

	HEATS		SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
	F/1	SF1	F/2	SF2	F/2	SF2	FINAL A	FINAL B
H H H H H H H H	1/1 H...5	4/1 H...8	1/1 H...5	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	5	1/1 SF	5	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	4/2 H...2	1/2 H...5	2/2 H...6	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	6	2/1 SF	8	
64. 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	3/3 H...7	2/3 H...6	4/3 H...7	4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	4	1/2 SF	4	
65. 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	2/4 H...4	3/4 H...7	4/4 H...8	4/1 SF	3	2/2 SF	7	
66. 9 9 8 8 8 8 8 8	1/5 H...6	1/5 H...4	2/5 H...3	4/2 SF	2	1/3 SF	6	
67. 9 9 9 8 8 8 8 8	4/6 H...9	2/6 H...3	3/7 H...2	4/3 SF	7	2/3 SF	2	
68. 9 9 9 9 8 8 8 8	3/7 H...8	3/7 H...2	4/7 H...9	4/4 SF	8	1/4 SF	3	
69. 9 9 9 9 9 8 8 8	2/8 H...3	4/8 H...1	1/8 H...4	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	1	2/4 SF	9	
70. 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 8	Next BT...1	Next BT...9	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT1	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	9	Next BT	1	
71. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 8								
72. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9								
	F/1	SF2	F/2	SF2	F/2	SF2	FINAL C	
	3/1 H...7	2/1 H...6	3/1 H...7	3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	5	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT	8	
	2/2 H...4	3/2 H...7	4/2 H...8	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	6	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT1	9	
	1/3 H...5	4/3 H...8	1/4 H...5	6/1 SF	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT	9	
	4/4 H...2	1/4 H...5	3/5 H...2	6/2 SF	3	4 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	3/5 H...8	3/5 H...2	4/6 H...1	6/3 SF	2	5 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	2/6 H...3	4/6 H...1	1/7 H...4	6/4 SF	7	6 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	1/7 H...6	1/7 H...4	2/8 H...3	1 <sup>st</sup> next BT	8	7 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	4/8 H...9	2/8 H...3	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT1	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT1	8	8 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT.1	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT9		3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT	9	9 <sup>th</sup> next BT	9	
	F/1	SF4	F/2	SF4				
	4/1 H...8	3/1 H...7	4/1 H...8	4 <sup>th</sup> next BT1				
	3/2 H...7	4/2 H...8	3/2 H...7					
	2/3 H...3	1/3 H...5	4/3 H...8					
	1/4 H...5	2/4 H...6	1/4 H...5					
	4/5 H...1	4/5 H...9	3/5 H...2					
	3/6 H...2	1/6 H...4	4/6 H...1					
	2/7 H...4	2/7 H...3	1/7 H...4					
	1/8 H...6	3/8 H...2	2/8 H...3					
	4 <sup>th</sup> next BT.9	4 <sup>th</sup> next BT1	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT					

1/4 To SF + 4 next BT  
 Rest Out  
 1/2 + next BT to Final A  
 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT  
 to Final B  
 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT  
 to Final C Rest out



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to provide the Rules that govern:

- a) Paracanoe
- b) The organisation of Paracanoe events

## **LANGUAGE**

The English written language is the only acceptable language for all official communications relating to these Competition Rules and the conduct of all Paracanoe ICF competitions.

For the sake of consistency, British spelling, punctuation and grammatical conventions have been used throughout.

Any word which may imply the masculine gender, also includes the feminine.

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	HEATS		SEMI - FINALS				FINALS	
	F/1	SF1	F/2	SF1	SF2	SF3	FINAL A	FINAL B
1	H	H	3/1 H...7	1/1 H...5	4/1 H...8	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	1/1 SF	5
2	H	H	1/2 H...5	5/1 H...1	2/2 H...4	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	2/1 SF	8
3	H	H	5/2 H...1	4/3 H...2	1/3 H...6	4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT	1/2 SF	4
4	H	H	4/3 H...2	2/4 H...4	5/3 H...9	4/1 SF	2/2 SF	7
5	H	H	2/4 H...4	1/5 H...6	3/4 H...3	4/2 SF	1/3 SF	6
6	H	H	1/5 H...6	5/5 H...9	2/5 H...7	4/3 SF	2/3 SF	2
7	H	H	5/5 H...9	4/6 H...8	1/6 H...5	4/4 SF	1/4 SF	3
8	H	H	4/6 H...8	3/7 H...3	5/6 H...1	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	2/4 SF	9
9	H	H	3/7 H...3	Next BT...9	4/7 H...2	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT	Next BT	1
10	H	H						
11	H	H						
12	H	H						
13	H	H						
14	H	H						
15	H	H						
16	H	H						
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27	H	H						
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30	H	H						
31	H	H						
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34	H	H						
35	H	H						
36	H	H						
37	H	H						
38	H	H						
39	H	H						
40	H	H						
41	H	H						
42	H	H						
43	H	H						
44	H	H						

1/5 To SF +  
next BT  
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A  
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT  
to Final B  
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT

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Final C  
Rest out

HEATS		SEMI - FINALS			FINALS	
	E/1	SF1	E/2	SF1	SF2	FINAL A
H H H H H H	1/1 H...5	2/1 H...6	3/1 H...3	4/1 H...7	5/1 H...8	6/1 SF
1 2 3 4 5 6	5/1 H...8	6/2 H...9	7/2 H...4	8/2 H...5	9/2 H...6	2/1 SF
46. 8 8 8 8 8 7	4/2 H...7	5/3 H...2	6/3 H...3	7/3 H...4	8/3 H...5	2/1 SF
47. 8 8 8 8 8 8	6/3 H...9	7/4 H...2	8/4 H...3	9/4 H...4	1/5 H...5	1/2 SF
48. 8 8 8 8 8 8	2/4 H...6	3/5 H...3	4/5 H...4	5/5 H...5	6/6 H...9	2/2 SF
49. 9 8 8 8 8 8	1/5 H...4	2/6 H...1	3/6 H...2	4/6 H...3	5/6 H...4	2/2 SF
50. 9 9 8 8 8 8	6/6 H...9	Next BT				1/3 SF
51. 9 9 9 8 8 8						2/3 SF
52. 9 9 9 9 8 8						2/3 SF
53. 9 9 9 9 9 8						1/4 SF
54. 9 9 9 9 9 9						2/4 SF
						Next BT
	<b>E/1</b>	<b>SF2</b>	<b>E/2</b>	<b>SF2</b>	<b>SF3</b>	<b>FINAL B</b>
	2/1 H...4	3/1 H...3	4/1 H...5	5/1 H...6	6/1 H...7	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT
	1/2 H...5	2/2 H...4	3/2 H...5	4/2 H...6	5/2 H...7	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT
	5/2 H...9	6/2 H...8	7/2 H...7	8/2 H...6	9/2 H...5	4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT
	3/3 H...7	4/3 H...6	5/3 H...5	6/3 H...4	7/3 H...3	4/1 SF
	3/4 H...3	4/4 H...2	5/4 H...1	6/4 H...9	7/4 H...8	4/2 SF
	2/5 H...6	3/5 H...5	4/5 H...4	5/5 H...3	6/5 H...2	4/3 SF
	6/5 H...1	7/5 H...9	8/5 H...8	9/5 H...7	1/6 H...6	4/4 SF
	4/6 H...8	5/6 H...7	6/6 H...6	7/6 H...5	8/6 H...4	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT
	5/6 H...2	6/6 H...1	7/6 H...9	8/6 H...8	9/6 H...7	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT
	<b>E/1</b>	<b>SF3</b>	<b>E/2</b>	<b>SF3</b>	<b>SF4</b>	<b>FINAL C</b>
	3/1 H...3	4/1 H...2	5/1 H...1	6/1 H...9	7/1 H...8	3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT
	2/2 H...6	3/2 H...5	4/2 H...4	5/2 H...3	6/2 H...2	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT
	6/2 H...9	7/2 H...8	8/2 H...7	9/2 H...6	1/3 SF	6/1 SF
	1/3 H...5	2/3 H...4	3/3 H...3	4/3 H...2	5/3 H...1	6/2 SF
	4/4 H...7	5/4 H...6	6/4 H...5	7/4 H...4	8/4 H...3	6/3 SF
	6/4 H...1	7/4 H...9	8/4 H...8	9/4 H...7	1/5 H...6	6/4 SF
	4/5 H...2	5/5 H...1	6/5 H...9	7/5 H...8	8/5 H...7	1 <sup>st</sup> next BT
	5/5 H...8	6/5 H...7	7/5 H...6	8/5 H...5	9/5 H...4	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT
	1/6 H...4	2/6 H...3	3/6 H...2	4/6 H...1	5/6 H...9	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT
	<b>E/1</b>	<b>SF4</b>	<b>E/2</b>	<b>SF4</b>		
	4/1 H...2	5/1 H...1	6/1 H...9	7/1 H...8		
	6/1 H...9	7/1 H...8	8/1 H...7	9/1 H...6		
	3/2 H...7	4/2 H...6	5/2 H...5	6/2 H...4		
	2/3 H...4	3/3 H...3	4/3 H...2	5/3 H...1		
	5/3 H...8	6/3 H...7	7/3 H...6	8/3 H...5		
	1/4 H...5	2/4 H...4	3/4 H...3	4/4 H...2		
	5/4 H...1	6/4 H...9	7/4 H...8	8/4 H...7		
	3/5 H...3	4/5 H...2	5/5 H...1	6/5 H...9		
	2/6 H...6	3/6 H...5	4/6 H...4	5/6 H...3		
	3/6 H...6	4/6 H...5	5/6 H...4	6/6 H...3		

