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www.canoeicf.com

Accommodation: <https://panel.wzkaj.poznan.pl/en/>



WELCOME LETTER



Dear sport friends,

It is with great joy and pride that I invite you to Poland, to the city of Poznań, for the ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships! It is a true honour for us that the capital of the Greater Poland region once again becomes a meeting place for the world's best athletes – Olympic champions, medalists, and emerging talents who inspire future generations through their passion and dedication.

The Malta Regatta Course, located in the heart of the city, has a long and proud history of hosting unforgettable competitions. We are delighted to once again welcome the international canoeing family to this special place that combines top-level sport with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the International Canoe Federation (ICF) for the trust and confidence placed in us by awarding the organization of this prestigious event to Poland. It is both an honour and a motivation to deliver a competition that meets the highest sporting and organizational standards. I wish all teams and athletes fruitful preparations, productive training sessions, and smooth final arrangements before the competition.

May your road to Poznań be filled with determination, focus, and anticipation for great racing days ahead.

See you soon at Lake Malta!

Grzegorz Kotowicz

President of The Polish Canoe Federation

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LOCATION

Poland is a country located in Central Europe, bordered by Germany to the west; the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the south; Ukraine and Belarus to the east; and the Baltic Sea to the north. The total area of Poland is approximately 312,700 square kilometers (about 120,700 sq mi). With a population of over 38 million people, Poland is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area.

Poland is a unitary parliamentary republic. According to available indices, it ranks among the more peaceful countries

in Europe. The President, elected by popular vote every five years, is the head of state. The Prime Minister, appointed on the basis of parliamentary majority, heads the government - the parliamentary term lasts up to four years.

Since 1999 Poland has been divided for administrative purposes into 16 voivodeships (provinces), further subdivided into 314 counties (powiats) including cities with county rights, and 2,478 municipalities (gminas).

Poland – General Information

- > Official language: **Polish**
- > Population: **38 268 000**
- > Capital City: **Warsaw**
- > Currency: **Złoty (PLN)**
- > Electricity: Power sockets – Type C/E; standard voltage – 230 V; frequency 50 Hz (You can use your electric appliances in Poland, if the standard voltage in your country is between 220 - 240 V).
- > Time zone: **UTC +1 (CET); UTC +2 (CEST)**
- > Calling code: **+48**



GETTING TO POZNAN



Poznań is served by Poznań-Ławica Henryk Wieniawski Airport (POZ), located only 7 km from the city centre and around 20 minutes from the regatta venue at Lake Malta.

The airport offers direct connections to major European cities, including: Frankfurt, Munich, Amsterdam, London, Paris, Copenhagen, and Dublin. It is well connected with international hubs, making transfers from intercontinental flights quick and convenient.

BY CAR/BUS

You can get to Poznań driving A2 motorway, national routes no. 92, 5 (east - west direction) and no. 11 (north - south). Access from the west direction: from Berlin 270 km, from Nowy Tomyśl - 108 km, where national route no.2 is connected with the motorway to Warsaw - a charge is payable for using it.



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OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

AIRPORT - HOTEL - AIRPORT

Transfers between the airport and official hotels are available for teams at an additional cost of **€35** per person (one way).

For larger teams, individual pricing can be arranged upon request.

Final travel information must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than 30 June 2026.

To facilitate team arrivals, the Organizing Committee can provide dedicated bus and minibus transfers from selected international airports:

- Berlin Airport (BER) – travel time approx. 3 hours (270 km)
- Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW) – travel time approx. 3 hours (310 km)

To book a transport, please contact: paddlepoznan@gamil.com

POZNAN - WARSAW OR WARSAW - POZNAN

	capacity	price per one way
small bus	up to 22 persons	1 100 €
small bus	up to 31 persons	1 350 €
small bus + trailer for luggage	up to 22 persons	1 350 €
small bus + trailer for luggage	up to 31 persons	1 500 €
big bus	up to 49 persons	1 500 €
big bus	up to 53 persons	1 600 €
big bus	up to 59 persons	1 700 €
big bus + trailer for luggage	up to 59 persons	1 850 €

POZNAN - BERLIN OR BERLIN - POZNAN

	capacity	price per one way
small bus	up to 22 persons	950 €
small bus	up to 31 persons	1 100 €
small bus + trailer for luggage	up to 22 persons	1 100 €
small bus + trailer for luggage	up to 31 persons	1 300 €
big bus	up to 49 persons	1 300 €
big bus	up to 53 persons	1 400 €
big bus	up to 59 persons	1 400 €
big bus + trailer for luggage	up to 59 persons	1 600 €

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KULTURE & ATRACTION



Poznań

Poznań is one of Poland's oldest and most vibrant cities, located halfway between Warsaw and Berlin. Known for its rich history, colorful Old Town, and iconic billy goats appearing daily on the Renaissance Town Hall tower, the city combines cultural heritage with modern energy.

