

TEAM LEADER MEETING

ICF CSL World Championships Penrith 2025



A wide-angle photograph of a large outdoor event, likely a festival or fair. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is seated on the grass, many wearing hats and casual summer clothing. In the background, a large, circular, light-colored structure, possibly a stage or a large tent, is visible. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A blue semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "Event Welcome" in a bold, dark blue font.

Event Welcome

ROLL CALL FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS



World Championships - Penrith // Roll call		
Date:		September 28 - October 4
Nation	Presence	Remarks
1 AIN	x	
2 ANDORRA	x	
3 ARGENTINA	x	
4 AUSTRALIA	x	
5 AUSTRIA	x	
6 BELGIUM	x	
7 BRAZIL	x	
8 CANADA	x	
9 CHILE	x	
10 CHINESE TAIPEI	x	
11 COLOMBIA	x	
12 CROATIA	x	
13 CZECHIA	x	
14 FRANCE	x	
15 GERMANY	x	
16 GREAT BRITAIN	x	
17 INDIA		
18 IRELAND	x	
19 ITALY	x	
20 JAPAN	x	
21 KENYA	x	
22 KOSOVO	x	
23 LATVIA	x	
24 MEXICO	x	
25 NETHERLANDS	x	
26 NEW ZEALAND	x	
27 PARAGUAY	x	
28 PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA	x	
29 POLAND	x	
30 PORTUGAL	x	
31 REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA	x	
32 REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN	x	
33 SINGAPORE	x	
34 SLOVAKIA	x	
35 SLOVENIA	x	
36 SOUTH AFRICA	x	
37 SPAIN	x	
38 SWITZERLAND	x	
39 TURKEY	x	
40 UKRAINE	x	
41 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	x	
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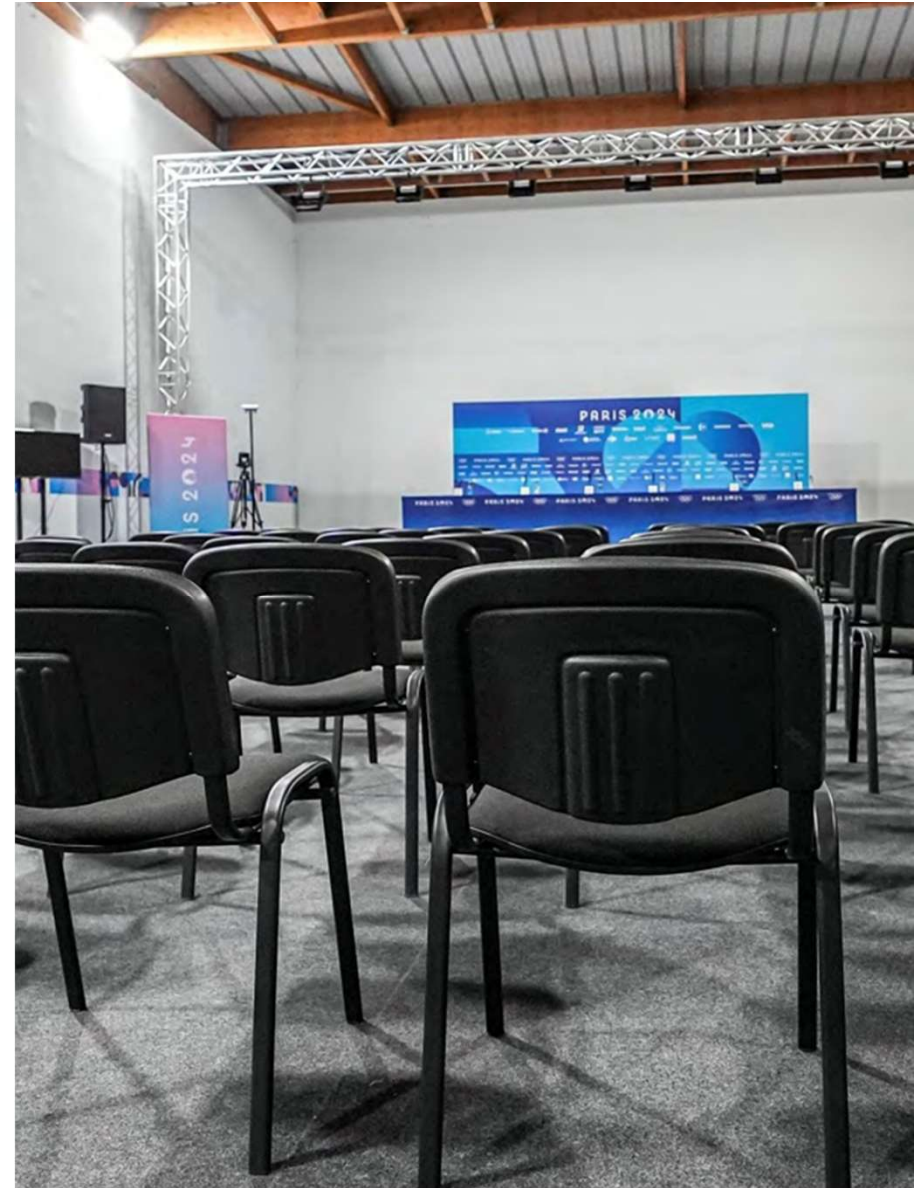
Number of nations:	41
Majority:	21