1/6 To SF  
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A  
3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to  
Final B  
2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to

### List of Abbreviations

ICF	International Canoe Federation
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
NPC	National Paralympic Committee
OCOG	Organising Committee of Olympic and Paralympic Games
CSPC	Canoe Sprint Committee
PC	Paracanoe Committee
[GR]	General Rules (can only be changed by ICF Congress)
[TR]	Technical Rules (can only be changed by ICF Board of Directors)
COMPETITIONS	All World Championships, All World Cups, All International Competitions
CATEGORIES	Kayak Men, Kayak Women, Va'a Men, Va'a Women
CLASSIFICATION	Men: KL1, KL2, KL3 Women: KL1, KL2, KL3
EVENTS	200m distances Kayak and Va'a events consisting of each classification category

## CHAPTER I - GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1 AIM

[GR]

The aim of a Paracanoe competition is for people to race each other in kayaks and Va'a boats over a clearly defined unobstructed course over 200m in the shortest possible time according to the rules.

### 2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[GR]

2.1 All competitions announced as international are to be held in accordance with the regulations of the ICF. Competitions arranged by the National Federations or their clubs are considered international if competitors of a foreign country are invited to participate.

2.2 These competitions must be supervised or managed by at least one accredited official in possession of a valid International Canoe Federation Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe Official card.

2.3 There are International competitions which only have to appear in the International Calendar and there is no restriction on entries (except by the organiser).

2.4 There are two types of ICF Paracanoe competitions:

Senior World Championships (See Chapter IV)  
International Competitions (including Continental Championships)

2.5 Paracanoe Competitions in Continental and Regional Multi-sport Games and Championships shall be organised under the ICF Rules and Regulations as for a World Championships.

The organisation and programme of the Paracanoe events in Multi-sport Games on global level must be approved by the ICF and for continental level by the Continental Canoeing Associations.

2.6 The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks will not be accepted.

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS			FINALS
	D/1	SF1	D/2 SF1	
H H H H H	1/1 H...5	2/1 H...6	2/1 H...6	1/1 SF 5
1 2 3 4 5	5/1 H...2	5/1 H...2	5/1 H...2	2/1 SF 8
37. 8 8 7 7 7	4/2 H...7	1/2 H...5	1/2 H...5	1/2 SF 4
38. 8 8 8 7 7	7/2 H...1	4/3 H...7	2/2 SF 7	2/2 SF 7
39. 8 8 8 8 7	6/3 H...8	7/3 H...1	1/3 SF 6	1/3 SF 6
40. 8 8 8 8 8	2/4 H...6	4/4 H...3	2/3 SF 2	2/3 SF 2
41. 9 8 8 8 8	4/4 H...3	5/4 H...8	1/4 SF 3	1/4 SF 3
42. 9 9 8 8 8	1/5 H...4	Next BT...9	Next BT 9	2/4 SF 9
43. 9 9 9 8 8	7/5 H...9			Next BT 1
44. 9 9 9 9 8				
45. 9 9 9 9 9				
	D/1 SF2	D/2 SF2	D/2 SF2	FINAL B
	2/1 H...6	1/1 H...5	1/1 H...5	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT 5
	1/2 H...5	4/2 H...7	4/2 H...7	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT 6
	5/2 H...2	6/2 H...2	6/2 H...2	4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> BT 4
	4/3 H...7	3/3 H...4	3/3 H...4	4/1 SF3
	7/3 H...1	6/3 H...9	6/3 H...9	4/2 SF2
	3/4 H...3	2/4 H...6	2/4 H...6	4/3 SF7
	7/4 H...9	7/4 H...1	7/4 H...1	4/4 SF8
	2/5 H...4	3/5 H...3	3/5 H...3	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT 1
	6/5 H...8	5/5 H...8	5/5 H...8	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT 9
	D/1 SF3	D/2 SF3	D/2 SF3	FINAL C
	3/1 H...6	4/1 H...7	4/1 H...7	3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT 5
	7/1 H...9	6/1 H...1	6/1 H...1	4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> BT 6
	2/2 H...4	3/2 H...6	3/2 H...6	6/1 SF4
	6/2 H...8	5/2 H...2	5/2 H...2	6/2 SF3
	1/3 H...5	1/3 H...5	1/3 H...5	6/3 SF2
	3/3 H...3	3/4 H...3	3/4 H...3	6/4 SF7
	6/4 H...1	6/4 H...8	6/4 H...8	1 <sup>st</sup> next BT 8
	4/5 H...7	2/5 H...4	2/5 H...4	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT1
	5/5 H...2	7/5 H...9	7/5 H...9	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT 9
	D/1 SF4	D/2 SF4	D/2 SF4	
	4/1 H...7	3/1 H...3	3/1 H...3	
	6/1 H...1	7/1 H...9	7/1 H...9	
	3/2 H...6	2/2 H...6	2/2 H...6	
	2/3 H...4	7/2 H...1	7/2 H...1	
	5/3 H...8	2/3 H...4	2/3 H...4	
	1/4 H...5	5/3 H...8	5/3 H...8	
	5/4 H...2	1/4 H...5	1/4 H...5	
	3/5 H...3	4/5 H...7	4/5 H...7	
	Next BT...9	6/5 H...2	6/5 H...2	

1/7 To SF  
+ next BT  
Rest Out

1/2 + next BT to Final A  
3x3<sup>rd</sup> + 4x4<sup>th</sup> + 2x5<sup>th</sup> BT to  
Final B  
2x5<sup>th</sup> + 4x6<sup>th</sup> + 3 next BT to  
Final C  
Rest out

HEATS		SEMI - FINALS			FINALS	
	C/1	SF1	C/2	SF1	SF2	FINAL A
H H H H	1/1 H. ... 5	2/1 H. ... 4		1/1 SF		5
1 2 3 4	5/1 H. ... 8	6/1 H. ... 8		2/1 SF		3
7 7 7 7	2/2 H. ... 4	1/2 H. ... 6		3/1 SF		8
28. 8 8 7 7	6/2 H. ... 1	3/3 H. ... 3		1/2 SF		4
30. 8 8 7 7	2/3 H. ... 6	4/3 H. ... 7		2/2 SF		7
31. 8 8 8 7	5/3 H. ... 2	1/4 H. ... 5		3/2 SF		1
32. 8 8 8 8	3/4 H. ... 3	5/4 H. ... 2		1/3 SF		6
33. 9 8 8 8	4/4 H. ... 7	1 <sup>st</sup> next B...9		2/3 SF		2
34. 9 9 8 8	1 <sup>st</sup> next BT.9			3/3 SF		9
35. 9 9 9 8						
36. 9 9 9 9						
	C/1	SF2	C/2	SF2	SF3	FINAL B
	3/1 H. ... 6	3/1 H. ... 6		4/1 SF		5
	4/1 H. ... 2	5/1 H. ... 8		5/1 SF		7
	1/2 H. ... 5	3/2 H. ... 3		6/1 SF		2
	5/2 H. ... 8	4/2 H. ... 7		4/2 SF		6
	3/3 H. ... 3	1/3 H. ... 5		5/2 SF		3
	4/3 H. ... 7	6/3 H. ... 9		6/2 SF		1
	2/4 H. ... 4	2/4 H. ... 4		4/3 SF		4
	6/4 H. ... 9	4/4 H. ... 2		5/3 SF		8
	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT1	2 <sup>nd</sup> next BT.1		6/3 SF		9
	C/1	SF3	C/2	SF3		
	2/1 H. ... 6	1/1 H. ... 5				
	6/1 H. ... 1	4/1 H. ... 7				
	3/2 H. ... 3	2/2 H. ... 6				
	4/2 H. ... 7	5/2 H. ... 2				
	1/3 H. ... 4	2/3 H. ... 4				
	6/3 H. ... 8	5/3 H. ... 8				
	1/4 H. ... 5	3/4 H. ... 3				
	5/4 H. ... 2	6/4 H. ... 9				
	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT.9	3 <sup>rd</sup> next BT.1				

1/6 To SF +  
3 next BT  
Rest Out

1/3 To Final A  
4/6 To Final B  
Rest Out

3.1 Only the members of clubs or associations affiliated with an ICF National Federation have the right to participate in an international competition.

3.2 A competitor is always allowed to take part individually in an international competition but must in each case obtain special permission from his/her National Federation.

