUP 500m K1, C1 – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+
K2, C2 – 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+
K4, C4 – 35-54, 55+

Masters MEN	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
200m	✓	✓		✓	✓	
500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Masters WOMEN

AGE GROUP 200m K1, – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+, C1 35-54, 55+

K2 - 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+, C2 – 35-54, 55+

AGE GROUP 500m K1, – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+, C1 35-54, 55+

K2, – 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+, C2 - 35-54, 55+

K4, - 35-54, 55+

Masters WOMEN	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
200m	✓	✓		✓	✓	
500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Masters MIX

AGE GROUP 200m K2 - 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+, C2 – 35-54, 55+

AGE GROUP 500m K2 – 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+, C2 - 35-54, 55+

K4, - 35-54, 55+

Masters MIX	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
200m	✓	✓		✓	✓	
500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Age Category – 35+ every 5 years. Some groups may be combined depending on the number of entries from various age groups

- There is no limit to numbers of boats per class per NF.
- In K2/C2 and K4/C4 events the age of the youngest competitor will determine the age group in which a crew can compete.
- Athletes in team boats can be from different countries.

Course:

- Regatta course
- 2300 m long, 125 m wide
- Depth of the channel is about 3.1 m
- 5 km asphalt paved track around the course
- 150 m pedestrian bridge
- 14 modern boathouses
- Fair conditions across all racing lanes
- Fastest course in the world

All technical aspects will be equal or surpass the ICF standards.

Provisional Competition Program:

10 – 11 July	Regatta course is opened for training Morning / afternoon – training, boat control
11 July	18.00 – 18.45 Opening Ceremony
12 – 14 July	Competition according with time schedules
15 July	Departure day / Access period ends

Entries:

Preliminary , Numerical and Nominal entries have to be made on the link below: <https://canoeinfo.com/en/c/2024plovdiv-masters/>

Deadlines for entries:

Preliminary Booking Form	March 10 th , 2024
Preliminary Entry Form	April 15 th , 2024
Visa Application Form	April 30 th 2024
Numerical Entry by on-line system	June 18 th 2024
Final travel information Form	July 2 nd 2024
Boats Transportation Form	July 2 nd 2024
Nominal Entry	July 2 nd 2024

We kindly ask you to keep the mentioned deadlines for insertion of Entries via CanoeInfo system and sending all entries in at plovdivcanoe@gmail.com



Registration fee include the following services:

Accreditation, access to the course and its facilities, drinking water, bib number, medical care and safety at the venue, free Wi-Fi, security service T-shirt, parking, boat racks, medals for all events, lunch for the 3 days, banquet dinner for one night. Registration fee: EUR 150, 1 entry fee and can register to many races.

Accommodation package

Hotel booking can be made through Organizing Committee of 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint Masters World Championships. Below prices are on a per person per day basis.

You are kindly request to send your booking on the enclosed form till April 15, 2024 on plovdivcanoe@gmail.com

Hotels:

1 st Category: ☆☆☆☆☆	Price
Single	125 €
Double	85 €
<i>hotels with A/C / BB</i>	

2 nd Category: ☆☆☆☆	Price
Single	95 €
Double	70 €
<i>hotels with A/C / BB</i>	

3 th Category: ☆☆☆	Price
Single	80 €
Double	60 €
<i>motels and guest houses with or w/o A/C / BB</i>	

BB – bed and breakfast per person per day
Triple rooms are available upon request.

Terms of Payment	Date
30% UNTIL	March 15 th 2024
50% UNTIL	April 15 th 2024
20% UNTIL	May 15 th 2024

Airport transfers	Price
From and to Sofia airport	85 EUR (both directions)
From and to Plovdiv airport	35 EUR (both directions)

Please do not forget that all bank charges are to the expense of the remitter. You are kindly request to send a copy of the bank confirmation after the remittance to the following email: ploudivcanoe@gmail.com

Cancellation terms	Date
No forfeit for cancelation until	April 15 th 2024
50% forfeit for cancelation until	May 15 th 2024
100% forfeit for cancelation until	June 15 th 2024

The Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for extra services of the hotels (mini bar, telephone, parking, etc.) Please be ready to provide your personal credit card during check in to guarantee any possible extra services. Early check – in (before 12:00 p.m) is subject to room availability at the hotels. Check – out time in all hotels – 12:00 p.m. on the day of the departure – as it is internationally usual.

Bulgarian Visa

Organizing Committee will provide you support to make the process of obtaining Bulgarian visa more prompt and comfortable.

In order to receive the Invitation letter for getting Bulgarian visa you are requested to fill up and send Visa Application Form with copy of the first page of passport of all team members till April 30, 2024 at plovdivcanoe@gmail.com

Visa Application Form are available on the championship's web-site

Accreditation Centre

Accreditation Centre will be located on The Venue – on the back side of the hangars from the right side of the Central Entrance.

Media Center

Media center will be arranged in the main 3 th floor of the Finish Tower at the Venue with all necessary technical facilities for work of representatives of mass-media as well as special places on tribunes.

Transportation

All participants will be provided with transportation from / to Airport to their accommodations as well as shuttle-buses to and from Venue.

Travel - By air

From Sofia Airport

Sofia Airport provides daily flights from and to many cities all over the world. Plovdiv is only a 70-minute-drive away from the airport. Sofia Airport provides all services necessary for completing your transfer.

For more information: <http://www.sofia-airport.bg/>

Bus line No.84 links the airport with the city centre .

You have to get off at Hotel Pliska bus stop and change to bus line No.213 or 305 for the Central Bus Station and The Central Railway Station.

From Plovdiv Airport

Plovdiv Airport (Airport Krumovo) is located 10 km from the city.

