

ICF PARACANOE for 2024

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PARACANOE NEWS:

LOS ANGELES – PARACANOE SELECTED FOR PARALYMPIC GAMES

The IPC has selected 22 sports, out of 32 applications, to be included in the 2028 Paralympic Games. Paracanoe is one of the successful 22 sports. Actual events for the Games will be decided upon by IPC at the beginning of the quadrennial in January of 2025.

CLASSIFICATION WORKSHOP

In 2024, the Paracanoe Committee has already held its first Level 3 Workshop in Australia (Gold Coast). Participants were from AUS, NZL, TAH and for the first time, PHI. For Europe and America, the committee is currently looking at organizing one workshop in each continent this year. Locations & Dates TBC

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

The Paracanoe Athlete representatives are:

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

2024 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS

2024 ASIAN PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOKYO, JPN

- Classification period: 15 – 16 April
- Team Leader Meeting: 17 April
- Competition: 18 - 21 April
- For Info : <https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-sprint-olympic-qualifier/tokyo-2024>

Monday 15 April	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April	Saturday 20 April	Sunday 21 April
Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting & Opening	Races	Races	Races	Races

The Classification Schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders. Please send your Athlete Names, possible impairment category and your Team Leader name and email address to Diego Doga at diego.doga@canoeicf.com

- Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by Friday, 29 March**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by Monday, 8 April**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded **by 14 April**

2024 ICF PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SZEGED, HUN

- Classification period: 5-7 May
- Team Leader Meeting: 8 May
- Competition: 9-12 May
- ICF event page : www.szeged2024.com

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday 5 May	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May	Saturday 11 May
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races

- NOTE: there will NOT be some Paracanoe Finals on Sunday, May 11TH .
- **Classification preferred dates can be requested through a Doodle Poll from 3 to 5 April**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best efforts to accommodate everyone.
- **Numerical Entries: March 25**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **April 5**
- All **Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **April 12**
- **Nominal entries** deadline: **April 29**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by May 4**

2024 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SZEGED, HUN

- Classification Period: 10 – 11 June
- Team Leader Meeting: 11 June
- Competition: 13 – 16 June
- Event Bulletin: <https://ech.szeged2024.com/>

Monday 10 June	Tuesday 11 June	Wednesday 12 June	Thursday 13 June	Friday 14 June	Saturday 15 June	Sunday 16 June
Classification	Classification Team Leader Meeting		Races	Races	Races	Races

- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from 1-3 May**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Numerical Entries: April 29**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by May 10**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by May 17**
- **Nominal Entries: June 3**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded **by June 8**

Intellectual Impairment (II) Entries for ECA Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe Championships (SZEGED)

EVENTS

EVENT TYPE	GENDER	BOAT TYPE	DISTANCE
K1	M	ICF PARACANOE K1	200 M
K1	F	ICF PARACANOE K1	200 M
“UNIFIED” K2	M	RECREATIONAL K2	200 M
“UNIFIED” K2	F	RECREATIONAL K2	200 M

- The events are exhibition events.
 - Athletes must submit proof of II eligibility. A submission of a Paracanoe Medical Diagnosis Form with an Intellectual Impairment (II) diagnosis signed by a medical doctor is sufficient.
 - Able-bodied participants in the “Unified” K2 shall use the rear seat of the boat. SOI rules for Unified sports shall apply. Both participants in each crew shall be consistent training partners over a competition season.
 - They are scheduled on **Friday (JUNE 14)** of the ECA Championships at the Lunch Break
 - All events will be Direct Finals
 - Entries can only be made by National Canoe Federations.
 - There are a maximum of nine (9) entries per event.
 - **Numerical Entry Deadline: 29 April**
 - **Nominal Entry Deadline: 3 June**
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- Competitors must meet the age requirements of the ICF for international competitions.
 - **Paracanoe Competition Rules:1.4.1** - *The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF competition (level 1 to 3) or an international competition (level 4) is the year of their 15th birthday.*
 - Boats for the Unified K2 will be provided.
 - Boats for the K1 event will be provided by the athlete and must meet the ICF Paracanoe Technical requirements
 - NFs shall ensure that athletes meet medical health standards to compete
 - All participants shall wear PFD’s.

