

ICF Board of Directors, Cape Town, RSA 9-12 December 2015

Name of the Committee: Canoe Slalom

1. Meetings since last Board Meeting

Period: from March 2015 to October 2015

- **March 29 to 31, Technical delegate visit to Tokyo 2020 and TMG for review of the CSL venue project, Tokyo (JAP)**
- **April 2nd to 6th, IJCSL seminar and examination during NHK CSL cup, Toyama (JAP)**
- **April 20th, Technical delegate visit to Rio 2016, Deodoro venue construction review and meeting with CSL Competition management, Rio (BRA)**
- **April 21st to 27th, ICF Technical Delegate at 2015 ICF CSL Junior and U23 championships, Foz do Iguaçu (BRA)**
ICF Technical delegate and Chief Judge for the CSL event
- **May 27th to 31st, Invited at 2015 CSL European championships and new slalom format by DKV at CSL venue, Markkleeberg (GER)**
- **June 9th, meeting with HOC for London 2015 ICF CSL World Championships, Lee Valley, London (UK)**
- **June 17th to 21st, ICF Technical Delegate for 2015 CSL World Cup N°1 in Prague (CZE)**
- **June 22nd to 28th, ICF Technical Delegate for 2015 CSL World Cup N°2 in Krakow (POL)**
- **July 13th to 19th, Chief Judge at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games CSL competition, Continental Olympic qualifier, Minden (Ontario, CAN)**
- **August 5th to 9th, ICF Technical Delegate for 2015 CSL World Cup Final in Seo de urgell (ESP)**
- **August 11th to 16th, ICF Technical Delegate for 2015 CSL World Cup Final in PAU (FRA)**
- **August 18th to 19th, meeting with the ICF strategic and Olympic program commission, Milan (ITA)**
- **September 11th to 14th, CSL technical committee meeting, Lee valley, London (UK) see Minutes in Annex 1.**
- **September 15th to 21st, ICF Technical Delegate and Chief Judge at the 2015 ICF CSL Senior World championships and Olympic Qualification, Lee Valley, London (UK)**
- **October 16th to 18th, Technical Delegate visit to Tokyo 2020 and TMG for review of the CSL venue project, Tokyo (JAP)**
- **November 2nd to 9th, ICF Technical Delegate and chief Judge at the 2015 CAC CSL Continental Olympic qualifier, Sagana (KEN)**

Organization event area

- 2015 Junior and U23 ICF CSL world championships organized successfully in Foz do Iguassu (Parana, BRA)
31 NF's participating with 340 athletes, medals were spread among 11 nations and 3 continents
The organizing committee has overcome the difficulties with the pumping station installed few weeks before the championship and that was not working properly. The championship was also a great opportunity for CBCA to train and select Volunteers and Technical staff to be proposed for Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Technical Video Signal service in cooperation with ICF TV (Hit the Roof) and Siwidata was produced for all 2015 CSL World cups and 2015 CSL senior world championships and Olympic qualification with a high quality signal (HDI) to better serve the Video judges and teams video analysis. This season we have experimented the athlete's run files being available for coaches by downloading them from the Siwidata server. This solution will allow in the future season, teams to not have a staff for capturing the feed during the runs and reduce the cost for both teams and HOC by reducing the number of persons needed for the TVS files capturing. After a testing operation during the CSL European championships, the Technical committee has develop with the German company Broadcast solutions a new video review system (so called Slomo) which has been successfully implemented as a Video Judge tool for the World championships and Olympic qualifier. (More details in the dedicated report (see annex 2)
- Organized a consistent Competition schedule and event order grouping for semi final and final phases along all five 2015 CSL World cups to allow a successful live coverage slot in accordance with EBU requested time as well on Planet Canoe You tube channel.
- Toronto 2015, Pan-American Games have hosted from July 16 to 19, for the first time (11 NF's participating) the CSL Olympic events on a natural and spectacular stretch of the Gull River in Minden (Ontario). This competition was also the Continental Olympic qualifier for Pan AM where 11 NOC's participated. This success has been possible thanks to Technical delegate (E Lokken, USA) working regularly with HOC (especially Competition manager, Molly Killingbeck) and CK CANADA for the preparation of the venue and competition management staff.
- London 2015, CSL Senior Worlds Championships and Global Olympic Qualification organised on the 2012 Olympic venue presented great competitions in very good racing conditions (crucial at the time to qualify Olympic spots) and a very good TV coverage. The HOC has overcome the financial difficulties to be able to deliver a good competition in front of a great attendance. The 2012 Games legacy was obvious too through the staffing commitment, Officials and Volunteers, who were still at Olympic delivery level in their daily tasks and duties. Click [here](#) for an interesting wrap up this Championship.