3.3.1 An athlete that has competed internationally at any level in the last 3 years requires authorisation from the ICF and the national federation of the original country in order to change sporting nationality.

3.3.2 For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality they must have lived in that country for the last two years.

3.3.3 The request of the change of nationality must be made to the ICF no later than 30 November the year before the competitor wants to compete.

3.3.4 For the Paralympic Games the IPC Policy on the nationality of competitors rules will be applied for nationality issues. For athletes to be eligible for the Olympic and Paralympic Games they must hold citizenship/nationality of the country that they participate for at the time of the qualification event.

3.4 A competitor may not compete for more than one Federation in any calendar year in the sport of canoeing.

3.5 The first year a competitor can compete in an ICF International Competition is the year that his/her 15th birthday falls in. A competitor can compete in a Masters event in the year in which he or she reaches the lower limit of the age categories i.e. for the 35 - 39 age group, athlete is eligible in the year of his or her 35th birthday.

Each National Federation shall ensure their competitors are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event and ensure each competitor, team official and the National Federation carries

appropriate health, accident and property insurance covering their persons, equipment and property.

**4 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR** [GR]

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR and ICF COMPETITION CALENDAR (ICF events only)

4.1 Only a National Federation may apply for an event to enter the International Competition Calendar. Only members of the ICF may apply for events to the Calendar.

4.1.1 An application will be made using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.

4.1.2 By the 1st of January the year before, the calendar of ICF Competitions (ie. WCh and WCups) will be published. The deadline for applications for international events will be the 1st of March the year before (2 months after the publication of the ICF Competition Calendar).

**5 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION** [GR]

To be recognised as an International event, a minimum of 3 boats from 2 Federations must participate.

**PLAN B COMPETITORS 19 / 27**

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS			FINALS
	B/1	SF1	B/2 SF1	
H H H				
1 2 3	2/1 H.....	5	3/1 H.....	1/1 H 5
19. 7 6 6	4/1 H.....	7	5/1 H.....	1/2 H 4
20. 7 7 6	6/1 H.....	1	6/1 H.....	1/3 H 6
21. 7 7 7	3/2 H.....	4	3/2 H.....	1/1 SF3
22. 8 7 7	5/2 H.....	2	4/2 H.....	2/1 SF8
23. 8 8 7	7/2 H.....	9	6/2 H.....	3/1 SF1
24. 8 8 8	3/3 H.....	6	2/3 H.....	1/2 SF7
25. 9 8 8	4/3 H.....	3	4/3 H.....	2/2 SF2
26. 9 9 8	6/3 H.....	8	7/3 H.....	3/2 SF9
27. 9 9 9				
SEMI - FINALS				
B/1	SF2	B/2 SF2	FINAL B	
3/1 H.....	6	2/1 H.....	5	4/1 SF
5/1 H.....	7	4/1 H.....	3	5/1 SF
7/1 H.....	1	7/1 H.....	9	6/1 SF
2/2 H.....	5	2/2 H.....	4	7/1 SF
4/2 H.....	3	5/2 H.....	7	4/2 SF
6/2 H.....	8	7/2 H.....	1	5/2 SF
2/3 H.....	4	3/3 H.....	6	6/2 SF
5/3 H.....	2	5/3 H.....	2	7/2 SF
7/3 H.....	9	6/3 H.....	8	Next BT

1st to Final  
2/7 to SF  
Rest Out

1/3 To Final A  
4/7 + next BT to Final B  
Rest Out



**CHAPTER II - CATEGORIES / DISTANCES, ADVERTISING TRADEMARKS AND BOAT CONSTRUCTION**

**6 CATEGORIES / DISTANCES** [GR]

6.1 The official events recognised by the ICF are the following:

Men and Women	Kayak - KL1, KL2, KL3 Va'a - VL1, VL2, VL3	200 meters 200 meters
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6.2 The official distances of races recognised by the ICF for Paracanoe is 200m

**7 SPECIFICATIONS** [TR]

7.1 The official boat categories recognised by the ICF are the following:

Men and Women	KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2, VL3 determined by the athlete's classification category K - Kayak V - Va'a
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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, alma & iatco  
All measurements in cm and all weights in kg

**TRADEMARKS**

7.3 Identifications and Advertising Trademarks

7.3.1 Trademarks and Advertising on boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and written text. Requirements for

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS	FINALS
H H	A/1 SF	FINAL A
1 2	4/1 H. .... 5	1/1 H 5
10. 5 5	5/1 H. .... 6	2/1 H 3
11. 6 5	6/1 H. .... 2	3/1 H 7
12. 6 6	7/1 H. .... 8	1/2 H 4
13. 7 6	4/2 H. .... 4	2/2 H 6
14. 7 7	5/2 H. .... 3	3/2 H 2
15. 8 7	6/2 H. .... 7	1/1 SF 8
16. 8 8	7/2 H. .... 1	2/1 SF 1
17. 9 8	Next BT ..... 9	3/1 SF 9
18. 9 9		
	<b>A/2 SF</b>	
	4/1 H. .... 4	
	5/1 H. .... 3	
	6/1 H. .... 7	
	7/1 H. .... 1	
	4/2 H. .... 5	
	5/2 H. .... 6	
	6/2 H. .... 2	
	7/2 H. .... 8	
	Next BT ..... 9	

1/3 Direct to Final  
4/7 + next BT to SF  
Rest Out

1/3 To Final  
Rest Out

advertising on equipment and clothing for ICF Paracanoe Competitions (excluding Paralympic Games) are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual.

**7.3.2** There are reserved places on equipment (Eg. boat and paddle) with size limitations for trademarks and advertising. These areas are dedicated for the identification of Athletes/NF, Manufacturer, Organiser and ICF (including sponsors).

**7.3.3** Athlete's name must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit.

**7.3.4** The Athletes should wear the appropriate official clothing with easy identification of the nation they represent.

**7.3.5** The Advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks is not permitted.

**7.3.6** Images, symbols, slogans unrelated to sport funding or political messages are not permitted.

**7.4** Requirements for ICF Paracanoe Competitions (Excluding Paralympic Games):

**7.4.1** The guidelines for any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers should be as follows:

**7.4.1.1** All advertising material should be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitors' identification and does not affect the outcome of the race.

**7.5** Requirement for Paralympic Games:

**7.5.1** No form of publicity of propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or more generally on any article or clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Games, except for the identification of the article or equipment concerned.

The ICF rules are subject to the IPC rules. Any matter not regulated by the IPC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

			2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	
46 / 54	E	6 X 9 1/6 to SF Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9
55 / 63	F	7 X 9 1/5 to SF + next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9
64 / 72	G	8 X 9 1/4 to SF + 4 next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B 2x5th + 4x6th + 3 next BT to Final C Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9

## DIVISION SYSTEM WITH A, B AND C FINALES

Legend:

SF	= Semi Final
BT	= by time
1/2, 1/3, 2/7...	= from first to second place, from first to third place, from second to seventh place...
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> ...	= boat winning first place, boat winning second place, boat winning third place...
3x3rd, 4x6th...	= 3 boats in third places, 4 boats in fourth places, 4 boats in sixth places...
The lane distribution of the boats qualified in a B or C final will be based on their result or time achieved in the Semi - Final.	

**7.5.1.1** The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.

**7.5.1.2** The uniform of the competitors and all persons holding an official position may include the flag of their NPC emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Paralympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

**7.5.2** Any boat, accessory, or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during a competition. Teams are responsible for their own equipment.

### 8 CONSTRUCTION [TR]

The boat must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water. No part of the athlete's body should be attached to the boat in anyway. Such attachments must be removed. 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.

#### 8.1 The Hull

Section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the kayak shall not be concave (Only horizontally and vertically). Section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the Va'a may be concave or convex.

#### 8.2 The Deck

The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the first cockpit.

**8.3** No foreign substance may be added to the boats, which gives a competitor an unfair advantage.

**8.3.1** No part of the boat (including the seat and the footrest) may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give competitors an unfair advantage (existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).

**8.4** A boat or competitor may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or event presentation.

COMPE TITORS	S Y S- T E M	HEATS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
10 / 18	A	2 X 9 1/3 to Final 4/7 to SF + next BT Rest out	1 X 9 1/3 to Final Rest out	A: 1 X 9
19 / 27	B	3 X 9 1st to Final 2/7 to SF Rest out	2 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/7 + next BT to Final B Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9
28 / 36	C	4 X 9 1/6 to SF + 3 next BT Rest out	3 X 9 1/3 to Final A 4/6 to Final B Rest out	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9
37 / 45	D	5 X 9 1/7 to SF + next BT Rest out	4 X 9 1/2 + next BT to Final A 3x3rd + 4x4th + 2x5th BT to Final B	A: 1 X 9 B: 1 X 9 C: 1 X 9

The device may be used by the competitor for analysis following a race but in no circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to a competitor during a race.

