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**Bulletin 2**  
**2026 Canoe Polo World Championships**  
Duisburg (GER) | 14–20 September 2026

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## 1. Welcome

Dear athletes,

Dear coaches, officials, fans, and friends of canoe polo,

With this bulletin, we are sending you further information in preparation for the Kayak Polo World Championships, taking place from September 15 to 20, 2026, in Duisburg.

We are delighted to be able to welcome teams from a total of 27 nations to Duisburg.

Our organizing team is committed to providing you all with the very best conditions for the competition. We remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Included with this bulletin is a registration form for you to indicate your requirements regarding accommodation, meals, transport, and boat rentals. We kindly ask that you complete these forms by **June 15** so that we may proceed with the necessary bookings accordingly.

In this bulletin, we have listed the available hotels along with their respective rates. It is also important for us to know how you will be travelling to Duisburg. We will be offering a shuttle service from Düsseldorf Airport; to arrange this, we require your flight details.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you all the best with your preparations for the World Championships in Duisburg this September!

**Let's make waves together – Welcome to Duisburg 2026!**

## 2. Event Overview

<b>Host</b>	International Canoe Federation (ICF)
<b>Organisers</b>	Deutscher Kanu-Verband e.V. Verein für Wettkampfororganisation Kanu-Polo e.V.
<b>Discipline</b>	Canoe Polo
<b>Categories</b>	Senior Men Senior Women U21 Men U21 Women
<b>Dates</b>	14 – 20 September 2026
<b>Venue</b>	Duisburg, Germany <a href="#">Regattabahn Duisburg</a>
<b>Number of fields</b>	4 fields (according to ICF rules)
<b>Competition format</b>	Preliminary rounds, intermediate rounds, final phase (according to ICF rules)

### Event title

At the 2026 ICF Congress in July the ICF will change its name to Paddle Worldwide. In accordance with the new naming convention this year's world championships will be titled:

**2026 Canoe Polo World Championships – Duisburg, Germany**

### 3. Provisional programme

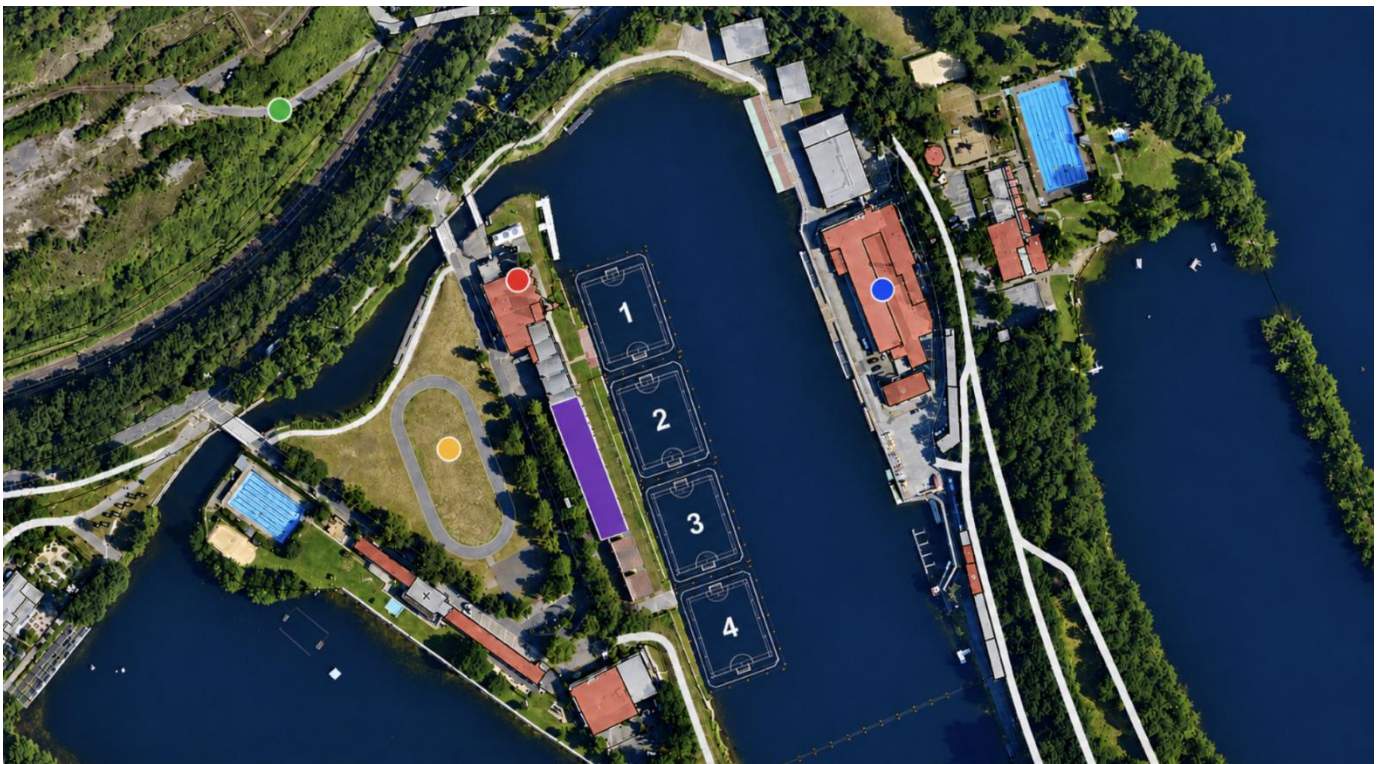
Date	Program highlights
11 September	Arrival
12 September	Arrival and accreditation collection, free/official training (TBC)
13 September	Official training, scrutineering
14 September	Official training, scrutineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13:30 - New referees &amp; female referees welcome and short pre-meeting.</li> <li>• 14:00 - Referees meeting.</li> <li>• 16:00 - Team Leaders Meeting at the venue</li> <li>• 18:00 - Opening ceremony at the venue</li> </ul>
15 September	Start of U21 games
16 September	Start of Senior games
18 September	20:00 - Nations Dinner for , Team leader, P and SG of NF
19 September	U21 Finals
20 September	Senior Finals, Closing ceremony, Players Party Departure
21 September	Departure