Total presence:	40
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COMPETITION GUIDE & MEETINGS

For each event, a competition guide (former Team Leader guide) is published at the nominal entries' deadline.

- Updates done before and straight after the Team Leader meeting – if necessary
- Generic topics/chapters (written in black)
- Specific topics/chapters (**written in red**)
- The Team Leader meeting only addresses the **specific topics**
- **Questions may be sent prior to the Team Leader meeting to the ICF Technical managers**





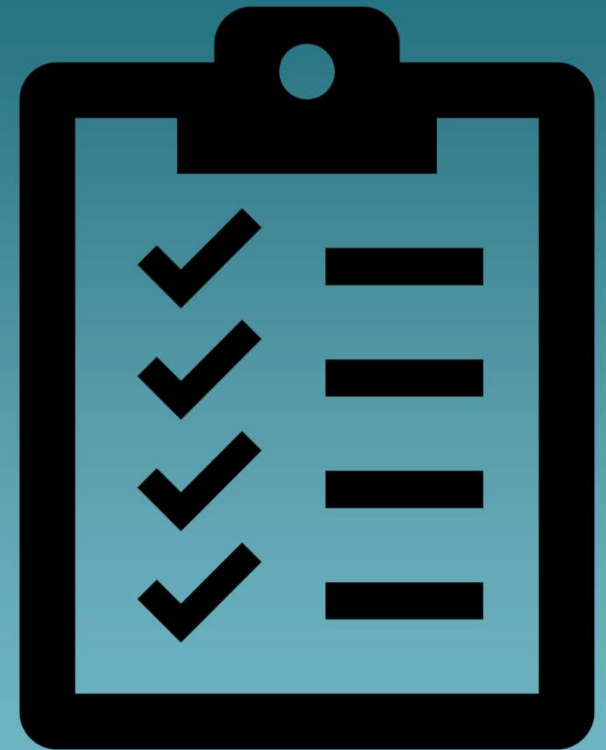
ICF TEAM LEADER MEETING – CSL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PENRITH 2025

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Role	Name
Jury Chair	Lluís RABENADA (ICF)
Jury Member	Danielle WOODWARD (ICF)
Jury Member	Maree BURNETT (ICF)
Competition Manager	Lauren CHESTER (HOC)
Chief Official	Alena MASKOVA (ICF)
Chief Judge	Frank TROMPETER (ICF)
Technical Organiser	Sue NATOLI (HOC)
Course designer nominated by the ICF	Thomas SCHMITT (ICF)
Course designer nominated by the ICF	Kristina PETROVIC (ICF)

