



2021 PAN AMERICAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

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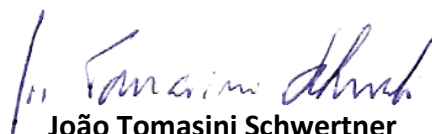
Along with greeting you cordially, we are pleased to invite the National Federations to the **Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship 2021**, to be held at **Parque Radical de Deodoro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ - Brazil, from April 29th to May 2nd, 2021**. The competition will be organized by CBCa - Brazilian Canoe Confederation and supervised by COPAC - Pan American Canoe Confederation.

The event will define the places of the American continental qualification, for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Faced with this important challenge, the entire organizing committee looks forward to the countries' effective participation in this sporting event in the Americas.

I reiterate the real appreciation and the distinguished consideration, with the most respectful regards.

Sincerely,



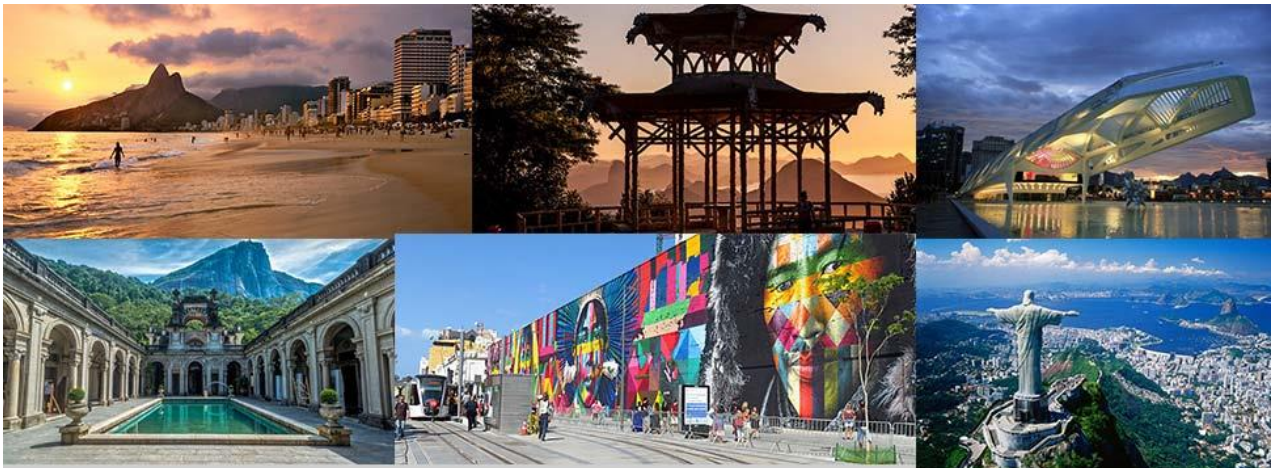
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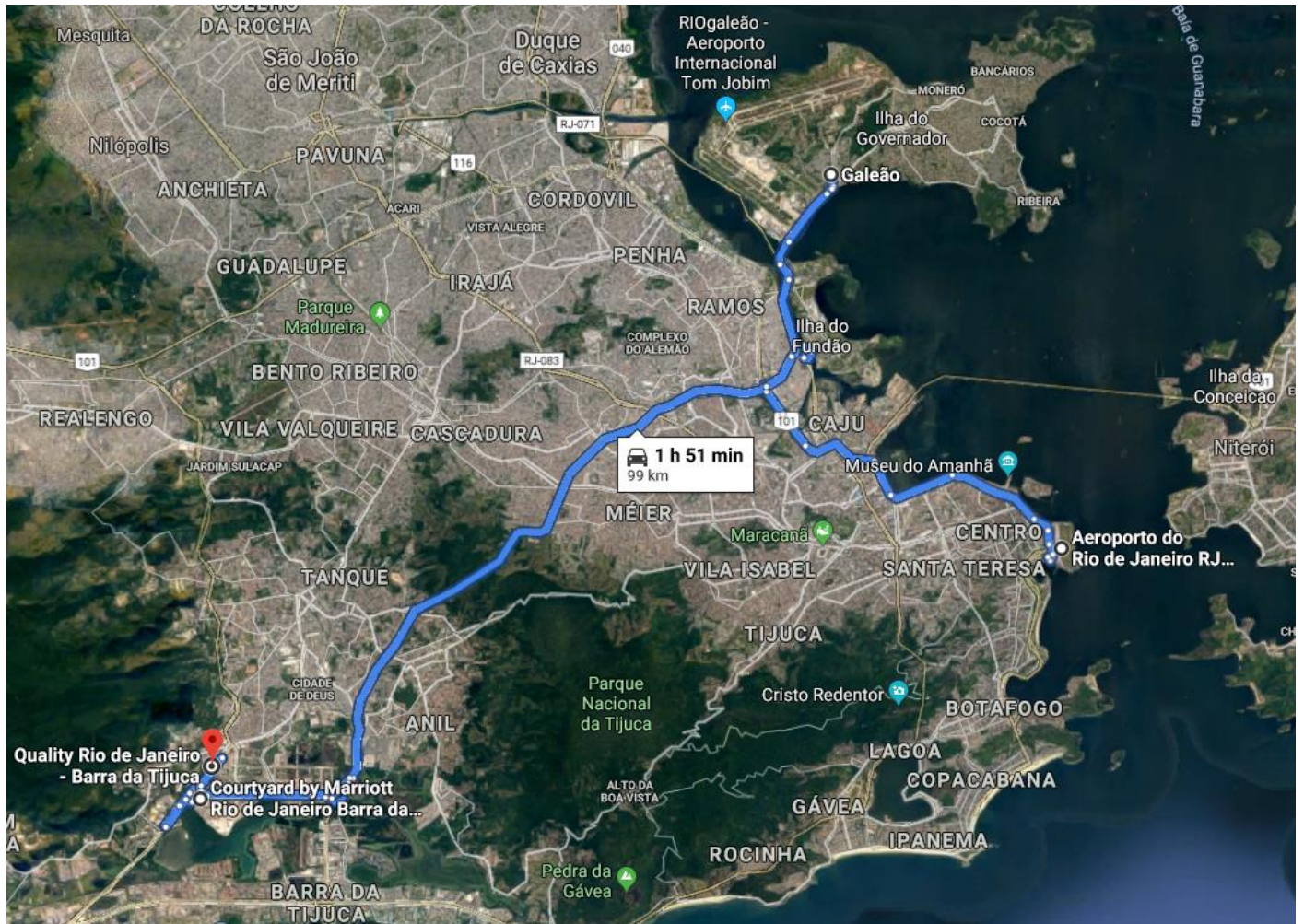
RIO DE JANEIRO: THE WONDERFUL CITY



