



# 2026 ICF JUNIOR & U23 CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - KRAKOW

**Team Leader meeting**

2026.06.27

# ROLL CALL FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS



2026 ICF JUNIOR & U23 CSL World Championships Krakow // Roll call					
Date:			JUNE 30 - JULY 05		
Nation	Present	Remarks	Nation	Present	Remarks
1 ANDORRA	x		26 KENYA		
2 ARGENTINA	x		27 LATVIA		
3 AUSTRALIA	x		28 LITHUANIA		
4 AUSTRIA	x		29 LUXEMBOURG	x	
5 BELGIUM			30 MALAYSIA	x	
6 BRAZIL	x		31 NAMIBIA	x	
7 CANADA	x		32 NETHERLANDS	x	
8 CHILE	x		33 NEW ZEALAND		
9 CHINESE TAIPEI	x		34 NORWAY	x	
10 CROATIA	x		35 PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA	x	
11 CZECH REPUBLIC	x		36 PERU	x	
12 DJIBOUTI	x		37 POLAND	x	
13 ECUADOR	x		38 PORTUGAL	x	
14 ESTONIA	x		39 REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA	x	
15 FRANCE	x		40 REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN	x	
16 GERMANY	x		41 SLOVAKIA	x	
17 GREAT BRITAIN	x		42 SLOVENIA	x	
18 GREECE	x		43 SOUTH AFRICA	x	
19 HUNGARY	x		44 SPAIN	x	
20 INDIA	x		45 SWEDEN	x	
21 INDONESIA	x		46 SWITZERLAND	x	
22 IRELAND	x		47 TUNISIA		
23 ITALY	x		48 TURKIYE	x	
24 JAPAN	x		49 UKRAINE	x	
25 KAZAKHSTAN	x		50 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	x	
	<b>24</b>			<b>20</b>	

Number of nations:	44
Majortity:	22

<b>Total presence:</b>	<b>44</b>
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# COMPETITION GUIDE & TEAM LEADER MEETING

A **Competition Guide** is published on the Team Info tab of each ICF Event page at the nominal entries' deadline.

- Updates done before and straight after the Team Leader Meeting - if necessary
- Generic topics/chapters (written in black)
- **Specific topics/chapters (written in dark red)**
- The Team Leader Meeting will address the **specific topics only**
- Questions may be sent prior the Team Leader Meetings to the ICF technical manager





# COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Role	Name
Jury chair	Moira ASTON (ICF)
Jury member	Dmytro PROKOPENKO (UKR)
Jury member	Gareth WILSON (GBR)
Competition Manager	Marcin KSIĄŻEK (POL)
Chief Official	Sue NATOLI (ICF)
Chief Judge	Siim PEETRIS (ICF)
Technical Organiser	Łukasz PIASECKI (POL)
Course designer	Rosalyn LAWRENCE (ICF)
Course designer	Joan SANSA (ICF)

