

Dear Canoe Sprint Family,

We hope the preparations of the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint season are well underway. With the first world cup in Szeged (11-14 May) just around the corner, we wanted to give you some updates about the season to help with the preparations.

5km with portage- This season, the ICF is introducing 5km race with portage at all competitions (WC1-Szeged, WC2-Poznan, Jr & U23 WCH-Auronzo, and WCH-Duisburg). The rule of the portage will remain as before:

- Competitors may only portage at points designated by the race organisers.
- At official compulsory portage points, the limits of the section of the river to be portaged must be clearly marked by flags showing the start and end of the disembarkation area and the start and end of the embarkation area. The flags marking the portage shall be diagonally divided in red and yellow.
- All competitors shall disembark in the defined area, carry their craft around the portage and embark in the defined area.

The athletes participating in 5km race will complete portages at designated laps, meaning they will not be able to choose when they do the portages. Additionally, the last athlete at the end of each lap will not be disqualified. All 5km courses will consist of 1 long and 5 short laps. The details of 5km courses with portage information will be published by the end of April.

Paris and Duisburg schedule - Please see the preliminary timetable attached.

Progression rule amendment - Please see attached.

Lastly, we would like to remind all teams that the ICF will be stricter this year with late entries fees (50 euros per athlete). Previously, the ICF has been lenient, considerate of the COVID situations and hardship of travel. That will no longer be the case. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Please contact the CSP committee members and the ICF HQ for any inquiry regarding this season.

Best regards,
ICF Team