



EUROPEAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

***ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP AND
PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS***

LAST INFO

***DEAR FRIENDS,
DEAR FUTURE GUESTS,***



Only a few more days are left until we meet again in Szeged, since the European Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualifier, ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup and Paracanoe World Championships will kick off soon!

This year is crucial in our sport, as competing at the Olympics or the Paralympics are the main goal for all competitors worldwide. The most important competition of the last three years will be held in Paris this summer, but I think that the road leading up to that point, which is no longer very long, still has significant stops. These include the European Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualifier, the World Cup and the World Championships.

We are welcoming the best paddlers in the world between 8–12th May in Szeged. More than 60 countries will take part, which means one of the largest fields in recent years. Of course, we are very happy about this, but we also expected it. On the one hand, because this will be the first international competition in sprint and paracanoe disciplines this year, and on the other hand, because it will be the last opportunity for European nations to obtain Olympic and Paralympic quotas.

For us, the athletes are the most important, so we will use all our knowledge to provide the best possible service to the competitors who come to Szeged, so that they only have to focus on their own races. Maty-ér is ready, the only thing missing is you!

On behalf of the Hungarian Canoe Federation and the Host Organising Committee, we warmly welcome everyone between 8–12th May in Szeged and we wish all athletes all the best for the last couple of days before the competition!

Friendly regards,

Bálint Szakács
Chairman of the Host Organising Committee





HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Chief Official	FURUYA, Toshihiko (JPN)
Chief Judge	STANOJEVIC, Jovana (SRB)
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Competition Manager	CAISLEY, Phil (GBR)

IDENTITY & POLYOX CONTROLLERS

1. BANASIK-ZARANSKA, Roza (POL) – Coordinator
2. SOARES, Oscar (POR)
3. HOIIAN, Mou (MAC)
4. MACKENZIE, Aniwa (NZL)
5. CORRIGAN, Heather (CAN)

BOAT CONTROLLERS

1. GALDIKAS, Virmantas (GEO) – Coordinator
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3. HONDA, Izumi (JPN)
4. TEMRAZ, Amr (EGY)
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6. OUERTANI, Samia (TUN)

STARTERS

1. GICZY, Gergo (HUN) - coordinator
2. EDWARDS, Sara (GBR)
3. STEINHAUSER, Uwe (GER)

ALIGNERS

1. ALVAREZ IGLESIAS, Desiree (ESP)
2. WANG, Qi (CHN)

COURSE UMPIRES / TURNING POINT UMPIRES

1. TOTH, Gheorghe (ROU) - coordinator
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4. LETINNE, Michel (FRA)
5. KRUZSLICZ, Reka (HUN)

FINISHING LINE JUDGES

1. RZEPKA, Jolanta (POL) – Chief Finish Line Judge
2. LEE, Richard Cheow Lien (SGP)
3. LEVKOVICH, Marina (ISR)

Announcer	WEIXL, Mónika (HUN)
Speaker	JUHÁSZ, Bálint (HUN)

ACCREDITATION

OPENING HOURS

6 th May, Monday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00
7 th May, Tuesday:	09:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00
8 th May, Wednesday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00
9 th May, Thursday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-17:00
10 th May, Friday:	07:20-12:30, 13:00-17:00
11 th May, Saturday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-16:00
12 th May, Sunday:	07:00-14:00

The Accreditation Centre is located at the Regatta Course on the ground floor of the Finish Tower. Team Leaders are kindly requested to come directly to the Accreditation Centre upon arrival.

Team Leaders are required to arrive alone. After having paid their dues, Team Leaders may collect their accreditation cards, along with the hotel voucher (if booked their accommodation through the HOC).

Teams arriving before 6th May or outside the opening hours of the Accreditation Centre should contact the HOC at booking@szeged2024.com to discuss their check-in process at their designated hotels.

