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CANOE POLO ECA CUP

Bulletin d'informations





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INTRODUCTION

Dear national federation, dear canoe polo friends,

The European Canoe Association entrusts to the French Canoe Federation, the city of Saint Omer and the local canoe polo club, the organization of one of the 2024 ECA CUP stage.

We thank the European Canoe Association to have chosen the city of Saint-Omer as the organizer of this competition, and it is with a great pleasure that we will receive this event on 22th and 23th June 2024.

The Organising Committee and all volunteers ensures the quality of competition and wishes that this sporting event remains an unforgettable one for every canoe polo amateurs.

We wish everybody a good tournament.



GENERAL INFORMATION

KEY DATES

14th April 2024	Deadline for nominal entries (and meal reservation)
21th April 2024	Confirmation of entries by Organising Committee
23rd May 2024	Deadline for visa (invitation letter)
June 2024	Timetable to the teams and federations
22th June 2024	Competition day 1
23th June 2024	Competition day 2

VENUE NAME/ADDRESS

Canoë Kayak Club de Saint-Omer

Bassin de l'AA

Ecl Saint-Bertin, 62500 Saint-Omer

KEY CONTACTS

Organisation: saintomer2022@gmail.com

The Saint-Omer club: ck.stomer@orange.fr

FFCK Event Service – International Relationships: events@ffck.org / lfraise@ffck.org

Website : <https://www.canoekayak-saintomer.com/wordpress/>

COMPETITION SITE

The Saint-Omer club:

In 2017, the Saint-Omer Canoe Kayak Club (CKCSO) hosted the European Canoe Polo Championship.

In 2022, the CKCSO had the great opportunity to organize an international championship: ICF Canoe Polo World Championships. It is therefore important to renew a championships like the 2024 European Canoe Polo Championship.

Located in the Audomarois marshes along the Neufossé canal (which offers more than two kilometers of navigation), the club has international standard facilities to host this competition.

In addition, the CKCSO The site is equipped with:

- 4 competition fields (35x23 m) to ICF standards
- A training and warm-up area (athletes will have the canal next to the site)
- A facility fully accessible to athletes and spectators
- An athletes' village with boat storage
- Catering on

LOCATION

HOW TO ACCES SAINT-OMER





By plane : If you come by plane, please find below all narrow airports

TRIP	DISTANCE	TRAVEL TIME
Saint-Omer – Brussels Airport	187 km	2h22
Saint-Omer - Charleroi Airport	182 km	2h12
Saint-Omer – Beauvais Airport	181 km	2h32
Saint-Omer - Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport	239 km	2h18

By train : If you come by train, please visit the website : <https://www.sncf.com/fr> or <https://www.sncf-connect.com/> for French trains and <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr> for Belgium trains.

By train : Paris - Saint-Omer : 2h45.

TRAIN STATION	DISTANCE	TIME
Saint-Omer	1 km	2 min
Lille	65 km	1h00
Calais-Frethun	43 km	40 min
Brussels	180 km	2h10



THE VENUE IN THE CITY

The land of Saint-Omer:

Each event is an opportunity to get together to reinvent together the meaning we want to give to our lives ... hope, laughter, cries of fervour. The “Pays de Saint-Omer” likes to be associated with major unifying events.

Institutions, associations are mobilized so that the competition is crowned with success and that the party is more beautiful, bigger, more successful. Many major sporting events take place in the “Pays de Saint-Omer”, a land of sports: the French National Road Race Championship, the French half-marathon Championship, the European Aerobic Championship, and the ICF Canoe Polo World Championships.

The Pays de Saint-Omer is also full of secrets. Industry is a force, and the UNESCO-labelled marshland immerses you out of time, and the architectural heritage is surprising ...

You get around on foot on the hiking trails, by bike on the cycle tourism routes, by boat in a labyrinth that must be tamed, by vintage train behind a real steam locomotive, by canoe along the Aa river and the Lys, in 2CV or on a rando-rail.