The picturesque Malta Lake, home to the regatta course, is a popular recreation area surrounded by parks, walking paths, and sports venues. Poznań offers a thriving cultural scene with museums, theaters, art galleries, and music festivals throughout the year.

Attractions Worth Visiting



Old Market Square and [Poznań Town Hall](#) with the famous "billy goats" – the city's most recognizable symbol.

[Poznań TOP10](#) - There are some things you can only experience or see in Poznań.

[ZAMEK Cultural Centre](#) – one of the main cultural institutions in Poznań, hosting concerts, exhibitions, and special events.

Museums and architecture – including the [Ethnographic Museum](#), [art museums](#), and the historic [Cytadela Park](#) area.

Culture and Events



Official cultural portal: [www.Kultura.Poznan.pl](#) – features a comprehensive calendar of concerts, theater performances, exhibitions, and other cultural events across the city.

Daily city guide: [www.GoPoznan.pl](#) – an excellent source for planning your cultural visit to Poznań.

Other useful sources of events:

[IN YOUR POCKET](#) – Events in Poznań & AllEvents – Poznań [www.allevents.in/poznan/all](#)

MALTA



Malta Lake in Poznań is one of the city's **most popular leisure and recreation areas**. Surrounded by parks, walking and cycling paths, it offers a variety of attractions such as an all-year ski slope, thermal baths, a zoo, and an adventure park. The area hosts numerous cultural and sporting events, concerts, and family festivals, creating a vibrant space that combines nature, sport, and entertainment in the very heart of Poznań.



The history of the regatta course on Lake Malta dates back to 1917, when a group of patriotic Poznań residents announced a competition for a sports center for youth. It was no coincidence that the Malta area was chosen – it was here, during the Prussian occupation, that the youth of Poznań gathered to practice various sports under the guidance of "Sokół" instructors. Unfortunately, it took nearly 35 years for this vision to become a reality. In 1952, the Malta hosted large international rowing and canoeing regattas, held as part of the Youth and Student Festival.

The venue immediately gained recognition, primarily due to its unique and almost perfect location – the regatta basin is situated nearly in the city center, on the edge of expansive green areas. Numerous hotels and student dormitories ensure a variety of accommodation and dining options, and Poznań, as a city known for traditional international fairs, offers excellent transport connections to all of Europe and the world.

As the regatta course eventually no longer met international standards for holding rowing and canoeing competitions, a major modernization was carried out between 1981 and 1990, including deepening the entire lake, reinforcing the shores, and building new facilities to support the course. This modernization was made possible thanks to the persistence of a small group of activists, led by the then-President of the City of Poznań, Andrzej Wituski.

The plans were executed based on the concept, designs, and supervision of a former athlete – a rower from the Academic Sports Association in Poznań, a Polish Rowing Champion – architect Klemens Mikuła. His years of experience as a competitive rower, who competed on various courses and under different conditions, are particularly evident in the functionality and equipment of the facilities for athletes, judges, and course staff. It is no surprise, then, that the venue is not only beautiful but, above all, highly functional today.





MAJOR EVENTS IN POZNAN

The most important sporting events that have taken place at the Regatta Course:

May	2025	ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup
July	2024	ECA Canoe Marathon European Championships
May	2024	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
September	2023	Olympic Hopes Regatta (Canoe Sprint)
May	2023	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
May	2022	ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup
June	2021	ECA Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships
June	2021	ECA Canoe Sprint European Championships
May	2019	ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup
September	2018	Olympic Hopes Regatta (Canoe Sprint)
August	2014	IDBF Dragon Boat World Championships
August	2013	ECA Canoe Polo European Championships
June	2013	ECA Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships
May	2013	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
September	2012	ICF Canoe Polo World Championships
May	2012	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
May	2012	ICF Paracanoe World Championships
May	2012	ICF Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualification
May	2011	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
August	2010	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships
July	2009	ECA Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships
May	2009	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
September	2008	IDBF Dragon Boat World Championships
June	2008	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup III
August	2007	ECA Masters Canoe Sprint European Championships
August	2006	ECA Masters Canoe Sprint European Cup
July	2006	ECA Dragon Boat Club European Championships
May	2006	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
July	2005	ECA Canoe Sprint European Championships
May	2005	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
July	2004	ECA Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships
May	2004	ECA Canoe Sprint European Championships & Olympic Qualification Event
August	2003	IDBF Dragon Boat World Championships
June	2003	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
July	2002	ECA Dragon Boat European Championships
May	2002	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup & International Junior Regatta
August	2001	XXXI ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships
July	2000	ECA Canoe Sprint European Championships
June	1999	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
July	1998	ICF Junior Canoe Sprint World Cup
May	1998	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup – 70th Anniversary of the Polish Canoe Federation
July	1996	ECA Junior Canoe Sprint European Championships
July	1997	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup
August	1990	XXIII ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