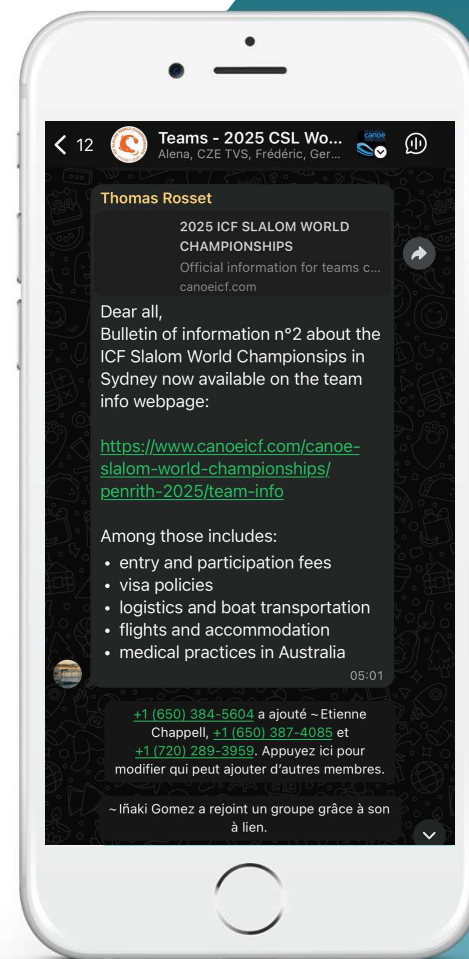
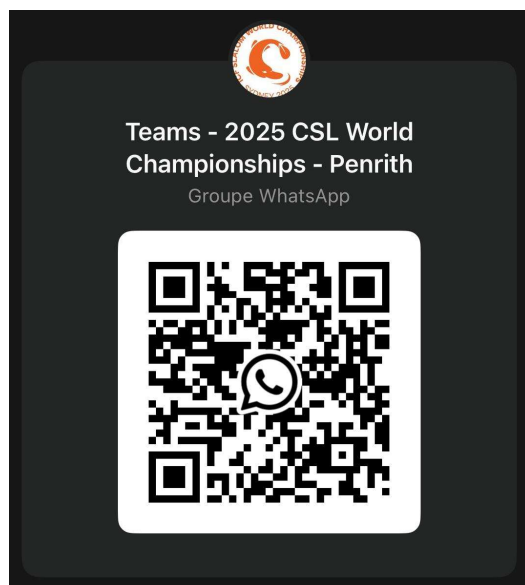
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Official communication channel
- Pre-race requirements
- Venue information
- Competition information
- Canoe & kayak events
- Kayak Cross events
- HOC topics
- ICF topics



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

If not done yet, you can join the official communication, please scan the QR code.