**8.5** Modifications are permitted for stability if the boat is made slower. (ie. stabilizing pontoons)

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

**8.6** Adaptation equipment is not regulated. It is included as part of the weight of the boat if it is securely attached. Only adaptations used during classification may be used in subsequent competitions.

**8.7** The specific boat type, the position of the paddler in the boat and the adaptive equipment used in the On-Water Technical Assessment must be identical to the boat type, paddler position in the boat and the adaptive equipment used in Competition. The athlete is responsible to report any and all changes to the above after their last classification event to the ICF Head of Classification prior to any competition. Re-classification of the athlete may be the result of a change to any of the above.

**8.8** Spray skirts may not be used in classification or competition unless permitted by the Chief Official and due to severe water conditions.

## **Kayaks**

**8.9** Boats may have one rudder. The rudder has to be placed under the hull of the boat. Rudders can be fixed to the hull of the boat. Rudders may not be permanently attached such as a skeg.

**8.9.1** The boat shall be a sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on (Surf Ski type)

## **Va'a -**

**8.10** The Va'a must be a single hull Va'a, rigged with a single ama (outrigger pontoon) and double iatco (spreaders), separated by at least one seat.

**8.10.1** The hull, ama and iatco must comply with the specifications set forth above in clause 7.2 and section 8.

## **57 ANTI-DOPING**

[GR]

In accordance with article 31 and with the rules of the IPC.

## **58 RESULTS AND REPORTS**

[GR]

In accordance with the rules of the IPC and with article 45.

The uniform of the competitors and all persons holding an official position may include the flag of their NPC Paralympic emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Paralympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

Any boat, accessory or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during the competition. Teams are responsible for their own equipment.

For a new boat design to be eligible for the Paralympic Games the same boat design must have passed the official boat control at the World Championships the year prior to the Paralympic Games and been on general sale for two years.

At the Paralympic Games the names of the competitors will be placed on the side of the boats. The names (letters) on the stickers should be placed just below the cockpit. The precise positioning will be determined by the ICF Technical Delegate.

The dimension of the names on the stickers will be a minimum of 6 cm high and will be black letters on white background. The font should be "Arial Black" all in capital letters with first name or initial followed by family name.

These stickers will be provided by the Organising Committee. They will be applied by the ICF Officials at the first Boat Control.

#### **54 PROTEST**

[GR]

In accordance with article 29.

#### **55 APPEAL**

[GR]

In accordance with article 43.

#### **56 AWARDS**

[GR]

In accordance with the rules of the IPC.

**8.10.2** Para Va'a equipment such as a support seat must be easily removable only when the boat is being shared.

**8.10.3** Either sit-in or sit-on-top Va'a may be used; however, the sit-in va'a is recommended.

**8.10.4** The ama will be attached on the left side but must be able to be attached on the right side to accommodate paddler needs.

**8.10.5** Rudders, skegs and projecting keels are not permitted

**8.10.6** The competitors are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the technical requirements for the competitions.

#### **Innovations**

**8.11** Significant innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before they are allowed for use in ICF International Competitions; including World Championships and Paralympic Games:

They must be available to all competitors (no exclusive patents);

The costs involved must be reasonable;

There must be equal chances for all competitors;

They must be safe and environmentally sound.

The innovation must be submitted to the ICF Canoe Sprint Committee and the ICF Paracanoe Committee for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all competitors by January 1st in order to be authorised for use in International competitions that year. Crews with unapproved innovations shall not be allowed to compete. The ICF Canoe Sprint Committee has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable and whether it is safe and environmentally sound.

## 9 BOAT CONTROL

[TR]

9.1 The length of a kayak or a va'a shall be measured between the extremes of the bow and the stern. Stem bands or other projection of the stem or stern, if any, are to be included.

9.2 No alterations in va'a and kayaks are permitted after the classification, measuring and weighing and before the competition has taken place.

9.3 All loose fittings shall be removed. Permanent adaptations attached in a definitive way to the boat and any attachments consisting of water absorbing material must be absolutely dry or they will be removed at the first weighing prior to the race.

9.4 Three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee and on a random system shall be re-controlled immediately after the race.

## 49 RANKING SYSTEM

[TR]

In accordance with IPC System.

## 50 COURSE

[TR]

In accordance with article 18.

## 51 START AND EQUIPMENT

[TR]

In accordance with article 22 and 40.

## 52 PHOTO-FINISH – TIME KEEPING

[TR]

In accordance with article 41.

## 53 CHECKING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

[TR]

In accordance with article 42.

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Games.

Boats, accessories and clothing may carry advertising symbols, trademarks or emblems and words for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not exceed total surface area designated suitable by the IPC.

The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the actual manufacturer of the item only. Third party branding of an article of equipment or clothing is not permitted. The identification can appear only once per item unless specified by the IPC.



## CHAPTER VI - SPECIAL RULES FOR PARALYMPIC GAMES

### 45 APPLICATION AND PROGRAMME

[GR]

Applications, entries and programme for the Paralympic Games shall be in accordance with the rules of the IPC.  
Any rule not regulated by the IPC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

The Programme for the Paralympic Games shall be in accordance with the rules of the IPC

Programme of events:

For men: 200 meters: KL1, KL2, KL3

For women: 200 meters: KL1, KL2, KL3

The competition format and the competition timetable for the Paralympic Games is agreed between the IPC, OCOG and the ICF.

### 46 JURY, COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

[GR]

In accordance with article 37.

### 47 DRAWING OF LOTS

[TR]

Drawing of lots shall take place at a time and under the supervision of persons approved by the IPC and ICF.

### 48 HEATS AND INTERVALS

[TR]

Division into heats shall take place according to the system specified by the IPC and the ICF.

## CHAPTER III - RACING ORGANISATION AND REGULATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

### 10 OFFICIALS

[TR]

#### 10.1 Duties of the Organising Committee (TR)

An Organising Committee is responsible for the preparation and running of the competition.

The Organising Committee shall, in particular:

1. Fix the date and the programme of the regatta in agreement with the member federation concerned
2. Draw up and distribute the advance programme including the date and time of the team leaders' meeting
3. Make available a suitable venue and technical equipment conforming to the present Rules of Racing.

#### 10.2 Competition Committee (TR)

10.2.1 The competition is to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:

- 1) Chief Official
- 2) Chief Judge
- 3) Deputy Chief Judge

Two members of the Competition Committee must be in possession of a valid International Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe Official card.

#### 10.2.2 Duties of the Competition Committee:

- a) Organise and supervise the competition
- b) In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, which make it impossible to carry out the competition, postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held
- c) Hear any protests that may be made and settle any disputes that may arise
- d) Decide matters concerning disqualification in cases where the regulations are broken during a race
- e) Should a competitor be injured during a heat, the Committee may allow him/her to participate in another heat
- f) The decision of the Committee shall be based on the ICF Paracanoe Rules

- g) Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed i.e. disqualification for a longer period than the duration of the competition in question
- h) Before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of the rules, hear the opinion of the Umpire who controlled the race in which the infraction was said to have occurred. The Committee is to seek the opinion of other officials supervising the race, if it is felt to be of importance in clearing up the alleged offence

**10.3** International competitions are to be supervised by:

Chief Official  
Chief Judge  
Deputy Chief Judge  
Competition Manager  
Boat Controllers  
Starter/s  
Aligner/s  
Course Umpire/s  
Turning Point Umpire/s  
Finishing Line Judge/s  
Announcer

**10.3.1** If circumstances permit, one person may function in two of the above positions.

**10.4** Duties of the Officials.

**10.4.1** The Chief Official shall decide all matters arising during the actual competition, which is not dealt with in these rules. The ICF competition shall be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the Paracanoe Committee with other officials.

**10.4.2** The Chief Judge cooperates with the Chief Official and he/she substitutes for the Chief Official when necessary.

**10.4.3** The Deputy Chief Judge will closely co-operate with the Chief Official and the Competition Manager and will handle the administrative tasks of the competition. He will collect the notes from the Team Leaders of the participating countries on the changes before the beginning of the Team Leader's meeting and put them in order according to the races. At the meeting, he/she will record all changes announced by the Chief Official in this own programme.

**43.2** The championships medals shall be given in three values, gilded, silvered and bronze and shall be furnished by the ICF at the expense of the Organising Federation.

**43.3** The medals must on no account be presented to any other persons than those who have won championship races. Only medals, to the exclusion of all other prizes, are to be presented at the official ceremony. Other prizes may be presented on an occasion other than this ceremony. To maintain the dignity and solemnity of the presentation ceremony the competitors receiving medals must wear proper clothing (training suits or national uniform) and footwear.

**43.4** Paracanoe results are included in the Canoe Sprint Cup calculations at the World Championships  
Only the Paralympic events are included in the Cup calculation.

Cups will be awarded to the Federation according to the point system defined by the Canoe Sprint Committee.

## **44 RESULTS AND REPORTS**

[GR]

**44.1** The results of World Championships must be sent to the ICF Secretary General and the participating nations by the organising national federation not later than 30 days after the end of the championships races. The organising National Federation must send report of any protests made and other documents concerning the races to the ICF Secretary General.



