



2025 ICF SUP
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates
29th October -
2nd November 2025**

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Last Info

Dear Athletes, Officials, and Guests,

On behalf of the Host Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the ICF Stand Up Paddling 2025 World Championships.

We are honoured to host the world's best paddlers and to celebrate this vibrant sport together in an atmosphere of friendship, fair play, and excellence.

We wish all participants inspiring performances and unforgettable experiences both on and off the water.

See you in Abu Dhabi!





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Programme

26th October (Sunday)

- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Accreditation desk open in Traders Hotel
 - Official training time: **8 a.m. - 10 a.m.**
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Accreditation desk open in Traders Hotel

27th October (Monday)

- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Accreditation desk open in Traders Hotel
 - Official training time: **8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**
- 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Accreditation desk open in Traders Hotel

28th October (Tuesday)

- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Race Course open for training
- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Accreditation centre open at the Spa Bridge at the entrance of the venue
- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Accreditation centre open at the Spa Bridge at the entrance of the venue
- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Race Course open for training
- 5 p.m. Athletes' briefing location: LED screen & stage area
- 6 p.m. Opening ceremony location: LED screen & stage area



29th October (Wednesday)

- 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sprint preliminary rounds, heats, quarterfinals

30th October (Thursday)

- 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Technical preliminary rounds, heats, quarterfinals

31st October (Friday)

- 9 a.m. - 4:20 p.m. Sprint semifinals and finals
- 5 p.m. Medal ceremonies for sprint races

1st November (Saturday)

- 7:30 a.m. Surfski short and long course races
- 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Technical semifinals and finals
- 6 p.m. Medal ceremonies for technical races
- 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. BBQ for all participants who have purchased the BBQ tickets
 - Location: Traders Hotel Beach

2nd November (Sunday)

- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Long distance races, inflatable races, kids races
- Medal ceremonies for long distance, inflatable races, kids races during the day
- Medal ceremonies for the Nations' Cup
- 7 p.m. Closing ceremony
- Access period ends in the evening



Accreditation

OPENING HOURS

In Traders Hotel lobby next to the reception:

26th October (Sunday)

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

27th October (Monday)

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

At the Spa Bridge of Shangri-La Hotel (outdoor):

28th October (Tuesday)

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**29th October (Wednesday) -
2nd November (Sunday)**

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION

The **Pre-Accreditation Center** is located in the **Traders Hotel**, next to the reception. [See Google Maps location here](#) 📍

The **Accreditation Center** is located at the **Spa Bridge of the Shangri-La Hotel**, which leads directly to the venue. [See Google Maps location here](#) 📍

Upon arrival, we kindly request all athletes and non-participants to proceed directly to the Accreditation Centre to collect their **accreditation cards, BIB vests and the welcome pack**.

Please note that it is **mandatory** for all participants to present a **valid passport or ID card** to verify their **citizenship and age**.

Kindly note that no payments can be made at the accreditation desk.

Therefore, please ensure that all athlete and accompanying person registrations, as well as visitor and BBQ tickets, are fully completed and paid online in advance, before reaching accreditation.

Only **BIB vest deposit payment** will be accepted at the accreditation desk.



Official training

Limited training is available on-site if you are arriving earlier than Tuesday, October 28th, as a Dragon Boat event will be occupying the venue.

Please always remain cautious and do not enter the race area while other events are in progress. Doing so may result in immediate consequences and could affect your registration status.

Before entering the water, always ensure your situational awareness is good and that you fully understand where and when each event is taking place.

⚠ WARNING: DO LOOK AROUND before entering the water! ⚠

OFFICIAL TRAINING TIMES	
26th October (Sunday)	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
27th October (Monday)	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
28th October (Tuesday)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Recommendations for outside of official training times

- Reem Central Park Beach - [See Google Maps location here](#) 📍
 - No entry fee
- Mamsha Beach - [See Google Maps location here](#) 📍
 - 125 AED/adult on weekdays
 - 200 AED/adult on weekends

Please note that the following beach recommendations are provided for informational purposes only. The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) assumes no responsibility or liability for any activities undertaken at these locations. Participants choosing to train or practice at these beaches do so entirely at their own risk and discretion.



