

ICF PARACANOE for 2022

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PARACANOE NEWS:

PARIS 2024 ADDITIONAL MEDAL EVENT

The ICF Paracanoe Committee is pleased that its application for the VL3 Women has been accepted by IPC for the Paris 2024 Games. Unfortunately, our requests for Men's VL1 and to add more athlete quota spots for events were not accepted. Efforts to improve participation in all Paralympic events will be continued, and further development of the VL1 category will continue being an objective.

Paracanoe now has 10 medal events at the Paralympic Games, with a total of 100 athlete quotas.

TV AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ICF is planning to propose to TV broadcasters some of the Paracanoe finals (or all of the Paralympic finals if possible, if we can record the Friday finals).

As a consequence, there may be a possible need to update biographies of athletes, and possibly the green screen can be required as part of this TV package, although this is not confirmed at present. In any event, the entire competition will be livestreamed.

CLASSIFICATION WORKSHOP

In 2022, the Paracanoe committee intend to restart organizing classifier workshop – Level 3.

One workshop is organized prior to the Asian championships in Thailand.

For Europe and America, the committee is currently looking at organizing one workshop in each continent this year.

For Africa, an introduction presentation will be given within the scope of the West-African project.

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

The Paracanoe Athlete representatives are:

- Amanda Jennings (AUS)
- Patrick O'Leary (IRL)

2022 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS:

2022 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & ASIAN PARALYMPIC GAMES QUALIFIER

PATTAYA, Thailand

- Classification L3 Workshop: 18 - 19 March
- Classification period: 20 - 22 March
- Team Leader Meeting: 23 March
- Competition: 24 - 27 March

- ICF event page : <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoecontinental-championships/pattaya-rayong-2022>
- Organizer 1st Bulletin: https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2022_acc_canoe_sprint_junior_and_seni_or_asian_championships_and_paracanoecanoe_asian_games_qualifier_bulletin_1.pdf

Friday 18 March	Saturday 19 March	Sunday 20 March	Monday 21 March	Tuesday 22 March	Wednesday 23 March	Thursday 24 March	Friday 25 March	Saturday 26 March	Sunday 27 March
Classification Workshop (L3)	Classification Workshop (L3)	Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- Athlete financial support: is possible for 15 athletes in total: please send your request to john.edwards@canoeicf.com **by 21 February**
- Classification Workshop Level 3: if interested, please send your interest **by 1 March**
- Classification preferred dates will be asked through a poll from **February 14 to 18**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by February 28**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by March 7**
- **Nominal entries** deadline: **March 14**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by March 20**

2022 ICF WORLD CUP

POZNAN, Poland

- Classification period: 22 – 24 May
- Team Leader Meeting: 25 May
- Competition: 26 – 28 May

- ICF event page : <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-world-cup/poznan-2022>
- Organizer 1st Bulletin: https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2022_icf_canoe_sprint_and_paracanoe_world_cup_poznan_-_bulletin_1.pdf

Sunday 22 May	Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May	Saturday 28 May
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races

- Classification preferred dates can be requested through a poll from **25 to 29 April**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best efforts to accommodate everyone.
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **April 29**
- All **Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by May 6**
- **Nominal entries** deadline: **May 16**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by May 22**

2022 ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

HALIFAX, Canada

- Classification: 30 July – 1 August
- Team Leader Meeting: 2 August
- Competition: 3 – 6 August
- ICF event page: <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-world-championships/halifax-2022>
- Event page : <https://canoe22.com/>

Saturday 30 July	Sunday 31 July	Monday 1 August	Tuesday 2 August	Wednesday 3 August	Thursday 4 August	Friday 5 August	Saturday 6 August
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- Talent Identification camp will be organized prior to this event. More information will be sent later.
- Classification preferred dates will be asked through a poll from **4 to 8 July**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by July 8**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by July 15**
- **Nominal entries** deadline: **July 24**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by July 30**

2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MUNICH, Germany

- Classification: 14 – 16 August
- Team Leader Meeting: 17 August
- Competition: 18 - 21 August

