

ICF PARACANOE for 2019

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2019 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS:

2019 ECA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

POZNAN, Poland

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracano-e-continent-al-championships/poznan-2019>

- Classification: 18 - 19 May
- Team Leader Meeting – 20 May – (afternoon)
- Competition: 21 - 22 May (morning)

2019 ICF PARACANOE WORLD CUP

POZNAN, Poland

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracano-e-world-cup/poznan-2019>

- Classification: 19 - 21 May
- Team Leader meeting – 22 May (afternoon)
- Competition: 23 - 26 May

2019 PAN AMERICAN PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAO PAULO, Brazil

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracano-e-continent-al-championships/sao-paulo-2019>

- Classification: 4th July
- Team Leader meeting – 4 July
- Competition: 5 July – South American Championships
6 July – COPAC Paracano-e Championships

2019 ICF CANOE SPRINT & PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SZEGED, Hungary

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracano-e-world-championships/szeged-2019>

- Classification: 17 - 19 August
- Team Leader Meeting – 20 August
- Competition: 21 - 24 August

2019 CANOE SPRINT OLYMPIC & PARACANOE PARALYMPIC TEST EVENT

TOKYO, Japan

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracano-e-olympic-test-event/tokyo-2019>

- No classification at this competition
- Competition: 12 - 15 September

2019 ECA PARACANOE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The 2019 European Championships will be held in combination with the 2019 ICF World Cup in Poznan.

2019 PARACANOE PARALYMPIC TEST EVENT:

The Paralympic Test Event will be held in Tokyo on 12 - 15 September 2019. Each available slot, for each category, will be proposed to National Federation through invitation, based on the 2018 Paracanoe World Championships.

The invitation will be published through the Bulletin #1 for the Canoe Sprint & Para Test Event for Tokyo 2020

The national federation must respond by end 15 April 2019.

After that, the remaining unused slots will be reallocated. Remaining slot may also be reallocated based on the 2019 World Cup results.

There will not be any classification at the Paracanoe Paralympic Test Event. The athletes will need to have an attributed eligible sport class before the competition.

PARACANOE PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The qualification system has been published by the International Paralympic Committee. It can be found on the IPC website.

It is also published on the ICF website:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paralympics>

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 COMPETITIONS

2019 ECA PARACANOE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 18 May	Sunday 19 May	Monday 20 May	Tuesday 20 May	Wednesday 20 May
Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races (Morning Only)

- **For booking the classification slot:**
 - The poll will be open **between April 15 and April 26**
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website on April 15.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **April 19**
- **All Classification Documents must be uploaded by April 26**
- **Nominal entries deadline: May 8**
- **Equipment Passports must be sent by May 17**

2019 ICF PARACANOE WORLD CUP

Sunday 19 May	Monday 20 May	Tuesday 20 May	Wednesday 20 May	Thursday 21 May	Friday 22 May	Saturday 23 May
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races

- **For booking the classification slot:**
 - The poll will be open **between April 15 and April 26**
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website on **April 15**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **April 19**
- **All Classification Documents must be uploaded by April 26**
- **Nominal entries deadline: May 10**
- **Equipment Passports must be sent by May 18**

2019 PAN AMERICAN PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July	Saturday 6 July
Provisional Classification	Classification	Races S. American Championships	Races COPAC Championships

- **For booking the classification slot:**
 - Dates for the availability of the poll will be communicated later
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoes section of the ICF website
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **June 3**.
- All **Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **June 10**
- **Nominal entries deadline: June 17**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **July 1st**

2019 ICF CANOE SPRINT & PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 17 August	Sunday 18 August	Monday 19 August	Tuesday 20 August	Wednesday 21 August	Thursday 22 August	Friday 23 August	Saturday 24 August
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- **For booking the classification slot:**
 - The poll will be open **between July 15 and July 26**
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoes section of the ICF website.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **July 18**
- All **Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **July 27**
- **Nominal entries deadline: August 6**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **August 16**