CANOE SPRINT



LIST OF EVENTS

Women		Men	
K1 200m	C1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m
K1 500m	C2 200m	K1 500m	C1 500m
K2 500m	C1 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m
K4 500m	C2 500m	K4 500m	C4 500m
K1 1000m	C4 500m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m
K1 5000m	C1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m

GENERAL DATES

10-21.08.2026	training camps	MORE INFO
22.08.2026	Saturday	access period begins, arrivals, classification, training
23.08.2026	Sunday	arrivals, accreditation open, classification, training
24.08.2026	Monday	arrivals, accreditation open, classification, official training
25.08.2026	Tuesday	opening ceremony, team leaders meeting, ITO's meeting, official training
26.08.2026	Wednesday	competition day
27.08.2026	Thursday	competition day
28.08.2026	Friday	competition day
29.08.2026	Saturday	competition day
30.08.2026	Sunday	competition day, closing ceremony
31.08.2026	Monday	access period ends, departures

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PARACANOE SPRINT

LIST OF EVENTS

Women	Men
KL1 200m	KL1 200m
KL2 200m	KL2 200m
KL3 200m	KL3 200m
VL1 200m	VL1 200m
VL2 200m	VL2 200m
VL3 200m	VL3 200m



GENERAL DATES

All necessary information about classification you can find here: [CLASSIFICATION](#)

10-21.08.2026	training camps	MORE INFO
22.08.2026	Saturday	access period begins, arrivals, training
23.08.2026	Sunday	arrivals, accreditation open, training
24.08.2026	Monday	arrivals, accreditation open, official training
25.08.2026	Tuesday	opening ceremony, team leaders meeting, ITO's meeting, official training
26.08.2026	Wednesday	competition day (heats)
27.08.2026	Thursday	competition day (heats & semifinals)
28.08.2026	Friday	competition day (semifinals & finals)
29.08.2026	Saturday	competition day (semifinals & finals)
30.08.2026	Sunday	competition day (finals & long distance), closing ceremony
31.08.2026	Monday	access period ends, departures



ENTRIES

The Malta Regatta Course will be open for national teams wishing to organize training camps prior to the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Championships.

The Organizing Committee offers comprehensive training conditions, including:

- ✓ full access to the regatta course,
- ✓ training sessions on the starting system (available Monday to Friday, 1 hour per day),
- ✓ 1 motorboat available for team coaches,
- ✓ access to boat storage areas and changing rooms,
- ✓ a fully equipped gym on-site.

Accommodation with full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) can be arranged through the official partners of the Organizing Committee, ensuring high standards of comfort and convenience.

Training camps are organized upon request, and schedules can be adapted to meet team needs and competition preparation plans. For inquiries and bookings, please contact:

paddlepoznan@gmail.com

Please note that the trainigs hours in the gym is limited, first come first served rule.

ENTRIES

All teams are requested to use the ICF SDP online [SDP ENTRY SYSTEM](#) to submit their numerical and nominal entries.

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP [user guide](#). Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadlines.

The numerical entry deadline is **30 June 2026**.
The nominal entry deadline is **16 August 2026**.

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OPTIONS TO BECOME PARTICIPANT TWO OPTIONS



two options for joining
**2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe
World Championships**

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This option includes accommodation, full board meals, local transportation, and participation fees, providing a hassle-free experience for attendees.

- > participation fee
- > breakfast, lunch and dinner
- > accreditation services;
- > souvenir from the Organizing Committee for all accommodated persons
- > usage the course/athletes area during opening hours;
- > security on the course/athletes area;
- > qualified lifeguard on the course during opening hours;
- > ambulance and/or doctor at the course during opening hours;
- > drinking water;
- > toilets & showers;
- > washing facilities for boats.

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Self-Organized Option
Participation Fee Only

This option covers the cost of access period since day of arrival, allowing participants to arrange their own accommodation, meals, and transportation.