Note – there will be a separate and important meeting during the week concerning **Gender Testing** for the non-Olympic disciplines and their implementation dates.

## 4. Venue

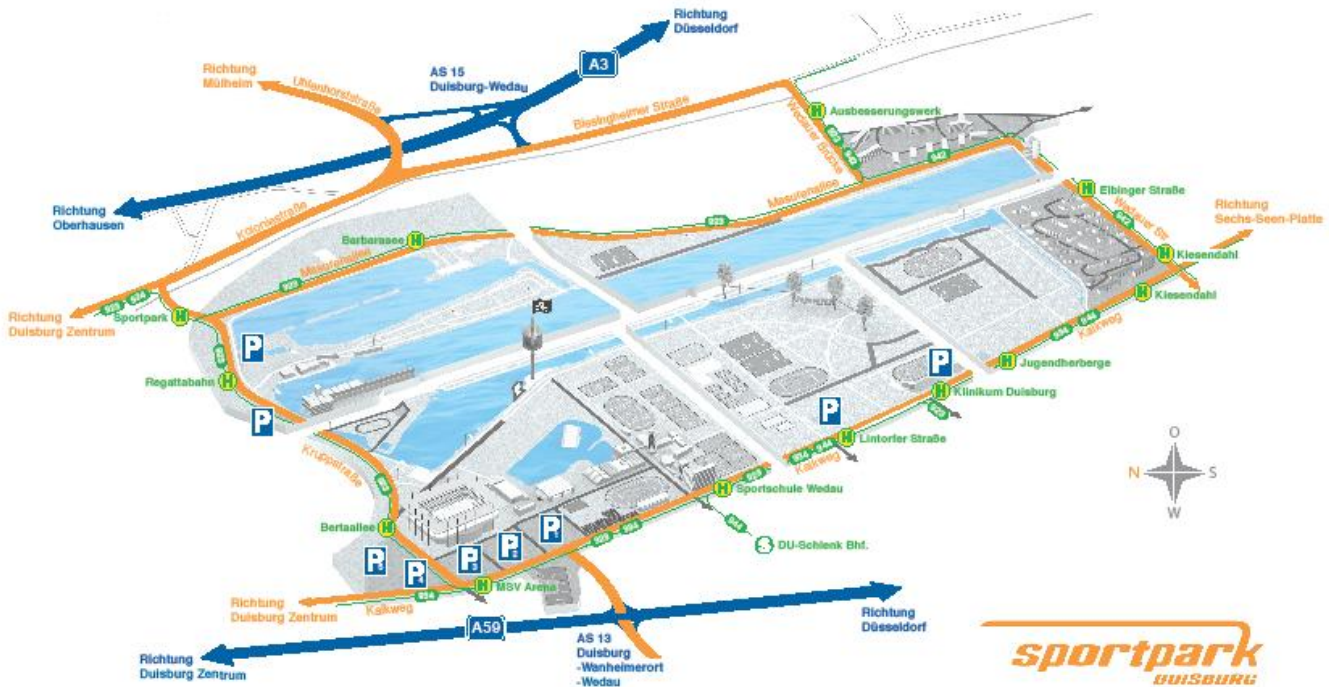
Duisburg, Germany, [Regattabahn Duisburg](#)

As previously announced, the World Championships will take place at the regatta course in Duisburg. To help you get familiar with the venue, we have provided a few impressions of the site. We will send a detailed map with Bulletin 3



### LEGEND

- accreditation and organisation
- grandstand
- boat sheds and national tents
- Shuttle bus stop for hotel transfer
- plaza and catering tent



**Address:** Regattabahn Duisburg  
Kruppstraße 30B, 47057 Duisburg

From the **A3** or **A59**, take the exit **DU-Wedau** and follow the signs to **Sportpark Duisburg / Regattabahn**. Continue along **Kruppstraße** to the regatta course.

Visitor parking is available near the venue.

For navigation, enter: **Kruppstraße 30B, 47057 Duisburg** or **“Regattabahn Duisburg”**.