2019 CANOE SPRINT OLYMPIC & PARACANOE PARALYMPIC TEST EVENT

Wednesday 11 September	Thursday 12 September	Friday 13 September	Saturday 14 September	Sunday 15 September
Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- No classification at this competition
- **Nominal entries deadline: September 2**

ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

Paracanoe Kayak athletes: KL1 / KL2 / KL3 / VL1 / VL2 / VL3

Athletes with one of the following statuses are required to pass the classification before the competition:

- REVIEW Status with a Fixed Review Date before the Competition
- REVIEW Status or
- New Status

Schedule Classification Slot - Important

For the athletes with a Status requiring Classification, a classification slot must be booked in advance through the doodle. Please be aware that the doodle will be open only for 2 weeks.

Since 2019, it will only be possible to choose a preferred date for classification.

The detailed schedule will be communicated to each Team Leader / NF / NPC a few days after the classification pool has closed.

There is no possibility to choose the exact time of the classification.

If an athlete fails to attend his/her classification slot, he/she will not be classified and will not be permitted to race.

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes and all their equipment are expected to be present for the entire Classification Period. Athletes must be classified separately for Kayak and Va'a.

Platform for sending classification documents:

The Classification platform has to be used for sending documents to the ICF Classifiers. No document should be sent by email or any other form

This platform allows to have a more secure transfer of documents, as well as a secured storage. It is compliant with the IPC code on data protection matters.

- All mandatory documents should be uploaded on this platform before the specific deadline.
- An access will be required for log-in to the system. If you need a new access, please send an email to classification@canoeicf.com
- The preferred format for all documents is PDF

Access to the *Classification Upload Platform*:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/classification>

Link to current Master List:

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/classification_master_list.pdf

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

For the World Cups and World Championships, every Paracanoe athlete must pass the anti-doping online course. The course can be accessed here:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

The Athlete Learning Program about Health and Anti-Doping (ALPHA) gives athletes information about the dangers of doping, the importance of anti-doping controls and promotes positive attitudes to avoiding doping.

It consists of eight sessions and takes two hours to complete. Athletes are encouraged to take the course in several stages. Progress is then saved from one visit to another. A pre- and post-course anti-doping knowledge test and attitude survey is included to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

A score of 80% or higher is required for ALPHA certification, though athletes with insufficient scores are able to repeat the program. Those who have completed the programme in previous years do not need to redo it.

Please enter the correct identity information while creating an account, as the completion of the course will be recorded.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Athletes attending classification at competitions must upload the following Paracanoë forms on the *Classification upload platform* before the classification period, with the following deadlines:

No later than 30 days before the start of the classification period of the Competition (*unless otherwise indicated*):

- Paracanoë Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis
- Athlete Diagnosis Form
- Any other supporting medical documentation

No later than 3 weeks before the event:

- Declaration of Medical Complications & Emergency Measures
- Paracanoë Athlete Information & Consent
- Strapping waiver – this document will be valid for the whole 2019 season
- PFD waiver - this document will be valid for the whole 2019 season

No later than 3 days before the event or before the classification:

- Equipment passport for Kayak – if the athlete competes in a Kayak category
- Equipment passport for Va'a – if the athlete competes in a Va'a category

All documents must be completed in English.

Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis must be completed in English and signed by a medical doctor. It should also include supporting medical diagnostic documentation. In complex cases additional supporting medical information may be requested.

The forms are available to download from the ICF Website in the Paracanoë area – in the classification page:

<http://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/paracanoë>

Any athlete who is entered in an event for which he/she has no classification will not be permitted to race.

Paracanoë athletes may enter more than one event if their classification makes them eligible to do so and the schedule permits. (NOTE: Athletes are not permitted to compete outside their classification category, ie. A KL1 category athlete may not race 'up' into KL2)

NF's are required to provide their own boats for their classification. The ICF is unable to provide a boat loan service. It is recommended that Federations who need to borrow boats for the competition or for classification make boat loan arrangements early with boat manufacturers or event organizers.

EQUIPMENT PASSPORT

ALL athletes competing **MUST** complete and upload an equipment passport on the *classification upload platform*.

