

**ICF CANOE SPRINT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Including non-Olympic disciplines
PLAN 2017-18**

PREFACE

The ICF Development Programme achieved its original target namely the increasing number of the member federations in the period of 1990 to 2010.

Since that year the priority of the DP is the quality development concept. The target is the improvement of the athletes' standard, closing the gap between the elite and developing athletes' level.

This Plan is based on the analysis of the reported achievements in the 2014 -2016 Development Programme and follows the principal targets of canoeing development in the next two years.

The tasks for developing the quality of Canoeing:

1. Increase the athletes level and performance
 - 1.1 The improvement of the athletes' technique and physical level
 - 1.2 Coaches Education
2. Support the progress of equipment quality and quantity
3. Increasing the female athletes involvement in canoeing and the participation in main events with special attention to women canoeists
4. Supporting the non-Olympic disciplines popularity and the increasing participation in their main events

1. Development/improvement of athletes' standard

1.1 TIP

The Talent Identification Programme (TIP) looks after the selection of the talented athletes of the developing countries and the support for them. Thanks to the success of the ICF TIP in previous years it is to be expected that the earlier IOC financial support will be continued in future, too.

The ICF will organise training camps for the selected athletes and support their participation at World Championships and/or other major events. The national federations' financial situation and the athletes' performance / progress will be evaluated/examined for any further support.

The selection to the programme will be made on the basis of the athletes' level indicated in the application questionnaire through giving priority to women canoe/kayak categories in agreement with the relevant Continental Association

1.2 The ICF TIP and Hungarian Canoe Federation programme

In accordance with the agreement between the ICF and the HUN Canoe Federation training camps will be organized in Hungary every year until 2019. The selected athletes will train with high level coaches in Hungary and can take part in World Cups as well with the financial support of the HUN NF. This camp in 2017 will be organized in connection with the World Cup in Szeged/HUN. The attendance at other World Cups depends on the conditions of the host federation and the dates of those events.

1.3 Training Camps at World Championships 2107 and 2018

Training camps followed by the participation in the World Championships will be organized. The financial and logistic condition of supporting the TIP will be negotiated with the host federations. (Racice(CZE) in 2017 and Montemor (POR) in 2018.

1.4. Coaches Education Programme

The Coaches' Education Programme is the key programme to improve the overall standard of canoeing, the level of athletes and the further development of the national federations!

The ICF devotes further efforts to the **Coaches' Education** by organizing and/or supporting technical courses and seminars for various federations, in different levels and languages.

Besides improving their professional knowledge the Coaches Education Programme extends their knowledge in organizational tasks, racing rules and the structure of the ICF.

1.5 Level 1 and Level 2 Courses

In cooperation with the Continental Associations the ICF will support the organization of Level 1 courses for Beginner Coaches in newly affiliated National Federations and developing countries, as well as the organization of Level 2 courses for the advanced coaches at a national, continental or regional level. Logistic and financial support will be negotiated and decided upon on a case by case basis. The expenses of the participating lecturer will be covered by the ICF/Continental Associations.

1.6 Level 3 courses

The Level 3 Course provides the highest education for coaches under the ICF programme. The negotiations for the organization of this courses is under progress with Physical Education University Budapest. The participation might be supported by the Olympic Solidarity and the ICF.

2. The Sport Equipment

The lack/shortage of boats and paddles in sufficient number and quality at the national federations is the main obstacle in developing canoeing better worldwide!

2.1 Domestic Boat Manufacturing Programme

To enhance canoeing activities at club and national level the domestic boat manufacturing project will continue. Most of the available financial resources for equipment support will be used to establish the domestic boat production in various countries. In addition the ICF with the Continental Associations will donate paddles to the federation that produces boats.

Financial Responsibility:

The ICF and the NF pay 7000 -7000 Euros each to NELO Co. for the raw materials of 60 boats, including the transportation of the materials, the transfer of the know-how and the teach-in of local people for boat production.

2.2 Boat Donation

In some cases the ICF and the Continental Association will consider direct boat donations to newly affiliated and active but poor NFs.

In addition the ICF will be able to donate 16 single boats, 30 paddles and 5 kayak-ergo machines from the ICF contracted equipment producers yearly. The way of the distribution needs to be determined.

2.3 Support to Developing National Federations with logistics, finance, equipment and technical courses as needed and affordable by the Budget.

3. Efforts to Improve the Number and Standard of Female Athletes in Canoe Category

In general:

The number of national federations' involvement in women canoe and the athletes' level show a great progress during the short international history of this category.

In accordance with the planned inclusion of one-one C1 and C2 events into the Olympic Games 2020 the further development of this category is essential,

Targets of Women Canoe Development:

- Increase the number of active national federations in this category
- Increase the participation in C1 and C2 women canoe events at World Championships and other international and national events
- Improve the athletes standards
- Lot of attention will be given to C2 teams development
- Add women canoe events to the programme of various multi-games
- Support the organization of the Women Canoe Cup in Boulogne annually

4. Support of Non-Olympic Disciplines to spread and improve popularity

As a consequence of the different geographical features and water surfaces the canoe sport is practiced under different opportunities around the world. The circumstances are not suitable everywhere to practice the Olympic disciplines.

Some places are suitable for ocean racing, white-water activities or canoe polo. Those disciplines also belong to the ICF, hence we need to support those too!

4.1 Regarding the previous consideration all ICF disciplines have to outline the relevant development strategy. The Chairs of the Committees establish their development programme with the cooperation of the Continental Associations.

5. Continental Associations

The Continental Associations keep playing important role in canoe development in close cooperation with their NFs, the ICF and the technical Committees.

Budget

The ICF Development Programme Budget determines the possibility of accomplishing the various projects planned for 2017/18.

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