Tasks undertaken for this period

Rio 2016 Olympic Games preparation

- Since March 2015, ICF Sec Gen and TD have been liaising with Rio 2016 both for Deodoro CSL Venue construction follow up and for Test event and Olympic games operations preparation.
- The construction of the 2 courses was completed following the calendar with no incident or delay, Queiroz, the company in charge of this work has been very committed, showing a great motivation in delivering the facility in due time with a very well organized staff and building method.
- The first water on operation and commissioning of the venue started the second week of October and shows an encouraging first configuration inspired by the scale-modelling conclusion.
- 18th to 20th of November, ICF Technical delegate has been reviewing the two courses with WPI, Queiroz and Rio 2016 before the Test event for making sure that there is no safety issues with the proposed configuration and that the ICF technical requirements of the courses and facility are fulfilled.
- Pre Olympic Games training periods, starting early December, are now under booking for Teams and administrate by Rio 2016 canoe management.
- In the past six months, Rio 2016 has increased its Canoeing staff, hiring the following positions: Service Manager (Maria Fatima), Technical Operations Manager (Denis Terezani) and Sports Information Coordinator (Christina Vanicek). This Canoe team will welcome 26 NOC's for the forthcoming Test event 26/29 of November.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games preparation

- Two days meetings, 30th and 31st of March with Tokyo 2020 and Tokyo Metropolitan Government was the first opportunity for ICF TD to be presented with the new venue for CSL competition. After the site visit, Tokyo 2020 venue development and TMG have presented the first approach for concept design of the CSL and white water centre. On our side ICF has presented and develop the CSL venue technical requirements but also the legacy parameters to be included in the project at early stage of the concept design phase.
- Following Tokyo's meetings, taking the opportunity of the CSL National championships organised in Toyama, a first three days training and education programme was organised to overview the future NTO's / ITO's potentially candidates for the 2020 Olympic Games. An IJCSL seminar and examination has been organised too.
- A second visit, 16th -17th of October, with CSP TD and Secretary General was dedicated, for CSL, to the presentation of the concept design project. This project was not satisfactory and the ICF has requested to reconsider the plan and develop a new approach of the design with the assessment of a WW venues consultant. On the other hand the forecast budget for the construction of the CSL venue is far too high and ICF requested to look for cheaper solution and is ready to work with Tokyo 2020, TMG and the National federation to find these solutions. A new meeting with Tokyo 2020 and TMG is scheduled 18 -19 of April 2016 to review the new concept design.

ICF Olympic Strategy and Program Commission

- See the particular Commission's work in progress report produced by CSL technical committee (annex 2).
- A survey is under preparation and is about to be spread early in 2016, to Whitewater centres worldwide in order to create a data base with their key information and establish an ICF web based page so called " ICF observatory of white water canoe centres"
- The document "Sustainable White water sport Centres" is well received by WW facility project promoters as well by local authorities that wish to study the feasibility of such equipment. One version prepared by the White water Russian federation is now available in Russian language. A digital version is available [here](#).

CSL development Programme

- ICF CSL development Coordinator Pierrick Gosselin, has prepared a complete balance of his activity and associated programme. Report for the last period (March 2015 - October 2015). Please check the ICF development programme section.