2024 ECA CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

POZNAN, POL.

Classification Period: July 22-23
Team Leader Mtg. July 24
Paracanoe Events: July 24-26
Event website: www.ecamaraton.pl

These events are exhibition events. All twelve categories and a special Open Category will be raced. The Open Category is for all non-eligible impairment groups.

- See the Bulletin for more info.

- See the Appendix to this Bulletin for Eligible Impairment information

NOTE: All competitors are required to use kayaks and Va'a boats which meet the ICF Paracanoe technical standards. See Chapter 3 of the Paracanoe Competition Rules:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#paracanoe>

- Athlete Classification will take place on Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July. 23
- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from 12-14 June**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, June 21**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **Monday, July 1.**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded by **July 21**

PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Vaires sur Marne

Equipment Passports must be uploaded by Aug. 31

Competition days: Sept. 6-8

Detailed information on the Games is available through National Paralympic Committees

2024 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

METKOVIC, CROATIA

Numerical Entries Aug. 5
Nominal Entries Sept. 9.

- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from 7-9 August**
 - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
 - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone

Classification Period: Sept. 16-17
Team Leader Mtg. Sept. 18
Competition: Sept. 19 – Sept. 22, 2024
Paracanoe Events: Sept. 18 and Sept 20
Event website: www.wchmetkovic24.com

These events are exhibition events. All twelve categories and a special Open Category will be raced. The Open Category is for all non-eligible impairment groups.

See the Event Bulletin for more info.

See the Appendix to this Bulletin for more Eligible Impairment details

NOTE: All competitors are required to use kayaks and Va'a boats which meet the ICF Paracanoe technical standards. See Chapter 3 of the Paracanoe Competition Rules:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#paracanoe>

- Athlete Classification will take place on Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Aug. 29
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, July 31**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, August 14**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded by **August 29**

2024 PANAM PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date and location to be confirmed

COVID-19 Measures for the Classification areas

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

This will result in:

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

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

ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

Athletes with one of the following statuses are required to pass Athlete Classification before competing:

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

The classification schedules will be organized through classification doodle polls, through which the Team will be able to choose a preferred date for the athlete's classification.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes and all their equipment are expected to be present for the entire Classification Period. Athletes must be classified separately for Kayak and Va'a.

Platform for uploading classification documents:

The Classification platform has to be used for uploading documents to the ICF Classifiers. No document should be sent by email or any other form

This platform allows a more secure and confidential transfer of documents, as well as a secure storage. It is compliant with the IPC Code on Data Protection.

- All mandatory documents should be uploaded on this platform before the specific deadline.
- An access will be required for log-in to the system. If you need a new access, please send an email to: events@canoeicf.sport
- The preferred format for all documents is PDF

Access to the *Classification Upload Platform*:

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

Link to current Master List:

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Athletes attending classification at competitions must upload the following Paracanoe forms on the *Classification upload platform* before the classification period, with the following deadlines:

Not later than 4 weeks before the start of the classification period of the Competition (*unless otherwise indicated*)

- Paracanoe Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis
- Athlete Diagnosis Form
- Any/All other supporting medical documentation

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

- Declaration of Medical Complications & Emergency Measures
- Paracanoe Athlete Information & Consent
- Strapping waiver – this document will be valid for the whole 2024 season
- PFD waiver - this document will be valid for the whole 2024 season

Not later than 3 days before the event or before the Classification:

- Equipment passport for Kayak – if the athlete competes in a Kayak category
- Equipment passport for Va'a – if the athlete competes in a Va'a category

All documents must be completed in English.

Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis must be completed in English and signed by a medical doctor. It should also include supporting medical diagnostic documentation. In complex cases, additional supporting medical information may be requested.

The forms are available to download from the ICF Website in the Paracanoe area – in the classification page:

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

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

Paracanoe athletes may enter more than one event if their classification makes them eligible to do so and the schedule permits. (NOTE: Athletes are not permitted to compete outside their classification category, ie. A KL1 category athlete may not race 'up' into KL2)

NF's are required to provide their own boats for their classification. The ICF is unable to provide a boat loan service. Federations who need to borrow boats for the competition or for classification should make boat loan arrangements early with boat manufacturers or event organizers.

