



**2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew
Ruse (Bulgaria)**

**18 – 21 September, 2025
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bulletin 1



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Dear Sports Friends,

The Bulgarian Canoe Federation is pleased to invite you to take a part at the 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew – Ruse (Bulgaria) which will be held on 18 – 21 SEP, 2025 on the Regatta Course in Ruse. I am sure we will witness athletics performance of the highest quality and our efforts go towards making the Ruse regatta venue a worthy arena for a fair competition between the best athletes in the World.

Nikolay Buhalov
President of Bulgarian Canoe Federation



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the city of Ruse I can assure you that you will be warmly welcome here and in the calm and fair waters of the Ruse Regatta Venue you will find all that is needed in order to give the best of yourself and have an amazing race.

Pencho Milkov
Mayor of Ruse



RUSE

Ruse is a cosmopolitan city at a crossroads. In its more than 20 centuries of history, a variety of ages have left an imprint on a variety of cultural strata. The spirit of the city, however, always remains unchanging, everlasting and free like the big European river – a river that generates influences, connects, inspires life and promises a future... Ruse is the biggest Bulgarian city on the Danube River and the most significant transport, logistics, business and cultural centre of North Bulgaria. The number of the population is 150 000.

23 centuries ago, an ancient Thracian port marked the beginning of the town. In the late 1st century, the Roman fortress of Sexaginta Prista (from Latin “port for 60 ships”) became part of the Roman Danube Limes, the northern frontier of the empire. Today, the ruins of Sexaginta Prista are an open-air museum exposition.

In the Middle Ages, Ruse and the Romanian city of Giurgiu on the opposite river bank existed as one settlement. In the early 17th century, Ruse developed into a centre of trade; the port played an important role in the commercial exchange between Central Europe and the Balkan area. That is why the city can be found on all geographical maps from that period.

In the 1860s, the city became the administrative centre of the Ottoman Danube Province, which covered a territory of the size of Bulgaria today. That was the time when for the first time in Bulgaria industrial compa-

nies were started in Ruse and the first railway line between Ruse and Varna was built. In the second half of the 19th century, the city was the seat of 11 European diplomatic missions. That accelerated the inflow of European influences, which triggered changes of the day-to-day routines of its residents. Ruse’s history is related to national heroes from the Bulgarian National Revival period. A large number of events that were pioneering to Bulgaria happened in Ruse, and that made the city one of Bulgaria’s major centres of cultural development.

Ruse welcomes its guests with an impressive architectural heritage inspired by the progressive European spirit of its citizens, who invited eminent European architects at the turn of the 20th century to build the architectural environment of the city. Today, dozens of heritage-listed buildings have the European Heritage label.

Ruse is a bridge that delineates and overcomes borders; moreover, in the run of its existence, it has been a centre and a capital. Ruse was the place where the first tokens of Modernity and the industrial age of Bulgaria got born. It is also the place that helped the ideas of humanism, technical and economic development to reach the Southeast of Europe.

Ruse – Come with friends!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition Venue: Regatta Course RUSE, Bulgaria

Dates: 18 – 21 SEPTEMBER, 2025

Location: RUSE, Bulgaria

Events: 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championship in accordance with the ICF rules:

Discipline: Dragon Boat

Type of event: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Age Level: SENIORS, JUNIORS and MASTERS

Classes: 10 paddlers and 20 paddlers

Course: Length 1500m, Width 250m, Depth between 2 and 8m, No flow
All technical aspects will be equal or surpass the ICF standards.