#### 41.3 There will 3 types of Boat Control

##### a) Pre-Competition Boat Control (1st Boat Control)

Before the days of the competition each participating Federation has to present all their boats which will be used during the World Championships to this control.

##### b) Identity and Polyox Control (ID/Polyox Control)

Before proceeding to the start of a race all crews/boats must pass through identity and Polyox control. The Officials will check all competitors ID, body number, boat number, uniform and crew uniformity. They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Art. 8.4

The official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats

##### c) Post Race boat Control (2nd Boat Control)

Directly after all races.

If necessary, he/she will check the personal identification documents of the competitors and their age.

He will collect the forms necessary for the administration and any other means necessary for the secretariat.

In case of computer data processing, he/she will keep in contact with the responsible IT person.

During the competition he/she will check the results race by race and will prepare the list of the boats qualified in the next round.

He will formulate the decisions of the Competition Committee passed in the subject-matter of the protest and will arrange to have it recorded in the minutes. He/she is responsible for the accuracy of the minutes. To perform the written tasks the Competition Secretary can employ assistants and office staff as necessary.

**10.4.4** The Competition Manager will keep in constant contact with the organisers to solve any eventual problems arising. He/she supervises the races and is responsible for ensuring that the programmes followed without unnecessary delay. He/she shall inform the officials concerned punctually before a new race starts. He/she has to deal also with the good function of the competition administration of the races. (Programme, drawings results, technical documents, boat control, press, protests, etc.) He/she shall make certain that the announcer gives all necessary information about the races such as the start order, the name of any competitor failing to start and the results.

**10.4.5** The Boat Controller/s will only allow athletes to compete at the race, whose identification has been checked and whose boat, equipment, clothing, starting number and body number conform to the rules. They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Art. 8. The Official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats. The competitors having passed the control are entered in a written report. Should any of the boats not fulfil the ICF requirements concerning boat control(Art. 8), they shall be excluded from the competition. The organisers will provide for this purpose two certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied. At least three boats are to be selected at random from the participants in the races for boat control after the finish.

**10.4.6** The Starter decides all questions concerning the start of the races and is solely responsible for decisions as to false starts. His/her decision is final. English shall be the language used.

#### 42 COMPETITION APPEAL

[GR]

**42.1** An appeal against a decision of the Competition Committee must be addressed to the Chair of the Jury in writing and be accompanied by a fee of 50 Euros (or equal amount in the currency of the country in which the championships are arranged). The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury not later than 20 minutes after the team leader has been informed with a written communication of the decision against the competitor or team and has signed the receipt given. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

**42.2** The decision of the Jury is final.

#### 43 AWARDS

[GR]

**43.1** The championships medals shall be given according to the ICF Protocol.

If necessary the other words can be repeated in the other recognised languages of the ICF. He/she shall see that the starting equipment is in good working order. He/she shall communicate with the Competition Committee and after having received a signal from them that all is ready, he/she shall order the competitors to their places and carry out the start according to the racing rules. It is the responsibility of the Starter to be satisfied that the circumstances at the start are free from any hindrance.

**10.4.7** The Aligner is to bring the boats to the starting line with least possible delay. Their duties will be to check the uniformity of the competitors including their attire as well the number on the back and the boat numbers. English shall be the language used.

If an automatic starting system is in use the aligners will be positioned in 2 separate boats behind the starting line. They will have an unobstructed view inside of the system's boots.

When all boats are aligned and completely inside the boots the aligner will raise a white flag signifying to the starter that they are in position to start. When the boats are not in the boots the aligner shall raise a red flag.

If there is no automatic starting system the aligners may be repositioned.

**10.4.8** The Course Umpire shall see to it that during a race the rules are complied with. If the rules are broken, the Umpire shall report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee.

a) The Competition Committee shall decide whether any of the competitors concerned shall be disqualified or not. If the Umpire has to report an infraction of the rules he/she shall show a red flag and lane number and make a written report before the next race takes place. In such a case, the Competition Committee shall make known its decision immediately and before the result of the race is announced.

b) If there is no infraction to report, the Umpire shall show a white flag.

c) In races of 200m, the Umpire(s) shall not follow the race. Two Course Umpires in motor boats shall be positioned before the start line. Two Course Umpires shall be positioned behind the finish line.

The Course Umpire can follow and judge the race also from the Finish Tower as instructed by the Chief Official.

d) He shall be completely unhampered during the race. No one except the Umpire and the driver shall be admitted to the boat reserved for him/her.

video system with camera/VCR with slow motion that must show the competitor(s) relative position in their boat at the finish line (Video films are not a substitute for photo finish).

**40.2** The Federation arranging the Championships must see that a photo finish is taken for each race (heats, semi-finals and finals).

**40.2.1** In heats, and semi-finals, the photo finish must show all participants in the race who qualify to go further in the competition.

**40.2.2** In finals, the photo finish must record the finish of all participants.

**40.3** The photo finish shall be at the disposal of the Chief of the Finish Line in the first place, the Competition Committee in the second place and the Jury in the third place.

**40.4** In case of close arrival of two or more boats one copy of the photo finish shall be placed on the official notice board.

**40.5** The Chief of the Finish Line and the Competition Committee must compare their decisions with the results of the photo finish, with the latter being decisive. The results of each race are to be approved by the Competition Committee.

**40.6** During World Championships as well as Paralympic Games no separate time-keepers shall be used. If the electronic time keeping fails the judges at the finish shall take the time by hand.

## **41 CHECKING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT [TR]**

**41.1** The Boat Controllers will check boats, competitor's equipment before the competition by the usual means. The Boat Controller and the Team Leader will sign minutes after the checking procedures. The organisers will provide for this purpose two certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied.

**41.2** Uniform and uniformity  
Every competitor must compete in the team uniform mentioned in the nominal entries.

## **39 START AND EQUIPMENT** [TR]

**39.1** An automatic start system accepted by the ICF and equipped with loudspeakers at each start position is compulsory for all races.

**39.2** The organising Federation shall provide a loudspeaker, which shall be at the disposal of the Starter.

**39.3** If necessary an assistant holds the stern of the boat and release it on the shot or electronic sound.

**39.4** There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow replay at each start line position to control the start of the competitors at World Championships and Paralympic Games. The videotape will be only at the disposal of the starter.

**39.5** IT System Provider – ICF events can be conducted exclusively with an IT system provider approved by the ICF.

The IT system has the task to supply information as defined in 'The ICF Manual for Canoe Championships'.

Requirements:

Instant updates to the competition programme

Updates from Team Leaders' Meeting

Race operations including instant classification of boats

Medal tables

Point rankings if required

Statistics (eg. number of races, athletes, best times)

Interface that can be used for media / spectators

On-line system (on-line entries, accreditation, starting lists, results on website)

The system will be tested at least one year prior to the start of the event.

## **40 PHOTO-FINISH – TIMEKEEPING** [TR]

**40.1** The Organising Federation shall provide two sets of photo-finish equipment accepted by the ICF. The time has to be recorded in 1/1000's and published in 1/100's of a second. The time difference of 5/1000 s or less cause equal result and positions "in finals only". There must be a

e) In case of hindrances, the Course Umpire must stop the competition passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling. After this all boats shall return to the start. The Course Umpire shall report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee.

**10.4.9** Finishing Line Judges decides the order in which the competitors have passed the finishing line. At ICF events the order of the boats arriving at the finishing line will be decided with a Photo Finish System.

The position of the competitors in the boat will be recorded with video camera at the time of arriving to the finish line. The Chief Finish Judge will decide with the recording whether the competitor was in his/her boat upon arriving or not and report it to the Competition Committee.

When there is no Photo Finish System, the Finishing Line Judges decide the order in which the competitors have passed the finishing line. The judges shall be placed in a position where all lanes at the finish line can be clearly seen.

If the judges differ regarding the placing of two or more competitors, a simple majority shall decide the dispute, in the absence of photo finish. In the case of equal voting, the Chief Judge has the casting vote.

When there is no Photo Finish, the Finishing Line Judges are responsible for recording the times. This shall be done by means of stopwatches or suitable electronic equipment.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Finish Line Judge to ensure that the timing equipment is working correctly. The Chief Finish Line Judge shall divide the work amongst the Finish line judges.

At the end of each race, he/she shall compare the official times with the other Finish line judges and immediately inform the Chief Finish Line Judge on them.

Each race shall be timed by at least two watches. When the watches have not recorded the same time, the longest (worst) time shall be taken as correct. The stopwatches are to be started when the electronic or optical signal from the start is received.

When a photo finish is used, the result determined by the Finish Line Judges shall be compared with it, with the photo finish being decisive. Video films are not a substitute for photo finish.

**10.4.10** The Announcer shall, on the instructions of the Competition Manager, announce the start of each race, the order of starting and the

position of the competitors during the race. After the race is finished, he/she will announce the results.

