



BULLETIN

VII. WOMEN'S CANOE CUP IN HUNGARY

The International Canoe Federation will organise the 7th Women's Canoe Cup, accompanied by the Hungarian Canoe Federation's financial and logistical support, which will take place in the City of Szolnok, on 18-19 May 2019.

City of Szolnok is looking forward to host the most prominent canoe sprint women athletes in 2019, also wishes to follow the path of success of all Women's Canoe Cups throughout the years. As the Hungarian Canoe Federation (HCF) has always dug deep into details for organizing high standard international regattas, we are, again, committed to guarantee to run a top event and welcome all elite women sprint canoeists in Szolnok National Venue.

On the following pages, we give it a good shot to sum up all the necessary information that may guide you and your team whilst dwelling in the beautiful town of Szolnok, in the middle of the Hungarian Lowland, before things go pear shaped. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the regatta course, we pen in the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, boat rental, visa issuance, board, lodging and training camp opportunities here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you this year again at the VII. Women's Canoe Cup between the 18th and 19th May, 2019 in Szolnok.

For more information regarding the VII. Women's Canoe Cup 2019, in Szolnok, Hungary, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Csaba Szanto, ICF Development Manager (csaba.szanto@icfcanoe.com) or Andras Szabo HCF Coordinator (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu).

SEE YOU IN MAY in HUNGARY,

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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PROGRAM

Venue: National Regatta Centre, Szolnok, Hungary

Date of competition: 18th – 19th May, 2019

Date for Team leaders' Meeting: 17 of May Friday 18:00 at the Szolnok Sport Centrum, Restaurant

List of events:

Women: 2 categories separately:

- Junior
- Senior

Events:

- WC1: 200m, 500m, 2000m
- WC2: 200m, 500m
- All national federations are allowed to enter 2 boats to each event.
- WC2: mixed country crews are allowed to enter

Competition Programme

18th of May (Saturday): 500m and 200m Heats and Semi Finals

19th of May (Sunday): 500m and 200m Finals and 2000m Long distance,
Medal Ceremonies

BOATS

Athletes may bring their own boats. If necessary, the organizers will also provide boats in limited numbers only, due to needs and pre-bookings (model: Nelo, Plastex). Please note that the specific model of requested boats may not be available.

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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS / BOARD AND LODGING

Accommodation available from 15th May (Wednesday, evening) to 19th May (Sunday, morning) 2019 in Szolnok. Pre-bookings are strongly recommended to be made as early as possible up to limited number of vacancies in town.

Rates (per day per person)
in 2 -4 beds room per person **80 Euros**

The above price includes the lodge and board, domestic transportation, participation fee and boat rental (for more details and information, please see below).

The ICF may financially support 1 or 2 (C2 team) athletes from Developing National Federations to participate in this program. All female canoeists who are participating in the ICF/HUN 'TIP' training camp in Budapest will be automatically entered into the Women's Canoe Cup, free of charge.

COURSE

Canoe Sprint race course of Szolnok National Venue, are frequented by athletes of various classes, from development to high performance, of the National Sprint Canoe Federation and the Rowing Association as well. It is truly said regarding this place that "the place where the number of Olympic Champions per square meters is the highest". Olympians and National Team athletes also hold in high opinion on our water sports facility, due to its versatile opportunities throughout the year. This dead branch of River Tisza is an 11-kilometre long only a stone-throw distance from the city center. The facility fully meets the ICF requirements as using automatic start system, electric time keeping with photo finish camera and video recording.

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And now, some words from the Executive Director of Szolnok Sport Centrum:
Dear Madame / Sir,
Dear Readers,

Sports play a key role in the vivid, colourful social and cultural life of Szolnok. Respecting and preserving traditions are important tasks because the achievements of our predecessors and the past values fill us with pride. Additionally, for the sake of the next generations, the principle, that physical education positively affects society, must also be applied. Its irreplaceable, socially profitable function supports the vital significance of sports in health-care, community life, useful spending of free time and talent promotion. Our slogan is also intended to highlight this positive value: "Live with sports!"

Szolnok Sports Centre Nonprofit Ltd. was founded by Szolnok Municipal Government along the above principles in order to perform local sports tasks. Szolnok Sports Centre Nonprofit Ltd. plays a significant role in cultural and sports life of our town and its agglomeration. It is of high importance for us that our partners enrich in both soul and body, our guests enjoy themselves in our facilities and at our events, and that talented sportsmen can make their dreams come true. (*Jozsef Rozsa, Executive Director, Szolnok Sportcentrum Nonprofit Ltd.*)

ENTRIES, BOAT RENTALS and HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Deadline of Preliminary Entry with boat rental before 29 March:

The preliminary entry with boat rental shall be sent to Csaba Szanto, (csaba.szanto@canoecif.com) and to (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu in the enclosed forms before **29th March**,

[Deadline for Nominal Entry: 1st of May](#)

Hotel Reservation and Travel Information:

The requested hotel reservation shall be sent to Mr. Tamas Varga, HCF Head of Logistics (tamas.varga@mkksz.hu) **before 29th March then the travelling information before 1st May.**

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National federation request the ICF's financial support for participation in the Women Canoe Cup need to send the enclosed application to Csaba Szanto, (csaba.szanto@canoeicf.com). Notification of acceptance of an application will be sent to the National Federation by 1st of April 2019.