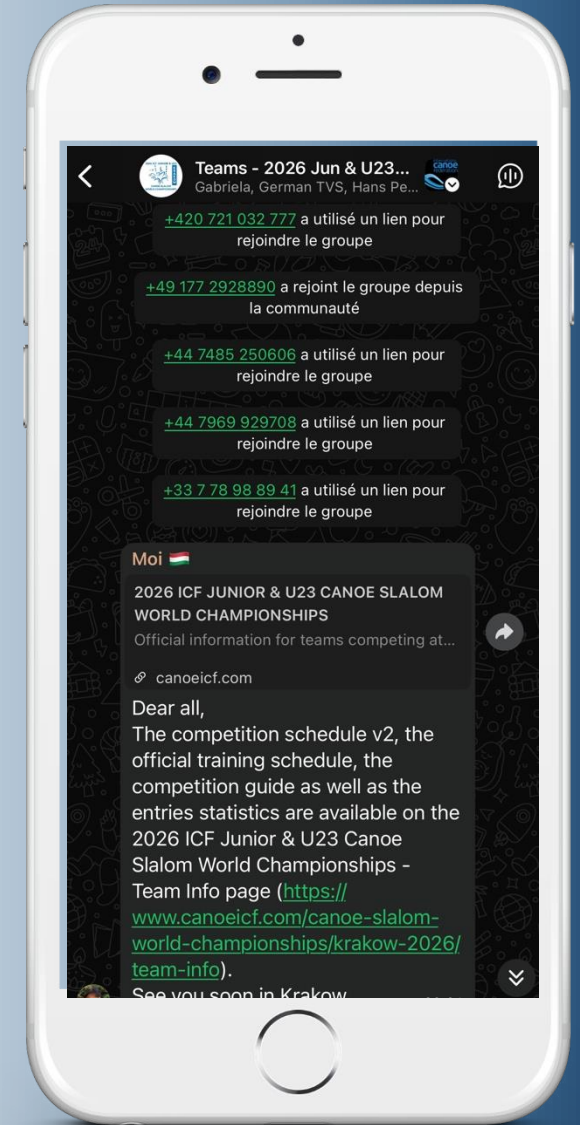
# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Official communication channel
- Pre-race requirements
- Venue information
- Competition information
- Procedures
- ICF topics



# OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

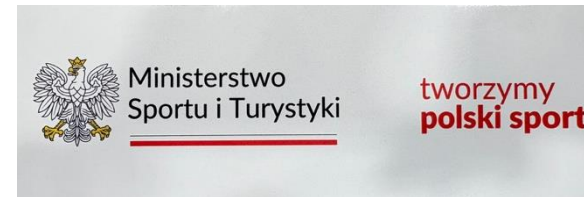
To receive all the official communication, please scan the QR code.



# PRE RACE REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Advertising on equipment
- 2 TVS management
- 3 Entry list check

Event	Type of sticker
All Events	NOC sticker + sponsor



## VENUE INFORMATION

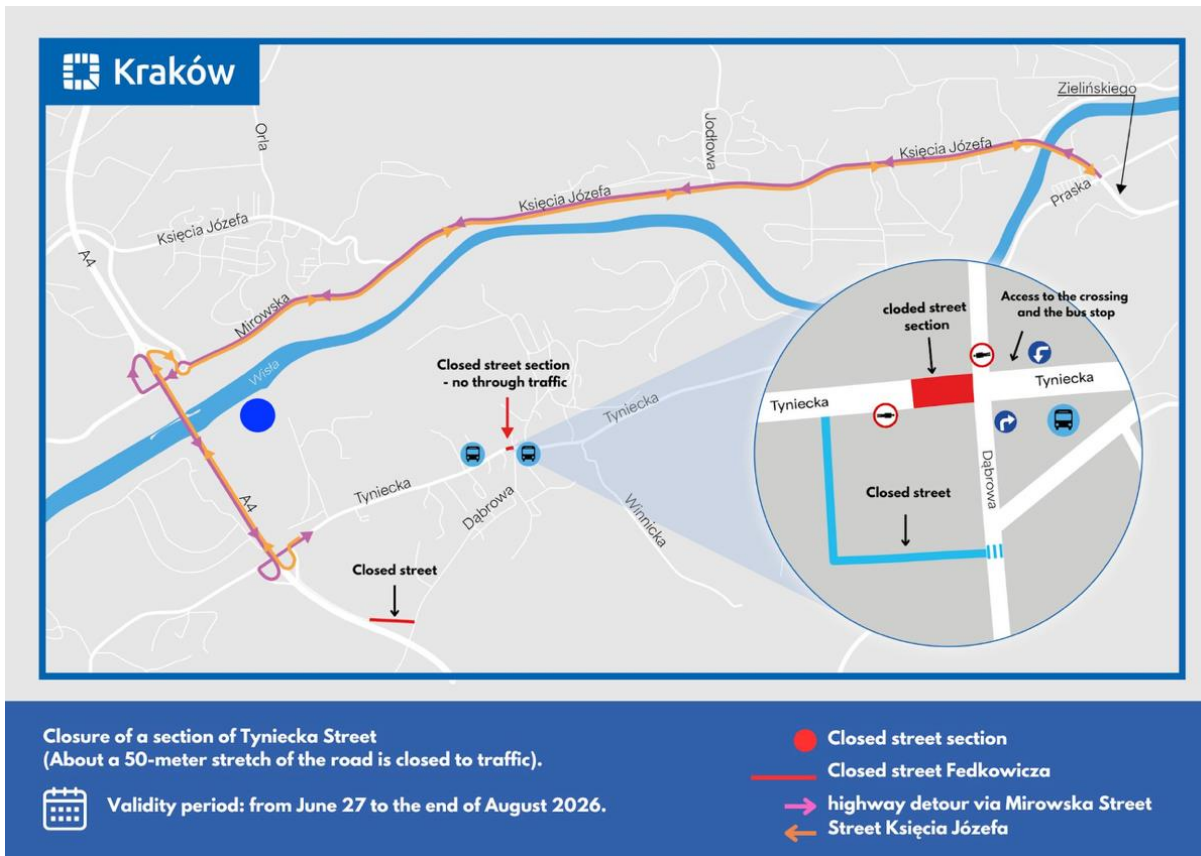
Name of the course	Krakov-Kolna Canoe Slalom course
Competition course length	320m
Competition course drop	4,5m
Competition course flow	15 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Water regulation on course	Automatic