For more information: <http://www.plovdivairport.com/>

Travel - By bus

From Central Bus Station Sofia

There is a bus going from Sofia to Plovdiv every hour.

Last stop in Plovdiv - bus station South (Yug).

Trip duration - 2 hours.

For more information: <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/>

Other bus stations in the country

To see all direct bus lines from other cities visit

<http://www.avtogari.info> or <http://www.hebrosbus.com>

Over 80 settlements have direct bus line to Plovdiv.

By train

From Central Railway Station Sofia

You can take both direct express or fast trains travelling from Sofia to Plovdiv and trains travelling the lines Sofia - Svilengrad and Sofia - Burgas.

The trip duration is 2,30 hours.

From other railway stations

The towns that have direct railroad connection with Plovdiv are Burgas, Svilengrad, Karlovo, Panagyurishte, Peshtera, Hisar and Asenovgrad as well as many towns in Europe and the Middle East.

For more information: <http://www.bdz.bg>

Boat rental: Please connect the manufacturers.

Plastex: plastex@plastexboats.com

Nelo: nelo@nelo.eu

Boat transportation services

Prowave: kontakt@prowave.de

Medical Facilities

During the races a doctor and an ambulance will be available on site. The following medical services will be provided for official participant of the ICF Championships, physician on duty, hospital and medical/clinic assistance. A medical center will operate at the Regatta Course with an ambulance and first aid kit. Additional costs that surpass the regular care will be covered by the medical insurance policy. The organizing committee does not take any responsibility for such events that may occur.

Insurance

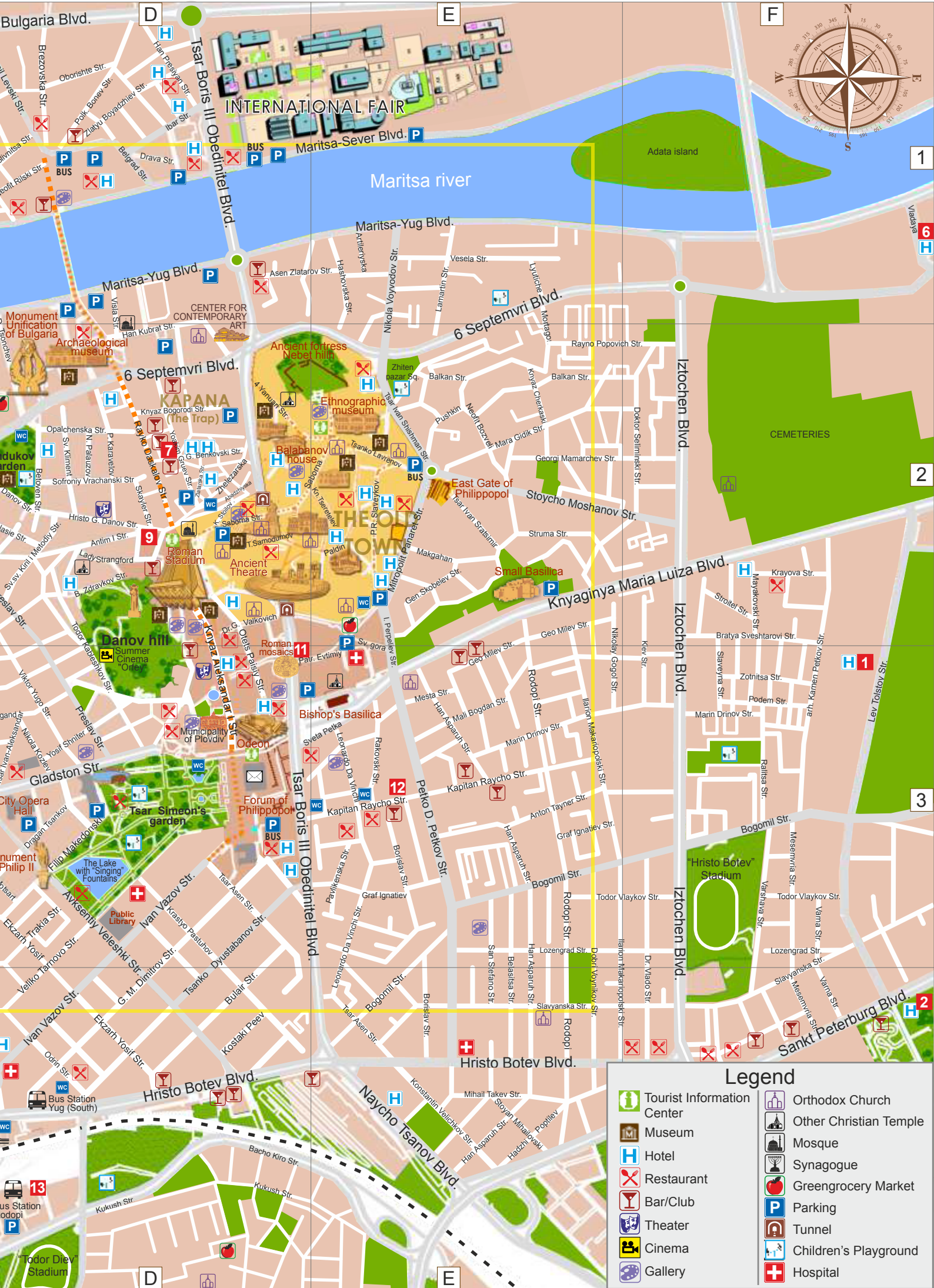
All official participants of the 2024 ICF canoe sprint MASTERS world championships are strongly advised to acquire a medical insurance from the medical facilities available in their own countries.

Additional information can be found on event website:

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