All participants of the event must be accredited, since no access is granted to the venue without an accreditation badge. Please be advised that you will not receive the badges until your balance with the Host Organising Committee is cleared to zero.

Acceptable methods of payment: cash (EUR), credit card (Visa, Eurocard / Mastercard)



MEALS & WATER

Kindly note that the first meal included in your daily rate is the dinner at your designated hotel on the day of your arrival. From the day after your arrival, lunch will be served at the Regatta Course in the athletes' catering area between 11:00 and 14:00.

BREAKFAST AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR DESIGNATED HOTEL.

SCHEDULE ON COMPETITION DAYS

Competition days	Breakfast from	Dinner from
Wednesday	06:30	18:00-21:00
Thursday	06:30	18:00-21:00
Friday	06:30	18:00-21:00
Saturday	06:30	18:00-21:00
Sunday	06:30	18:00-21:00

If you wish to have breakfast earlier, please discuss with the hotel staff the day before.

The Host Organising Committee offers bottled drinking water for accredited participants at designated distribution points in the Athletes Area during the access period. Please remember to dispose of empty bottles in the separate recycling bins provided.

Let's be mindful of our environment!



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL: upon entering the Arrival Hall, please search for our staff and/or a welcome desk displaying the event logo. Our team members will provide you with additional details regarding your transportation to Szeged.

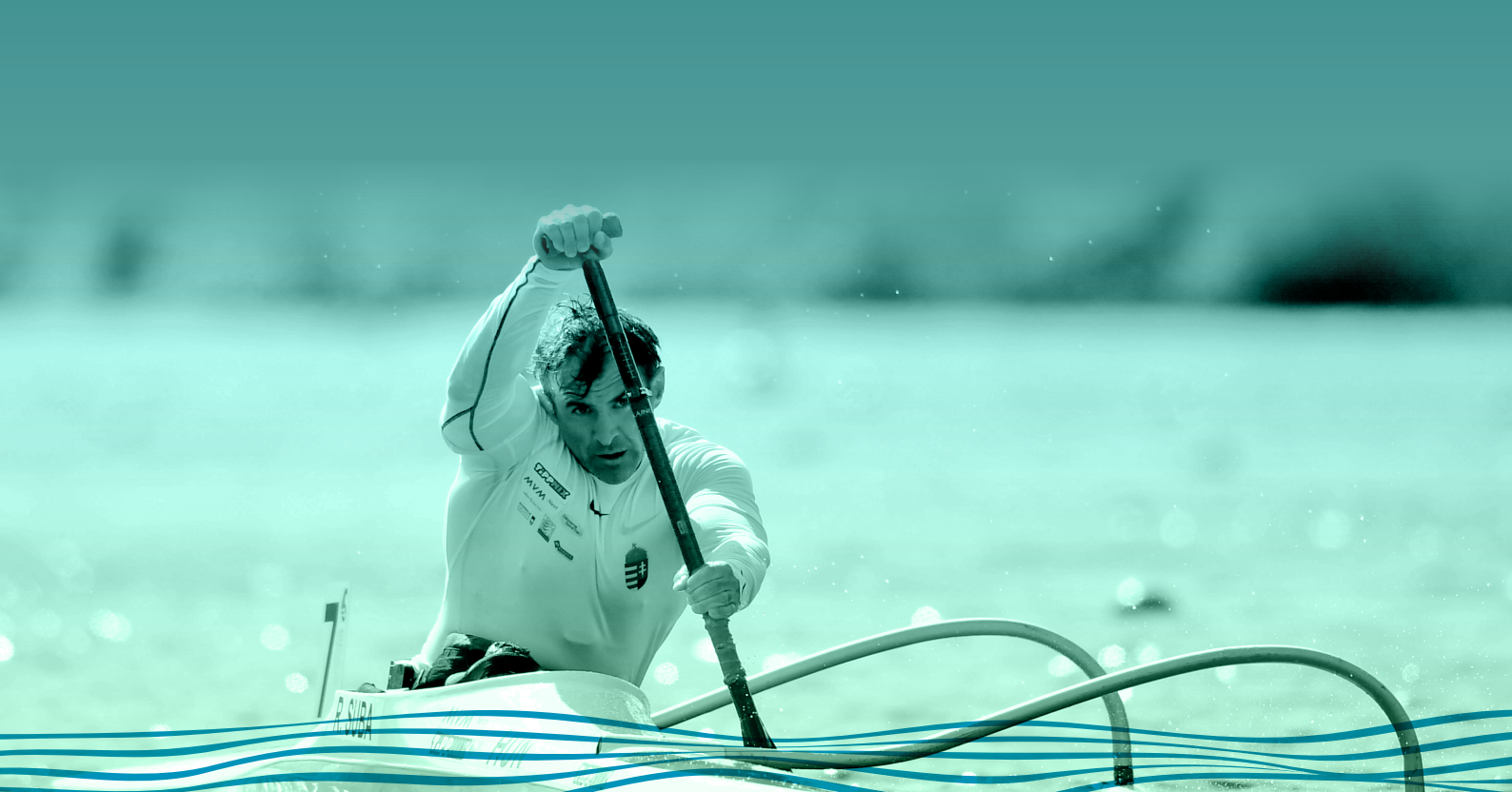
DEPARTURE: an information sheet on the departure pick-up time should be collected at the Team Information Centre (at the ground floor of the finish tower) 1 or 2 days prior to your scheduled departure.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