PRE-RACE REQUIREMENTS

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Advertising on equipment

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TVS management

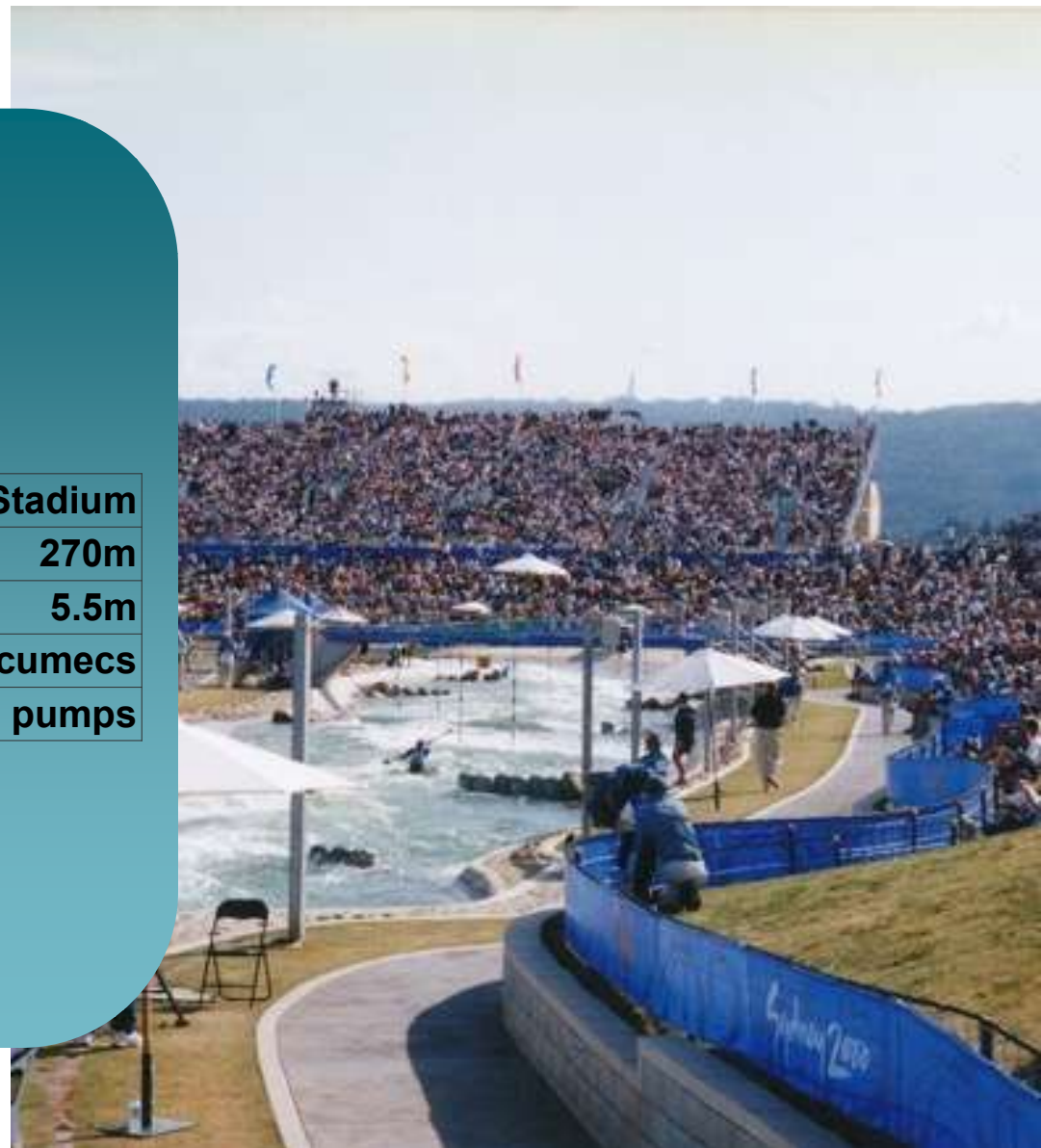
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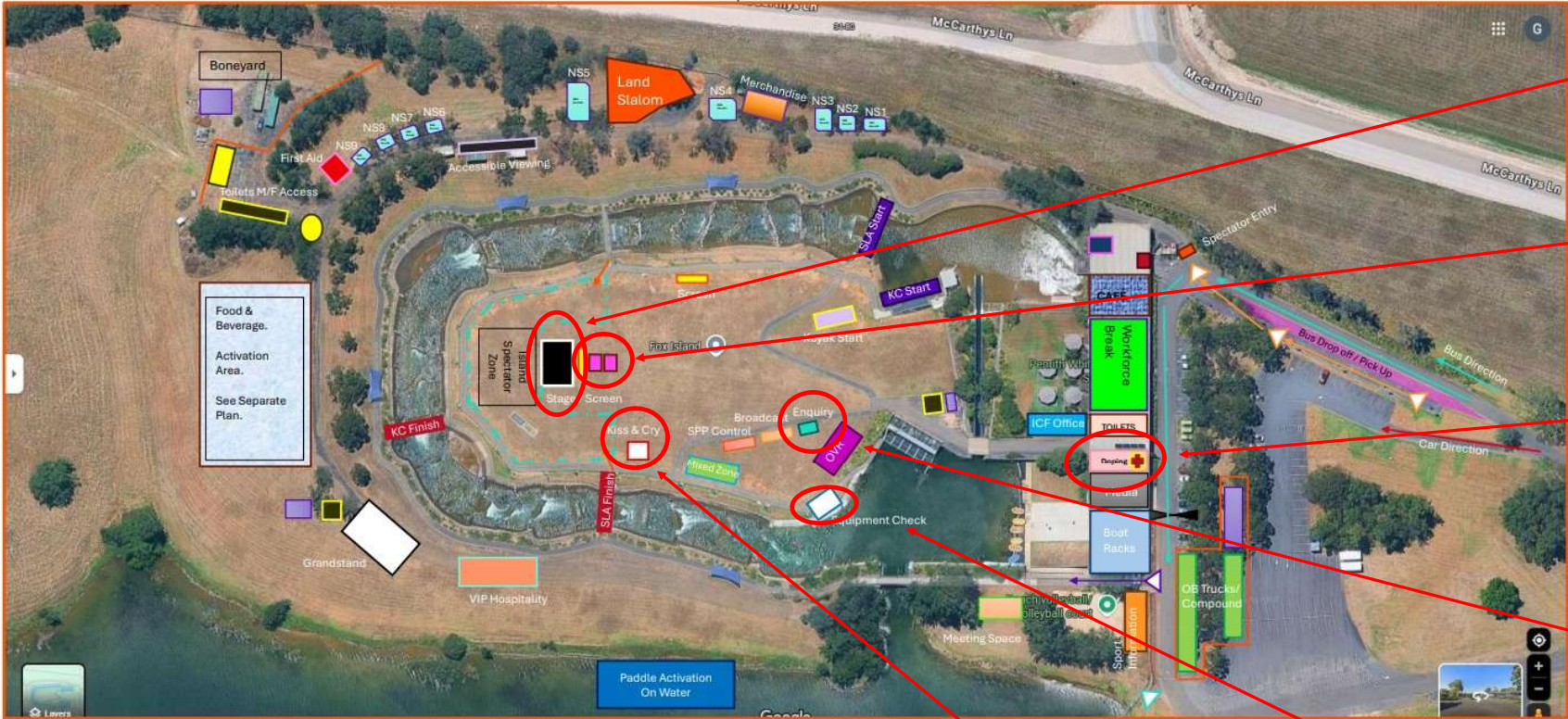
Entry list check