Rio de Janeiro, with 6,718,903 inhabitants, is the most visited city in the southern hemisphere and is known for its natural surroundings, carnival parties, Samba, Bossa Nova and beaches like Barra da Tijuca, Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon. Some of the most famous landmarks, besides the beaches, include: the gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer, inaugurated in 1931 on the top of Corcovado Mountain, named one of the Seven Wonders of the World; Sugarloaf Mountain with its cable cars; the Sambadrome and the Parades of the Samba Schools during Carnival; the New Year's Eve celebration on Copacabana Beach; and the Maracanã Stadium, one of the largest football stadiums in the world.

In the sports sphere, Rio de Janeiro hosted the 31st edition of the Summer Olympic Games, in 2016, becoming the first South American city to organize this event. In turn, the Maracanã Stadium was the stage for the final match of the FIFA World Cup in 2014. Rio de Janeiro is among the main tourist destinations in Brazil, receiving 2.82 million international tourists per year.

The city of Rio de Janeiro has the Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport (*Galeão*), being used for all international flights and most domestic flights. The city still has the Santos Dumont Airport, located in the financial center of Rio de Janeiro, its inauguration took place in 1936, and since then, the Rio-São Paulo air bridge has been instituted, transporting approximately 4 million passengers per year, which stands out for being the first exclusively civilian airport built in the country.