To discover these treasures, you will have to spend several days there, choosing a hotel, a guestroom, a cottage... There will always be a place for you. After admiring the sunset in our marsh, other festivities await you throughout the year such as festivals of theatre, jazz, processions, and traditional festivals. No evening is alike because every moment is unique.

CURRENCY

The currency you can use in Saint Omer is the euro (€).



CATERING

The catering service is offered on Saturday noon and Sunday noon.

Breakfast : 6€ (per person per day)

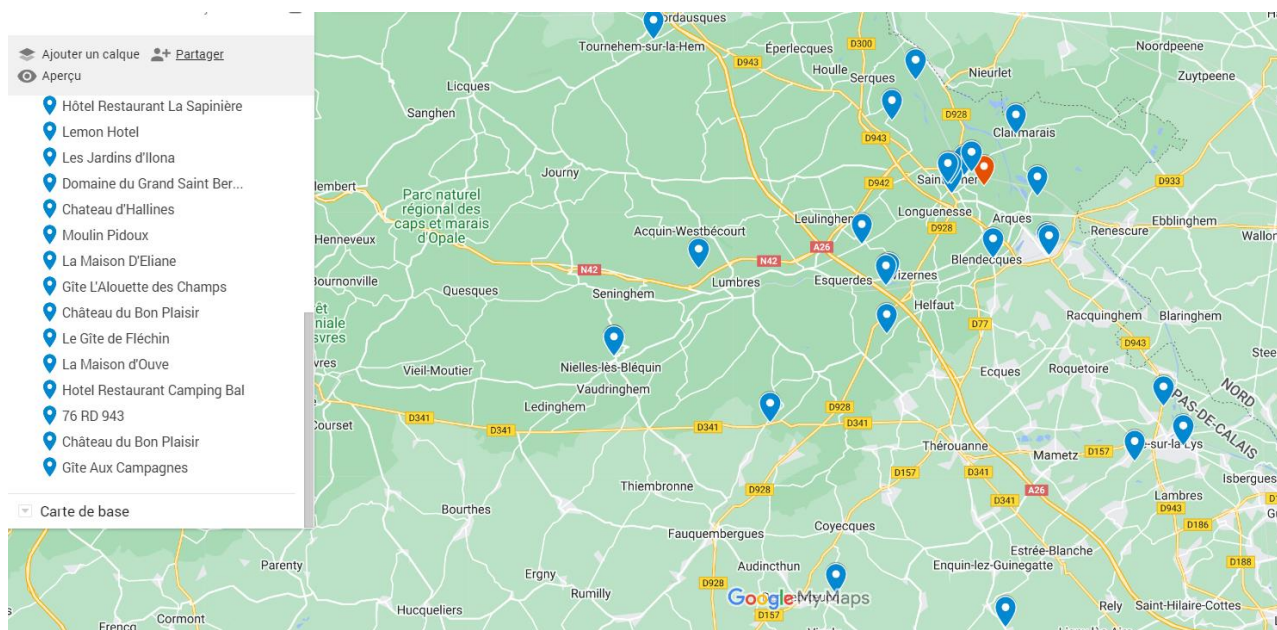
Lunch (including a starter, a hot main course and a dessert) : 14€ (per person per day)

You must reserve the number of meals per nation before April 16. You will find the link of the form in the registration section.

ACCOMODATION

This bulletin only lists hotels and cottages in Saint-Omer and its surroundings (within a radius of 30km)

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CAMPING

An area of the campsite will be reserved for our tournament. Camping on a pitch is offered at €50 per team.

VENUE MAP



SPORT INFORMATION

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Friday 21th June	Accreditation, Equipment control, Team leaders meeting and ITO meeting.
Saturday 22th June	Competition day 1
Sunday 23th June	Competition day 2 and Podium

REGISTRATION

Please complete the online entry form before **16th April 2024** at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/kwchat4z75vDShRd7>

CANCELLATION TERMS

For any cancellation, money already paid to the Organising Committee won't be retrievable.