# WATER CONTROL

- Water level is monitored at the upstream intake gate
- The level is constantly being adjusted to requirement
- HOC has constant access to these measurements
- The flow can be effected by debris build up in the intake area (cleaning process)

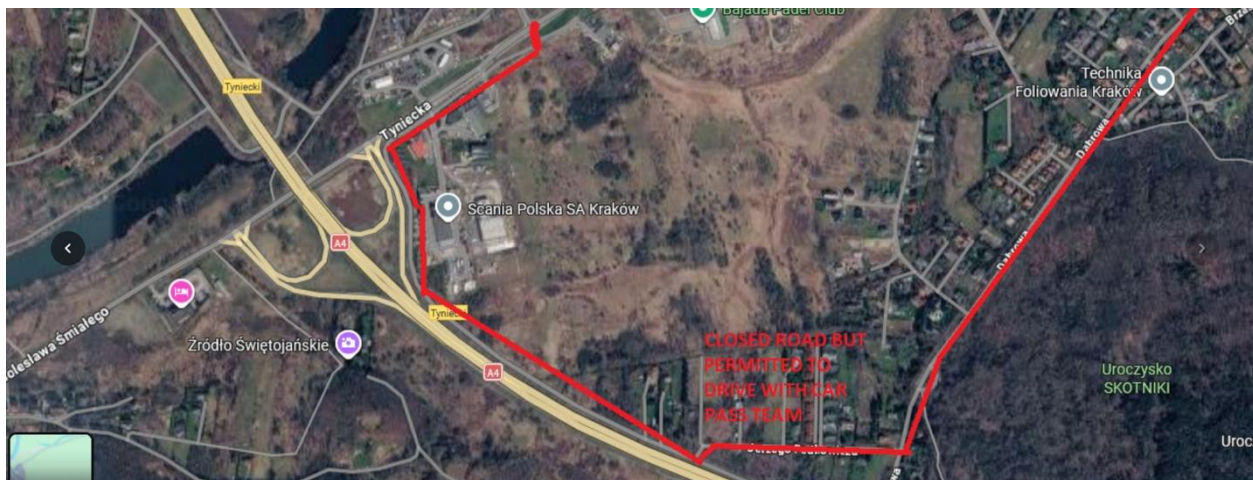




# VENUE ACCESS

## Closed Tyniecka Street - in area where it cross Dabrowa Street

- Tyniecka Street (street which is direct connection with city Centre from Kolna Venue) is closed from today during the whole competition term. Please see detour on the attached graphic. Detour is by Fedkowicza Street and Dabrowa Street. That road is officially closed but the city council gives Teams permission for driving there. Please make sure that car pass is in the car to avoid a mandate.