## 5. Entries

National Federation	IOC Code	Men	Women	U21 Men	U21 Women	Teams per federation	
Australia	AUS	1	1	1	1	4	
Austria	AUT		1	1		2	
Belgium	BEL	1		1	1	3	
Brazil	BRA	1				1	
Canada	CAN	1			1	2	
Peoples Republic of China	CHN			1		1	
Chinese Taipei	TPE	1	1	1	1	4	
Denmark	DEN	1	1	1		3	
France	FRA	1	1	1	1	4	
Germany	GER	1	1	1	1	4	
Great Britain	GBR	1	1	1	1	4	
Hong Kong, China	HKG	1				1	
Italy	ITA	1	1	1	1	4	
Iran	IRI			1		1	
Ireland	IRL				1	1	
Lithuania	LTU	1				1	
Japan	JPN	1	1			2	
Malaysia	MAS	1	1	1		3	
Netherlands	NED	1	1	1	1	4	
New Zealand	NZL	1	1	1	1	4	
Poland	POL	1	1	1		3	
Portugal	POR	1		1		2	
Singapore	SGP	1	1			2	
South Africa	RSA	1		1	1	3	
Spain	ESP	1	1	1	1	4	
Sweden	SWE	1	1	1		3	
Switzerland	SUI	1	1	1	1	4	
USA	USA	1	1			2	
<b>Totals for final rounds</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>76</b>

## Iran\*

As per the global news the reality of this entry is unclear currently with efforts ongoing to try and confirm or otherwise. Three (3) teams have requested the place if it becomes available. These are Brazil, Canada and Ireland.

## **Numbers per category**

Reference is made to the qualification system updated December 2025:

- Wildcards aim to generate full entry in each category. If any category does not achieve full entry a wildcard/s can be used for another category with the aim being entry by the maximum 76 teams across all available categories.
- In the first instance a wildcard/s for a team of the same sex will be issued. If this does not achieve full entry the wildcard/s can be used in a different sex category e.g. Women's category not full entry = wildcard/s to additional U21 Women, or vice versa. If full entry across both Women's categories is not achieved a wildcard/s can be used for additional Men/U21 Men's teams to the maximum total of 76 teams.

For 2026 the Women are minus 2 (-2) and the U21 Women plus 2 (+2).

## 6. SDP system

Your team nominal entries (all athletes, coaches, and staff) must be entered accurately into the [ICF SDP platform](#) by the **5th of September 2026 – 23:59 CET latest**. If you have early selections, please fill your nominal entries as soon as possible on SDP.

Please note the player number is required to be accurate, and these entries will be used to generate team details for the game officials.

If you are having any difficulties with SDP, please in the first instance consult your federation who have experience and access. If you need further assistance, please contact Manon via [manon.bocquet@canoeicf.sport](mailto:manon.bocquet@canoeicf.sport) and [sdp@canoeicf.sport](mailto:sdp@canoeicf.sport).

## 7. Officials

Key Officials	M/F	Continent	Representing	Surname	First name
Chief Official	M	Europe	ICF	SMALE	Greg
Competition Organiser	F	Europe	HOC	WOLFF	Sandra
Technical Organiser HOC - venue	M	Europe	HOC	DOPP	Georg
Technical organiser ICF - venue	M	Europe	ICF	BOTELHO	João
Technical organiser ICF - schedule	F	Europe	ICF	LINDMARK	Eva
Chief table official	M	Europe	HOC	AUST	Holger
Chief Scrutineer	M	Europe	ICF	TELEMAN	Pawel

Jury					
Jury - Chair	M	Europe	ICF/ESP	RABANEDA I CASELLES	Lluis
Jury	F	Europe	ICF/IRL	ASTON	Moira
Jury	M	Europe	ICF/NED	HEIJSELAAR	Ruud

Competition Committee					
Chief Official	M	Europe	ICF	SMALE	Greg
Competition Organiser	F	Europe	HOC	WOLFF	Sandra
Technical Organiser - venue	M	Europe	ICF	BOTELHO	João

ICF HQ Staff in attendance					
Head of Sport	M	HQ	ICF	BUGAR	David
Whitewater Disciplines Manager	F	HQ	ICF	BOCQUET	Manon
Head of Communications & Public Relations	M	HQ	ICF	BERKELEY	Geoff
Director of TV, Broadcast & Marketing	M	HQ	ICF	ROACH	Stuart

Referee Managers					
Role	M/F		Country	Surname	First Name
Referee Manager	M	Oceania	AUS	COCHRANE	Duncan
Referee Manager	F	Europe	GER	KORBER	Swantje
Referee Manager	M	Europe	GBR	WINTERS	Elan

Referees					
Role	M/F	Continent	Country	Surname	First Name
Referee	M	America	USA	AMBROSETTI	Ezio
Referee	F	Europe	ITA	ANASTASI	Martina
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	ANDERSON	Brian
Referee	F	Europe	GBR	ANTHONY	Zoe
Referee	F	Europe	FRA	BRACKEZ	Virginie
Referee	M	Asia	TPE	CHEN	Yeh Kai
Referee	F	Oceania	AUS	COCHRANE	Carolyn
Referee	M	Europe	IRL	DOWNES	Sean
Referee	F	Asia	MAS	ENG	Ai Wen (Cristina)
Referee	F	Oceania	NZL	FEAR ROSS	Andi
Referee	M	Europe	ESP	FERNANDEZ CANALEJAS	Ivan
Referee	F	America	CAN	FOGED	Savannah
Referee	F	Asia	SGP	FONG	Cherol
Referee	M	Asia	SGP	KONG	Evan
Referee	M	Oceania	NZL	MITCHELL	James
Referee	F	Asia	IRI	MOLAE	Fatemeh
Referee	M	Europe	DEN	MOLLER	Hans-Henrik G
Referee	F	Asia	SGP	ONG	Chad
Referee	M	Europe	ITA	PELLI	Maurizio
Referee	F	Asia	CHN	SHEN	Qiong (Evonne)
Referee	M	Europe	DEN	SONDBERG	Asger
Referee	F	Europe	DEN	SONDBERG	Mai Britt
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	THOMAS	Mark
Referee	F	Oceania	NZL	WALTERS (SHERRATT)	Kelly
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	WATTS	Steve
Referee	M	Europe	NED	WIGHT	Ricardo
Referee	M	Europe	NED	WINTERS	Thom
Referee	M	Asia	TPE	WU	Sheng Hao