HOW TO PAY ?

Fees: 250 € per team and 150 € extra per missing Referee

The fees must be paid by bank transfer (SWIFT) according to the following conditions

- 100 % of fees when final registration is done
- Payment deadline : 16th April 2024
- Put the team's name in the comment (category and nation)

Please be aware that possible fees resulting from bank transfer will not be taken in charge by the organising committee.

DO YOU NEED A VISA ?

To know if you need a visa, please visit the following website: <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr>

If you do not manage to obtain a visa

The national federation must send as soon as possible the nominative lists of people who need visas and this following information :

- Name
- First Name
- Gender
- Email
- Phone number
- Passport number
- Date of birth • Arrival date
- Departure date
- Accommodation details

The French Canoe Federation will help you

We will send an official invitation letter for your team to the French Consulate with necessary information. A copy of this letter will be sent to your national federation.

Contact for visa: events@ffck.org / lfraise@ffck.org



LAWS AND SPECIAL REGULATION

The enforceable regulation for the ECA Canoe Polo European Cup will be the same as for ICF World Championships. Please visit the Internet website: www.canoeicf.com

In particular case of a sport event organized in France :

- **Evin laws (N. 91-32 January 10th 1991)**
This law forbids advertising for all alcoholic beverages (any level of alcohol including beer) and tobacco inside sports arenas (canoe slalom stadium is a sport arena). No advertising on tracksuits, boats, paddles ...
- Sport code
- **Protection of athlete health law (N. 99-223 March 23rd 1999)**
Specific doping regulations on French territory.

For any further information about these laws, please visit the website: www.legifrance.gouv.fr

ECA CANOE POLO EUROPEAN CUP – SPECIAL RULES

1. Organisation

- A. The ECA TD will choose a maximum of 2 tournaments from the host federation nominations.
- B. Selected federations will announce entry dates to European Federations at least 4 months in advance of the competition. Details of entry and location should also be posted on the ECA website.
- C. Only National Teams are allowed to enter the European Cup.
- D. Applications to host a European Cup must come from a National Federation on behalf of the organizing committee. copy should be sent to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate (ECA TD) eca.td@canoepolo.eu, and be received by the ECA before 1st October in the year previous to the European Cup to be hosted.

2. Date of competition

- A. The series of competitions must take place during one calendar year.
- B. Dates for the competitions will be posted on the ECA website and on the ICF Canoe Polo Calendar.
- C. Competitions will be held at least 3 weeks apart.
- D. The ECA Cup will normally be held in May, June or July.

3. National Representation

- A. Each European Federation is allowed to nominate one national team in the following categories: Women, Men, U21 Men and U21 Women.
- B. Each category of competition will count towards the overall points total if at least 5 nations are taking part.
- C. "B"-teams and non ECA – affiliated Teams are allowed to enter – their results will not count towards the overall total for a nation.
- D. A European Cup can still be played with less nations taking part however their points will not count to the overall total.



4. Invitations and Entries

- A. Invitations are issued to each National Federation.
- B. Entry forms must be returned by the closing date with the appropriate entry fee for the teams who will represent their federation.
- C. All entries to the hosting federation must come from each National Federation with the appropriate Federation stamp and signed by their National Canoe Polo Chairperson.
- D. Teams not fulfilling these requirements will have their entry forms returned and will be deemed ineligible to participate.
- E. A copy of all entries must be sent to the ECA TD using the email eca.td@canoepolo.eu

5. Player Eligibility

- A. For player eligibility see ICF Rules Chapter 1 Point 3.
- B. A player may compete in more than one category in all tournaments of the European Cup.
- C. Mixed teams are not permitted.
- D. The minimum age for a competitor is 15 years.