A shuttle bus service will operate between the official hotels and the Regatta Course on a daily basis. Schedules of the different routes will be published at the hotel lobbies and at the Olympic Centre, as well.

COMPETITION INFORMATION SERVICE

The information centre for the Team Leaders is located on the ground floor of the Finish Tower. Team Leaders are kindly requested to arrive alone and only in case of urgent matters.



LATE ENTRY/WITHDRAWAL/CREW CHANGE

In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late entries / withdrawals. It is the Technical Chair's discretion to accept or decline a late entry / withdrawal. The request for late entry / withdrawal / crew change can be submitted via the following online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/u17b7ywCnG>



Late athlete entry will incur a fee of 50 EUR / athlete.

Late event entry for already registered athletes will incur a fee of 50 EUR / boat.

Please note that payments will only be accepted via credit card / online payment at the competition office. Cash payments are no longer accepted.

Only requests submitted until the deadline will be accepted. After the deadline you need to contact the Chief Official directly.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE REQUESTS: 7th May, 11:00.

1. Any athlete named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute in any other event.
2. Notification of alterations of the entries must be given/submitted via the online form to the Chief Judge at least one (1) hour before the first race of the morning or afternoon session.
3. The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and the same athlete/crew is not allowed to compete in any other events of the competition.
4. In crew boats the names of the competitors **MUST BE** in order that they race in the boat. The first name at the top **MUST BE** the competitor at the front of the boat.

MEDICAL CARE

A medical centre will operate at the Regatta Course with ambulance, first aid and doctor on duty. Hospital and clinic assistance provided for free for the official participants of the World Cup. The costs of the above-mentioned services are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the Host Organising Committee is not responsible for covering your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

BOAT STORAGE AND PARKING

Boat racks are provided either in the boathouse or at the tents in the Athletes' Area. You are requested to take your trailers to the designated trailer parking area located on the Southern dam. Each team gets ONE parking sticker, further parking stickers can be added for 50 EUR/car/competition.

For accreditation purposes, we provide temporary parking near the Accreditation Centre.

BOAT NUMBERS AND PERSONAL NUMBERS

The personal numbers to be worn during the whole duration of the competition can be collected by the Team Leaders at accreditation. The boat numbers can be collected one hour before the competition at the designated place in the Athletes Area. The team leader must leave a deposit (€50) upon collecting the start number for the first time. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the competition when the team leader has returned all.

