

# INVITATION

Szeged is back! At the end of the 3-year old hiatus from the ICF Canoe Sprint circuit we are back on track to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the World Cup series in 2017. Don't forget that Szeged has its own little series embedded in the multitude of international canoe sprint races of the upcoming Olympic cycle with two World Cups (in 2017 and 2018) leading up to the World Championships in 2019 which will be the main qualification event for Tokyo 2020. Having staged highly acclaimed World Championships and World Cups over the last two decades the Hungarian Canoe Federation is eager to welcome the best paddlers of sprint kayaking and canoeing at the very prestigious, internationally renowned Maty-ér Regatta Course.

On these pages, we intend to sum up all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Szeged. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the regatta course the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, boat rental, visa issuance, board, lodging and training camp opportunities can also be found here. So, without much ado we would just like to say that the Hungarian Canoe Federation would be thrilled to have you in Szeged in order to take part in the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup between the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017. You can always reach the same information and then more and more as time progresses on the official website of the competition: [szeged2017.com](http://szeged2017.com)

SEE YOU IN MAY,  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE



# PROGRAMME

**Venue:** Maty-ér Regatta Course, Szeged, Hungary

**Date:** 26-28 May, 2017

**Provisional list of events:**

**Women:** K1 200m; 500m; 1000m; 5000m

K2 200m; 500m

K4 200m; 500m

C1 200m

C2 500m

K1 200m (Paracanoe – K1, K2, K3)

V1 200m (Paracanoe – V1, V2, V3)

**Men:** K1 200m; 500m; 1000m; 5000m

K2 200m; 1000m

K4 200m; 1000m

C1 200m; 500m; 1000m; 5000m

C2 1000m

C4 1000m

K1 200m (Paracanoe – K1, K2, K3)

V1 200m (Paracanoe – V1, V2, V3)

## Competition Programme

### 22<sup>nd</sup> of May (Monday)

Morning - Access period begins

### 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of May (Wednesday-Thursday)

09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00 Official training times

### 25<sup>th</sup> of May (Thursday)

17:00 Team Leaders' meeting

18:30 ITOs' meeting

### 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May (Friday-Sunday)

All day Competition

End of the 3rd day Closing Ceremony

### 29<sup>th</sup> of May (Monday)

Evening - Access period ends

## Course

The 2,400-metre long, 122-metre wide regatta course is located two kilometers south of Szeged. Being an artificial course, hydro dynamism is not an issue here and it is quite well sheltered from strong winds as well. It is equipped with Albano system and has nine lanes along with a separate warm-up line. There will be electric time keeping with photo finish camera and video recording. Automatic starting system will be used for the start.

The facility fully meets the ICF requirements.



# ENTRIES

The Organising Committee requires you to use the online entry system (SDP) of the ICF to submit nominal entries. It can be reached at: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

For the other online forms you need to go to: [forms.digicorp.hu](https://forms.digicorp.hu)

Use your username and password to enter the system. If you don't have them yet please send a request to the given email address. After entering the system follow the step-by-step guide to submit your preliminary entry, hotel reservation, boat rental, numerical entry and final travel information forms.

Please observe the following deadlines upon submitting forms and entries:

**Preliminary Entry/Hotel Reservation/Boat Rental:** until the 10th of March, 2017

**Numerical Entry:** until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017

**Final Travel Info:** until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017

**Nominal Entries:** until the 18<sup>th</sup> of May\*, 2017

(For help with SDP you can always contact the administrator directly at: [webmaster@canocicf.com](mailto:webmaster@canocicf.com))

## BOARD AND LODGING

Participation fee / accreditation fee is to be paid for the length of your team's stay during the access period which starts on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May (Monday) and ends on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May (Monday) when the services (listed below) are provided. For bookings outside this period please see the chapter about training camps.

Considering different categories as far as accommodation the **participation fees** are as follows:

### ➤ Category 1 (\*\*\*\* hotels)

single room 130 EUR/person/day  
double room 115 EUR/person/day

### ➤ Category 2 (\*\* hotels)

single room 115 EUR/person/day  
double room 105 EUR/person/day

### ➤ Category 3 (\*\*and\*\*\*hotels and guest houses)

single room 105 EUR/person/day  
double room 95 EUR/person/day

### ➤ Category 4 (\*\* motels, guest houses)

single room 90 EUR/person/day  
double or triple room 80 EUR/person/day

The **participation fee** includes the following services:

- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- Shuttle bus service connecting the regatta course and the official hotels during the access period, according to timetable
- Accreditation fee
- Right of common and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance of the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t)
- Mineral water during the access period

The participation fee does NOT include:

- Airport (Railway Station) transfer to and from Szeged

For teams larger than 3 persons arriving together at the same time we offer the transfer between Budapest and Szeged for 21 EUR/person/one-way.

Individuals and teams of 3 or less requiring transfer should contact the Organising Committee for a custom price.

In case the exact departure time of your entire team will not be known by the time of accreditation the transfer fee will increase to 29 EUR/person for the way back.