VENUE INFORMATION

Name of the course	Penrith Whitewater Stadium
Competition course length	270m
Competition course drop	5.5m
Competition course flow	12 cumecs
Water regulation on course	4 pumps





PODIUM

UNIFORM
DROP-OUT

DOPING CONTROL
AREA

ENQUIRY DESK &
TVS – EMERGENCY
DOWNLOAD
SOLUTION DESK

EQUIPMENT
CONTROL

KISS & CRY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spectator Entry (5m x 3m) Sport Information (15m x 5m) Enquiry Tent (5m x 3m) ICF Office (15m x 5m) OB Trucks / Compound On Venue Results (OVR) (12m x 6m) Media Centre Anti-Doping & Athlete Medical M / F Amenities (Permanent) Event Control (Inside PWS Office) Workforce Break Area Café / Kitchen Spectator Medical (5m x 5m) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Box Office (Check in window) Boat Racks (Existing) Sport Presentation Control (6m x 3m) Broadcast Commentary (6m x 3m) Stage (12.6m x 12m @ 900mm) Vision Screen x 2 (23m2 16x9 LED @ stage) & (8m² LED @ north) Merchandise (Using onsite Event Shed) VIP Hospitality Area (20m x 6m) Two Storey Temporary Grandstand (208 pax, 14,504w x 7716d x 4858h) Food & Beverage / Activation Zone Spectator Amenities - (16 Pan Cubicle Unit) Spectator Amenities - (Urinal Block) Spectator Amenities - Accessible Units | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spectator Entry / Ticket Scanning and Bag Checks Workforce Entry / VIP Entry by prior arrangement Scaff Tower @ 4.3m height for cable entry to site (power & broadcast) Generator Compounds (TBC) Accessible Viewing Area Mixed Zone (13.2m x 6.6m) (6 SCB x 3 CCB) Equipment Check (5m x 5m) Kayak Cross Start Tent Ceremonies Kiss & Cry Athlete Pathway Athlete Lounge (12m x 6m) |
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NF areas

- Opening hours of the NF area: from 06:30 to 18:00 from 19.09.2025 to 04.09.2025.
- It is **forbidden to add additional tents** in the NF area.
- NF parking is located on the left of the road, the entrance is just before the Paddle Australia office.

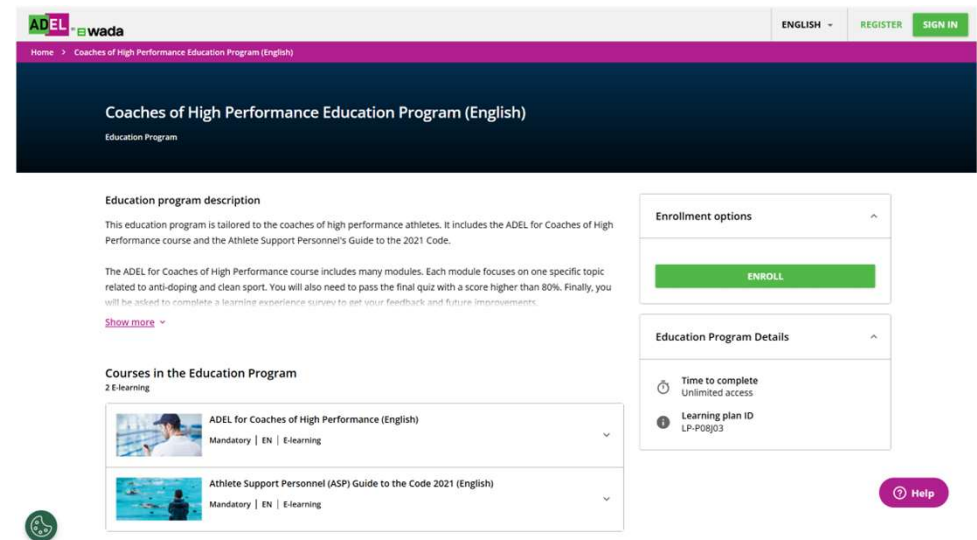
Equipment control

- **Location**: Equipment Control is located **on the left bank at the bottom of the course**.
- **Self-checking**: **Saturday 27th September from 9:00 to 17:30**
- **Timing on competition days**: open 1 hour before the 1st boat starts.
- **Reminder:**
 - **Canoe & Kayak events and Kayak Cross Individual**: post-competition control and random checking.
 - **Specificity for Kayak Cross Individual**: for the last 10 athletes, if the athletes are in the top 3, they must exit at the “**beach**”, right after the finish line (river left) to go straight to the Kiss & Cry. If the equipment is needed for the equipment control, it will be taken by a volunteer.
 - **Kayak Cross**: pre-competition checking in the pre-start area
 - **Final phases**: the athlete must go **straight to Kiss & Cry**. The boat can be left in the ITO hands in the Equipment Control tent.