Meals & Water

There will be food vendors at the venue with a variety of options. The cost of food is NOT included with your registration. Items can be purchased with cash or credit card.

All registered athletes will receive 1 meal voucher (50 aed) as part of the welcome pack that can be used at the food vendors at the venue.

Food and beverages are available for purchase from the food stations located around the race venue at the Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi.

Please note: Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, will be operating a ticketing system for the bar and food stations where a variety of food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Please be advised that once purchased, the vouchers cannot be refunded. We advise card payments to be made to purchase food or beverage.

There will be bottled water at the start and finish line.



Internet

Free Wi-Fi access is available at the venue, no password is required.

Vehicle Parking

Parking for this event will be on the public roads opposite the Souk Entrance.

Fees are **AED 3 per hour** and free parking on Sundays and public holidays in most zones.

Payment Methods:

SMS: You can pay for parking via SMS by sending your vehicle details (city, plate code, plate number, parking type, duration) to 3009.

Here's a breakdown:

- Open your messaging app: Access your phone's messaging application.
- Compose a new message.
- Create a new SMS message.
- Enter the recipient number: Type 3009 as the recipient.
- Enter the message details:
 - City and Plate Code: For example, "AUH" for Abu Dhabi, followed by the plate category (e.g., "AUH8").
 - Plate Number: Enter your vehicle's plate number (e.g., "3214").
 - Parking Type: Specify "S" for Standard parking (AED 2/hour) or "P" for Premium parking (AED 3/hour).
 - Parking Duration: Indicate the duration in hours (e.g., "1" for one hour).
 - Send the message: Send the SMS to 3009.
 - Confirmation: You will receive a confirmation message shortly after.

Example: If you have an Abu Dhabi registered vehicle (AUH8) with plate number 3214 and want to park for one hour in standard parking, the message would be: AUH8 3214 S 1.

Once you have parked, please enter via the Spa & Health Club entrance (over the bridge, NOT through the Spa & Health Club building).



Board Storage

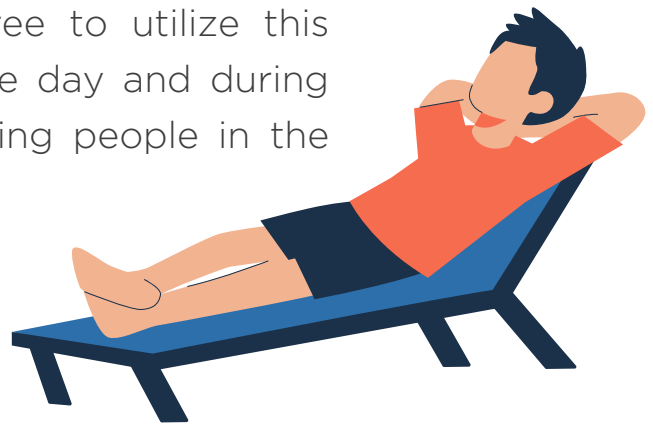
450 secured board storage is available in the Athletes' Area.

Trailer Parking

Trailer parking will NOT be possible at the venue.

Outdoor Athlete's Lounge

Access to this shaded area is granted exclusively with a valid accreditation card. Feel free to utilize this space for relaxation throughout the day and during your breaks with your accompanying people in the Team Area.



Opening ceremony

The official Opening Ceremony for the 2025 ICF SUP World Championships will take place next to the LED wall on **Tuesday, October 28th at 6pm.**

Medal Awarding Ceremonies

To ensure the formality of the medal awarding ceremonies, all athletes involved are required to be at the meeting point next to the LED wall no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the ceremony.

Due to our tight schedule, we kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request. The medal awarding ceremonies will begin promptly at their designated times. If an athlete arrives late to the meeting point, the ceremony will proceed as scheduled without them.

Please note that caps, sunglasses, and flags are NOT permitted on the podium. Wearing national colours is encouraged. For Nation's Cup athletes, national outfit and appropriate footwear is mandatory. The exact times of the award ceremonies will be posted in the WhatsApp group.



Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in the form of vouchers redeemable for SUP boards, equipment, and accessories:

- More sustainable for the event
- Higher value for athletes and sponsors
- Real, usable equipment for training and competition
- No restrictions on advertising — prizes can be appropriately communicated across multiple channels

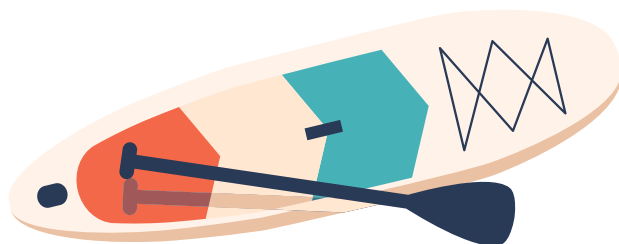
Prizes will be issued in a voucher format, giving athletes full flexibility to:

- Pick their favourite board or equipment
- Receive support in arranging, shipping of the selected prize if desired

For those who choose not to use the voucher option and prefer cash payouts, this alternative is available according to the ICF prize money chart below.

All payments will be processed within a few days after the race concludes.

	GOLD (prize voucher value of approx.)	SILVER (prize voucher value of approx.)	BRONZE (prize voucher value of approx.)
MEN OPEN TECHNICAL	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000
MEN OPEN SPRINT	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000
MEN OPEN LONG DISTANCE	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000
WOMEN OPEN TECHNICAL	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000
WOMEN OPEN SPRINT	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000
WOMEN OPEN LONG DISTANCE	USD 3000	USD 2000	USD 1000



Entries & Schedule

Please visit the official results management page to check all your entries are in order:

[Official Results](#)

Those open men athletes, who have raced in the ICF SUP World Ranking this year and have WR points, might be in the main draw, which means that they will be added to the heats once the preliminary rounds are over. The seeding of the heats in junior and open categories were made according to the World Ranking.

We strongly recommend to check the Competitors' list as well.

Each number indicates the race number in the given distance, MD means Main Draw and NT means National Team (member of the Team Event).

Team events

The Nations Cup will be awarded in accordance with the 2025 ICF SUP rules (article 1.8.7) using the cumulative results of the open and junior results in both the men and the women categories.

Teams can be up to four (4) athletes for the Long Distance and Technical races. The top three (3) athletes' results will count towards team results.

National Federations can enter athletes to the team events via the ICF SDP system. The system can be reached at:

[ICF SDP System](#)



Late entry & BIB vest

The request for late entry can be submitted via the following online form:

[Late entry form](#)

The deadline for late entry is Saturday 25th October 10 p.m. (Abu Dhabi local time). All entries will be reviewed by the Race Director and approved at her discretion.

Late entry fees will correspond to the October registration rate plus an additional charge of USD 100.

Each competitor will receive an individual BIB vest for identification during the event(s).

Competitors are responsible for wearing their BIB vests. A deposit of 40 AED must be paid online using the link below before arriving at accreditation:

[Deposit for BIB vest](#)

Please note that athletes who do not return their BIB vest at the end of the event **will NOT have their deposit refunded**. In line with our and ICF's sustainability efforts, BIB vests will be collected after the event and reused at future competitions.

For sprint races everyone will receive a separate BIB according to the lane number which must be returned right after each race.

ID control

Athletes can embark only from the designated spot before the competition where their boards, equipment, BIB vests, and accreditation cards will be checked. For sprint races everyone will receive a separate BIB and board number according to the lane number. For technical races and long distance races GPS will be put on the athletes by officials.

Coaching and supporting athletes from the ID control area is not permitted. Athletes followed or supported by coaches may face disqualification.

For Sprint and Technical races, athletes should arrive at the ID control area **no earlier than 20 minutes and no later than 10 minutes before their scheduled race**. For Long distance, athletes can go through ID control **1 hour before their race, but no later than 10 minutes before their starting time**.

For Sprint race, after ID control, athletes will proceed with their boards to the starting area, where they will be grouped for their races. When a race number is called for the starting area, athletes from that race should line up in lane order, starting from the lowest number.



Post - race board control

After each race the first 4 boards and other at random will be selected by the Competition Committee for post-race board control. Please check after the finish line if you need to go to board control.

Athletes must disembark onto the designated place where their board will go under control.