In case accommodation and catering are booked

independently and NOT through the Organising Committee you are still required to pay the accreditation fee of EUR 30/person/per day from the day of your arrival which includes the following services:

- Accreditation fee
- Right of common and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance of the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t)
- Mineral water during the access period

The Organising Committee can not be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodation.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis which means your team will be redirected to a different category than initially requested if there is not enough space left in the required category.

The Organising Committee does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like minibar, telephone, parking, etc., these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

Check-in time is 15:00PM. The rooms are to be vacated until 11:00AM on the day of departure. (Upon request the hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee.)



## INFORMATION

### Terms of payment

The **participation fees** are to be paid in the following instalments:

- 60% by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017
- 40% upon arrival

Bank: Granit Bank Zrt.  
 Bank address: 8 Lechner Odon fasor,  
 Budapest, Hungary, 1095  
 Account No: 12100011-10208890-00000000  
 BIC CODE: GNBAHUHB  
 IBAN: HU65 1210 0011 1020 8890 0000 0000  
 Beneficiary: Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség  
 1138 Budapest Latorca u. 2, Hungary

The currency of the account is Euro so please make sure that your payment is in Euros. Please do not forget about the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to pay these extras when transferring money to our bank account.

The booking shall be provisional until the first instalment has arrived to our bank account hence the Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. With the arrival of the first instalment it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the Organising Committee verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account.

**Accepted methods of payment at accreditation**  
 Besides cash (only Euros and US Dollars are accepted) we accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

### Cancellation terms

Should you cancel your booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Organising Committee, as itemized below. The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the participation fee (minus the accreditation fee) according to the following period of notice given:

No forfeit if cancelled until the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2017  
 50% forfeit if cancelled in the period of  
 21<sup>st</sup> of April-5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017  
 100% forfeit if cancelled after the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017

### Boat transportation

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

### Boat rental

The Organizing Committee has a limited number of boats available for rental purposes (Nelo and Plastex brand). You may require rental boats by filling in the corresponding form and sending it back by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March as indicated. Upon receiving the boat rental form 50% of the rental fee will be added to the proforma invoice as it must be paid in advance as a deposit along with the participation fee. The remaining 50% must be paid upon arrival at the accreditation centre. Boat rental requests received after the deadline will be considered but the Organising Committee can not guarantee the requested make or model and the rental prices double after the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

### The boat rental prices are as follows:

boat type price per day if paid until the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 price per day if paid after the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017  
 K1 / C1 / V1 40 Euros 80 Euros  
 K2 / C2 60 Euros 120 Euros  
 K4 / C4 80 Euros 160 Euros

### Insurance

All official participants of the World Cup are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

### Medical care

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the World Cup: doctor on duty, hospital and clinic assistance. A medical centre will operate at the regatta course with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid, ambulance and physiotherapeutic services are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the Organising Committee is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.



# HUNGARY

## Visa

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest to you) in time regarding visa requirements. The difficulty of obtaining visa to Hungary varies by regions but you should calculate with a 45-day long issuing period to ensure the safe attainment of the visa.

### The typical steps of obtaining visa are as follows:

- 1) Booking accommodation via the Organising Committee
- 2) Sending the filled in visa invitation form (downloadable from the [szeged2017.com](http://szeged2017.com) website) to the Organising Committee
- 3) Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request of you
- 4) Organising Committee requests the booked hotel for verification of stay
- 5) Organising Committee sends the letter of invitation along with the verification of stay to the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate and the National Federation
- 6) Visa issuance

Please note that the Organising Committee will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your teams' arrival/departure dates, where you are staying, how many people there are on your team and who they are! The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asks the same information from us so we can not stand up for you without you standing up for yourself by providing this information.

## Training camps in Hungary

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports Hungary is a popular location for training camps again in 2017. Because of usual high demand please plan your training camps and contact the Hungarian Canoe Federation well in advance so we can prepare you a custom-tailored package complete with transportation and motorboat.

## City of Szeged

Entitled as the capital of sprint canoeing Szeged is the seat of Csongrád county and the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is situated near the southeaster border of Hungary right by the Tisza River. A large part of the town lies on the right bank while Újszeged (New Szeged) a suburban district of residential homes and parks is on the left bank of the Tisza. Szeged is the cultural and economic center of South-Eastern Hungary and a thriving university town which is also famous for its open-air theater. The city center is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Votive Church. This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the revival of the city after the devastating flood of the river in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city, with a population of 177,000. The climate is very favourable of canoeing; the annual mean temperature being about 11 °C (52F), somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as there is an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine annually.

## General Information on Hungary

Population: 10.2 million  
 Area: 93.036 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Capital: Budapest (Territory: 525 km<sup>2</sup>)  
 Time zone: GMT +1 hour  
 Official language: Hungarian  
 State form: republic

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers. Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5F). Temperature extremes are about 38 °C (100F) in the summer and -29°C (-20F) in the winter. Average temperature in the summer is 27 to 32 °C (81 to 90F). The average yearly rainfall is approximately 600mm (24 in).