**10.4.11** Officials shall perform their tasks in conformity with the ICF rules. Every judge will have the obligation to check at whether all means and equipment necessary to perform his/her tasks are ensured. In the event any shortcoming is found, it is reported to the Chief Official or Competition Manager.  
Unauthorised persons must not enter any Officials' area unless the Competition Committee or the Jury send for officials or team officials in order to solve problems.

**10.4.12** In all ICF competitions all officials must be recognised International Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe Officials, holding a valid Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe certificate.

**10.5** World Cup Classification Personnel:

The minimum number of classifier officials at a World Cup shall be:

Paracanoe Technical Leader - 1  
Head of Classification - 1  
Medical Classifier - 1  
Technical Classifier - 1

**NOTE:** The Paracanoe Committee reserves the right to add classifiers if athlete classification numbers warrant an increase.

**10.5.1** Travel expenses for the Paracanoe Classification team as noted in 10.5 will be covered by the ICF, excepting the Technical Leader.

Each team attending the World Cup will pay an administrative fee to share the travel costs of the classifier team. The expenses (room & board and site travel) for all Classifier Officials are the responsibility of the Organising Committee.

**10.5.2** Travel and room & board and site travel expenses for the Paracanoe Technical Leader shall be covered by the World Cup organising committee

**37.6** The minimum number of Classifier officials to classify at the World Championships shall be:

Paracanoe Technical Leader 1  
Head of Classification 1  
Medical Classifiers 2  
Technical Classifiers 2

**NOTE:** The Paracanoe Committee reserves the right to add classifiers if athlete participation numbers warrant an increase.

**37.7** Travel expenses for the Paracanoe Classification Team as noted in clause 37.6 (except the Paracanoe Technical Leader) will be covered by the ICF

Each team attending the World Championships will pay an administration fee to share the travel costs of the classifiers to classify at the World Championships. The expenses (room and board) for all Classifier Officials during the competition period are the responsibility of the Organising Federation.

The fees shall be:

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

**37.8** Travel and room & board expenses for the Paracanoe Technical Leader shall be covered by the organising committee

## **38 HEATS AND INTERVALS** [TR]

The interval between the events (heats, semi-finals and final) must not be less than 30 minutes.



**37.2.2** World Championships shall be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the ICF Board of Directors with other officials as required in paragraph 37.3 and 37.4

**37.3** During the World Championships the Competition Committee shall consist of three officials who shall be in possession of a valid International Official card. They shall be called Chief Official, Chief Judge and the Deputy Chief Judge. Generally these would be appointed from the Technical Committees.

**37.4** The number of officials (excluding the Jury and Competition Committee) to officiate at the World Championships shall be:

Competition Manager	1
Starters	3
Aligners	2
Course Umpires	6
Finishing Line Judges	4
Boat Controllers	6
Medical Officer	1

**37.5** Travel expenses for the following International Technical Officials (ITOs) will be covered by the ICF;

Chief Judge	1
Competition Manager	1
Deputy Chief Judge	1
Starters	3
Aligners	2
Course Umpires	6
Finishing Line Judges	4
Boat Controllers	6
Medical Officer	1

Each team attending the World Championships will pay an administration fee (set by the CSP Committee) to share the travel costs of the 26 ITOs to officiate at the World Championships. The expenses (room and board) for all International Technical Officials during the competition period are the responsibility of the Organising Federation.

## **11 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OFFICIAL [TR]**

Procedure for becoming an ICF Canoe Sprint/Paracanoe Official:

### **11.1 Examination:**

#### **1. Examination Organisation**

Officials Examination is organised at the end of an ICF Official Seminar if there is sufficient interest.

Continental Associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold a seminar and an examination. This is done together with the application for the Competition Calendar using a form established by the ICF and published on the ICF website.  
Application deadlines are the same as for the International Competition Calendar. The Examination Calendar is published on the same date as the International Competition Calendar.

#### **2. Examination Candidates**

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate candidates for examination at least 30 days before the examination.  
The applications must be sent to the ICF Headquarters on the special form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website. ICF Headquarters is forming a database and forwarding the list of names to the Respectful Committee Chair.

#### **3. Examination Procedure**

A sub-committee consisting of two members, appointed by the ICF Technical Committee Chair, will hold this examination after ICF Official Seminar containing theory and practise sessions at the international level event.

The examination will be carried out in English language for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF Competitions and will be based on the knowledge of the ICF Statutes, the ICF Rules and practical experience.

If people take the examination in one of the other official languages or without participation in the Official Seminar, they may not be considered to officiate at ICF Competitions.

#### **4. Officials' Cards**

After completion of the examination the Respective Chair completes the ICF Official Examination Report and sends it to the ICF HQ, where the

Official's cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations.  
Candidates may pass the examination according to the criteria created by their Continental Federation or the ICF criteria created by the Technical Committee Chair. Officials who are approved only at the continental level, may participate in a new examination without attending another seminar. Those officials who have passed the examination according to ICF criteria, need four (4) years experience at the continental level before nomination to World Championships events.

#### **5. Validity and Renewals**

Validity and renewals are subject to the Technical Chairs criteria. If the Officials Card expires, is lost or destroyed a 20 euro fee for renewal will be charged.

#### **11.2 Financial Responsibility**

National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials (before and after the examination).

For every candidate applied for the examination, a National Federation will be charged 20 €. The Invoice will be sent to the National Federation at the end of the year.

The National Federation concerned will cover the seminar and examination organisation costs including living and travelling expenses of the examiners. The National Federation may charge candidates to cover some costs and expenses.

#### **11.3 Nomination and Appointment of the Officials for ICF Events**

Only National Federations are entitled to nominate Officials for ICF Events.

The deadline for submitting proposals is the 1st of January in the year of the event.

The nominations are submitted to the ICF Headquarters and the respective Technical Committee Chair. The Chair will present a list of selected Officials to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval.

discipline. The form for each discipline is designed in agreement with the respective discipline Committee.

**36.5** All entries should be made using the on-line system approved by the Technical Committee and provided by the competition organiser. In any case the entry form provided must be completed and sent through the on-line system, e-mail or typed form by fax (handwriting not accepted).

**36.6** Late entries or entries that are not on the official entry form cannot be accepted. Withdrawing of a boat in the events is only permitted until 5 days before the first day of the races. If the boat does not start and the respective competitor(s) have no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee the competitor(s) concerned shall be disqualified for the entire competition.

**36.7** A Timetable giving the starting time for each race (heats as well as finals) and the names of the federations entering in each event must be forwarded to each Federation concerned at least one month before the first day of the Championships.

**36.8** At least 3 days before the Championships are held a Timetable must be issued containing the following details:

- a) The starting time for each race (heats as well as finals).
- b) The names and citizenship of the competitors in each race (if heats are required, the names of the competitors in each opening heat must be stated).

## **37 JURY, COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND [TR] OFFICIALS**

**37.1** During the World Championships the supreme authority rests with the Jury.

**37.2** The Jury consist of up to five persons. The Board of Directors of the ICF appoints them.

**37.2.1** One of these persons is named Chair of the Jury. Subordinate to this Jury are the Chief Official and other officials according to paragraph 37.4 and proposed by the Canoe Sprint Committee for the approval by the Board of Directors.

35.3 See Article 14.3 for the system of plans for competitor ratios. Check number

## 36 INVITATIONS, ENTRIES AND TIME TABLE [TR]

36.1 Invitations to World Championships shall be issued by the organising National Federation and shall be made in accordance with the ICF rules and regulations. Invitations shall be sent out at least three (3) months before the first day of the championships.

36.2 Entries for World Championships can only be made through the National Federation in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

Numerical entries: at least 45 days before the first day of the competition  
Nominal entries: at least 15 days before the first day of the competition

36.2.1 The entries will only be accepted from members of the ICF.

36.3 Entries for all events shall be limited to no more than two per nation per event.

36.3.1 Athletes in lower functioning categories are not permitted to 'race up' into higher functioning categories. (ie. A KL1 athlete is not eligible to enter a KL2 event.)

36.3.2 When an athlete classification at a competition determines the athlete must be placed in another class, the athlete will be removed from the event in which he/she was entered. Notwithstanding clause 36.3, the athlete will be permitted entry in the event of the appropriate class regardless of whether the athlete's Federation has filled all its permitted entries. In any case, only a third (3rd) entry from a Federation will be permitted.

36.3.3 When an athlete classification at a competition determines the athlete is not eligible for Paracanoe, the athlete is not permitted to race in any event at the competition.

36.3.4 Substitutes may be entered and may participate in the races according to the Rules in Art. 12, 13.2, and 16.1.

36.4 Entries for all World Championships will be done on the form designed and provided by the ICF, which will be available on-line for each

## 12 INVITATIONS

[GR]

12.1 An invitation to an international competition shall contain the following information:

- a) Time and place of the competition.
- b) Situation and plan of the course(s).
- c) Classes and distances of races.
- d) Sequence and starting times of races.
- e) Minimum depth of water.
- f) Address to which entries should be sent.
- g) Last date for receiving entries. This date shall not be earlier than 14 days prior to the first day of the competition.
- h) Conditions/terms of participation

12.2 As far as possible the order of races shall be in accordance with the schedules detailed for the World Championships.