## 8. Transportation

### A. Airport shuttle

We are grateful for the many teams who have confirmed their own transportation. However, we need clarification if you need transportation on arrival (from 11<sup>th</sup>) and departure (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) for your athletes and/or equipment.

The HOC is offering this service free of charge.

Please fill this [form](#) with your travel details and your transportation needs so the HOC can anticipate, coordinate the operations and provide the best service.

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Duisburg (GER) - Teams'  
transportation



### B. Daily shuttle venue ↔ hotel

Shuttle bus will be provided between team official hotels and the competition venue. Teams booking their own accommodation cannot use this service.

## 9. Accommodation

Hotel reservations can be made via <https://vfw-kanupolo.de/en/quarters/> until **June 30**. All official hotels are located close to the competition venue and are connected to it via shuttle service. The entire travel management is conveniently organized by the organizing committee to ensure a comfortable and stress-free stay throughout the event.

For catering at the venue, please refer to the Invitation Bulletin for prices.

In addition to accommodation, participants may also book the meal package via the link provided above. The package is designed to offer convenient and reliable catering during the entire event period.

We offer hotels in various categories at the following prices per room, please note an additional 15 EUR service fee per person per night will be applied.

Once you have registered your interest a more detailed booking excel file will be sent to your delegation.

	Category	Single Room	Double Room	Breakfast
Sportschule Wedau	2	93,- €	84,- €	11,50 €
Youth Hostel	1	-	85,- €	Incl.
Wyndham	4	124,- €	152,- €	Incl.
Plaza	3	104,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Carlton	2	85,- €	120,- €	Incl.
Mirage	3	114,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Intercity	3	114,- €	159,- €	Incl.
Mercure	3	104,- €	139,- €	Incl.
B&B Süd	3	116,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Conti	5	134,- €	198,- €	Incl.
Ferrotel	2	104,- €	178,- €	Incl.
B&B Nord	2	88,- €	119,- €	Incl.

## 10. Sport Equipment

### A. Ball

The Wisely ball will again be used for 2026.

### B. Rental Kayaks

**Lettmann Kayak** (<https://lettmann.de/boote>) offers a possibility to rent boats.

Click here to find the form

(<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YxWpkCTuwy>) for order.

**All details need to clarified with Lettmann Kayak!**

## 11. ICF ITO fee reminder

We are please to advise that the majority of the ITOs booked their flights before the global crisis, and we are working to keep this fee as low as possible.

As a reminder, the ICF will invoice this fee to the National Federations directly.

We will contact the National Federation and Team Leader in due course with a payment date.

This fee must be paid to participate in the World Championships.

## 12. Commentators

Details of the commentary team will be in the next bulletin.

There is potentially one spot left. If you are interested in this role, please contact [curly.barker@canoepolo.org.uk](mailto:curly.barker@canoepolo.org.uk).

Team Leaders and/or Coaches – please can you complete this [form](#) to assist the commentary team with your team/s information.

## 13. Medical and Anti-Doping

Useful information can be found at [Medical and Anti-Doping | ICF - Planet Canoe](#)

### **Anti-doping education**

For those that have undergone the course before this is required to be “refreshed”.

For new athletes the course is to be taken in full so allow time.

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>









In a change from previous **please retain all certificates and do not submit to the ICF until notified** – likely to be early August for submission.

## 14. Pre-World's competition/s

There is no specific pre-worlds tournament. The following is a snip from the ICF Calendar. The second Paddle Europe Cup may provide an opportunity for non-European entry **with conditions**. A bulletin regarding the Paddle Europe Cup 2 will soon be published by Paddle Europe (not ICF).

If you wish to enter any of these competitions, you should contact the organisers direct:

### [ICF Calendar - Canoe & Kayak Events Schedule](#)

August	INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT DE PADDEL	 August 15, 2026 - August 16, 2026	 DIKKEBUS	<a href="#">SHOW DETAILS</a>
	GEKKO INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT	 August 29, 2026 - August 30, 2026	 GENT	<a href="#">SHOW DETAILS</a>
September	2026 PADDLE EUROPE POLO CUP II	 September 5, 2026 - September 6, 2026	 MILAN, ITALY	<a href="#">SHOW DETAILS</a>
	XIV TROFEO PONTEROSSO 2026	 September 12, 2026 - September 13, 2026	 TRIESTE - CANAL GRANDE - PONTEROSSO	<a href="#">SHOW DETAILS</a>
	2026 CANOE POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	 September 15, 2026 - September 20, 2026	 DUISBURG	<a href="#">SHOW DETAILS</a>

## 15. Appendices

- A. ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineering Guide for Major Championships
- B. Medical – Don't be a Dope



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## ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineering Guide for Major Championships

### 1. Cosmetic Checks.

- 1.1 Kayaks – Information about ICF/Sponsor logo added.
- 1.2 Bumpers – No changes.
- 1.3 Helmets – No changes.
- 1.4 PFD – No changes.
- 1.5 Team Identification – New section, bib decks and player number on rash vest.

