



**ICF RANKING**  
**SPRINT**  
**České Vrbné**

**30. 8. - 1. 9. 2024**

Lída Polesná wildwater sport centre  
Czech Republic

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# INVITATION



Dear sports friends, ladies, and gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to invite all enthusiasts of this sport to the 2024 ICF Wildwater Sprint Pre-world Championship, which will take place from August 31 to September 1, 2024, in České Budějovice.

On behalf of the Czech Canoe Union, I would like to extend our gratitude to the International Canoe Federation for entrusting us with the privilege of hosting this competition. The technical organization of the race has been delegated to TJ Synthesia Pardubice, a recognized organizer of wildwater events. Since 2007, they have showcased their exceptional organizational skills in numerous senior competitions at the national level, including the very first Czech Wildwater Sprint Championship on the artificial course here in České Budějovice.

The racecourse at the Lída Polesná wildwater sport centre has recently undergone extensive reconstruction, ensuring that the artificial course meets the highest standards required for hosting major international competitions.

The Czech Canoe Union has a proud history of successfully organizing world-class competitions, such as the World Championship 2006 in Karlovy Vary, the Junior European Championship 2003, and several World Cups. Just last year, we hosted the Junior and U23 World Championships in Roudnice nad Labem, as well as the World Cup here in České Budějovice. I believe that hosting the ICF Wildwater Sprint Pre-world Championship will be a successful continuation of this tradition and a good test for the 2025 ICF Wildwater Sprint World Championships.

I am confident that this competition will be organized at the highest possible level and will provide all athletes with invaluable experience, along with the opportunity to explore one of the most beautiful regions in the Czech Republic.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the enthusiasts and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to prepare for this challenging event. My gratitude also goes to the sponsors who have supported us in various ways to make this important event possible.

I look forward to welcoming you in České Budějovice in the Lída Polesná wildwater sport centre.

Ing. Stanislav Ježek  
President of the Czech Canoe Union

## General partners



## Project sponsors



## LOCATION

The Czech Republic is a country of paddlers. Various forms of canoeing and activities around water do not only have a long tradition, the water slalom is historically and currently one of the most successful sports here.

In the South Bohemia, the effect is amplified by the traditional paddling terrains in Šumava, including the famous Lipno area, paddling classics such as the Vltava, Lužnice, Otava, and finally the vast water areas of the ponds around Třeboň.

### Slalom course in České Vrbné

The area is located at the point where the Vltava River leaves the town of České Budějovice towards Hluboká nad Vltavou.

The artificial slalom course was created in the 1980s by converting a part of the original meandering Vltava riverbed into a slalom course and building the hydroelectric power station in České Vrbné that provides a course with sufficient water gradient.

The track was continuously improved and modified. The big evolution came in 2010-2012, when the middle part was completely rebuilt using brand new RapidBlocs system. Changes have also been made to other parts of the course so today it is possible to use two easier courses and one challenging for training or racing.

### Background

The accompanied facilities have always been the great asset of the artificial slalom course.

Visitors can use the campsite or hostel, have a snack in the restaurant or hang out with their kids on the playground.

Everything is connected by a cycle path with nearby České Budějovice or the extremely popular chateau Hluboká nad Vltavou. Both are accessible by bicycle or roller skates, as well as by regular boat or public transport.

Thanks to this, the area has always been a popular place for multi-day sports camps, various types of competitions, sport events, or even cultural events. The complex is actually an island between the slalom course (i.e. the original riverbed) and the straightened new riverbed of the Vltava River. And as an island of well-being, good mood and sport in nature, it always impresses.



# CITY

## ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

With a population of 94,000, the Statutory city of České Budějovice is the capital of the South Bohemian Region. Located at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers surrounded by enchanting countryside, the city covers the area of 56 square kilometers.

Due to its numerous architectural and art heritage sites, the historic city center has been declared an urban heritage reserve and contains the greatest tourist sights. These include the renowned **Přemysl Otakar II Square**, named after the city's medieval founder. From the bird's eye view, the nearly regular square shape is surprising with a surrounding perpendicular grid of streets.

The dominant building among the Baroque and Renaissance buildings with arcades around the square is the **Baroque town hall**. The four stone statues set among the three city hall spires are an allegory of the civic virtues: Justice, Bravery, Wisdom and Caution.

