

## ICF PARACANOE for 2025

# Bulletin #1

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## PARACANOE NEWS:

### LOS ANGELES, 2028 – PARACANOE

The IPC has selected 22 sports, out of 32 applications, to be included in the 2028 Paralympic Games. Paracanoe is one of the 22 successful sports. ICF has applied for the addition of the Men's and Women's VL1 events with 10 athlete quota lots for each event. In addition, we have requested an increase in athlete quota slots for the existing ten events from 10 in Paris to 12 in LA. IPC is expected to announce their decision in June of this year.

### CLASSIFICATION WORKSHOPS

In 2025, the Paracanoe Committee is planning to hold two Level 3 Classification Workshops. At this point in time, Japan may host a workshop for the Asia Pacific Area. Also, the United States may host a workshop in October. Confirmation of these workshops will be announced as soon as possible on the ParaCanoe section of the ICF website.

In 2026, ICF is looking for a host nation in Europe for a Level 3 Classification Workshop.

**ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES**

There are two Paracanoe Athlete representatives on the ICF’s Athlete Commission. Elections for the positions will be at the 2025 Milan World Championships. An announcement from ICF about the election process will be forthcoming in May

**UPPER LIMB Impairment Athlete Classification - INFO**

The ICF has embarked upon a project to include athletes with upper limb impairments within the official Paralympic athlete classification system. The first step in this process is for National Federations to recruit these athletes. ICF has designed an athlete classification system for those with Upper Limb impairments. National Federations can apply this system at the national level. When a sufficient number of athletes are recruited, ICF will conduct a global study for ultimate submission to the IPC. The Classification System is available at this link:

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/upper\\_limb\\_illustrated\\_guide\\_to\\_classification\\_26.09.23\\_1.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/upper_limb_illustrated_guide_to_classification_26.09.23_1.pdf)

**2025 PARACANOE COMPETITIONS**

**2025 POZNAN WORLD CUP**

**POZNAN, POL**

- Classification period: 18-20 May
- Team Leader Meeting: 21 May
- Competition: 22-25 May
- Event page : [www.icfpoznan.pl](http://www.icfpoznan.pl)

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sunday 18 May	Monday 19 May	Tuesday 20 May	Wednesday 21 May	Thursday 22 May	Friday 23 May	Saturday 24 May	Sunday 25 May
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races

- **Classification preferred dates can be requested through a Doodle Poll from 2 to 4 April**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best efforts to accommodate everyone.
- **Numerical Entries deadline: April 7**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **April 18**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **April 18**
- **Nominal Entries deadline: May 12**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded to the ICF **by May 16**
- **Entries shall use the ICF SDP system**

**Intellectual Impairment (II) Events**

- Friday, May 23
- No Fee for the competition
- Male & Female K1 events (ParaCanoe kayaks). Competitors shall provide their own ParaCanoe regulation Kayaks
- Male & Female Unified KT2 events (touring kayaks) Touring K2’s provided by the Organizing Committee
- PFDs (lifejackets) and paddles provided by competitor.
- Entries to use: [sdp@canoeicf.com](mailto:sdp@canoeicf.com)
- Submit confirmation of registration and number of athletes by May 11 to: [rozazar@wp.pl](mailto:rozazar@wp.pl)

## 2025 ECA CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

### PONTE DE LIMA, POR.

Classification Period: June 2-3  
 Team Leader Mtg. June 4  
 Paracanoe Events: June 4 and June 6  
 Event website: [www.canoemarathonportugal.com](http://www.canoemarathonportugal.com)

These events are exhibition events. All twelve categories and a special Open Category will be raced. The Open Category is for all non-eligible impairment groups. See the Bulletin for more info.