12.3 An invitation shall be sent two (2) months before the competition.

## 13 ENTRIES

[GR]

13.1 Entries for an international competition can only be made through the National Federation in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

13.2 An entry shall, however, always contain the following:

- a) The name of the club or federation to which the competitor/s belong.

The events in which the team proposes to compete

- c) Family name and given name of each competitor together with the date and year of his/her birth and his/her citizenship. Passport or identity card maybe requested.

- d) Similar details regarding reserves, if any.

e) In addition to nominated crews, participating federations are allowed to enter unlimited number of substitutes in every race.

- f) All entries should be in writing (Online, Letter, Fax, E.mail etc.) Where verbal communication is used, it must also be confirmed in writing by the given deadline (midnight on the due date). In the eventuality of conflicting information, the information with letterhead and/or signature will take precedence.

g) Late entries cannot be accepted

h) When making the entries, Federations must give the colours of the clothing worn by the competitors and these colours must not be changed during the competition.

## 14 HEATS AND FINALS

[TR]

At least three kayaks or va'a boats must be entered before the race can be held. If the number of entries in races is so great that heats are necessary, the number of kayaks or va'a in each heat and in the final must not exceed nine (9).

14.2 The division of the competitors into heats shall be determined by drawing lots.

14.3 Eight or Nine Kayaks or Va'a may participate in the final if more than this number has been entered in the entire race as follows:

System for:

10 to 18 competitors (teams) see plan "A1" , "A2"  
19 to 27 competitors (teams) see plans "B/1" and "B/2"  
28 to 36 competitors (teams) see plans "C/1" and "C/2"  
37 to 45 competitors (teams) see plans "D/1" and "D/2"  
46 to 54 competitors (teams) see plans "E/1" and "E/2"  
55 to 63 competitors (teams) see plans "F/1" and "F/2"  
64 to 72 competitors (teams) see plans "G/1" and "G/2"

14.3.1 B final will only be held when there are more than 18 boats in that particular event and a C final will only be held when there are more than 36 boats in that particular event.

14.4 When making the draw, the difference between the numbers of competitors in the heats of a race shall not exceed one. If the number of competitors in the heats varies, the earlier heats have the larger numbers.

14.5 Any crew, which has not taken part in a heat as instructed, shall not be allowed to compete in any further races including the final.

200 m VL3

34.3 The order of the events will be decided by the Technical Committee Chair and the ICF.

## 35 SYSTEM OF DIVISION INTO HEATS

[TR]

35.1 The drawing of lots for the first races in each class shall be carried out under the control of an ICF official and the supervision of the President of the organising Federation or his/her delegate. The division into heats shall be made in accordance with the Paracanoe rules, with the following additions:

System with 9 "or less" competitors in the final:

35.2 The division into heats will be based on the previous World Championships finals A, B and C. The final 18 or 27 will automatically be included. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots. If changes at the team-leaders meeting result in the fact that the actual number of competitors is too small for the plan used, there shall be a new drawing of lots after the actual number of competitors and a new plan.

35.2.1 The boats - in accordance with the plan concerned - in each heat go forward to next round.

35.2.2 From the semi-finals the boats in accordance with the plan concerned - go forward to the final. The others are eliminated.

35.2.3 The Competition Committee will decide by drawing of lots after the last heat of every event regarding the valid alternative plan used for semi-finals.

35.2.4 The distribution of lanes for, semi-finals and finals is automatically determined by the results of the previous race, and the best are in the middle. A semi-final will not be held if all the competing boats would reach the next round of the competition. The results will be determined by means of a draw.

35.2.5 If the number of the boats is less than four (4) in a semi-final the results will be determined by means of a draw.



## CHAPTER IV - SPECIAL RULES FOR SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Where a rule is not shown in this Chapter, please, refer to the rules in previous Chapters I, II and III.

### 33 ARRANGEMENTS

[GR]

33.1 World Championships may be arranged each year with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors, at the place and time decided and in accordance with the ICF Paracanoe regulations. Championships shall be open only to National Federations, which are members of the ICF.

33.2 The races shall be held between two and four consecutive days. They may be held in conjunction with Canoe Sprint competitions.

33.3 In any Paralympic event a valid World Championships is held only if at least six (6) federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the course of the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

For the Non Paralympic events.

A valid World Championship is held only if there are at least six (6) Federations in each event AND there must be at least three (3) Continents starting OVERALL in the competition. If during the course of the event some Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected

### 34 PROGRAMME

[GR] [TR]

34.1.1 World Championship events shall be held for the following twelve events: [GR]

Men and Women:

200 m	KL1
200 m	KL2
200 m	KL3
200 m	VL1
200 m	VL2

14.6 The composition of a crew, which has qualified for semi-finals or for the final, must not be changed. All races shall be run on the same stretch of water.

14.7 Should the width of water not permit a simultaneous start, starts at regular intervals shall be permitted.

### 15 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES AND PROGRAMME

[TR]

15.1 Applications for entry must be answered within 48 hours of receipt.

15.2 The Organising Committee will accept the entries in conformity with the conditions/terms of participation. Therefore the Organising Committee can reject or delete the entry of the participants who fail to observe the conditions/terms of participation.

15.3 Not later than 24 hours before the first race of the regatta, the programme shall be available at the regatta course, giving the names and citizenship's of the competitors and the results of the draw.

#### 15.4 Team Leader

The Team Leader will represent his/her team and keep contact with the Chief Official and the organisers from the beginning of the competition up to its end, but he/she cannot disturb their work.

The Team Leader will submit any changes or his/her comments in relation to the competition in writing 30 minutes before the start of the Team Leaders' meeting.

As necessary the Team Leader will arrange to submit the protest or appeal as stipulated.

#### 15.4.1 Team Leaders' Meeting

At least 12 hours before the first race of the competition, the Team Leader's meeting is to be held. At this meeting the names of Team Leaders should be advised. The organisers will describe the regatta course and all other arrangements, which should be adhered to for the duration of the competition. The Chief Official will describe the competition programme and ask for any changes to the entries.

## **16 ALTERATIONS OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS** [TR]

16.1 Any competitor named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute any other in any event (kayak men/women or Va'a men/women). Notification of alterations in the entries must be given in written form to the chief official at least one hour before the first race of the session involving that event.

16.2 The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and no renewed entry of the same crew is allowed.

## **17 ALTERATIONS IN THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS** [TR]

17.1 The sequence of races given in the invitation, and the intervals between the races as given in the racing Programme, are binding on the organisers. Alterations cannot be made unless the respective team managers or national representatives at the competition give their consent.

28.5 When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the team leader of the athlete/team in question shall be presented the protest or report to read.

## **29 COMPETITION APPEALS** [GR]

29.1 Competitors have the right to appeal to the ICF through their National Federations against a decision of the Competition Committee, within 30 days from the date when the race was held. A fee of 75 Euros shall accompany the appeal. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The ICF Board of Directors shall pronounce the final decision.

## **30 ANTI-DOPING** [GR]

Doping as defined in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code is strictly forbidden. Anti-Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the ICF Anti-Doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF Medical & Anti-Doping Committee.

## **31 RESULTS AND REPORTS** [TR]

31.1 After the ending of World Championships and from all International Competitions listed in the Competition Calendar of the ICF, two copies of the results must be posted to the ICF Headquarters.

## **32 CLASSIFICATION** [TR]

32.1 The Rules and Regulations of Classification are published as a separate document. They shall form part of the rules of Paracanoe. With regard to any conflict between this rule and the Paracanoe Rules and Regulations, the Paracanoe Rules and Regulations shall apply.

32.2 A 50 Euro fee will apply to any incomplete forms that require the ICF Paracanoe Committee to complete

**Courses (200m)**

**18.1** The standard ICF course for International Events, Continental Championships, World Championships (nine lanes) and for Continental Paralympic Qualification and Paralympic Games (eight lanes) shall provide fair and equal racing conditions for all crews racing in separate, parallel lanes over the distances. For Paralympic Games, Paralympic Qualification, World Championships and ICF events, the standard course must be provided with technical installations and equipment as defined in "The ICF Manual for Championships".

**18.2** In order to be classified as a championship course, full details of the course concerned must be submitted in writing to the Chair of Paracanoe Committee by the applicants, and the course must be inspected at the cost of the federation concerned and approved by experts appointed by the Paracanoe Committee. The ICF Board of Directors may lay down special requirements for World Championship, Paralympic Games, Paralympic Qualification, Regional Games, or ICF events. The ICF Board of Directors (or the Paracanoe Committee) may grant exceptions to this rule where necessary for competition in multi-sport competitions or other championships.

**Layout**

**18.3** At least 5 hours before the start of the races the racing course shall be measured and marked by means of clearly visible flags mounted on buoys. The length of the course shall be measured by an independent qualified surveyor and an accurate, certified plan shall be held by the Organising Committee. This plan shall be available for inspection by Chief Official at any time.