If the equipment passports are not completed and uploaded, the athlete will not be allowed to race. The equipment passports will be checked during classification and before each race. If the equipment does not match the equipment passports, the athlete will not be allowed to race.

If the athlete has sent an equipment passport before but has changed some equipment, a new equipment passport must be uploaded on the *classification upload platform* and the changes must be specified.

If the athlete has been given a confirmed status and are changing the equipment, the Chief Classifier will determine if the changes are approved.

The equipment passport form is available to download from the Paracanoes section of the ICF website.

PARACANOE RACING RULES

For a full reading of the ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules and Classification Rules & Regulations, go to:

<http://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/paracanoe>

NOTABLE RULES for PARACANOE

(see Paracanoe Rulebook & Classification Rules for exact wording.)

A 50 euro fee per athlete will be charged for incomplete forms that require the ICF Paracanoe Committee to complete.

A 20 euros fee will be charge for every late entry, under the condition that the entry is accepted by the Paracanoe Committee.

A 200 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Classification.

A 75 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Competition Rule National Federations are permitted two entries in all Paracanoe events.

NOMINAL ENTRIES DUE DATE: 10 days before the first day of the classification.

Athletes are only permitted to race in the class in which they are classified; i.e. A KL1 category athlete can only race in KL1.

Spray skirts/Spray decks are not permitted for Paracanoe classification or Paracanoe races unless approved by the Chief Official due to inclement weather conditions. Kayaks are only permitted to have one rudder under the hull. Hence, skegs and/or projecting keels are not permitted. Rudders may be fixed.

Kayaks will be allowed weed deflectors in front of the rudder.

Only stabilizing pontoons are permitted as modifications for stability. Va'a hulls are permitted to be concave. Rudders, skegs and projecting keels are not permitted.

Boat Dimensions & Weight (ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules – Section 7.2)

Boats	Kayak	Va'a
Max. length	520	730
Min. width	50*	
Min. weight	12	13**

NOTE: * measured 10 cm from the bottom of the hull.

**Including hull, ama & iatco

All measurements in cm and all weights in kg.

PARACANOE ADMINISTRATION FEES

Paracanoe teams attending the ICF World Cups & World Championships are subject to the fees noted in the table below. Fees will be calculated from the ICF's SDP entry system and will be invoiced by the ICF office after the event directly to each National Federation. Payment by cash during the competition is also possible.

Team Size	Euros
Less than 4	100
Less than 8	200
Less than 12	300
12 or more	400

Questions:

If you have any question, please send a mail to any of these contacts:

classification@canoeicf.com

michel.alarcon@canoeicf.com

No medical or confidential document should be sent by email.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

The ICF will run a Paracanoe Talent ID camp prior to the Poznan World Cup and the Szeged World Championships.

The camps will focus on priorities for development within Paracanoe. In order to build participant numbers for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, five spaces are reserved for women paracanoe athletes who are eligible for the VL2 category. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- must not have competed in the 2018 World Championships
- be classified as a VL2 athlete, or
- have submitted classification documents to the Head of Classification to assess and preliminary assess a VL2 category
- endorsement by the athlete's National Federation.
- submit application to Jean-Christophe GONNEAUD by March 22: jgonneaud@ffck.org

The camp prior to the Poznan World Cup will be in Hungary at the Dunavarsy Training Centre near Budapest from May 13 to 17 and will include travel to Poznan. All on-site local expenses for accommodation, board and local airport pickup are covered by the Hungarian Canoe Federation. ICF Paracanoe will offer financial support up to €700 toward travel and competition costs in Poznan. Any additional costs are the responsibility of the National Federation.

NOTE: Official athlete classification will occur at the Poznan World Cup and the World Championships. The World Championships in August are the first qualifying event for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. To be eligible to qualify an athlete position for a National Paralympic Committee, the athlete must have an eligible Status of "Confirmed" or "Review with Fixed Date" with the date after the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

A separate announcement will be made for the selection process to the TID Camp to precede the World Championships in Szeged in August.