ATHLETE NAME AND COUNTRY CODE STICKERS

Each athlete's name sticker must be applied on all boats for ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe competitions. In order for canoes and kayaks to be presented in a standard manner, name stickers must be positioned at the same point on every boat. The country code sticker will be applied on all boats and at the same place for each ICF Canoe Sprint competition and will be checked at the Boat Control. **It is the participating National Federations' responsibility to provide the stickers to their athletes.**

Please use this [template](#) provided by the ICF with the correct sizes and font.

Athletes' name stickers have been modified in 2022 to match the re-formatted TV graphics. The last name is now placed after the initial of the first name.

For the official guideline, please click on the [link](#).

ID CONTROL

Athletes can embark only from the designated place before the competition where their boats, equipment, clothes (uniforms and uniformity), personal numbers, boat numbers and accreditation cards will be checked.

UNIFORMS AND UNIFORMITY

If two (2) boats from the same country compete in the same race, they must wear the same uniforms submitted with Nominal entries. In a crew boat there **MUST BE** uniformity among all athletes including: sleeve length, hats, headbands and spray covers.

Teams shall upload a picture of their uniform before the entry deadline in SDP to the relevant section. A detailed guideline on the procedure will be sent to the team leaders by ICF.

SECOND (POST-RACE) BOAT CONTROL

After the race some boats will be called for a second boat control. After the race the athletes must disembark onto the designated pontoon where their boat will go under control. Please do not forget to control the weight of your boat before the race at the self boat control spot.

DOPING CONTROL

Athletes will be randomly selected for doping control conforming to the relevant regulations. For the ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role before the first day of the competition in accordance with 2023 ICF Anti-Doping Rules.

Athletes entered in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition. For more information, please click on the [link](#).

PRE-RACE PROCEDURE

Only athletes for the next race start will be allowed to enter the indicated starting areas 200-300m, 500-600m, and 1000-1100m. They will be called to the starting area 4-5 minutes before the start. Once the boats enter the starting area they are forbidden to turn around and they need to paddle a straight line towards their assigned start boots.