Name of Course – “Lesopark Lipnik”

Lesopark „Lipnik“ is located in the area of the village of Nikolovo, 10 km from the city of Ruse. It is located in a huge forest massif of linden trees with an area of about 20,000 acres, which is where the name of the area comes from. It is considered the largest forest park on the territory of Bulgaria. There are restaurants, artificial lakes, a hotel, a zoo, a children’s corner, landscaped corners, a sports facility, and a camping have been built. The construction and shaping of the surrounding area as a park began around the fifties of the last century and since then the flow of people seeking peace and quiet here has not ceased. Only ten kilometers from the city, a real rescue island – the park becomes, especially in the summer, when a fiery inferno has enveloped the big city along the Danube. A special beauty and romantic charm brings an artificially built lake, turned into a kingdom of water lilies.

Club Events													
10 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Juniors (15 -18 yo)			Masters (40+)			Masters (50+)		
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	W omen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Ma sters (40+)								
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000						
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	W omen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Provisional Competition Program:

Sep 15	Access period begins. Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 15:00 to 17:00
Sep 16	Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 9:00 to 17:00
Sep 17	Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 9:00 to 16:00 and 19:00 to 21:00 10:30 - 11:30 – Team Leaders’ meeting 11:30 - 12:30 – ITO’s meeting 17:30 - 18:30 – Opening Ceremony
Sep 18	Competition day in accordance with race programme
Sep 19	Competition day in accordance with race programme
Sep 20	Competition day in accordance with race programme
Sep 21	Competition day in accordance with race programme Closing ceremony and hand-over of Flag
Sep 22	Departure day

Entries:

1. All team entries (numerical and nominal) must be made online through SDP system from ICF. **Link: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>**
2. Entries can only be submitted by the National Federation through the online entries system SDP. If there is any problem concerning the entries, please contact Dr. Wai-Hung Luk from Dragon Boat of ICF at luk.waihung@canoeicf.com

Hotels and travel information must be submitted at:
<https://canoeinfo.com/en/c/ruse-2025>

The entries system will be online and available during the following dates:

Deadlines for entries:

Preliminary Entry Form	April 15th 2025
Preliminary Booking Form	April 15th 2025
Final Hotel Reservation	August 15th 2025
Final travel information Form	August 15th 2025
Nominal Entry by on-line system	August 15th 2025

We kindly ask you to keep the mentioned deadlines



Accommodation and participation fee:

Hotel booking can be made through Organizing Committee of 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championship.

Hotels and hostels:

1st Category: ☆☆☆☆	Price
Single	175.00 €
Double	130.00 €
<i>hotels with A / C /</i>	

2nd Category: ☆☆☆	Price
Single	140.00 €
Double	115.00 €
<i>hotels with A / C /</i>	

3rd Category: ☆☆	Price
Single	125.00 €
Double	105.00 €
<i>hotels with A / C /</i>	

*** Please be informed that we offer full board meals package on request 45 EUR per person per day.**

* All of the prices are per person per day.

* 4rd category only on request without A/C

All of the prices have a participation fee of 20 euro per day per person included for organizing costs. The fee is included for each day of the stay arrival till departure date.

Please note: The Host Organising Committee does not take any responsibility for any extra services of the hotels (mini bar, parking, telephone etc). These should be paid directly to the hotel before departure.

There are no camping facilities at the venue. **IT IS NOT PERMITTED** to camp on the grounds or to remain with the caravan/camper at the venue outside the official opening hours of the event.

Participation Fee:

For participants not using the hotel package must pay a participation fee of 80 EUR per person, which includes the following:

- Accreditation
- Medical Care at the Course
- Participation in the Opening Ceremony
- Security Service at the Course
- Drinking Water during competition days
- Access to the competition venues for the purpose of training and other activities.
- Use of boats for training and for the races;
- Boat storage
- Free Wi-Fi at the competition venues
- The entry fee is calculated from the time of the arrival of the sports team, until the end date.