- > participation fee
- > accreditation services;
- > usage the course/athletes area during opening hours;
- > security on the course/athletes area;
- > qualified lifeguard on the course during opening hours;
- > ambulance and/or doctor at the course during opening hours;
- > drinking water from dispensers;
- > toilets & showers;
- > washing facilities for boats



PARTICIPATION FEE

In case accommodation is booked **NOT** through the Organizing Committee you are required to pay the Participation Fee.

Every participant (athletes, coaches, team Staff etc.) will be charged a Participation Fee of **30€** per person per day from the day of arrival (no earlier than 22.08.2026) until the departure day (no later than 31.08.2026).

This option covers the cost of access period since day of arrival, allowing participants to arrange their own accommodation, meals, and transportation.

CATERING/LUNCH

Teams are advised that foods suitable for special dietary needs (e.g., gluten-free, lactose-free, vegan) will be provided during meals.

All key allergens (nuts, lactose, gluten, shellfish, fish) will be clearly labeled.

Special dietary requests for lunch will be accommodated upon prior notification, which must be submitted at paddlepoznan@gmail.com no later than 26.07.2026

Please note that additional charges may apply for these requests.

Participation fee does not include lunch. Organizing Committee can provide lunch on the regatta course. Lunch **MUST** be ordered no later than **two days before team arrive**.



LUNCH ORDER
AND PAY **BEFORE**
13.08.2026

18 €



LUNCH ORDER
AND PAY **AFTER**
13.08.2026

25 €



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HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SERVICES

ACCOMMODATION

CATEGORY	HOTELS	Price pre person per day	
		single room	twin room
1*	Sheraton Poznan Hotel Andersia Poznan	220 €	195 €
1	Mercure Poznan Novotel City Center Hampton by Hilton Poznan	210 €	185 €
2	Novotel Malta Focus Hotel Hampton by Hilton Swarzedz Camping Malta	195 €	165 €
3	Vivaldi Hotel Ibis City Center Forza Hotel Gaja Hotel	170 €	145 €
4	Ibis Old City Lechicka Hotel	140 €	130 €

Please note that the number of rooms is limited, first come first served rule.

Hotel reservations have to be submitted at [**ACCOMMODATION SYSTEM**](#)

When logging in for the first time, please register via the link [**REGISTER**](#)

Please note that the first meal in accommodation is **dinner on the day of your arrival** at your designated hotel and the **last meal is lunch on departure day**.



The Organizer does not take responsibility for any extra service at the hotel (parking, telephone, minibar, damages etc). This costs are to be paid by the responsible team/athlete directly to the hotel.

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DEADLINES

What	When	Where
Preliminary Entry and Hotel Reservation	30.03	ACCOMMODATION SYSTEM
First payment of accommodation (30%)	until 16.03	Bank Transfer
The numerical entry deadline	30.06	SDP ENTRY SYSTEM
Final travel information	30.06	ACCOMMODATION SYSTEM
Second payment of accommodation (50%)	until 07.07	Bank Transfer
Last payment of accommodation (20%)	until 06.08	Bank Transfer
The nominal entry deadline	16.08.	SDP ENTRY SYSTEM

TERMS OF PAYMENT



In case of a booking cancellation, an equivalent of the suffered loss will be charged by the Organizing Committee, as itemized below.

The amount of a cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the accommodation package fee according to the following period of notice given:

- > **70% refund** if cancelled before 30.03.2026
- > **50% refund** if cancelled 17.07.2026
- > After 06.08.2026 **no refund**

	30.03.	17.07.	06.08.
Booking process	70% Refund	50% Refund	No Refund

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BANK DETAILS

CURRENCY OF THE ACCOUNT IS EURO

Beneficiary:	Wielkopolski Związek Kajakowy, Starolecka 36, 61-361 Poznań
Poland Bank name:	Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności Bank Polski SA
Bank account no:	PL14 1020 4027 0000 1102 1479 9128
BIC Swift code:	BPKOPLPW
Transaction info:	2026 ICF CSP and Paracanoe World Championships, proforma no./invoice no.

Bank transaction fee is under the participant's responsibility.

All extra costs will be charged at the venue by cash.

INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

MEDICAL CARE

The ambulance first aid will be available for all official participants of the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships. All cost above the regular care are to be covered by your medical insurance policy. The Organizing Committee does not take responsibility of such expenses.

VISA

For visa requirements all participants are kindly requested to contact Polish Embassy in their home country or check: <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas> In order to get visa supporting documents please send your request to paddlepoznan@gmail.com with all necessary information (date of birth, passport number, expiry date passport, performed function in the team (e.g. Coach, athlete etc.), gender. Visa request must be with accordance to the nominal entry has been made by SDP system.

Deadline for Visa applications: 27.07.2026



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