### 2. Safety Checks.

- 2.1 Kayaks – No changes.
- 2.2 Paddles – No changes.
- 2.3 Helmets – No changes.
- 2.4 PFD – No changes.

### 3. Technical Checks. – No changes.

### 4. Hand Resin – New information, rule commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

## Purpose and Scope

These guidelines provide a clear and consistent framework for scrutineering at major ICF Canoe Polo championships. They are intended for use by appointed scrutineers to ensure fairness, safety, and compliance with ICF Canoe Polo Rules.

For major ICF Canoe Polo events including World Championships and World Games, scrutineering of equipment will be a 3 - stage process.

### 1. Cosmetic Tests

At the commencement of scrutineering each team will present their equipment for checking. The whole team will have a visual check to ensure a high-quality uniform appearance of helmets, PFD's, kayaks and rash vests. **Each failed item will be subject to a 50€ fine (as determined by the Competition Committee). This fine must be paid before rechecking will occur and before progressing to Step 2.**

For multiple cosmetic test failures, the whole team will lose their scrutineering time slot and will return for rechecking at a later time. Rechecking will take place after all other teams have had their initial checks. Practice times will not be rescheduled.

### 2. Safety Checks

All kayaks, paddles and helmets will be subject to safety checks for sharp edges. These checks have not changed and any failures will need to be rectified.

PFD's will be subject to padding thickness checks, number dimensions and ISO compliance.

Each player will initially be required to wear his or her Helmet with facemask. These will be checked for compliance with section 16.9 and also for helmet number size.

The bumpers of EVERY kayak will be checked for condition- they must be in new or near new condition and of the correct dimensions. **Any failures will be required to be replaced.**

All paddles will be checked for edge thickness, corner radius (30mm) and sharp edges. **Any failures will need to be rectified.**

Any issues identified will be clearly noted on the team check sheet and initialled by the scrutineer. The issue(s) must be rectified prior to the equipment moving onto the next stage.

### 3. Technical Checks

**Note: due to wear and tear bumpers are a safety check not a technical check.**

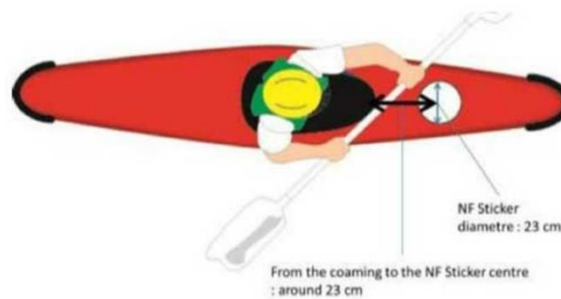
Any kayak with an ICF label may be selected for a random check with full gauges for the technical specifications. **Any kayak with an ICF label failing the technical specifications will be banned from use and the manufacturer will be asked to explain**-Note: severe penalties apply.

Any kayak without an ICF label is **not** allowed to be used at a World Championships.

## Reserved area for Competition/ICF/ICF Sponsor sticker.

13.14.2 - On the kayak front deck, the area above the kayak seams and extending 35cm from the front of the cockpit is reserved for a boat sticker incorporating ICF logo, Event logo, Event sponsor logo with the option also of country code for teams. Should this area not be required by ICF/Organisers this will be notified via championship bulletin at least 3 months before the competition opening ceremony.

13.14.3 - On the front of the helmet an area 7cm x 4cm is reserved for an ICF or ICF Sponsor sticker. Should this area not be required by ICF/Organisers this will be notified via championship bulletin at least 3 months before the competition opening ceremony and athletes should apply their country flag to this area.



## Stage 1 – COSMETIC CHECKS

This stage will ensure all items of equipment are uniform in colour and decals for each team.

### 1.1 KAYAKS

Kayak checks will ensure any vinyl covering is of a high quality, with limited wrinkles and creases and will last the duration of the event. If vinyl covering is used it must uniform in colour and texture for the whole team.



**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- Vinyl covering must be smooth and done with care to match the whole team. Ensure a good professional look that lasts the whole event. 50€ fine would apply per kayak



**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- 2 kayakers with significant red showing and kayakers with different logo's or decals above join line- 5 \* 50€ fine would apply

Kayaks must be uniform in colour and logos above the edge (for World Games they must also be uniform below the edge). The weave under a clear finish must be uniform in colour when viewed from a distance.

**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- The clear carbon boat looks different in colour 50€ fine would apply.



**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- 3 kayaks with different decals above join line- 3 \* 50€ fine would apply



**Cosmetic Check PASS**- All kayaks, PFD's and helmets the same

## 1.2 BUMPERS

All kayaks of the same team should have the same colour bumpers, black is the preferred colour.



**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- Kayak with blue bumper 50€ fine would apply

### 1.3 HELMETS

Helmets must be of a uniform solid base colour- the practice of covering a helmet with strips or sections of vinyl or tape is no longer acceptable. A number of teams have asked about clear gel and the types of weave, also if they are allowed to have a mix of clear gel and colour gel.