# NF AREA

- The NF area is on river left at the top of the course.
- **Opening hours:** from 07:00 to 20:00 from 25/06/2026 to 05/07/2026
- **Trailer parking:** from 07:00 to 20:00 from 25/06/2026 to 05/07/2026.
- **It is forbidden to add additional tents in the NF area.**
- **Remember power is limited!**



# EQUIPMENT CONTROL

- **Location:** next to the takeout on the left bank
- **Self-checking:**
  - Sunday, 28th June 2026 from 9:00 to 20:30
  - Monday, 29th June 2026 from 7:00 to 16:00
- **Timing on competition days:** open 1h before the 1st boat starts.
- **Reminders:**
  - **CSL fins** - no sharp edges
  - **Extra weights** - must be fixed in the boat
  - **Canoe & Kayak events and Kayak Cross Individual:** random post competition control
  - **Kayak Cross Elimination:** pre-competition checking in the pre-start area



# KISS & CRY

- **Location:**
  - River left at the bottom of the course (number 13 on the venue map)
- **For Canoe and Kayak finals:**
  - Provisional **top 3**
  - In bib and competition gear
  - No Kiss & Cry for Teams event
- **For Kayak Cross Individual:**
  - Provisional **top 3 only for the last 10 minutes**
  - In number bib and competition gear (warm clothes accepted). Competition bibs will be redistributed if needed.
- **For Kayak Cross Elimination:**
  - Provisional **Top 3 - winner interview**
  - In colour bib and competition gear



# MEDAL CEREMONIES

- **Location:** at the medal tent (see number 5 on the map)
- **Schedule:** refer to the competition schedule
  - All medal ceremonies are at the end of the day, after the last final
- **All medal ceremonies in team uniform**

# ENQUIRY DESK TVS - EMERGENCY DOWNLOAD SOLUTION



- **Location:** between ITOs' room and Sport Information desk (number 9 on the venue map).
- Emergency downloading of TVS feed from the Cloud, is available at the enquiry desk with dedicated switches.

# ANTI-DOPING & DOPING CONTROL



- **Location:** Sport Centre Kolna building (point 16 on the venue map)
- Athletes will be notified for doping control in the finish area.
- Reminder: **passport or ID is required**
- Thanks to all for completing the Anti-doping ADEL certificate.

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CONTROL AREA



# COMPETITION INFORMATION

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Official training schedule

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Competition schedule

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Demonstration runs

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Course distribution and approval

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Bib distribution



# OFFICIAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

- Canoe slalom training sessions: from Thursday 25 to Tuesday 30 June, exact timings and updates, available on [2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Krakow - Team Info](#).
- **Kayak Cross training sessions on Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday are separated between Junior & U23** - refer to schedule for the groups. Two sessions are also planned on Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> July morning.
- Athletes only competing in Kayak Cross are allowed to train in both Kayak Cross training sessions, on Monday and on Tuesday in their team group. Please refer to the list of athletes shared in the WhatsApp group.
- As at every competition, athletes competing exclusively in Kayak Cross are not permitted to participate in the slalom training sessions (including forerunner and free sessions). It also applies to canoe slalom athletes not competing in kayak cross, they are not permitted to participate in Kayak Cross training sessions.



# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- The course is closed following the end of official training (Tuesday 30.06.2026 at 11:00) until the end of the competition - except for the Kayak Cross training session on Sunday morning.
- The competition schedule version 3 will be available on the [2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Krakow - Team Info](#) and on spread on the WhatsApp group on Sunday 28.06.2026 by 10:00am.



