

# NATIONS MEETING WWC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SABERO 12/8/2024

## TOPICS FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION

- calendar
- development
- team races

With these topics we would like to open a discussion and continue at the beginning of December during an online meeting. This meeting will be also about presenting you with the new ICF Wildwater Committee.

### I. calendar

*informative part, reality dealing:*

2025:

02-08.06.2025 Europeans Mezzana (ITA)

24-29.06.2025 June/U23 World Championships Solkan (SLO)

18.-20.09.2025 Sprint Worlds Ceske Budejovice (CZE)

World Cups ??? (Banja Luka, La Plagne)

2026:

World Championships (La Plagne ???)

Jun/U23 Europeans ???

World Cups ?????

2027:

World Championships Sort (ESP)

World Cup (Sort and???)

Jun/U23 Worlds ?????

*topics that we would like to open a discussion:*

- do we need to have World Championships every year? → lack of human resources
- tournament in NZL, in CAN + USA, GBR + IRL, BRA?
- get together the location and the time of the events (for example Sort 2027 Sprint World Champs + World Cups classic in Sort + World Cups f.e. in France)
- Is it right to organize World Championships and World Cups in the same period?

### Notes from the discussion:

**USA + CAN => no backbone, seems not to have the ability to do it soon**

CAN lack of volunteers

USA lack of fundings



## **GBR + IRL**

Meeting with Big Boss of paddle UK, try to convince Paddle UK to organize low budget competition

It would help to come to the ECA Cup to Llangollen in November to support the organizers and to show the federation the will of competing

Merging with CSL

## **ITA**

remove team events (always troubles to make them official) and merge the WWC Sprint Worlds with CSL World Championships

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## **II. development**

*informative part, reality dealing:*

- we have built the policy for the TIP Development Team selection following the ICF criteria: gender equity, targeting mainly u23 athletes, welcoming nations in the program for 2 years maximum
- here we have 8 nations, 11 athletes, 3 coaches, 1 logistic assistant
- this TIP Development camp is run by an ICF Organizing Committee budget
- supported nations are: BRA, CAN, EST, HUN, IRL, ROU, UKR, VEN
- nations that were keen to help with the boat rental: AUT, CZE, CRO, ESP, FRA, GBR, NED, IRL, SLO, SUI, SVK
- we were trying to organize also material help for the overseas countries, which was in the end complicated in a point of the total number of boats, very probably we will leave this kind of help in their hands for the next events
- we cannot support everyone every year, we would like to focus on bringing new countries + developing the canoe categories

*topics that we would like to open a discussion:*

- Who do you think should take part in the TIP Development Program in the future to keep it productive?
- What should we focus on more? The development of coaches or athletes or both at the same time?

**Notes from the discussion:**

**Access to have coaches for big teams:** contact list of the representatives of big European Nations (Francesco Baldan as an contact from Italy, Jules Miglinieks from France, etc.) - these

representatives will try to be ready for the bigger overseas nations.

**TIP list of contacts**, coaching → this list already exists, and can be shared to the organizers and to the wildwater public

### SLO idea

2 years of being in the TIP or any of the supporting programs is not enough because they will be taking part on just two events, not enough for the inclusion.

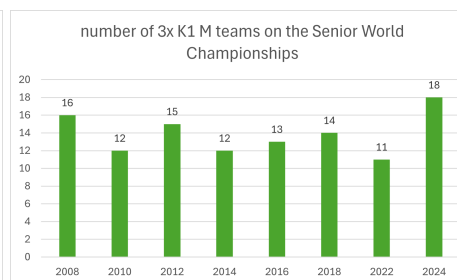
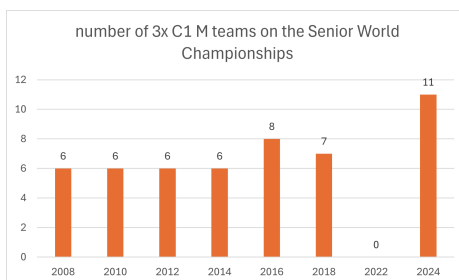
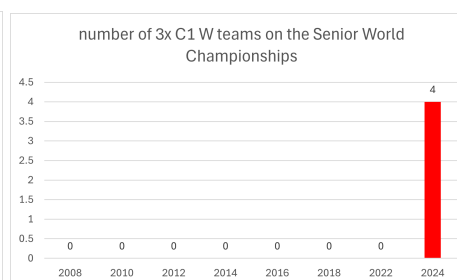
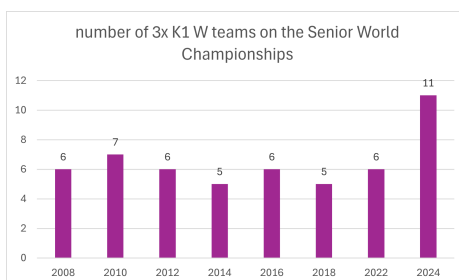
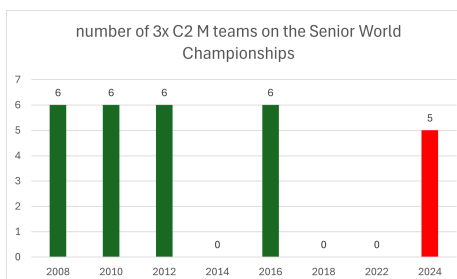
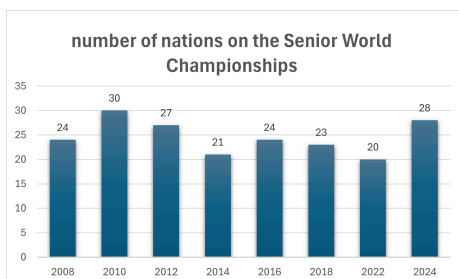
Coaches need to be connected between countries and not through the ICF program.

**Mentor coaches on the river bank** → building a network of coaches from the development countries.

**Big nations need to help small nations** with coaching support. In the term of 1 : 1 → one country will take care of one „new“ nation.

## III. team races

*informative part, reality dealing:*  
statistics



*topics that we would like to open a discussion:*

How can we secure these higher number of teams in the future?

How can we support the C1 W and the C2 team races?

Can we prevent the last-minute applications of the teams to “save “ the categories?

This will be discussed during the next nation meeting online in December 2024