The gem in the center of the square is the Baroque **Samson's Fountain**, the largest of its kind in Bohemia, featuring a sculpture of the legendary hero Samson fighting the lion.

The domination of the city center is the **Black Tower** – a 72-meter tall belfry and city watchtower. Its gallery provides a stunning view on České Budějovice and the surrounding area. The tower was built in the Renaissance style by the councilors in the 16th century. On the right of the tower is (located) the **Cathedral of St. Nicholas**. The austere Baroque

structure was built in the mid-17th century after the beautiful Late Gothic cathedral was destroyed by fire. The list of the sights is even longer: **the Dominican monastery with the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Salt Store, the remnants of fortification, the Rabenstein Tower and the Iron Maiden...**



## ACCOMMODATION

We recommend using the internet website [booking.com](http://booking.com) or you can contact the tourist information centres in České Budějovice and Hluboká nad Vltavou.

### České Budějovice

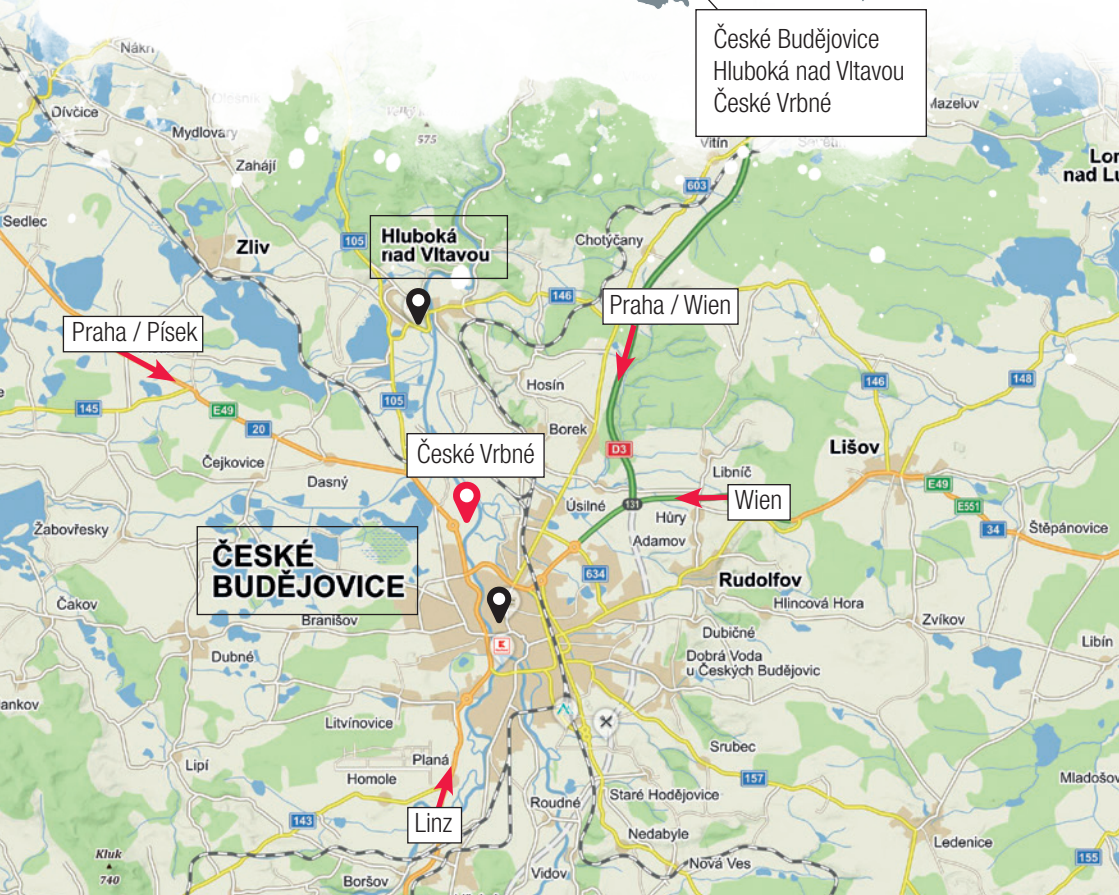
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## HOW TO GET HERE



### By plane

For regular access by plane, we recommend choosing one of the closest airports:

• Prague (PRG), • Linz (LNZ), • Vienna (VIE)

Then use the public transport (train, bus) to arrive at the České Budějovice railway station.