The following is acceptable:



**Note** the white Kevlar and white gel, from a distance they look the same – this interpretation will be applied at the World Championships.



The black helmets above are a mixture of weave and one black gel, this is acceptable once viewed from a distance, and **will pass**.

The manufacturers logo does not need to be covered as long as it is similar in size to the ones below.



Helmet numbers must be the minimum size of 75mm high and be a clearly contrasting colour and font size to stand out from a distance. Helmet numbers must be cut from one piece of vinyl. Strips of tape or vinyl to create numbers is no longer acceptable.

**Cosmetic Check PASS-** all helmets, kayaks and decals the same



All stickers and logos must be identical in size, colour and location. Scrutineering stickers from previous events must be removed.



**Cosmetic Check FAIL-** different logos on each helmet 50 € fine per helmet.

## 1.4 PFD

Body protection must be uniform in colour and appearance. Minimum number size Front 100mm and back 200mm.



**Cosmetic Check FAIL**- numbers the wrong size. 50€ fine would apply per PFD

Some manufacturers have been inconsistent when creating different sets of PFD's for National Teams. The 'band' at the bottom has been produced in different colours:



This is hidden in the normal paddling position, as seen in the second picture, therefore **will not result in equipment failure** during scrutineering.

## 1.5 Team Identification (Personal equipment)

If an athlete chooses to wear a bib-style deck it must be worn under the rash vest and not on top, as it would not align with the team uniform.

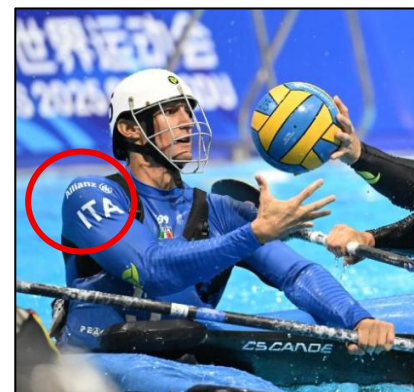
The rash vest ("Team Lycra shirt") must always be worn as the first layer directly under the PFD.



For World Games and World Championships players must be numbered 1 – 10 (rule 13.15). For all other competitions players can use numbers 1 – 99 (rule 3.6.3). A player's family name may be printed above or below the number. The name must be in the same position for all players in the team.

Teams can choose to have a number on their rash vest, if one player on the team has a number all players of that team must have a number in the same position. (uniformity rule).

Players will also be allowed to have their family name/Country printed on the arm of the rash vest. All players of a team must have their own name in the same position (uniformity rule).



## Stage 2 – SAFETY CHECKS

### 2.1 KAYAKS

Will be tested for sharp edges, rough surfaces and padding attachment.

**Kayak padding must be in new or near new condition** and in one homogenous piece firmly attached to the kayak with no loose edges or ends as per the specifications. No tape, wrapping, extra foam or other substances may be used to increase the padding profile or to ensure correct attachment! Kayak padding(Bumpers) must be uniform (the same) colour for all members of the team.



FAIL- loose edges and pieces missing



FAIL- pieces missing



FAIL- loose edges and pieces missing



FAIL- exposed corners where bumper joins boat



FAIL- too thin



FAIL- full tape wrap NOT allowed



FAIL- exposed corners where bumper joins boat



Pass- well fitted bumper- no major gaps.



Pass- edge tape is ok as long as no gaps underneath

Any padding failing Stage 2 must be replaced with a new padding of the appropriate type to suit the kayak design before it will pass. It is recommended that teams or individuals carry spare sets of padding for each design (Minor repairs can be completed during the event with tape or wrapping)

## 2.2 PADDLES

Must have no sharp edges or loose tape. Edge thickness will be tested using the appropriate gauge. Edging materials such as Kevlar tape must be correctly attached with no loose edges.

Electrical tape or equivalent is no longer acceptable to make paddles thicker or to cover sharp edges as it is too easily removed or comes off.

If the paddle edge is damaged a more permanent solution such as Kevlar edging is required.

Epoxy repairs are allowed.



When using the gauge if a paddle is able to enter the slot and reaches the bottom, this will be classed as a failure.

“51.5. Players may not apply any greasy substances to their equipment that change the frictional coefficient of the original surface.”

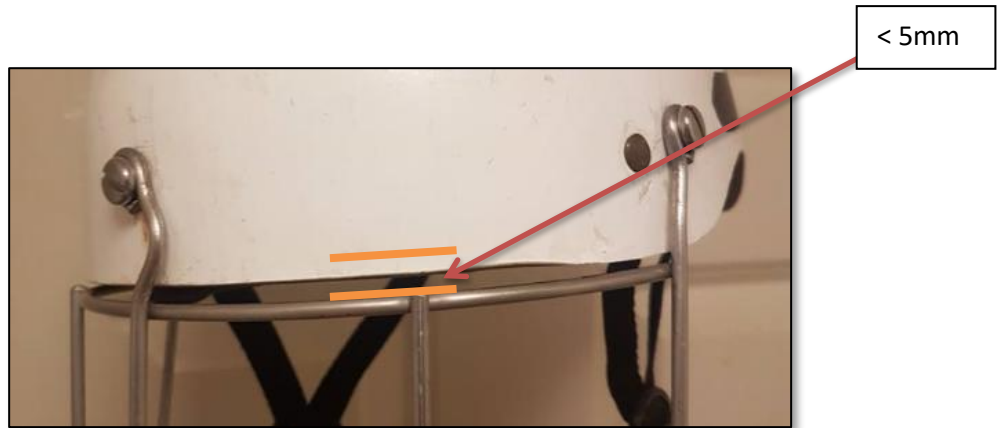


Wax will only be allowed on the paddle shaft, in an area that would be covered by the athlete’s hand when paddling normally.