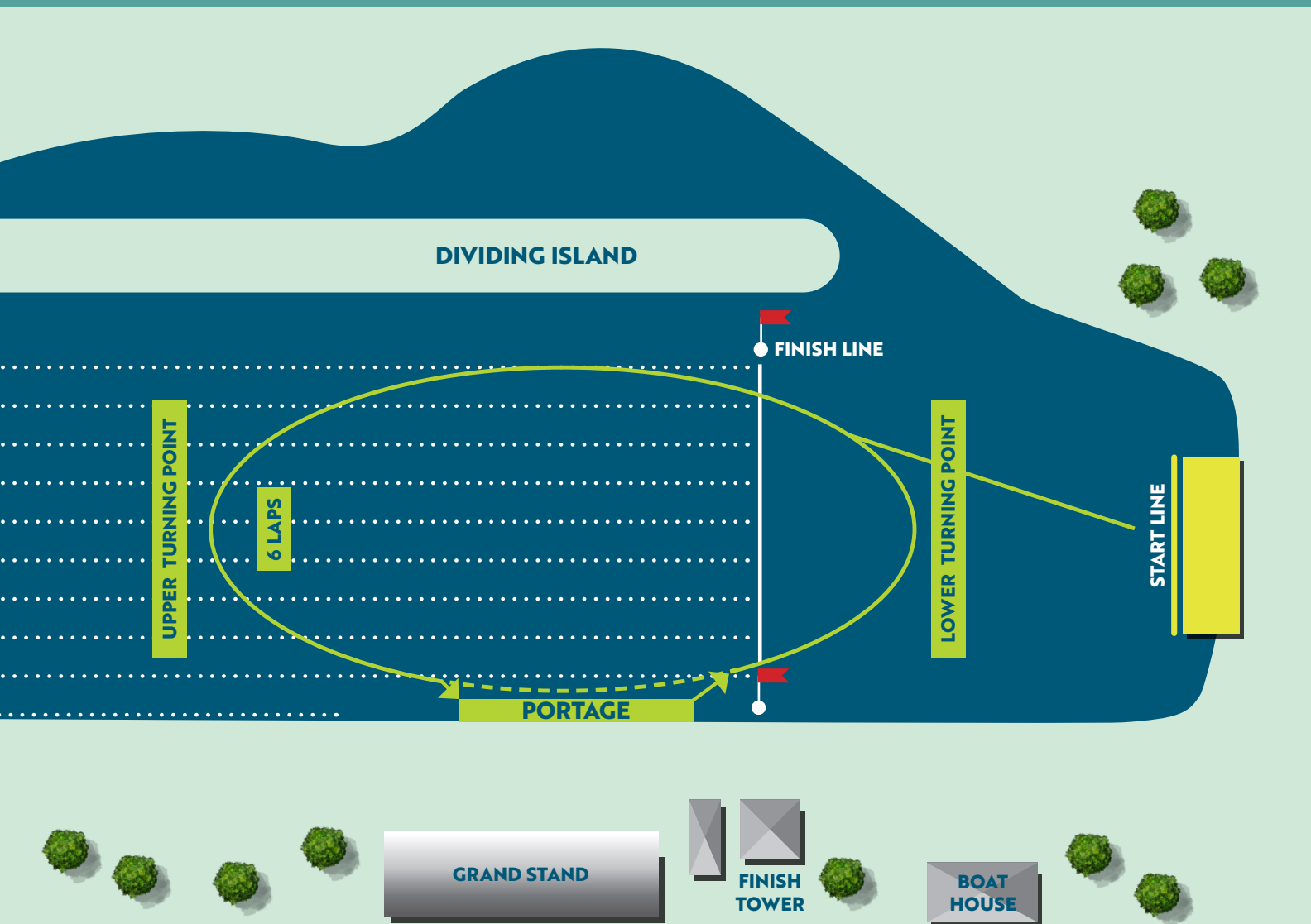
Aligners will be placed at the beginning of the starting area – 300m, 600m, or 1100m to control the boats' flow.

Please advise athletes to follow the instructions from aligners, and do not enter the starting area if they are not called and they are not part of the following race.

5.000M EVENTS

The 5000m events will run with portages. The races will start at the southern end of the course. It will consist of 6 laps (1 long and 5 short ones). The turning points are the same in each lap. The distance from the start - southern end of the course - to the first turning point will make the first lap a long lap. The long lap is followed by five shorter laps. There will be 5 portages, the first one in the long lap, after the 1st turning point and then four more in the short laps. There is no portage in the last short lap, after the 11th turning point. All athletes need to do all portages. The last athlete at the end of each lap will not be disqualified. Disembarkation, portage and embarkation will all be on a low pontoon. All competitors must disembark in the area defined by flags diagonally divided in red and yellow, carry their craft along the portage and embark in the area defined by flags diagonally divided in red and yellow.

Rules are based on canoe sprint rules. Only boats with specifications set out in the Canoe Sprint Competition Rules can be used. Handles are allowed, but pumps are not permitted.





PARACANOE CLASSIFICATION

Classification of paracanoe athletes will take place at the Regatta Course on the ground floor of the VIP Building between 5–7th May (Sunday-Tuesday) from 8:45 to 18:30. The detailed schedule will be distributed to the Paracanoe Team Leaders by the ICF. The dedicated paracanoe pontoon will be put in place for the exclusive use of paracanoe athletes during the classification period.