1 - THE DEODORO RADICAL PARK

The Deodoro Olympic Complex was built for the Olympic Games - Rio 2016, is in the Ricardo de Albuquerque neighborhood, with its 490 thousand square meters, being the second largest of the entire event, just behind the Barra da Tijuca Complex.

Currently called Radical Park (*Parque Radical*), it received three sports during the Olympic Games, however, only the infrastructure of BMX Cycling and Canoe Slalom remain as a legacy mode. Mountain Bike track has been used as temporary equipment, with the entire length of the track returned to the Brazilian Army, as this is a military area.

The Olympic Canoeing Stadium consists of 2 artificial channels. The Olympic channel is intended for official competitions, meeting the requirements of the International Canoe Federation - ICF, has 250 meters in length and 4.5 meters difference between the start and finish, and its rapids are formed by the water volume of 12 cubic meters per second.

The secondary or warm-up channel is 150 meters long and approximately 2 meters in height, operates with an estimated volume of 10 cubic meters per second. Its main objectives are to provide a specific area for warm-up, complementary training and warm-down of athletes during training and competitions.

Seven pumps (four installed in the Olympic channel and three in the warm-up/training channel) operate by the suction system, that is, they capture water in the lake of 25 million cubic meters, equivalent to 10 Olympic swimming pools, and thus supply both routes. Daily the water is subjected to physical chemical treatment to be in perfect condition for use by athletes and other activities developed daily in the Park (Swimming, Water Aerobics, Diving, Rescue Training).

As a safety criterion, four pumps operate at 75% capacity, providing the necessary water flow to supply the canal. The pumping system is operated by a main power network, with a secondary network (backup), to supply an undesirable electrical breakdown or power outage. It is also possible to maintain the same water level only by using 3 pumps with 100% of their capacity, thus creating yet another safety requirement.

The configuration of the water flow is outlined by the Rapid Blocs system. The gates are suspended by parallel cables, moved unilaterally by the pulley system, providing efficiency and speed in adjusting the course for training and competitions.



2 – CATEGORIES

Canoe Slalom

Kayak (K1)	K1M JR	K1M SR	K1F JR	K1F SR
Canoe (C1)	C1M JR	C1M SR	C1F JR	C1F SR

*** The Continental Olympic classification will be based on the general classification, the athletes taking part of the Olympic qualification must be indicated by their respective Federations to dispute the Olympic quota (see item 4).

Canoe Slalom Extreme

MCSLX JR	FCSLX JR	MCSLX SR	FCSLX SR
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3 – PROVISIONAL TRAINING AND COMPETITION PROGRAM

Training Period	
March 15th to 25th, 2021	1st Free Training Period Training schedules will be released soon
April 19th to 22nd, 2021	2nd Free Training Period Training schedules will be released soon
April 23rd to 29th, 2021	Official training period Training schedules will be released soon

Competitions	
April 29, 2021 (Thursday)	07h30 – Pumps start-up 08h00 / 10h:00 – Free training 10h00 – End of training 11h00 – Canoe Slalom Extreme: Time Trial FCSLX JR FCSLX SR MCSLX JR MCSLX SR 13h00 – Course Setting-up - Qualifiers 16h00 – Course Demonstration by Section 16h40 – Course approval 17h00 – Full Length Course Demonstration
April 30,2021 (Friday)	09h00 – Pumps start-up 09h15 – Water stabilization in the channel 10h00 – Canoe Slalom: Qualifiers K1F – K1M – C1F – C1M 15h00 – Course Setting-up - Semi-final and Final 17h00 – Course Demonstration by Section 17h30 – Course approval
May 1, 2021 (Saturday)	09h00 – Pumps start-up 09h15 – Water stabilization in the canal 09h30 – Full Length Course Demonstration (Forerunner) 11h00 – Semi-final K1F and K1M 14h00 – Final K1F and K1M 15h30 – Awards K1F and K1M
May 2, 2021 (Sunday)	08h00 – Pumps start-up 08h15 – Water stabilization in the channel 08h30 – Full Length Course Demonstration (Forerunner) 09h30 – Semi-final C1F and C1M 11h30 – Final C1F and C1M 13h00 – Team event 14h30 – Extreme Canoe Slalom: 1/8 F, QF, SF, F 17h00 – Awards: Canoe Slalom C1F and C1M Team events

	Extreme Canoe Slalom FCSLX JR FCSLX SR MCSLX JR MCSLX SR
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4. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations will be made exclusively via WEB, through the COPAC System, to be released soon.