## 2.3 HELMETS

Must have a correctly fitting facemask that covers from the jawline to the temple. It must also comply with the regulations in section 16.9 of the ICF Canoe Polo Rules.

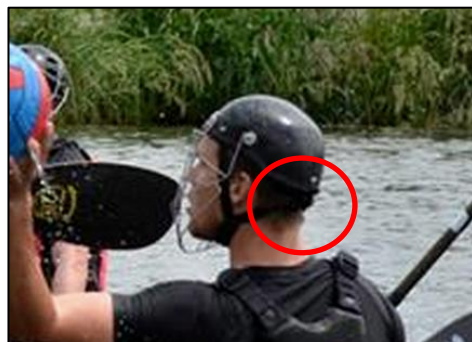
**\*\* Note \*\*** A gap of less than 5mm between the top of the faceguard and the helmet is allowed. The 5mm can be measured using the paddle gauge.



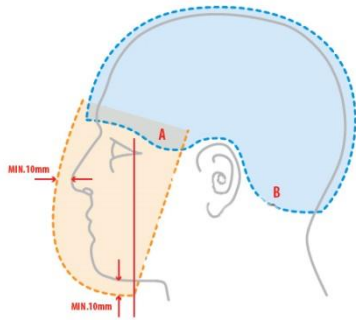
Fail - does not cover chin



Fail - does not cover chin



Fail – occipital bone not covered.



Recommended coverage



Red area: Helmet

Blue area: Facemask

Minimum coverage – note chin

The faceguard needs to be fitted so that a paddle cannot enter the gap between the face and faceguard when the head is tilted back.

### Helmet bolts

Must not stick out too far or be dangerous (rusty, Bolt sticking out of nut and so on). There is no requirement for the nut to be on the inside of the helmet.



## 2.4 BODY PROTECTION (PFD)

All disciplines within the ICF are now required to have a rule which specifies the type of PFD that is allowed during competition, The rule for polo was updated as:

“16.10.1 - The body protection in the form of a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) must meet or exceed the current ISO 12402-5:2020 and carry the appropriate label.”

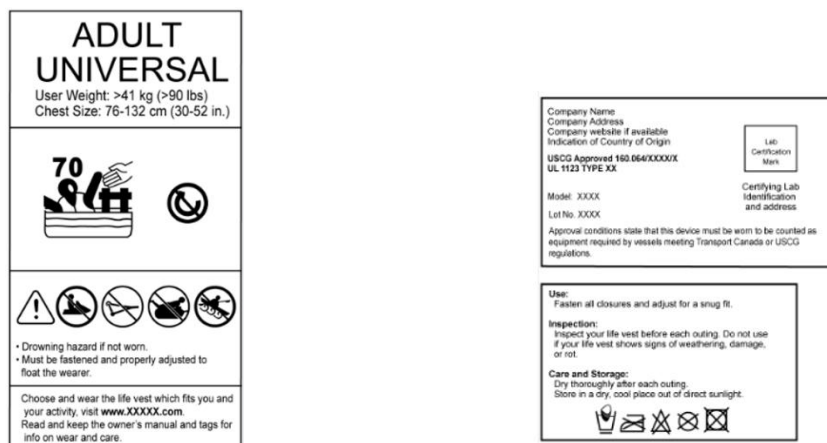
In Europe this means:

PFD/BA falls into Category 3 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), third party testing is required before notification to the recognised body in each country. A 'Certificate of conformity' is issued at which point the equipment can be sold within the EU.

The PFD will carry a label similar to this:



In USA and Canada there is a similar system of testing by USCG. A PFD purchased from there will have a slightly different label:




The PFD must have the required thickness of **20mm** on the front, back and sides (See specification in section 16.10 ICF Canoe Polo rules).



### Stage 3 - Technical Checks

This step will check the technical aspects of all equipment as detailed in Chapter 16 of the ICF Canoe Polo Rules. Attention will be paid to kayak specifications. One boat at random from each team will be given a technical check.

**A reminder that all boats must now contain an ICF registered manufacturers sticker.**



Canoe Polo  
Manufacturer Scheme

Serial #: CKA0001

Label Printed: 11 March 2022      Void if removed

OR

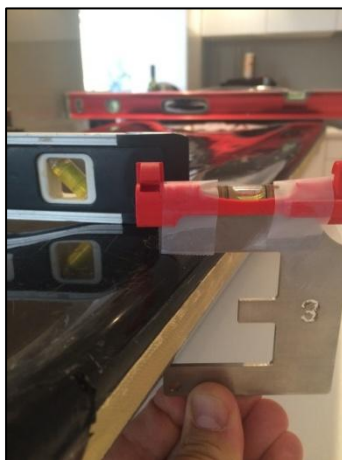
Example Label:



ICF Canoe Polo  
Manufacturers  
Scheme

Manufacturers Name  
Serial #: 999999

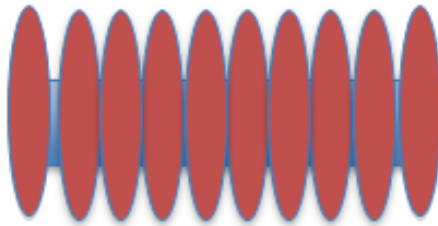
Any kayak failing the technical specifications will not be able to be used in the event. The manufacturer will be brought before the ICF Committee to explain, and sanctions will be placed upon them.