Issues and Main Points of Report

1° Coordinate CSL events within the Continental Games Programme

- Pan Am Games 2015 (Toronto, Canada)

2° Coordinate the preparation of both 2015 ICF CSL world championships

3° follow up of the 2016 Rio Games preparation

- Deodoro CSL Venue commissioning and sign off operations
- Training and selection of staffing for CSL competition area, education program for NTO's and technical volunteers recruitment especially on basis of the Foz do Iguassu championship staffing.
- Tuning operation of both courses with a priority on Olympic course (deadline March 2016)

4° Follow up of the 2020 Tokyo Games preparation

- Concept design for CSL venue
- Budget impact and chasing economical solution
- Post Games legacy operations, potential publics, operator(s).
- Officials and volunteers training programme in coordination with JCF

5° CSL rules evolution for 2017 and next Olympic period

- Limited number of changes, one key goal is to have the results process being final within the time of each athlete run)
- Preparing next Olympic period Rules evolution to be commented by CSL community before the Spring ICF board where the Rules evolution will be presented (valid from 2017 January first)
- Presentation of the key evolution during meeting with Coaches in Rio (November 2015).

2. Items for resolution by board of directors.

1. Approval of the programme for 2016 ICF CSL Junior /U23 World championships (Krakow, POL).
2. Approval of the CSL ITO's list for 2016 ICF CSL Jun/U23 World championships (Krakow, POL)
3. Amendment to the 2017 CSL ICF calendar
 - 2017 CSL World championship, Pau (FRA), 27th Sept- 1st Oct 2017
 - 2017 CSL World cups calendar amended as follow:
 - World cup N° 4 Ivrea (ITA), 25th to 27th August 2017
 - World cup N°5 and Final Seo de Urgell (ESP), 1st to 3rd September 2017
4. Presentation of the live video judging system allowing CSL Results processing evolution.
Proposal for dedicate a budget to purchase the “ Slomo system” to be used already during 2016 season and at the Rio Olympic Games. This investment from ICF will be paid by amortization along the 5 seasons, 2016 and the next Olympic period thanks to a fee invoiced at each ICF competitions (World cups and world championships, 7 competitions per season)

3. Future Initiatives and Tasks

Follow up of the RIO 2016 Olympic games preparation

- ICF CSL Olympic Venue requirements and Overlay for Games time delivery
- Commissioning and sign off for both Deodoro's white water courses with Rio 2016
- Tuning for Final configuration of the Olympic course and sign off by March 2016 latest.
- Cooperation with Rio 2016 Canoeing CSL manager for delivery of the Olympic Games
- Legacy operations assessment, meeting with Rio and Brazilian sport authorities involved for future post Games operation
- Preparation of the 2018 ICF CSL World championships to be held in Deodoro

For the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games

- Meeting with the venue post games operator and Tokyo Metropolitan authorities
- Work closely with Tokyo 2020, TMG and National federation to keep the construction costs at a reasonable level even when a legacy plan and operator are identified.
- Simplify the scoring procedure (Penalty collection, documentation) at a Canoe slalom competition and deliver results when race is completed with no inquiry process or delay.
 - Testing push button system at ICF ranking races
 - Introducing the Slomo system at all 2016 CSL Olympic Games, 2016 World championships and World cups.
- Study Olympic Games program evolution with the following goals:
 - White water format more related to the recreational practice
 - White water format in relation with the industry of recreational equipment
 - Increase the time spent on the venue / TV
 - Direct readability for the public of the format
- Develop and test an alternative Canoe slalom/ white water formats for increasing Youth public and media impact: Cano Slalom Cross to be presented at 2016 CSL world cups

For 2024 and beyond

- Study and develop White water facility's new concept with stakeholders and experts:
 - Studying a temporary built WW facility option (River Box Concept)
 - Keeping the construction and operation costs very low
 - Sharing a same facility with other Olympic sports / disciplines