NOTE: All competitors are required to use kayaks and Va'a boats which meet the ICF Paracanoe technical standards. See Chapter 3 of the Paracanoe Competition Rules: <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#paracanoe>

- Athlete Classification will take place on Monday, June 2 and Tuesday, June. 3
- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from 15-17 APRIL**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, May 2**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **Monday, May 2**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded by **May 31**

## 2025 ASIAN PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Pattaya, THA

- Classification period: 8 – 10 June
- Team Leader Meeting: 11 June
- Competition: 12 - 15 June
- For Info : link TBC

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday 8 June	Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June	Saturday 14 June	Sunday 15 June
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting & Opening	Races	Races	Races	Races

- **Classification preferred dates can be requested through a Doodle Poll from 22 to 24 April**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best efforts to accommodate everyone.
- **Numerical Entries deadline: TBC**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **May 8**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **May 8**
- **Nominal entries deadline: TBC**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded to the ICF **by June 6**

## **2025 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **RACICE, CZE**

- Classification Period: 16 – 17 June
- Team Leader Meeting: 18 June
- Competition: 19 – 22 June
- Event Website: [www.canoeracice.com](http://www.canoeracice.com).
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Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June	Saturday 21 June	Sunday 22 June
Classification	Classification	Team Leader Mtg.	Races	Races	Races	Races

- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from 1-3 May**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone
- **Numerical Entries deadline: May 5**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded **by May 16**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded **by May 16**
- **Nominal Entries deadline: June 9**
- **Entries submitted through the ICF SDP system**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded to the ICF **by June 14**

## **2025 ICF CANOE SPRINT & PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **MILAN, ITA**

- Classification period: 16-18 Aug.
- Team Leader Meeting: 19 Aug
- Competition: 20-24 Aug
- Event Bulletin link : [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025\\_icf\\_canoe\\_sprint\\_world\\_championship\\_milano\\_bulletin.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025_icf_canoe_sprint_world_championship_milano_bulletin.pdf)

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sunday 16 Aug	Monday 17 Aug	Monday 18 Aug	Tuesday 19 Aug	Wednesday 20 Aug.	Thursday 21 Aug	Friday 22 Aug.	Saturday 23 Aug	Sunday 24 Aug
Classification	Classification	Classification	Team Leader Meeting	Races	Races	Races	Races	Races

- **Classification preferred dates can be requested through a Doodle Poll from 3 to 5 July**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best efforts to accommodate everyone.
- **Numerical Entries deadline: July 6**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **July 16**
- **All Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **July 16**
- **Nominal entries deadline: Aug 10**
- **Equipment Passports** must be sent **by Aug 14**

## **2025 CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**GYOR, HUNGARY**

**Numerical Entries      July 21**  
**Nominal Entries        Aug 25**

- **Classification preferred dates will be asked through a Doodle Poll from July 16-18**
  - Classification schedule will be communicated directly to the team leaders
  - Selected preferred dates are not guaranteed, but we do our best effort to accommodate everyone

Classification Period:    Sept. 1-2  
Team Leader Mtg.        Sept. 3  
Competition:             Sept. 4-7  
Paracanoe Events:        Sept. 4-5  
Event website:            <https://gyor2025.com/>

For the first time, all twelve categories and a special Open Category will be raced as official World Championship Events. The Open Category is for all non-eligible impairment groups. See the Event Bulletin for more info.

NOTE: All competitors are required to use kayaks and Va'a boats which meet the ICF Paracanoe technical standards. See Chapter 3 of the Paracanoe Competition Rules: <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#paracanoe>

- **Athlete Classification** will take place **on Monday, Sept 1 and Tuesday, Sept 2**
- **Medical Diagnosis Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, Aug 31**
- **ALL Classification Documents** must be uploaded by **Friday, Aug 31**
- **Equipment Passports** must be uploaded by **Aug 29**

## **2025 PANAM PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ASUNCION, PARAGUAY**

**Date: Aug. 28-31**

**More information is not available at this time.**  
**ICF is planning to have Athlete Classification available for the competition.**

## **Health Measures for the Classification areas**

Safety measures and precautions are still in place for the classifications. The classification team will follow the IPC guidelines in respect to the COVID-19 situation.