# DEMONSTRATION RUNS - CSL HEATS & TEAMS

Tuesday 30 June 2026

HEATS AND TEAM EVENTS - COURSE CONSTRUCTION					
<b>16:00:00</b>	18:30:00	Course construction			<b>2:30:00</b>
<b>17:45:00</b>	18:30:00	Course Tuning with demonstration runners			<b>0:45:00</b>
18:30:00	18:35:00	Course review with technical manager			<b>0:05:00</b>
18:35:00	18:40:00	Course approval			<b>0:05:00</b>
		Interval			<b>0:10:00</b>
<b>18:50:00</b>	19:06:00	Heats - Full length demo run & rehearsal	8	0:02:00	0:16:00
		Interval			<b>0:30:00</b>
19:36:00	19:46:00	Teams - Full length demo run & rehearsal	4	0:02:30	0:10:00

# DEMONSTRATION RUNS - CSL SEMI & FINAL

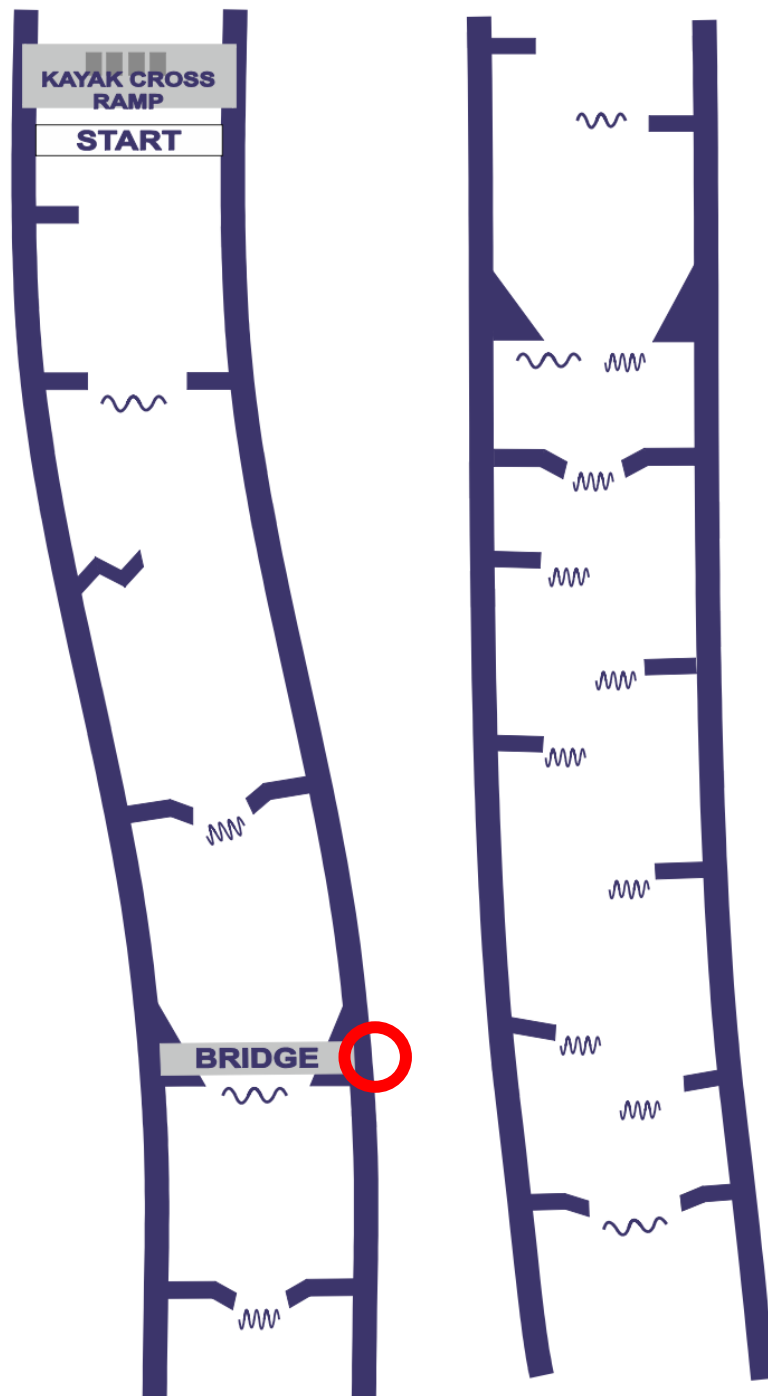
Thursday 02 July 2026

SEMI FINAL & FINAL COURSE MODIFICATION					
<b>16:30:00</b>	17:15:00	Course modification			0:45:00
<b>17:40:00</b>	18:10:00	Course Tuning with demonstration runners			0:30:00
18:10:00	18:15:00	Course review with technical manager			<b>0:05:00</b>
18:15:00	18:20:00	Course approval			<b>0:05:00</b>
		Interval			0:10:00
<b>18:30:00</b>	18:46:00	Semi & Final - Full length demo run & rehearsal	8	0:02:00	0:16:00

# DEMONSTRATION RUNS - KAYAK CROSS

Saturday 04 July 2026

KAYAK CROSS REHEARSAL					
18:30:00	19:00:00		Kayak Cross - Rehearsal		0:30:00



# COURSE DISTRIBUTION & COURSE APPROVAL

## Course distribution:

- Kayak Cross course map is available on [2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Krakow - Team Info](#).
- Canoe slalom course maps will be published and spread on the WhatsApp group:
  - Heats & Teams course: **Tuesday 30/06/2026 at 11:00**
  - Semi/Final course: **Thursday 02/07/2026 at 16:30**

## Course approval:

Feedback to be reported to the ICF Technical Manager (Manon Bocquet) at the middle bridge river left on:

- Heats & Teams course: **Tuesday 30/06/2026 from 18:30 to 18:35**
- Semi/Final course: **Thursday 02/07/2026 from 17:45 to 17:50**

# BIB DISTRIBUTION

## Canoe Slalom competition bibs:

- Competition bibs: available at the **Sport Information Office from 14:00 on Monday 29/06.**
- Deposit of **100€ - cash only.**
- CSL competition bibs must be returned to the Sport Information Office following the competition.

## Kayak Cross bibs:

- For **Kayak Cross Individual**, bibs will be available at the **Sport Information office from 14:00 on Monday 29/06.**