## Appendix 2 Scrutineering



Stage 1 - Players are pre-checked wearing helmet for safety checks.  
Volunteers take kayaks and equipment behind screens for cosmetic checks.



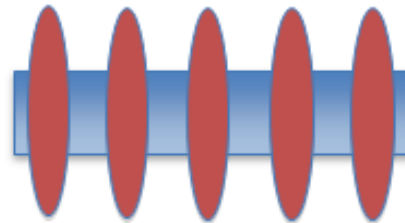
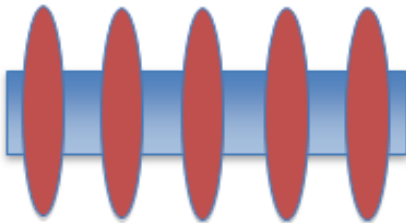
Paddles, Helmets, PFD's

Each kayak gets a scrutineering sheet attached to the seat to track progress

Stage 2 - Once cosmetic checks are passed all kayaks and equipment proceed to safety checks  
(volunteers to help transfer items to new area)

Paddles

Helmets, PFD's



Stage 3 - Technical Checks. Kayaks checked for ICF Label, dimension and gauge tests

Dimension tests including  
length, width, depth, radii

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Once technical checks are complete, kayaks and equipment returned to team representative.  
Kayaks failing technical specifications will not pass scrutineering and cannot be used.

## HAND RESIN

At the moment Hand glue/resin is allowed, but players need to moderate their use to ensure it does not have an effect on the ball.



From the Online Seminar 9th February 2025 - Shaping the Future of Canoe Polo: Rules Briefing and Innovation Discussion the use of hand resin was discussed in detail with a wish to use resin but concern about the "clumping" of natural resins.

The ICF Board of Directors have recently approved the SR changes for commencement 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 (after the world championships) with the wording being as follows:

- Synthetic resin use is permitted provided it is only applied only to the palm of the hand/s. Natural resin is prohibited.
- The use of any form of resin, whether natural or synthetic, is not permitted in swimming pool venues.
- Any player found using or in possession of natural resin by the Chief Scrutineer or a Referee officiating in the competition, will be referred to the Competition Committee for disciplinary action which if found to be true will result in disqualification of the team.

# DON'T BE A DOPE



Imagine training unbelievably hard for years and years and just when you are at your very best, someone who you have never seen, or who you usually beat, suddenly takes seconds off you. Think about it – how would you feel? That is what happens when you cheat and take drugs to improve your performance.

## SIX REASONS NOT TO DOPE

1. It is not fair to those friends and competitors of yours who 'race clean'
2. It destroys the spirit and joy of sport
3. It can make you feel unwell, harm your health, or even kill you
4. If you test positive you will be banned from doing the thing you love – sport
5. You will be stripped of your medals and they will be given to those you beat
6. You will lose the respect of all those close to you who will regard you as a cheat

**Could YOU hold your head up high again?**

## HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF DOPING FROM CANOEING

### **Anabolic steroids**

These increase oxygen uptake to your muscles and improve muscle growth. Examples of anabolic steroids: trenbolone and metenolone, stanozolol, testosterone, nandrolone, dianabol, oxandrolone

**Martin Hiller**, a German Sprint Champion, was banned for four years in 2025 for taking anabolic steroids.

**Alexander Dyachenko**, a 2012 Olympic gold medallist, and **Nikolay Lipkin**, Russian Sprint canoeist, were banned for four years in 2022 for taking anabolic steroids

### **Masking agents**

These are things that you take to interfere with anti-doping tests.

**Aleksandra Dupik**, Russian Sprint canoeist, was banned for two years in 2022 for taking Furosemide, a water tablet that interferes with test results.

### **Others**

There are many other classes of drugs that are banned. They can be found on the WADA website here: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/2026-prohibited-list>

## ANTI-DOPING TESTING

You can be tested at any time, anywhere, both in and out of competition. You will have to provide a sample of blood or urine. You must attend the test or it will be considered a failed test.

Learn all about anti-doping and testing here: <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>  
The ITA Athlete Hub has loads of useful information: <https://ita.sport/athlete-hub/>

Remember – YOU are responsible for what you put into your body and it is YOU that will be banned if you cheat. Always check before you take anything.

### **REPORTING SUSPICIONS**

IF YOU THINK THAT SOMEONE MAY BE DOPING, YOU CAN REPORT IT TO THE ITA ANONYMOUSLY. NO ONE WILL KNOW IT IS YOU.

**REPORT IT HERE: <https://ita.sport/reveal/>**

You can use WhatsApp, a secure email or a secure platform and mailbox.

**Don't hesitate, do it now!**



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