**18.4** Both the start and finishing lines shall be marked with red flags at the points where lines intersect the outer limits of the course. The starting and the finishing lines shall be at right angles to the course.

**18.5** The course consists of up to nine lanes. Each lane must be at least 9 m wide, straight and without any obstacle. The depth of water in the entire course shall be at least two (2) metres. The lanes shall be marked with buoys or floats. The distance between the buoys cannot be more than 25 m.

**27.6** All disqualifications by the Competition Committee have to be confirmed in writing immediately with the reasons. The team leader has to acknowledge the receipt of a copy with the exact time, which is the start of the protest time.

Failure to deliver the copy confirmation of the disqualification to the team leader does not invalidate the disqualification.

**27.7** The Competition Committee may discipline any competitor or Official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may after repeated action by the offender disqualify him/her for that competition.

**28 COMPETITION PROTEST** [GR]

**28.1** A protest against a crew to compete in a race shall be delivered to a member of the Competition Committee not later than one hour before the start of the first race of the competition. A protest made later than 30 days from the date when the race in question was held is only permitted if the officials of the association making the protest can prove that the facts on which the protest is based came to their knowledge later than one hour before the start of the first race of the competition.

**28.2** A late protest shall be referred to the ICF Board of Directors accompanied by the prescribed fee (see below). A protest made during the competition must be handed to the Competition Committee not later than 20 minutes after publication of the results.

**28.3** A protest made during a competition must be addressed to the Competition Committee not later than 20 minutes after the team leader has been informed on the decision against his/her competitor or team and has signed the receipt.

**28.4** All protests shall be made in writing and be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros or an equal amount in the currency of the country in which the race is arranged). The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

The last buoys must be marked from No 1 to 9. The numbering goes from the left to the right with the number placed on the buoy in such a way as to be clearly visible from the finish tower. The numbered buoy is to be on the 8 corresponding competitor's right hand side as he/she passes it and also clearly visible to the competitor/s. The buoys should be fixed no closer than 1 metre and no further than 2 metres behind the finish line.

**18.6** When there is television coverage of an event, the lane numbering may be in the opposite direction - from right to left, so that the list of competitors and their lanes shown on the television screen match the appearance of the races to be televised.

**18.7** Any courses which are non-standard may have different parameters as well, for example: course width, water depth, number of buoys. The course can also be river-water.

Heats and the final shall be run on the same stretch of water.

## **19 BOAT AND PERSONAL NUMBERS**

[TR]

**19.1** All kayaks and Va'a shall carry a vertical plate, made of non-transparent material, marked with black numbers on a white background, indicating the lane. The numbers on the plate must measure 15cm in height and 25mm in thickness.

**19.2** The plates shall be placed on the centreline on the afterdeck or thwart.

**19.2.1** The size of the number plate shall be 18 x 20 cm.

**19.2.2** The personal numbers provided by the organising National Federation shall be placed on the back and if necessary on the front of the competitor as required by the organising federation. The title or main sponsors name may be shown on the front side with the personal numbers

## **20 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS**

[TR]

**20.1** Each team leader shall receive printed or written information at least 5 hours before the beginning of the regatta, containing the following information:

## **26 TASKS OF COMPETITORS AFTER THE RACE**

[TR]

**26.1** The competitor must leave the course after the finish of the race and cannot disturb the next race.

**26.2** The crews selected by the Competition Committee for boat control must immediately contact the place allocated for the post race boat control.

**26.3** If selected for doping control, the competitor must comply with the obligations stipulated in the ICF and WADA doping rules.

**26.4** Before the award ceremony the top three crews of the final must be present at the location and time indicated.

**26.5** At all ICF events and multi-sports Games the competitors must wear the uniform and shoes of their national federation at the award ceremony.

## **27 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

[GR]

**27.1** Any competitor who attempts to win a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing regulations, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing regulations shall be disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.

**27.2** Should a competitor have completed a race in a kayak or va'a which is shown upon inspection not to conform with the ICF regulations he/she shall be disqualified from the race in question.

**27.3** It is prohibited to receive external assistance during a race.

**27.4** No crew may be accompanied along and adjacent to the racecourse by other boats while the race is in progress.

**27.5** No crew may receive assistance by using objects thrown into the course.

Any of the above infractions will result in the disqualification of the competitor(s) concerned.



## 24 PACING AND WASH RIDING

[TR]

24.1 Taking pace or receiving assistance from boats or persons not in the race or by any other means is not permitted.

24.2 When a race is in progress crews not taking part in the race are strictly forbidden to proceed over the whole or part of the course, even outside the marking buoys.

## 25 FINISH

[TR]

25.1 The boat has finished the race when its bow crosses the finish line with all crew members in it. The Finish line judges will determine the result of the competition based on the order of the boats arriving according to the rules.

25.2 If two or more boats reach the finishing line at the same time they are awarded the same result in the final. In case of a dead heat finish for any position, which determines the advance to the next level of the competitions, the following rules will apply:

- a) Whenever there are sufficient number of lanes available in the next level of the competitions, drawing of lots will determine to which race these boats will advance. If it is possible it may use also lane number 10 or 0.
- b) Wherever there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day Programme;
- c) In case of a dead heat in a re-race, drawing of lots will determine the outcome. If the photo finish confirms the simultaneous arrival of two boats at the finish, resultant placing will be determined according to the best places achieved. Thus two or more may be recorded as first, second, third etc.

- a) Detailed information on the courses and their markings.
- b) Starting time.
- c) Starting line.
- d) Finishing line.
- e) Competitors racing number.
- f) Type of boat control.
- g) Time and place of the awarding ceremony.

## 21 MEANS OF PROPULSION

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21.1 Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-bladed paddles.

21.2 Va'a shall be propelled solely by means of single-bladed paddles.

The paddles may not be fixed on the boats in any way.

## 22 START

[TR]

22.1 Competitors shall be on the water at the starting area, not less than five minutes prior to the specified time of their race. The starting area is defined as the being the area of water within 100 metres before the starting line.

Two minutes before the defined starting time the competing boats have to take the lane determined in the programme.

22.2 Competitors shall be at the starting area in time to allow satisfactory preparation for the start.

22.3 The start shall commence without reference to any absentees.

22.4 If the competitor does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee, he shall be disqualified for the whole regatta. A competitor, who arrives too late at the start, shall be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn and shall be disqualified under this rule.

22.5 When signalled by the Starter, the competitor will take the start position designated so that the bow of the boat is on the start line. In case of an automatic starting system the competitor will place

himself/herself so that the bow of the boat is on the start line and thus in the start machine. When all boats are properly aligned, the aligner will then raise a white flag.

**22.6** If the Starter is not satisfied with the line-up he/she will call "STOP", and hand over to the Aligner for repositioning.

**22.7** The starting command will be "Ready - Set - Go" ("Go" can be a shot or strong sound signal). At the "Ready" command the competitors begin their preparation to paddle. At the "Set" command the competitors place their paddle in the catch position. The competitor must not paddle forward or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure. The starter when satisfied with the competitors positioning and attention will say "Go" (or shot or powerful sound). The competitors must only react to the start command/signal "Go" and are not permitted to anticipate it. The competitors can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command "Go".

**22.8** In the event of a false start, the Starter must immediately give a powerful sound signal. On hearing this signal all competitors must stop paddling and follow the Starter's instructions for a new start. Before the new start, the Starter must identify the offending crew/s making the false start and give them a warning. In the event of a second false start by the same crew the boat will be disqualified from the race and must leave the starting area and the course immediately.

**22.9** The Starter may also recall competitors for a new start in the event of any unforeseen circumstance - a malfunction of the starting equipment for example. In such a case the same powerful sound signal must be given. If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 22.8, the crew must be given a warning, as in 22.9, even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any competitor making a false start, no penalty shall be imposed.

**22.10** The starter will start the race when he/she is satisfied that everything meets with his/her approval. He/she will make a written report on any disqualification and forward it to the Chief Official.

## **23 PADDLING ON THE COURSE**

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**23.1** Competitors must keep the whole of their boat within the four-meter wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. The Ama of the Va'a boat may go outside the four-meter wide central area. Upon any deviation, the boat must go back immediately to this central area of the lane. No boat must come nearer than five meters in any direction to the boat of another competitor - that is, gunwale to gunwale or bow to stern.

**23.2** If a boat leaves the centre of the lane and does not return to it, the boat may be disqualified from the event.

**23.3** A boat which leaves its allocated lane, must be disqualified from the event.

**23.4** If a race is declared null and void, no change of the composition of a crew is permitted at the new start.

**23.5** If there is a capsized competitor or crew is eliminated from the race.

**23.6** The Umpire has the right to interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen hindrances arise. The course umpires with a red flag and sound signal may effect such an interruption. Competitors must immediately stop paddling and await further instructions.

If a paddle is broken a competitor may not be provided with a new one by a supporter.