

ICF PARACANOE for 2018

Bulletin #1

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2018 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS:

PARACANOE WORLD CUP 1

Szeged - Hungary

- Classification: 13-15 May
- Team leader Meeting: 16 May
- Competition: 17 - 19 May

PARACANOE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Belgrade - Serbia

- Classification: 5 - 7 June
- Team leader Meeting: 8 June
- Competition: 9 - 10 June

PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Montemor-O-Velho - Portugal

- Classification: 18 - 20 August
- Team Leader meeting: 21 August
- Opening Ceremony: 21 August - 20:30 at the castle
- Competition: 22 - 25 August

PARACANOE COPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Halifax/Dartmouth - Canada

- Classification: 9-11 Sept
- Team Leader meeting day: 12 Sept
- Competition: September 13-16 Sept

ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

Paracanoe Kayak athletes: KL1 / KL2 / KL3

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

Paracanoe Va'a athletes: VL1 / VL2 / VL3

A new Va'a classification system has been adopted by ICF and sent to the IPC in 2017. This new Va'a classification system will be followed for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

Please find attached the proposed Va'a classification system.

As a consequence, **all Paracanoe Va'a athletes need to pass the Va'a classification** before competing in an ICF international event in 2018, regardless their previous classification status.

New platform for sending classification documents:

A new platform is being developed in 2018 for sending documents to the ICF Classifiers.

Please use this platform to upload your classification documents. No document should be sent by mail.

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 the system. If you need a new access, please send an email to classification@canoeicf.com
- The preferred format for all documents is PDF

The access to the *Classification Upload Platform* can be found on the classification page on the ICF website:

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

New Classification mail address:

Along with the new upload system, the classification mail address has changed.

For any communication with classifiers, please use the following mail address:

classification@canoeicf.com

No medical or confidential document should be sent by mail.

Appearance in classification:

For the athletes with a status that requires a classification, a classification slot must be booked in advance through the doodle. Please be aware that the doodle will be open only during 2 weeks.

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

Athletes must be classified separately for Kayak and Va'a.

Link to current Master List:

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

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018 COMPETITIONS

PARACANOE WORLD CUP 1 - Szeged - Hungary

Sunday May 13	Monday May 14	Tuesday May 15	Wednesday May 16	Thursday May 17	Friday May 18	Saturday May 19	Sunday May 20
Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Team Leader Meeting: TBD	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Races

- **For booking the classification slot:** the Doodle Poll for scheduling classification for Szeged will be open for two weeks **between April 10 and April 22**. Access to the polls will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents:** must be sent through the classification upload platform by **April 22**.
- All other **Classification Documents** must be sent by **April 29**.
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **May 10**.

Event page: <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-world-cup/szeged-2018>

PARACANOE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Belgrade - Serbia

Tuesday June 5	Wednesday June 6	Thursday June 7	Friday June 8	Saturday June 9	Sunday June 10
Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 12:00	Team Leader Meeting: TBD + Races	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races

- **For booking the classification slot:** The Doodle Poll for scheduling classification for Szeged will be open for two weeks **between April 21 and May 5**. Access to the polls will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents:** must be sent through the classification upload platform by **May 5**.
- All other **Classification Documents** must be sent by **May 22**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **June 2**

Event page: <https://www.kajaksrbija.rs/takmicenja/2018-eca-canoe-sprint-and-paracanoe-senior-championships/>

PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - MONTEMOR-O-VELHO - PORTUGAL

Sunday August 18	Monday August 19	Tuesday August 20	Tuesday August 21	Wednesday August 22	Thursday August 23	Friday August 24	Saturday August 25	Sunday August 26
Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Team Leader Meeting: 11:00	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Races

- **For booking the classification slot:** The Doodle Poll for scheduling classification for Szeged will be open for two weeks **between July 4 and July 18**. Access to the polls will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents:** must be sent through the classification upload platform by **July 18**.
- All other **Classification Documents must be sent by July 25**
- **Equipment Passports must be sent by Aug. 15**

Event Page : canoeportugal.com

ICF page: <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-world-championships/montemor-o-velho-2018>

PARACANOE COPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS - HALIFAX - CANADA

Monday September 9	Tuesday September 10	Tuesday September 11	Wednesday September 12	Thursday September 13	Friday September 14	Saturday September 15	Sunday September 16
Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 18:30	Classification 8:45 - 12:00	Team Leader Meeting: TBD	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Paracanoe Races	Races

- **For booking the classification slot:** The Doodle Poll for scheduling classification for Szeged will be open for two weeks **between July 26 and August 9**. Access to the polls will be posted on the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents:** must be sent through the classification upload platform by **August 9**.
- All other **Classification Documents must be sent by August 16**
- **Equipment Passports must be sent by Sept. 6.**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Athletes attending classification at competitions must upload the following Paracanoe 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*):

- Paracanoe 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
- Paracanoe Athlete Information & Consent
- Strapping waiver – this document will be valid for the whole 2018 season
- PFD waiver - this document will be valid for the whole 2018 season

No later than 3 days before the event:

- 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 Paracanoe area – in the classification page:

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

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

Paracanoe 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 Paracanoe 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 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: 15 days before the first day of the competition.

(NOTE: Canoe Sprint nominal entries are due 8 days before the first day of competition)

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 ISIS entry system and will be invoiced by the ICF office after the event directly to each National Federation.

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