- Bibs will be collected at the end of the Kayak Cross Individual race.
- For **Kayak Cross Elimination**, the **number** and **colour bibs** will be distributed **at the pre-start area.** The colour bib will be collected at the finish area. The number bibs need to be brought back to the Sport Information Office (all at once) after the competition. The deposit will be given back.



# CANOE & KAYAK EVENTS

## Start procedure:

- The boat must be in the blocks in front of the partners' panel below the kayak cross start platform facing downstream.
- The beam line is close to the start blocks; please be careful not to cross the beam while getting into the start position
- For the Teams Events the second and third Athlete should line up towards river left behind the level of the sponsor banner. Remember the first Athlete to break the beam should be in the Start blocks - can be "A", "B", or "C".



# CANOE & KAYAK EVENTS

## Finish procedure

- The finish beam will be marked by **banners on each bank.**
- All athletes must exit via the **stairs at the bottom of the course** to pass through equipment control, kiss and cry and mixed zone (finals only)



# KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

## Pre-start procedure

- Athletes need to go through equipment control in the **white tent in front of the start ramp, river left. ONLY Elimination phase** (see number 2 on the venue map - START RAMP PASSAGE).
- Access to the ramp will be from **river left**.
- **Never cross under the bridge or paddle downstream**
- **During training if athletes cross under the bridge, the use of the ramp in the training session will stop immediately.**



# KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

## Start procedure

### ➤ Kayak Cross Individual

- Athletes start from **lane 2 (second from river right)**
- The start interval is **45 seconds**; athletes should get in their boat directly on the start gate, volunteers will assist if needed.

### ➤ Kayak Cross Elimination

- Athletes should be **settled in the start position on the ramp 90 seconds before their start time**.
- Then listen to the sports presentation where they will be introduced to spectators.



# KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

## Start position:

- The athlete must start with both hands on the paddle, positioned alongside the kayak. The front hand must be placed over the middle of the boat on one side, in contact with the boat or the spraydeck.
- Until the ramp starts to move, the paddle must remain behind the flap.
- The Athlete must not move between the instruction "Ready" and the beep indicating the ramp is moving.



# KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

## Finish procedure

- The finish line for Kayak Cross is different than Canoe & Kayak Event – refer to the map.
- For Kayak Cross (individual and eliminations phase), all athletes must exit **via the stairs at the bottom of the course** to pass through the **Equipment control (Individuals only)** the Kiss & Cry and mixed zone (same as CSL).
- Kayak Cross Individual: during the last 10 minutes the three first athletes must proceed to the Kiss and Cry area
- Kayak Cross Eliminations: the winner of the final must proceed to the Kiss & Cry.



# KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

## Roll barrier

For the **roll barrier**, the roll must be performed by going down on one side and coming up on the other.

During the execution of the roll, the boat must be underneath the barrier for at least one phase of the action.

## Dangerous Contact

In the case of **dangerous contact**, the judges will decide the penalty and one or both boats may be penalized.



# Opening Ceremony

## **Sunday - June 28th 2026 8.00 pm**

- Meeting point: in front of the main bridge to the course
- Time for meeting: 7:30 pm

### Schedule:

- 7.30-8.00 pm forming of the Athletes Parade in order, flags distribution
- 8.00 pm - start of the Ceremony, & Athletes Parade. Teams are going through the bridge to the island, parade is following the road up to the river to the medal tent area, flags are given to the volunteers in front of the podium and parade continue their walk to the tribunes - through the small bridge in the middle of the course.
- When all Athletes reach the tribunes official speeches begin and the Ceremony is run according to formal protocol.
- 8.30 pm -9.00 pm entertainment program

# Opening Ceremony



# Townhall reception

The Mayor of the City of Krakow invites representatives of NF (1 representative per National Federation) to take part in the official reception, which takes place on Friday, 3rd July 2026 at 7.30 in Wielkopolski Palace, Lea and Kupiecka Chambers (pl. Wszystkich Swietych 3-4).

Please take the invitations that was given to you in Accreditaion office.

Transport for that reception is not organized by the HOC. Access to City Hall is possible by taxi or by public transfer. The nearest tram station is Plac Dominikanski. To check the the Access from your accomodation locations you can use application: <https://jakdojade.pl/krakow>



# ICF TOPICS

- ITOs KAYAK CROSS BRIEFING
- ON-SITE CLEAN SPORT INFORMATION BOOTH
- INJURY & ILLNESS REPORTING FORM
- ATHLETES' SURVEY
- PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN SPORT (PHAS)
- ICF'S MEDIA HUB
- 2026 ICF CSL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - OKLAHOMA (USA)
- 2027 ICF RANKING CALENDAR

# ITOS KAYAK CROSS BRIEFING

Team Leaders are invited, if they wish to attend, as an observer, to the ITOs Kayak Cross briefing that will be held on **Monday 29 June at 16:00** in the ITO meeting room next to the OVR.



# ON-SITE CLEAN SPORT INFORMATION BOOTH

The International Testing Agency (ITA), in partnership with the ICF will provide clean sport education during the event. Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel are encouraged to visit the clean sport information booth to receive information and guidance on their anti-doping rights and responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code.

Educational topics will include the doping control process, the Prohibited List, understanding how to check medications, what is a Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and how to apply for one, whereabouts requirements, the risks associated with supplements and food contamination and the principles of strict liability. Information will also be available on speaking up and reporting suspected doping concerns through appropriate channels.

The clean sport information booth will be open from 30 June to 2 July in the Athletes' Village, located within the Athletes' Lounge. Olympian and ITA Education Ambassador Simona Castro OLY will be available to answer questions, provide practical guidance and help participants navigate anti-doping processes and requirements.

