



**DIFFERENCES IN THE COMPETITION RULES BETWEEN ECA AND ICF  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CANOE SPRINT and PARACANOE**

Valid from 1 January 2021

**GENERAL:**

- To be recognised as official European Championships each event in each discipline has to fulfil minimum participation of 5 nations.
- The Jury consist of up to three (3) persons. The Board of Directors of the ECA appoints them. One of these persons is named Chair of the Jury.
- The ECA Jury members and the ECA Technical delegate must have their travel and accommodation paid for by the organizer of the Championships.
- The ECA Jury members will select the third member of the Jury from people present at the competition if this is not already allocated.
- ECA Canoe Sprint Championships Seniors and Paracanoe will be held every year in 4 days program, except in the year of the European Games provided Canoe Sprint is on the program and special or particular circumstances.
- ECA Canoe Sprint Championships Juniors and Under 23 Championships will be organized together in 4 days program.
- ECA Protest fee is € 75, 00.
- Automatic start system. On each automatic start lane has to be a clear lane number visible for Athletes and Starters.

# **CANOE SPRINT**

## **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- No C4 Men and Women
- No C-finals

## **JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- No C-finals
- No C4 Men and Women
- A first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her 15th birthday.
- The last year that competitor can compete in the Junior category in the year of his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Each competitor can start only in one individual age category (juniors or under 23). It is not allowed to compete in both age categories.

## **UNDER 23 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- No C-finals
- No C4 Men and Women
- The last year that competitor can compete in the under 23 category in the year of his/her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday (no bottom level). Please note a first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her 15th birthday).
- Each competitor can start only in one individual age category (juniors or under 23). It is not allowed to compete in both age categories.

## **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ONLINE ENTRIES**

- For Kayak Men 40 online entries
- For Canoe Men 25 online entries
- For Kayak/Canoe Women 25 online entries.

## **NOMINAL ENTRIES (ICF Canoe Sprint Rules 1.6)**

- Nominal entries at least 10 days before the first day of the competition.

## **ALTERATIONS OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS (ICF Canoe Sprint Rules 9.5 and 13.4)**

- Any competitor named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute any other in any event (kayak men, kayak women, canoe men).
- Only in case of sickness notification of alterations in the entries must be given in written form (with an attest from the competition doctor) to the chief official at least one hour before the first race of the day.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> BOAT CONTROL / PRE-COMPETITION CONTROL (ICF Canoe Sprint Rules 9.7 and 13.9.1)**

- No 1<sup>st</sup> (Pre-Competition) boat control.
- The Organizer will provide two (2) exactly the same scales and one (1) boat measuring device 2 (two) days before the first day of the competition.
- This equipment will be at the disposal to all the athletes.
- The competitors are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the Technical requirements for the competitions.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> BOAT CONTROL / POST RACE BOAT CONTROL (ICF Canoe Sprint Rules 13.9.3)**

- Direct after all the 200/500/1000 and 5000m races, three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee will be re-controlled.
- Weight, dimensions and shape of these boats will be controlled on a random system.

## **SPRAY DECKS / CAPS AND/OR HEIR BANDS (ICF Canoe Sprint Rules 13.9.2)**

- Spray decks are free all the time.  
If you have a spray deck in the K2 or K4 it has to be the same colour.
- Caps and/or hair bands.  
If athletes wear a cap and/or hair band they need to have the same colour

## **PARACANOE**

### **THE ORDER OF EVENTS (ICF Paracanoe Rules 9.7 and 13.2.2)**

- The order of the events will be decided by ECA Paracanoe Technical delegate in cooperation with Canoe Sprint Technical delegate.

### **BOAT CONTROL + ID CONTROL (ICF Paracanoe Rules 13.9)**

- Boat control is responsibility of the Classifiers.
- ID control can be done by the ITO's Canoe Sprint
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BC Classifiers are at the boat control.

### **RACES**

- Competition Committee is responsible for the results of the races.

### **AFTER THE FINISH OF PARACANOE RACES:**

- During the Canoe Sprint races, it is forbidden for Paracanoe athletes to get on the water.
- The organization cannot give the right safety to the Paracanoe athletes, if they not follow the security traffic rules.

### **SPRAY DECKS (ICF Paracanoe Rules 3.2.11)**

- It is forbidden to compete with a spray deck.
- Only in special circumstances the Competition Committee can give permission.  
Information about this will be given by the speaker, country boxes and hang at the info board.

### **CLASSIFIERS / OFFICIALS**

- Maximum of 10 paracanoe officials (including paracanoe technical delegate).

## **ANTI DOPING Canoe sprint/Paracanoe**

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Seniors	16
Under 23	8
Juniors	8
Paracanoe	6