This will result in:

- Avoiding too many persons in the waiting area
- Mandatory mask in the classification area
- Disinfectant use for athletes' hands, Classifiers hands, cleaning all material and tables after a single use, disinfecting any area touched during classification (including equipment adaption or prosthesis)
- Non-latex gloves for classifiers available (single usage)

The athlete and accompanying personnel will be asked to attend classification with their own masks.

## **ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION**

Athletes with one of the following statuses are required to pass Athlete Classification before competing:

- "REVIEW Status with a Fixed Review Date" before the Competition
- "REVIEW Status" or
- "New Status"

The athlete classification schedules will be organized through classification doodle polls, through which the Team will be able to choose a preferred date for the athlete's classification.

The detailed schedule will be communicated to each Team Leader / NF / NPC a few days after the classification scheduling poll has closed.

If an athlete fails to attend his/her classification slot, he/she will not be classified and will not be permitted to race.

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes and all their equipment are expected to be present for the entire Classification Period. Athletes must be classified separately for Kayak and Va'a.

### **Platform for uploading classification documents:**

The Classification platform has to be used for uploading documents to the ICF Classifiers. No document should be sent by email or any other form.

This platform allows a secure and confidential transfer of documents, as well as a secure storage. It is compliant with the IPC Code on Data Protection.

- All mandatory documents should be uploaded on this platform before the specific deadline.
- An access will be required for log-in to the system. If you need a new access, please send an email to: [David.Bugar@canoeicf.sport](mailto:David.Bugar@canoeicf.sport)
- The preferred format for all documents is PDF

Access to the *Classification Upload Platform*:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/classification>

### **Link to current Master List:**

<https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/paracanoe>

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

Athletes attending classification at competitions must upload the following Paracanoë forms on the *Classification upload platform* before the classification period, with the following deadlines:

**Not later than 4 weeks before the start of the classification period of the Competition** (*unless otherwise indicated*)

- Paracanoë Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis
- Athlete Diagnosis Form
- Any/All other supporting medical documentation

**Not later than 2 weeks before the start of the Classification period of the Competition:**

- Declaration of Medical Complications & Emergency Measures
- Paracanoë Athlete Information & Consent
- Strapping waiver – this document will be valid for the whole 2023 season
- PFD waiver - this document will be valid for the whole 2023 season

**Not later than 3 days before the event or before the Classification:**

- Equipment passport for Kayak – if the athlete competes in a Kayak category
- Equipment passport for Va'a – if the athlete competes in a Va'a category

All documents must be completed in English.

**Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis** must be completed in English and signed by a medical doctor. It should also include supporting medical diagnostic documentation. In complex cases, additional supporting medical information may be requested.

The forms are available to download from the ICF Website in the Paracanoë area – in the classification page:

<http://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/paracanoë>

Any athlete who is entered in an event for which he/she has no classification will not be permitted to race.

Paracanoë athletes may enter more than one event if their classification makes them eligible to do so and the schedule permits. (NOTE: Athletes are not permitted to compete outside their classification category, ie. A KL1 category athlete may not race 'up' into KL2)

NF's are required to provide their own boats for their classification. The ICF is unable to provide a boat loan service. Federations who need to borrow boats for the competition or for classification should make boat loan arrangements early with boat manufacturers or event organizers.

## **EQUIPMENT PASSPORT**

ALL athletes competing **MUST** complete and upload an Equipment Passport on the *classification upload platform*. The Passport may be uploaded only once at the beginning of the competition season for the entire season.

If the equipment passports are not completed and uploaded, the athlete will not be allowed to race. The Equipment Passports will be checked during classification and before each race. If the equipment does not match the equipment passports, the athlete will not be allowed to race.

If the athlete has sent an Equipment Passport before but has changed some equipment, a new Equipment Passport must be uploaded on the *classification upload platform* and the changes must be specified.

If the athlete has been given a Confirmed Status and are changing the equipment, the Chief Classifier will determine if the changes are approved.

The equipment passport form is available to download from the Paracanoe section of the ICF website.