- ICF Event page : <https://www.canoeicf.com/paracanoe-continental-championships/munich-2022>
- Event page : <https://www.munich2022.com/en/canoe-sprint>

Sunday 14 August	Monday 15 August	Tuesday 16 August	Wednesday 17 August	Thursday 18 August	Friday 19 August	Saturday 20 August	Sunday 21 August
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- Classification preferred dates will be asked through a poll from **18 to 22 July**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by July 22**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by July 29**
- Entries through Munich2022
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by August 14**

2022 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ponte de Lima, POR

Sept 27 – Oct 2, 2022

The Canoe Marathon and Paracanoe Committees are discussing the possibility to add Paracanoe events at the competition. Information concerning this possibility will be communicated at a later date.

2022 ASIAN PARALYMPIC GAMES

HANGZHOU, China

9 – 15 October (*Paracanoe dates and race schedule to be confirmed*)

<https://www.hangzhou2022.cn/En/>

2022 PANAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date and location to be confirmed

COVID-19 MEASURES

The general COVID-19 guidelines have been developed for ICF competitions, and have been used in the past two seasons. The ICF Medical committee are reassessing these protocols to fit better with the current situation, and updated guidelines will be published prior to the 2022 competitions.

COVID-19 Measures for the classification area

Safety measures and precautions are being put in place for the classifications. The classification team will follow the IPC guidelines in respect to the COVID-19 situation.

This will result in:

- Avoiding too many persons in the waiting area
- Mandatory mask in the classification area
- Disinfectant use for athletes' hands, Classifiers hands, cleaning all material and tables after a single use, disinfecting any area touched during classification (including equipment adaption or prosthesis)
- Non-latex gloves for classifiers available (unique usage)

The athlete and accompanying personnel will be asked to attend classification with their own masks.

ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

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

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

The classification schedule will 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 a more secure and confidential transfer of documents, as well as a secure storage. It is compliant with the IPC Code on Data Protection.

- 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 michel.alarcon@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 Paracanoe 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*)

- Paracanoe Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis
- Athlete Diagnosis Form
- Any/All 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
- Paracanoe Athlete Information & Consent
- Strapping waiver – this document will be valid for the whole 2022 season
- PFD waiver - this document will be valid for the whole 2022 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 Paracanoe area – in the classification page:

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

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

Paracanoes 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. Federations who need to borrow boats for the competition or for classification should 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.

SAFETY OF STRAPPING DEVICES

Strapping regulations : Rule 3.5.2 of Paracanoes 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 Paracanoes 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.

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

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

2022 PARACANOE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the development program for Paracanoe has been put on hold in 2020.

In 2019 - 2020, ICF Paracanoe had organized 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.

Some Paracanoe introductory documents have been developed in several languages, in order to help as many countries possible to run introduction classes or webinar for their coaches / members. The Paracanoe experts remain available for sharing the knowledge with the developing countries. <https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/paracanoe>

Further materials are planned to be developed for helping all stakeholders to develop the sport through better knowledge.

We are hoping to resume some development activities from this year.

Halifax 2022 – Athlete Support Programme:

- A training camp will be organized for few days before the competition, with support during the competitions.
- The athlete selection criteria will be communicated at a later stage this year.

West Africa – This project is being resumed this year

- This project 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.
- February; Nigeria kicks-off the project, with several nations participating in Paracanoe, and the Paracanoe Expert being present to kick off the project and interact with stakeholders
- Visits will be organized by the Paracanoe expert in some participating countries to meet the athletes, with short training camp, and prepare the regatta with both athletes and National Federation representatives.
- An international competition will be organized in June in Nigeria, with classification, training camps, and Paracanoe Workshops (participation of 5 countries minimum is expected)
- Classification Education will also be conducted to develop Paracanoe expert in the region

Asia Development:

- The ICF paracanoe will support financially some athletes to attend the 2022 Paracanoe Asian Championships (Asian Paralympic Qualifier)

Questions:

If you have any question, please contact Michel Alarcon – ICF Paracanoe Manager:

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