6. Referee's

- A. Each participating federation must provide one qualified ICF Referee for each category (Men, Women, U21 Men & U21 Women) in which the federation competes.
- B. If a federation enters all four categories the minimum number of ICF qualified referee's they need to provide is reduced to 3.
- C. The Referee only needs to be ICF qualified. They do not have to be from the participating federation.
- D. A new participating federation can ask the ECA TD for an exemption on providing a referee for 2 years.
- E. At the discretion of the chief Referee teams with special circumstances can apply to use a playing referee, the referee must be ICF registered.

- F. If a federation cannot provide the required number of referees they can still participate but only if they pay a fee of 150 € per missing referee.
- a) This money must be used to cover the costs of finding and using a replacement referee.
 - b) It can also be used to provide food and accommodation for referee's who cover the duties of missing referees.
 - c) Any monies left over can be used by the ECA TD to further referee training and support within federations affiliated to the ECA.

7. Accreditation of players

- A. Players must present their passport or national identity card and insurance card at the accreditation office for each competition.
- B. Any Player who fails to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition

8. Competition Rules

- A. The competition will be played under the ICF Canoe Polo Rules, with the additional changes detailed below.
- B. Before the start of games all team's equipment will be scrutineered.
 - a) If a team plays a match before being scrutineered and their equipment subsequently fails when checked. The results of any games played before being scrutineered will be recorded as a win to the opposition.
- C. All matches will be played with shot clocks.
- D. There will be no timeout after a goal apart from Semi-final and Final matches.
- E. Where possible Referee's should be from two different federations.
- F. Semi-finals and Finals must be played with line judges.
- G. The Jury will consist of 3 people nominated by the organising committee. The chairman should be either an ICF Canoe Polo Committee member or ECA TD.
- H. The competition committee will consist of 3 ICF referee's in attendance at the tournament. They will be responsible for dealing with protests.
 - a) Within 20 minutes of receiving the protest the chief referee will form the competition committee.
 - b) Referees who were involved with the game being protested cannot be part of the committee. They may be called to give evidence.

- I. If a player or coach receives a Red card in their last game of the tournament the team will be docked 5 points. The “next game” ban will be carried over to the next ECA cup in which they attend.
- J. The European Cup winners will be the team that attends both ECA CUPS and wins the most points in all valid European Cup tournaments.
- K. The following points will be allocated for each ECA cup:
 - a) 1st place = 25 points
 - b) 2nd place = 21 points
 - c) 3rd place = 18 Points
 - d) 4th place = 16 Points
 - e) 5th place = 15 Points and so on
- L. If there are teams with the same number of points after all ECA Cup tournaments the winner shall be decided as follows:
 - a) Goal difference in all ECA Cup tournaments.
 - b) Total number of goals scored in all ECA Cup tournaments.
 - c) Honourable play (total number of Red cards).
 - d) If the teams are still tied then an additional match must be played.

9. Entry Fee

- A. The entry fee per team (also “B” Teams and teams from out of Europe) is 250 € per tournament. This is paid directly to the tournament organiser.
- B. Teams will only be accredited once the entry fee is paid.

10. Prizes

- A. A winning Federation must return the trophy the following year.
- B. The Competition Organizer would prepare the medals for each player in each category, 10 senior Men, 10 senior Women, 10 Men Under 21 and 10 Women Under 21. The label on the medal must include location, date and the category. It is not mandatory but recommended.

11. Results

- A. A full set of results must be sent by Email to the ECA TD eca.td@canoepolo.eu a copy should also be published on internet/social media.

12. Technical Delegate /Officials

- A. The ECA will nominate a Technical Delegate who will control the running of the competition on behalf of the ECA.
- B. Each host federation or host club will cover the travel and full accommodation cost for a technical visit and the competition.
- C. The ECA Chief Referee will nominate a referee to act as chief referee at each event. The final decision will rest with the ECA TD.