Visa Support: Upon request, please contact Andras Szabo (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu) for assistance in the process for obtaining a visa to Hungary, if required.

The application forms is enclosed.

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THE ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Accommodation
- Participation fee
- Three meals per day
- Shuttle bus service connecting the regatta course and the official hotels during the access period, according to timetable
- Right of common and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance of the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t)
- Mineral water during the access period
- Airport (Railway Station) transfer to and from Szolnok

The Organising Committee cannot be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodation.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel rooms, bookings will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

The Organising Committee does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like minibar, telephone, parking, etc., these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

Check-in time is 15:00PM. The rooms are to be vacated until 11:00AM on the day of departure. (Upon request the hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee.)

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INFORMATION

Terms of payment

The participation fees are to be paid as below:

Hotel reservation deadline is the 1st of April, 2019. After the Organising Committee confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with 8 days payment terms. Kindly note that booking shall be provisional until the payment of the invoice has arrived to our bank account hence the Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. With the arrival of the payment it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the Organising Committee verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account. The balance of the total amount needs to be paid upon arrival.

Bank: Granit Bank Zrt.

Bank address: 8. Lechner Ödön fasor, Budapest, Hungary, 1095

Account No: 12100011-10208890-00000000

BIC CODE: GNBAHUHB

IBAN: HU65 12100011 10208890 00000000

Beneficiary: Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség, 2. Latorca utca, Budapest, Hungary 1138

The currency of the account is Euro so please make sure that your payment is in Euro. Please do not forget about the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to pay these extras when transferring money to our bank account.

Accepted methods of payment at accreditation

Besides cash (only Euros and US Dollars are accepted) we accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

Cancellation terms

Should you cancel your booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Organising Committee, as itemized below. The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the participation fee according to the following period of notice given:

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No forfeit if cancelled until the 15th of April, 2019



50% forfeit if cancelled in the period of 15th of April - 30th of April, 2019

100% forfeit if cancelled after the 30th of April, 2019

Boat transportation

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

Insurance

All official participants of Women's Canoe Cup are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

Medical care

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the Women's Canoe Cup: doctor on duty, hospital and clinic assistance. A medical centre will operate at the regatta course with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid, ambulance and physiotherapeutic services are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the Organising Committee is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

Visa to HUNGARY

Visa

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest to you) in time regarding visa requirements. The difficulty of obtaining visa to Hungary varies by regions but you should calculate with a 45-day long issuing period in general to ensure the safe attainment of the visa.

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For Support Letters, please contact Andras Szabo: andras.szabo@canoekft.hu



Please note that the Organising Committee will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your teams' arrival / departure dates, name and address of you're staying, the size of your team by numbers and who they are by name! The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asks the same information from us so we cannot stand up for you without you standing up for yourself by providing this information.

Training camps in Hungary

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports Hungary is a popular location for training camps, again in 2019. Because of usual high demand, please plan your training camps and contact the Hungarian Canoe Federation (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu) well in advance, so we are able to prepare you a custom-tailored package complete with transportation and motorboat.

City of Szolnok

Szolnok (Hungarian pronunciation: ['solnok]) is the county seat of Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county in central Hungary. Its location on the banks of the Tisza river, at the heart of the Great Hungarian Plain, has made it an important cultural and economic crossroads for centuries. Szolnok was named for the first steward of the city, Szaunik or Zounok. The town was first officially mentioned under the name Zounok in 1075. In the following centuries, it was recorded as Zounok, Saunic, Zounuc, and Zawnuch. The variety of spellings likely comes from phonetic discrepancies occurring when Hungarian sounds - originally written in runic Old Hungarian script - were recorded using the Latin alphabet. Another possibility revolves around speculation that the name Szaunik was not a personal name after all, but rather a title relating to the significant salt trade (salt, Hungarian: só) in the area. Szolnok is located in the heart of the Great Hungarian Plain, at the confluence of the Tisza and Zagyva rivers. It lies about 100 kilometers east-southeast from Budapest. The climate of the area is continental, with hot summers following relatively mild winters. The region is one of the sunniest in Europe; the average precipitation is about 490 millimeters annually.



General Information on Hungary

Population: 10.2 million
Area: 93.036 km²
Capital: Budapest (Territory: 525 km²)
Time zone: GMT +1 hour
Official language: Hungarian
State form: republic

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers. Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5F). Temperature extremes are about 38 °C (100F) in the summer and -29°C (-20F) in the winter. Average temperature in the summer is 27 to 32 °C (81 to 90F). The average yearly rainfall is approximately 600mm.

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