- Registrations are unlimited to participation in the Pan American Championship;

**** The Continental Olympic Canoe Slalom qualifier is only intended for countries that have not yet conquered the olympic quota and have participated in the 2019 World Championship in La Seu d'Urgell - Spain;**

***** Countries with more than 3 athletes registered in the Canoe Slalom events in the categories - K1M, K1F, C1M, C1F - must indicate at the time of registration up to 3 athletes who will take part in the Continental Olympic Qualification. The nomination will be confirmed at Team Leaders' Meeting.**

Deadlines

Numerical Registration	March 19 th , 2021
Nominal Registration	April 16 th , 2021

The event organization will **not** be responsible for registrations sent after the deadline.

5 - MEETINGS

Team leaders' meeting	April 27 th , 2021	11h00 Radical Park Administrative building
Directors' meeting	April 27 th , 2021	17h00 Radical Park Administrative building
COPAC Technical Committee meeting	TBD	TBD



6 – SERVICES RATE

The service rate is US\$ 240.00 per person to be paid to the bank account to be informed later. The fee includes the following services described below:

- Snack with juice or soda on the venue during the official training and competition period - details to be released in the next newsletters
- Transportation: Rio Galeão International Airport - official hotel - Radical Park

7 – ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The official hotels are **Courtyard Rio de Janeiro Barra da Tijuca** and **Quality Rio de Janeiro**.

Breakfast is included in the price of accommodation. Rates are in Real (R\$), Brazilian currency and the exchange rate on **11/dec/2020: US\$ 1.00 → R\$ 5,06**

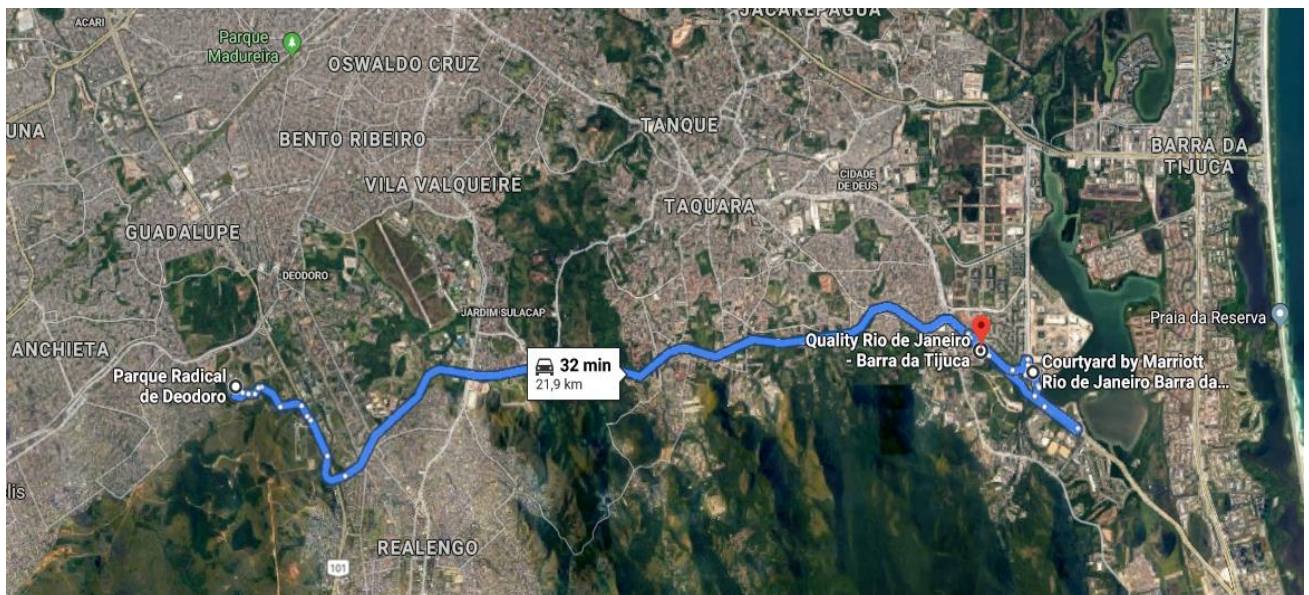
Snack is included in the fee and will be distributed at hydration tent at venue. There will be a snack accompanied by juice or soda.