According to the 2025 ICF SUP Rules, the minimum weight of all hard boards - regardless of their length is 10kg. For inflatable boards there is no weight limit, the length limit is 14'. For the recreational races (kid's race, Mega SUP race) there is no weight or length limit.

Please do not forget to control the weight of your board before the race at the self board control spot located in the Team area.

Doping control

Athletes will be randomly selected for doping control conforming to the relevant regulations. Accreditation card is mandatory during the process.

Chaperones will inform the selected Athletes at post-race boat control and guide them through the full process. The ICF Anti-doping rules can be found [HERE](#).



Anti-doping education

For the ICF World Championships every athlete, coach and support personnel MUST pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform [ADEL] corresponding to their role.

Athletes entered in any ICF competition must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition. For more information please see:

[Anti-doping rules](#)

Athletes' briefing & Communication

The Athletes' Briefing will be held on-site next to the LED wall on **Tuesday 28th October, 5 p.m. (Abu Dhabi local time)**

Join our official communication tool to stay up to date on all 2024 SUP World news before & during the event.

Join the official [2025 ICF SUP Worlds Group on WhatsApp](#)



Course maps

ALL EVENTS

Athletes are required to cover the distance as quickly as possible after the start command. Throughout the entire course, including all turns, athletes must respect their opponents and avoid collisions. Athletes causing collisions may face disqualification.

Please be aware that the race course and rules are subject to change based on safety and weather conditions.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Leash is mandatory for long distance, inflatable, and recreational races. Personal floating device (PFD) is optional for all races, for kids races PFD is mandatory.

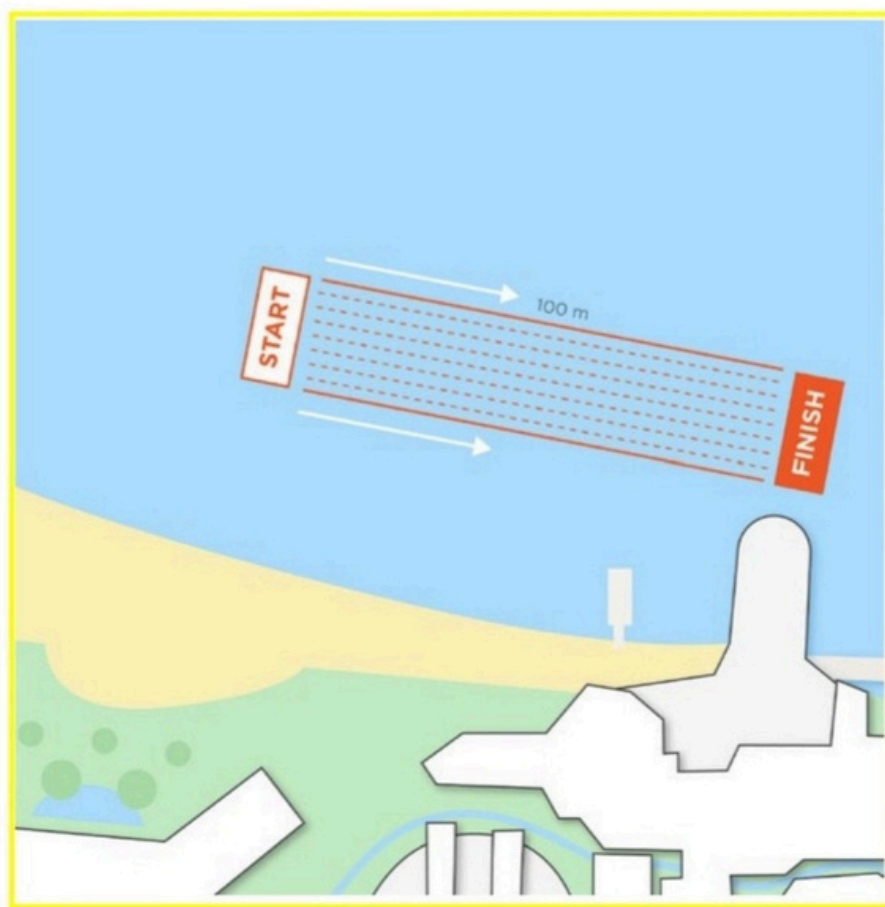
SPRINT

The Sprint race will cover a distance of 100 meters. Each athlete must start and finish on their designated lane.