EQUIPMENT PASSPORT

ALL athletes competing **MUST** complete and upload an equipment passport on the *classification upload platform*.

If the equipment passports are not completed and uploaded, the athlete will not be allowed to race. The equipment passports will be checked during classification and before each race. If the equipment does not match the equipment passports, the athlete will not be allowed to race.

If the athlete has sent an equipment passport before but has changed some equipment, a new equipment passport must be uploaded on the *classification upload platform* and the changes must be specified.

If the athlete has been given a Confirmed Status and are changing the equipment, the Chief Classifier will determine if the changes are approved.

The equipment passport form is available to download from the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.

SAFETY OF STRAPPING DEVICES

Strapping regulations : Rule 3.5.2 of Paracanoe Competition Rules

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

The Paracanoe Committee conducted an analysis about boat strapping adaptations (rule 3.5.2). This analysis showed that most of the athletes' adaptations are consistent with the rule about strapping in the boat. Unfortunately, some athletes do not appear to follow the expected safety requirements of "quick release". Inappropriate straps are potentially dangerous for the athletes in the event of a capsize.

The Paracanoe Committee strongly reminds all National Federations and Team Leaders of their responsibility in this matter.

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

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

For the ICF World Cups and ICF World Championships, every Paracanoe athlete must pass the anti-doping online course. The course can be accessed here:
<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

The Athlete Learning Program about Health and Anti-Doping (ALPHA) gives athletes information about the dangers of doping, the importance of anti-doping controls and promotes positive attitudes to avoiding doping.

It consists of eight sessions and takes two hours to complete. Athletes are encouraged to take the course in several stages. Progress is then saved from one visit to another. A pre- and post-course

anti-doping knowledge test and attitude survey is included to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

A score of 80% or higher is required for ALPHA certification, though athletes with insufficient scores are able to repeat the program until they achieve the minimum 80% score. Those who have completed the programme in previous years do not need to redo it.

Please enter the correct identity information while creating an account, as the completion of the course will be recorded.

PARACANOE RACING RULES

For a full reading of the ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules and Classification Rules & Regulations, go to: <http://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/paracanoe>

NOTABLE RULES for PARACANOE

(see Paracanoe Rulebook & Classification Rules for exact wording.)

A 20 euros fee will be charged for every late entry, under the condition that the entry is accepted by the Paracanoe Committee.

A 200 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Classification.

A 75 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Competition Rule.

National Federations are permitted two entries in all Paracanoe events.

Athletes are only permitted to race in the class in which they are classified; i.e. A KL1 category athlete can only race in KL1.

Spray skirts/Spray decks are not permitted for Paracanoe classification or Paracanoe races unless approved by the Chief Official due to inclement weather conditions. Kayaks are only permitted to have one rudder under the hull. Hence, skegs and/or projecting keels are not permitted. Rudders may be fixed.

Only stabilizing pontoons are permitted as modifications for stability. Va’a hulls are permitted to be concave. Rudders, skegs and projecting keels are not permitted.

Boat Dimensions & Weight (ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules – Section 7.2)

Boats	Kayak	Va’a
Max. length	520	730
Min. width	50*	
Min. weight	12	13**

NOTE: * measured 10 cm from the bottom of the hull.

**Including hull, ama & iatco

All measurements in cm and all weights in kg.

PARACANOE ADMINISTRATION FEES

Paracanoe teams attending the ICF World Cups & ICF World Championships are subject to the fees noted in the table below. Fees will be calculated from the ICF's SDP entry system and will be invoiced by the ICF office after the event directly to each National Federation. Payment by cash during the competition is no longer possible.

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

PARACANOE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Some Paracanoe introductory documents have been developed in twelve languages, in order to help as many countries possible to run introduction classes or webinars for their coaches / members. The Paracanoe experts remain available for sharing the knowledge with the developing countries.

<https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/paracanoe>

QUESTIONS??:

If you have any question, please contact the ICF event team:

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