The teams hosted at Quality have the possibility of having dinner in the hotel restaurant and must be ordered by each team. The cost of dinner is R\$ 70.00.

Accommodation

Daily values – period from April 19th to May 3rd, 2021

Courtyard Rio de Janeiro Barra da Tijuca 5001 Embaixador Abelardo Bueno Av. - Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro Phone: +55 21 4560-2700 E-mail: beatriz.mens@courtyard.com Contact: Beatriz Mens	
Single	Double
R\$ 405,50	R\$ 474,50
Quality Rio de Janeiro 500 Salvador Allende Av - Jacarepaguá - Rio de Janeiro Phone : + 55 21 3443-9999 E-mail: vendas.grjb@atlantichotels.com.br	
Single	Double
R\$ 220,50	R\$ 262,50



8 - VISA

Only **Cuba** and the **Dominican Republic** need a visa to enter Brazil and participate in the 2021 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championship, in Rio de Janeiro. Therefore, it is requested that the National Federations of these two countries seek the Brazilian Consulate.

For more information, countries should request by email to: rio2021@canoagem.org.br

9 – PRE-TRAINING

To schedule pre-training, National Federations may contact Denis Terezani (denis.terezani@canoagem.org.br) and Daniela Rodrigues (daniela.rodrigues@canoagem.org.br) – Please copy both in the email.

The cost of the training hour is US\$ 25.00 per person.

10 – COVID-19 AND BRAZIL ENTRY

Currently, there are no restrictions for foreigners to enter Brazil by air (via international airports) due to the Pandemic. Tests for the detection of Covid-19 (serology and/or PCR) are not required.

However, with the advance of the second phase of Pandemic, several additional protocols will be used during the Pan American Canoe Slalom Championship to ensure the safety of all athletes.

The Organizing Committee will follow the rules, laws and guidelines of the Health Authorities (World Health Organization-WHO and Brazilian government bodies).

11 – COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS AT THE VENUES

According to the current pandemic situation there will be several additional protocols in use during the championships to guarantee safety for all and the organization will follow the public health authorities' rules, laws, and guidelines.

The following list of protocols adopted (not the final version, there can be updates according to new knowledges and according to the current situation):

- Using of face masks or face protection while on Venue, Transportation, Accommodation by all participants, officials, staff, service providers.
- Greater distance between the teams' tents on the Venue, avoiding contact between the teams
- Dedicated transportation for every team, when possible. An additional hygiene care with the vehicles used
- Strict compliance with the rules of social distance
- Avoiding the contact with areas outside the event, maintain the route: Airport – Hotel – Venue
- Monitoring the health conditions of the participants, constant feedback from the teams
- Body temperature measuring upon the entry to Venue, suspected cases will be informed to the organization committee
- Availability to handwashing, alcohol-based hand gel and hygiene facilities at multiple locations
- Careful and regular disinfectant cleaning of all spaces, equipment, and furniture at the venue
- Specialized medical support service and consultancy



12 – COPAC MEETINGS Dec 18th, 2020 AND Jan 16th,2021 REGARDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP APPROVAL

The organizing committee awaits the results of the COPAC meetings on December 18th, 2020 and January 16th, 2021. These meetings will discuss the analysis of the situation at the time of the Covid-19 world pandemic and the approval of the Pan American Canoe Slalom Championship.

Any questions can be sent to the email: rio2021@canoagem.org.br