- There will be stationary water start. The position of the boards at the start is such that the noses of the competing boards are on the starting line. The boards may be held at the tail by board holders.



- The start command is "Ready" followed by a sound signal. Athletes must not paddle before hearing the start signal. A false start will be called if someone paddles prematurely. A second false start by the same athlete will result in disqualification.
- After crossing the finish line all paddlers need to disembark and walk back to the Athletes' Area. Athletes who are selected for board control need to bring their board to the official board control area. Please avoid paddling through the race course on your return to respect other races and minimize disturbances. Please don't forget to return your BIB vest at ID control after your race.
- During the race, athletes are not allowed to change their lanes. Athletes that enter other lane will be disqualified.
- After the A finals, the top 3 athletes are expected to be called for interviews



TECHNICAL

The Technical race will consist of one lap, covering approximately a distance of 800 meters.

- Athletes line up on the beach according to the lane number next to their boards. The start command is "Ready" followed by a start signal.
- Athletes must not cross the start line before hearing the start signal. A false start will be called if someone crosses the start line before hearing the start signal. A second false start by the same athlete will result in disqualification.
- The race features 7 buoy turns, consisting of 4 left turns and 3 right turns. Turning buoys will be different colours for left and right turns, making it easy to remember.
- It is featuring a beach start and beach finish. Athletes need to finish on the beach with their paddle in the hand. Boards will be collected by volunteers, don't go back to your board, collect it from the outside of the finish area.
- Please don't forget to return your GPS device to the volunteers after the finish line on the shore.