## **SAFETY OF STRAPPING DEVICES**

*Strapping regulations : Rule 3.5.2 of Paracanoe Competition Rules*

*“...Any strapping used to connect the athlete with the boat must be of a “quick release” type and this can be demonstrated by the athlete prior to the competition.”*

The Paracanoe Committee conducted an analysis about boat strapping adaptations (rule 3.5.2). This analysis showed that most of the athletes’ adaptations are consistent with the rule about strapping in the boat. Unfortunately, some athletes do not appear to follow the expected safety requirements of “quick release”. Inappropriate straps are potentially dangerous for the athletes in the event of a capsized.

The Paracanoe Committee strongly reminds all National Federations and Team Leaders of their responsibility in this matter.

We require all nations and athletes to ensure their full compliance with the safety rules.

## **ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION**

For the ICF World Cups and ICF World Championships, every Paracanoe athlete must pass the anti-doping online course. The course can be accessed here:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

The Athlete Learning Program about Health and Anti-Doping (ALPHA) gives athletes information about the dangers of doping, the importance of anti-doping controls and promotes positive attitudes to avoiding doping.

It consists of eight sessions and takes two hours to complete. Athletes are encouraged to take the course in several stages. Progress is then saved from one visit to another. A pre- and post-course anti-doping knowledge test and attitude survey is included to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

A score of 80% or higher is required for ALPHA certification, though athletes with insufficient scores are able to repeat the program until they achieve the minimum 80% score. Those who have completed the programme in previous years do not need to redo it.

Please enter the correct identity information while creating an account, as the completion of the course will be recorded.



## **PARACANOE RACING RULES**

For a full reading of the ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules and Classification Rules & Regulations, go to: [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025\\_icf\\_competition\\_rules\\_paracanoe\\_final.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025_icf_competition_rules_paracanoe_final.pdf)

For the ParaCanoe Competition Rules document which tracks the 2025-26 changes go to this link: [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025\\_icf\\_competition\\_rules\\_paracanoe\\_-\\_marked-up.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025_icf_competition_rules_paracanoe_-_marked-up.pdf)

### **NOTABLE RULES for PARACANOE**

*(see Paracanoe Rulebook & Classification Rules for exact wording.)*

A 50 euros fee will be charged for every late entry, under the condition that the entry is accepted by the Paracanoe Committee.

A 200 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Classification.

A 75 euro fee must accompany each Protest of a Competition Rule.

National Federations are permitted two entries in all Paracanoe events.

Athletes are only permitted to race in the class in which they are classified; i.e. A KL1 category athlete can only race in KL1.

Spray skirts/Spray decks are not permitted for Paracanoe classification or Paracanoe races unless approved by the Chief Official due to inclement weather conditions. Kayaks are only permitted to have one rudder under the hull. Hence, skegs and/or projecting keels are not permitted. Rudders may be fixed.

Only stabilizing pontoons are permitted as modifications for stability. Va'a hulls are permitted to be concave. Rudders, skegs and projecting keels are not permitted.

Boat Dimensions & Weight (ICF Paracanoe Competition Rules – Section 7.2)

	<b>Kayak</b>	<b>Va'a</b>
Max. length	520	730
Min. width	50*	
Min. weight	12	13**

NOTE: \* measured 10 cm from the bottom of the hull.

\*\*Including hull, ama & iatco

All measurements in cm and all weights in kg.

### **PARACANOE ADMINISTRATION FEES**

Paracanoe teams attending the ICF World Cups & ICF World Championships (CSP & CAM) are subject to the fees noted in the table below. Fees will be calculated from the ICF's SDP entry system and will be invoiced by the ICF office after the event directly to each National Federation. Payment by cash during the competition is not possible.

<b>Team Size</b>	<b>Euros</b>
Less than 4	150
Less than 8	300
Less than 12	400
12 or more	500

## **PARACANOE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Some Paracanoe introductory documents have been developed in twelve languages, in order to help as many countries as possible to run introduction classes or webinars for their coaches / members. The Paracanoe experts remain available for sharing the knowledge with the developing countries.

<https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/paracanoe>

## **QUESTIONS??:**

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