

ICF PARACANOE for 2020

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SAFETY OF STRAPPING DEVICES

Strapping regulations : rule 3.5.2 of paracanoe competition rules

"....Any strapping used to connect the athlete with the boat must be of a "quick release" type and this can be demonstrated by the athlete prior to the competition."

The Paracanoe Committee conducted an analysis about boat strapping adaptations (rule 3.5.2) during the last Tokyo Test Event (September 2019).

This analysis showed that most of the athletes' adaptations are consistent with the rule about strapping in the boat. Unfortunately, some athletes do not appear to follow the expected safety requirements of "quick release". Inappropriate straps are potentially dangerous for the athletes in the event of a capsized.

The Paracanoe committee strongly reminds all National Federations and Team Leaders of their responsibility in this matter. In some situations, it seems that some athletes and nations do not respect the strapping waiver form engagement signed prior competitions.

We require all nations and athletes to ensure their full compliance with the safety rules.

This year, the Paracanoe Committee requires evidence from National Federations that their Paracanoe athletes can demonstrate the "quick release" of their strapping. This can take the form of a video demonstrating the quick release in a capsized situation submitted to the Classification Database before May 18th, 2020.

If a video is not submitted, and/or in case of doubt, the Paracanoe Committee reserves the right to require a full demonstration of a capsized and demonstration of the quick release strapping in Duisburg in the classification area.

If an athlete is unable to show evidence of a "quick release" type of strapping adaptation, to the sole satisfaction of the Paracanoe Committee, the athlete will not be allowed to use the offending strapping during training and competition with immediate effect.

2020 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS:

2020 OCA OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SYDNEY, Australia

<https://sprint.paddle.org.au/grand-prix-2/>

- Competition: 14 - 16 February

2020 ACC ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PATTAYA, Thailand

<https://sprint.paddle.org.au/grand-prix-2/>

- Classification: 23 March
- Team Leader Meeting: 24 March
- Competition: 25-26 March

2020 ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Paralympic Qualifier)

DUISBURG, Germany

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-world-championships/duisburg-2020>

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

2020 ECA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BASCOV, Romania

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-continental-championships/bascov-2020>

- Classification: 1- 3 June morning
- Team Leader Meeting: 3 June (afternoon)
- Competition: 4 - 6 June 2020

2020 TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES

<https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-paralympics/tokyo-2020>

<https://tokyo2020.org/en/>

- Competition: 3 - 5 September

2020 PAN AMERICAN PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Montevideo, Uruguay

- Competition: November 5 - 8

2020 PARACANOE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS:

2020 AURONZO INTERNATIONAL PARACANOE EVENT

AURONZO, Italy

<http://www.auronzocanoe.com/>

- Competition: 26-28 June
- This competition will have unofficial Paracanoe events in order to encourage participation. Classification at the event will be provisional.
- Technical Delegate: Mr. Diego Doga

DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR THE 2020 COMPETITIONS *(when Available)*

2020 PARACANOE ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday 23 March	Tuesday 24 March	Wednesday 25 March	Thursday 26 March
Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races

- Schedule will be communicated few days in advance
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **March 6**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **March 13**
- **Nominal entries deadline: March 13**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **March 20**

2020 ICF PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

- For booking the classification slot:
 - The poll will be open **from 13 April to 24 April**
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoes section of the ICF website
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **24 April**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **2nd May**
- **Nominal entries deadline: 7 May**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **18 May**
- **Strapping videos** must be uploaded by **18 May**

2020 ECA PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday 1 June	Tuesday 2 June	Wednesday 3 June	Thursday 4 June	Friday 5 June	Saturday 6 June
Classification	Classification	Classification (morning) Team Leader Meeting (Afternoon)	Races	Races	Races

- For booking the classification slot:
 - The poll will be open **from 27 April to 8 May**
 - Access to the poll will be posted on the Paracanoes section of the ICF website
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **8 May**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **15 May**
- **Nominal entries deadline: May 25**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent by **1st June**

2020 TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES:

Please take in consideration the following document concerning the Paralympic Games:

- [Freight Support Plan](#)
- [Tokyo 2020 Athlete Sponsorship and Advertising Guidelines](#)

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>

Note: 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.

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

The classification schedule may be organized through a classification poll, through which the Team will be able to choose a preferred date for the athlete's classification.

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

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 uploading classification documents:

The Classification platform has to be used for uploading 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 secure 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

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:

Not later than 3 weeks 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

Not later than 2 weeks before the start of the classification period of the Competition:

- 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

Not 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 Paracanoe section of the ICF website.

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

For the ICF World Cups and ICF 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 until they achieve the minimum 80% score. 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.

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 20 euros fee will be charged 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.

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 & ICF 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

2020 PARACANOE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For 2020 season, the Paracanoe Committee further increases its activity in development, and is planning to conduct the following development initiatives.

The AGITOS foundation (from the International Paralympic Committee) is financially supporting some of these initiatives.

All of these project will be posted on the ICF website.

- **West Africa**
 - An athlete camp will be organized in April in Nigeria, with participant of 4 countries of West Africa: Nigeria, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana.
 - This camp is part of a wider project that aims to develop the sport and the paracanoe knowledge in the Region. This project is supported by AGITOS, and is in collaboration with the International Rowing Federation.
 - Classification education will also be conducted to develop Paracanoe expert in the region
- **TIP Camp - Duisburg**
 - This camp will occur in Duisburg before the Paracanoe World Championships
 - This will partly be supported by the AGITOS, the German Canoe Federation and ICF Paracanoe.
 - The selection of athlete is based on a continuous long term plan, and is not subject to open application
- **TIP Camp Hungary**
 - This camp will occur in July (date to be confirmed) in Hungary, during 10 days
 - This Camp is supported by the Hungarian Canoe Federation and ICF Paracanoe.
 - This camp will focus on younger athletes that could be the elite athlete of the future. Application will be open shortly
- **Thailand**
 - A coach workshop will occur prior to the Asian Paracanoe Championships
 - This camp will be supported AGITOS for education
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- **India Athlete Camp**
 - An athlete camp will be organized in India in October or November, by the Indian Kayak & Canoe Federation, for developing the sport in the country
 - The ICF Paracanoe will send an expert to lead the Paracanoe Athlete camp, though AGITOS support for education
 - Other countries in the region may attend.
- **Angola**
 - ICF Paracanoe plans to organize a camp in Angola for athletes and education on classification in the Portuguese language.
 - This will partly be supported by the AGITOS support for education
- **Webinar series**
 - Throughout the year, ICF Paracanoe organizes webinars featuring *the introduction to the sport* and *the basis of classification*, through video calls in different languages and targeted for countries with lower knowledge of the sport that are aiming to grow the sport.

Questions:

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