Airport transfers

Terms of Payment:

From and to Bucharest Romania airport 80 EUR (both directions)	30% UNTIL April 15th 2025 50% UNTIL June 15th 2025
From and to Varna, Bulgaria airport 120 EUR (both directions)	20% UNTIL August 15th 2025

Price is per person both directions. From Bucharest is 1 hour driving to Ruse. Please do not forget that all bank charges are to the expense of the remitter. You are kindly request to send a copy of the bank confirmation after the remittance to the following email: rusecanoe@gmail.com

Cancelation terms

No forfeit for cancelation until	UNTIL May 15th 2025
50% forfeit for cancelation until	UNTIL June 30th 2025
100% forfeit for cancelation until	UNTIL July 30th 2025

The Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for extra services of the hotels (mini bar, telephone, parking, etc.) Please be ready to provide your personal credit card during check in to guarantee any possible extra services. Early check – in (before 12:00 p.m) is subject to room availability at the hotels. Check – out time in all hotels – 12:00 p.m. on the day of the departure – as it is internationally usual.

Bulgarian Visa

Organizing Committee will provide you support to make the process of obtaining Bulgarian visa more prompt and comfortable.

In order to receive the Invitation letter for getting Bulgarian visa you are requested to fill up and send Visa Application Form with copy of the first page of passport of all team members till May 15th, 2025 at rusecanoe@gmail.com

Visa Application Form are available on the championship's web-site

Accreditation Centre

Accreditation Centre will be located on the Venue.

Media Center

Media center will be located on the Venue.

Transportation

All participants will be provided with transportation from / to Airport to their accommodations as well as shuttle-buses to and from Venue.

Travel - By air

From Bucharest, Romania - Airport “ Otopeni “ (85km.)

Henry Coanda International Airport is Romania's busiest airport and is one of two airports serving its capital, Bucharest. It is located in the town of Otopeni, 16.5 km northwest of Bucharest.

From Varna Airport (190km.)

Varna Airport is located 8 km west of the city of Varna. In summer season there is a charter flights.

Travel - By bus

From Central Bus Station Sofia

There is a bus going from Sofia to Ruse every day.

Last stop in Ruse - bus station.

Trip duration - 4,5 hours.

For more information: <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/>

Other bus stations in the country

To see all direct bus lines from other cities visit

<http://www.avtogari.info> or <http://www.hebrosbus.com>

Over 20 settlements have direct bus line to Ruse.

By train

From Central Railway Station Sofia

You can take both direct express or fast trains travelling from Sofia to Ruse.

The trip duration is 5,30 hours.

From other railway stations

For more information: <http://www.bdz.bg>

Anti-doping Control

The doping control will be provided according to the ICF standards.

Insurance & Medical Care

All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries.

A First Aid and Emergency Medical Service will be available at the course. A Hospital nearby the venue will be on standby to cover the needs during the event. All situation of hospital services provided in our public health care service must be paid directly by the athlete or by the National Federation.

Climate

The climate is typical continental for South-East Europe

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
Average daily max temp.(°C)	5	8	12	18	24	28	30	31	26	20	11	7	18,33
Average daily min temp.(°C)	-3	-2	2	6	11	15	17	16	13	8	2	-1	7
Rainfall (mm)	30,2	39,1	58,4	52,1	71,1	47,2	37,3	34,8	17,8	32,3	52,1	51,8	524,2

Вход
Entrance

Село на Ателетите

3 Athletes
Village

Спортна База
Sports base

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7 Тоалетна
Toilet

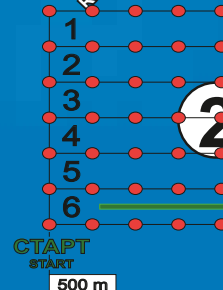
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Аварийен достъп
emergency access

Табла с резултати
Results bulletin board



1. FINISH TOWER
2. COMPETITION AREA
3. ATHLETES VILLAGE
4. SPORTS BASE
5. MEDICAL ZONE
6. MEDICAL SERVICE
7. TOILETS
8. ATHLETES SHUTTLE BUS AREA
9. FOOD AREA
10. BOARDING PIER
11. ATHLETES CHECK-IN REPORTING





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**Race schedule and more details in
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