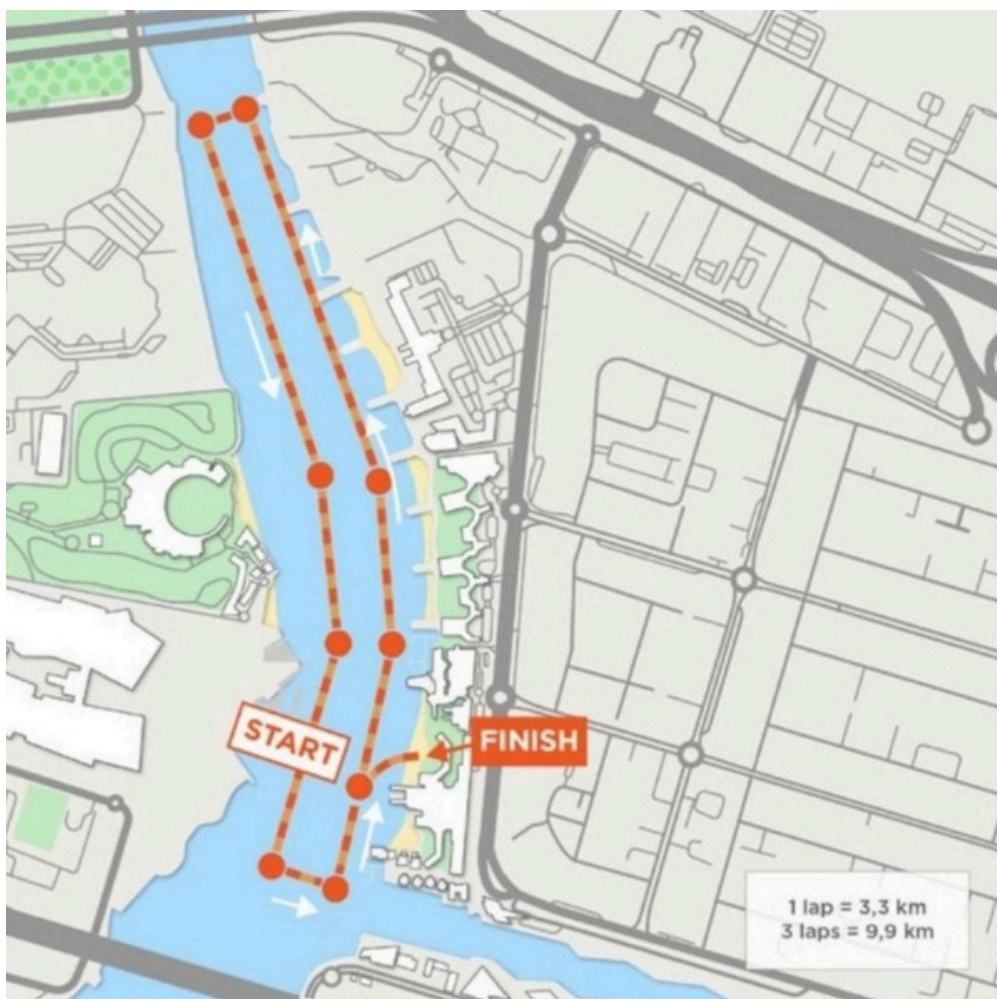
Long distance

All athletes are required to pass through ID control, which will be located before the embarkation area.

- Some athletes participating in the long-distance race will be equipped with GPS devices for better sports presentation. Athletes using GPS will have a separate line at ID control. It's essential to arrive early at ID control, as the process may take some time, especially for those with GPS devices. Missing your start time due to delays at ID control will not result in a delay in the race start.
- ID control for Long distance races will open 1 hour before the first start.
- In Long distance and Inflatable races, the start line will be between two buoys on the water. All boards must remain behind the line of the two buoys.
- The start command is "Ready" followed by a "horn" signal. The nose of the board must not go over the start line before hearing the start signal. If the nose of the board is over the start line at the sound signal, it is a false start and could result in a time penalty or disqualification.
- The Long distance course for all age groups will be approximately 10 km (3 laps). For inflatable, it will be approximately 3.3 km (1 lap).
- Drafting between athletes in different categories is not allowed and can result in a penalty. Penalty applies to the athlete who obtains the advantage.



- This race is featuring a water start and a beach finish. Athletes need to finish on the beach with their paddle in the hand. Boards will be collected by volunteers, don't go back to your board, collect it from the outside of the finish area.
- Please don't forget to return your GPS device to the volunteers after the finish line on the shore.



Venue related infos

- The hotel pool is exclusively for in-house guests of the Shangri-La Qaryat Al Beri Hotel.
- External food and beverages are NOT permitted to be brought into the hotel.
- The **BBQ party** will be organised on the beach of Traders Hotel on Saturday, **1st November, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Please purchase your ticket before you reach accreditation on the link below:

[BBQ Party ticket](#)

- **Board removal** from the venue will take place on the **night of 2nd November (Sunday)**.
- If you're looking to purchase **brand-new top-brand SUP boards** at highly discounted prices (40-50% off) or other watersports accessories, please visit the **Paddlers Hub tent** located in the board rental area. Shipping and flexible payment options are available.
- We provide board rental option for the official training, please book here:

[Boat rental for training](#)



Recreational events related infos

- Both surfski races (long and short courses) have been rescheduled to Saturday, 1st of November, starting at 7: 30 a.m.
- We highly encourage everyone to join our 100 m Fun Team Races on Saturday, 1st of November
- Families, friends, colleagues, and teammates — create your teams and be part of the fun!

Use code PH70 at registration to receive a 70% discount.

Please follow the link to register for these short, exciting races, held after the main races on Saturday.

Mega SUP Registration

It's only 100 m — just 2-3 minutes of fun — and a great way to enjoy the atmosphere, celebrate teamwork, and spread good vibe!



Venue map



Medical care

First aid will operate at the venue, ambulance staff will be on duty during the championship.

Hospital and clinic assistance for the official participants of the World Championships are to be covered by their medical insurance policy, the Host Organising Committee is not responsible for any expenses related to hospital treatment, dental treatment, or any other medical treatment.

Medical establishments in Abu Dhabi

Ambulance will be on duty at the championships.

Medical emergency services: Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital

Address: Airport Road, Next to Zayed Sports City

Telephone: 800 2000

Opening hours: 24 hours

Dental Care: Your Dental and Medical Centre Rabdan

Khalfan Matar Saeed Al Rumaithi St - Rabdan - RB3 - Abu Dhabi

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