In case of a private flight, it is possible to contact the České Budějovice Airport directly on their official website: [www.airport-cb.cz/en/](http://www.airport-cb.cz/en/).



### By bus or train

Destination: České Budějovice bus/train station

Then take line 9 to the České Vrbné terminal station and walk from there about 800 m or ride a bike, which can be easily rented at the terminal station.

From the station it is also possible to use shared bicycles and take the cycle path leading through the historic centre to reach the place.



### By car

Arrival from Písek/Prague (road no. 20): at the first traffic light turn the left towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800m you will arrive at the complex.

Arriving from the direction of Prague, Vienna (road no. 23): follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. At the last traffic light at the exit from the town (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.

Approach from the direction of Linz (road no. 3): transit through the town, no turning. Follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. Exit the town at the last traffic light (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.



### By bike

Cyclists can easily reach the area from the centre of České Budějovice or from Hluboká using the cycle path on the left bank of the river.



### By boat

It is possible to use the boat service (line) and get off at the dock in České Vrbné.

If you leave České Budějovice by the main road number 20 in the direction to Písek, take the last light right (Bauhaus shopping mall on the left side) turn in České Vrbné, keep to on the left and after about 800 m you will arrive at the complex, which you cannot miss. You will enter the complex directly over the bascule bridge past the České Vrbné marina.

# EVENT AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The schedule will be precised after the application deadline.

For training sessions anytime before the schedule below, kindly contact:  
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## TIME SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

### 30th of August 2024, Friday

- 12:00-19:00 training for seniors on the upper part of the venue
- 12:00-14:45 training for U12 + U14 on the lower part of the venue
- 12:00 distribution of the bibs for clubs and foreign competitors (race office)
- 13:30 team leaders and judges meeting**

### Czech Cup WWC Sprint U12 + U14 (the lower venue)

- 15:00 HEAT 1 (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)  
Start of the HEAT 2 follows immediately (interval 30 sec).

**Medal Ceremony** (takes part 1 hour after the end of the race):  
Czech Cup WWC Classic U12 + U14

### 31st of August 2024, Saturday

- 7:30 distribution of the starting numbers for Czech competitors
- 8:00 team leaders and judges meeting**

### Czech Cup WWC Classic race U12 + U14 – (the lower venue)

- 9:30 start (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)

### Czech Cup WWC Sprint + ICR Ranking race + Czech Sprint Championship of U23 + masters + Czech Sprint Team Race Championship (the upper venue)

- 9:00-10:00 free training above the start of the young juniors race
- 10:30 HEAT 1 start (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)  
Start of Final B (interval 30 sec) and Final A follows immediately (interval 60 sec).

**Medal Ceremony** (takes part 1 hour after the end of the race):

Czech Cup WWC Classic U12 +U14  
ICR Ranking race + Czech Cup sprint  
Czech Championship (masters + U23)

- 20:00 PUNK CONCERT – band „Klacci z lesa“

### 1st of September 2024, Sunday

- 8:00 team leaders and judges meeting**
- 8:00-8:45 free training

### Czech Cup WWC sprint + ICF Ranking race + Czech Senior Sprint Championship (the upper venue)

- 9:00 HEAT 1 start (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)  
Start of Final B (interval 30 sec) and Final A follows immediately (interval 60 sec).

**Medal Ceremony** (takes part 1 hour after the end of the race):

Czech Cup WWC Sprint U12 + U14  
ICF Ranking race + Czech Cup WWC Sprint



[More on the video here:](#)



## ENTRIES AND PARTICIPATION FEE

Deadline for nominal applications: **28. 8. 2024**

All athletes will pay Accreditation fee for all participauks 30 € (for 2 race);  
All team leader will pay the participation fee 30 € per person;  
excluding Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Federations.

The participation fee includes:

- Accreditation
- Security and emergency medical services
- Official pre-competition training period and official training period
- Car parking

**Applications for the race:**

[www.kanoepardubice.cz/en/application-u13.html](http://www.kanoepardubice.cz/en/application-u13.html)



## INSURANCE

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All participants are strongly advised to get their medical insurance in their home countries.



# CONTACTS

Always check the [www.kanoepardubice.cz](http://www.kanoepardubice.cz) website for up-to-date information.



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