OFFICIAL TRAINING SESSIONS

5TH MAY (SUNDAY)	08:00-13:00 14:00-18:00
6TH MAY (MONDAY)	08:00-13:00 14:00-18:00
7TH MAY (TUESDAY)	08:00-13:00 09:00-11:00 1000m starting machine test 14:00-18:00 16:00-18:00 200m starting machine test

TRAFFIC REGULATION DURING RACE DAYS

There is one-way traffic on the water. Athletes are requested to use the channel behind the dividing island to paddle up to the start. The Regatta Course can be reached through the cuts above the 500m, 1000m starts. From there traffic goes in the direction of the Finish Tower. It is absolutely forbidden to use motor boats during the official training, coaches, however, are permitted to follow the athletes by bikes on the service path along the course.

SAFETY REGULATIONS ON WATER

The OC provides lifeguard service on the water during the official training sessions and on race days one hour before the start of the first race. OC cannot guarantee to guard the whole water surface of the venue so please stay paddle on the guarded areas.

GUARDED AREAS DURING OFFICIAL TRAINING SESSIONS:

- race course between 1300m and the finish line
- water surface in front of the boathouse up to the bridge

GUARDED AREAS DURING RACE DAYS:

- race course between 1300m and the finish line
- water surface in front of the boathouse
- channel behind the dividing isle up to 1300m

Please keep in mind: The OC does not take responsibility for any accidents in areas outside supervision and outside the official training time.

CYCLING AT THE VENUE

Coaches are allowed to follow the races by bike on the dividing island, which can be accessed by the connecting bridge.

TEAM LEADERS' MEETING

The Team Leaders' meeting will be held online via ZOOM before the competition. Meeting invitations will be sent to the National Federations email address submitted in the SDP system. Team Leaders are kindly requested to check and update their email address at accreditation, as you will receive the ZOOM invitation via email. There will be two separate Team Leaders' meeting, one for the Canoe Sprint European Qualifier and the Paracanoe World Championships and Paralympic Qualifier and another one for the Canoe Sprint World Cup.

Team Leaders' meeting of the Canoe Sprint European Qualifier and the Paracanoe World Championships and Paralympic Qualifier: 7th May, 15:00.

Team Leaders' meeting of the Canoe Sprint World Cup: 8th May, 17:00.

All team leaders are invited to join the 2024 ICF World Cup Szeged TL WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code below, or please click on the [link](#). The Competition Committee and the HOC will share all the important information to the teams in the group.



MEDAL AWARDING CEREMONIES

All athletes (wearing their national outfit and shoes, not allowed: cap, sunglasses, flags) of the winning nations are requested to be present at the meeting point next to the Finish Tower 10 minutes prior to the officially scheduled victory ceremony at the latest. We have a very tight schedule therefore we kindly ask you to be aware of this request. Medal awarding ceremonies will start at their officially scheduled time. In case any athlete arrives late to the meeting point, the ceremony will start by the schedule without him/her.



An aerial photograph of a rowing team on a large body of water. Five rowers are visible, each in their own boat, moving from the top left towards the bottom right. The water is a deep blue-green color with visible ripples and wakes from the boats.

MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY

AMBULANCE:

Ambulance Station of Szeged: +36-62-561-401

Ambulance central emergency number: 112

24-HOUR PHARMACY:

Vasas Szent Péter Pharmacy

Address: 62 Kossuth Lajos sgrt., Szeged, 6724

Opening hours: 7 am – 9 pm (night shift after 21:00)

Telephone: + 36 62 558 150

MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Medical Emergency Service Department

Address: Szeged, Semmelweis u. 6, 6725

Opening hours: 0–24

Telephone: +36 62 342 477

GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) ON DUTY:

GP health care on duty for children and adults

14-15, Korányi fasor Szeged, 6722

Telephone: +36 62 545-331

Emergency hours: 4 pm – 7.30 am (weekdays) / 7.30 am – 7.30 pm (weekends)

EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE:

Dental Clinic

Tisza L. krt. 64. Tisza L. krt., Szeged

Saturdays and Sundays: 7 am – 1 pm