The initiative forms part of the ITA and ICF's commitment to supporting athletes and their support personnel in making informed decisions, protecting their careers and contributing to a culture of clean and fair canoe.

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## DEAR ATHLETES AND ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL,

The International Testing Agency (ITA) is delighted to be partnering with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) at the 2026 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior U23 World Championships to provide **clean sport education**.

**30 Jun**

**2 Jul**

**Do you have any questions about...**

- ... the Doping Control Process?
- ... the Prohibited List and how to check your medications?
- ... the risk of taking supplements?
- ... how to avoid food contamination in anti-doping?
- ... how to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption?
- ... your rights and responsibilities related to anti-doping?
- ... where to go if you need to speak to someone or if you have a suspicious behaviour to report?
- ... your Whereabouts requirements and how to use ADAMS and Athlete Central?

Come and meet Olympian and ITA Education Ambassador, **Simona Castro OLY** who can answer these questions and more!

A clean sport information booth will be open to everyone between 30 June and 2 July in the athletes' village, **inside the athletes' lounge!**

Staying informed and committed to clean sport is our collective responsibility. Visiting the booth will empower you with the knowledge and tools to compete clean and be true winners. Come and say hello and learn more to protect yourself and your career.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Visit our website for Athletes!

Subscribe here to receive information about upcoming anti-doping webinars!

# INJURY AND ILLNESS REPORT

- Spread at all the ICF competitions and for all ICF disciplines
- Level 1 and 2 (also possible to use it at other levels)
- Available on ICF website:
  - [Athlete Health and Wellbeing page](#)
  - [Event tool box - Health and Security section](#)
- [Weblink to the form](#)

**Recently injured or sick during an ICF competition?**

Help us prevent this in the future by reporting it through this form.


Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://forms.office.com/e/NIKJU5RPs3>

This form is confidential and anonymous.

# ATHLETES' SURVEY



The ICF Athletes Committee is here to champion your athletes' voice, protect their wellbeing, and help shape the future of our sport. To do that effectively, the Committee needs to hear directly from athletes. This [brief survey](#) is the first step in building a stronger, more connected athlete community. Your athletes' insights will directly guide the Committee's goals for the upcoming year. Let's make our sport the best it can be, together!

 **Survey Incentive:** As a thank you for their time, all athletes who complete this survey and provide their email address will be entered into a prize draw to win a Blackroll recovery set.

When they submit this form, it will not automatically collect their details like name and email address unless they provide it themselves.

# PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN SPORT (PHAS)

Please read the Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS) Policy.

The [report form](#) is available on the ICF website and will be treated with impartiality and confidentiality.

For further information contact the ICF PHAS officer: Micheal T Okubo – [michael.okubo@canoeicf.sport](mailto:michael.okubo@canoeicf.sport) /

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# ICF'S MEDIA HUB

Footage of the runs from the heats and finals (clips, highlights and some interviews) as well as pictures from each day of the Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships are in the ICF's new Media Hub. Please make sure to **tag and/or collaborate with @PlanetCanoe** whenever you or your athletes post on social media.

Link for this competition:

<https://planet.canoeicf.com/2026SlalomKrakowMediaHub>

# 2026 ICF CSL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - OKLAHOMA (USA)



## 1 – Application for course designers during the official training period

The HOC and the ICF are giving coaches the opportunity to design the canoe slalom course over 7 of the training days, with a different coach or team staff member responsible for the design each day.

The coach or team staff member in charge will need to submit their course map on the afternoon before their assigned day and assist the course setting crew the following morning. A blank map will be provided by the ICF.

**Only 4 applications - so please if you are interested fill it by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.**



# 2026 ICF CSL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - OKLAHOMA (USA)



2 – Entry check: nominal entries deadline is **July 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 – 23:59 CET.**

3 – Visa request: all application need to be processed asap. If you have any issue getting your Visa, please contact Beth Spillman (ACA CEO).

# 2027 ICF RANKING CALENDAR

Applications are open through SDP until 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2026.

NF can submit their competition directly on SDP.

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