Anti-doping & Doping Control

- **Location:** in the room accessed from the breezeway to the car park.
- Athletes will be notified for doping control in the finish area.
- **Reminder:** passport or ID is required
- Anti-doping reminder: ADEL certificate for athletes and coaches



Enquiry / Protest desk TVS - Emergency download solution

- **Location:** in the tent adjacent to the OVR (red circle)
- In case of issues to download TVS feed on the Cloud solution, you can go to the enquiry desk where there is emergency dedicated switches.



Kiss & Cry

- **Location**: river left beside the bottom bridge.
- For **Canoe and Kayak Finals & Teams events**:
 - Provisional **top 3** at the Kiss and Cry
 - Competition gear (with bib)
- For **Kayak Cross Individual**:
 - **Provisional top 3** at the Kiss and Cry only **for the last 10 athletes** - take out river left after the finish line (at the “Beach”)
 - Competition gear (with bib)
- For **Kayak Cross**: top 3 take out river left after the finish line (at the “Beach”) and the winner goes to Kiss & Cry for the interview.





Family reunion

- Each medalist will be able to invite two family members at the end of the final to join them on the island for the medal ceremony.
- The team leaders of the medalists must meet the ICF technical manager at the Kiss and Cry to get the passes for the family members who will come across the bottom bridge
- Open to all events (including Teams)



Medal ceremonies

- **Location**: on the stage in the middle of the island
- **Schedule**: refer to competition schedule
 - **All events**: after each session of final
- Uniform drop-out: **medal ceremony preparation tent, behind the stage**
- **All ceremonies (except Kayak Cross on Saturday): in uniform**



Kayak Cross Individual - Tie

Kayak Cross Individual:

"in reference to rule 17.6.4, seeking agreement to award a medal when two or more boats are equal"

Vote: If there is a tie in the Kayak Cross Individual event, do we award a medal to both athletes as per the canoe slalom rules 10.18.2?



In favour



Not in favour

COMPETITION INFORMATION

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Official training
schedule

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Competition schedule

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and approval

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Bib distribution



Official training schedule

- Canoe Slalom last training session **Sunday 28th**
- Kayak Cross training sessions on **Monday 29th & Friday 3rd + Saturday 4th** for those progressing to Repechage
- Exact timings and updates are available on the [online official training schedule](#).
- Kayak Cross gates will be set at the bottom on the course at the following times:
 - Sunday during slalom trainings – Only KC athletes with orange bibs (14 athletes)
 - Tuesday: 13:30 – 14:15 (45 min) – KC athletes progressing to Round 1
 - Wednesday: 13:10 – 13:55 (45 min) – KC athletes progressing to Round 1
 - Thursday: 12:55 – 13:55 (60 min) – KC athletes progressing to Round 1



Competition schedule

- The course is closed following **end of official training Monday 29 September 11:45** until the end of the competition (except for **Kayak Cross** training slots on **Friday 3rd October** and **Saturday 4th of October**).
- The **competition schedule version 3** will be available on the dedicated **ICF event Team Info webpage** on **Sunday 28/09/2025 by 10am** and spread on the WhatsApp Group.
- **Canoe & Kayak events format: Heats – Semi (30) – Finals (12) for all the events**
 - Some breaks have been added within Kayak Cross individual, Heat sessions and Team events
 - During the Canoe and Kayak Finals, start intervals have been reduced (from 3 min to 2 min 30 sec) and the number of breaks has increased (2 breaks of 3'30" sec min per final, after the 4th and the 8th athletes on the final start list)
 - During Kayak Cross breaks have been enlarged and have been added within the Final phase



Demonstration runs

HEATS & TEAM EVENTS COURSE

SUNDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

CANOE SLALOM - Course Construction & Demonstration					
13:00	14:30	Course construction and course setting			01:30:00
14:30	15:30	Heats - Course tuning with demonstration runners			01:00:00
15:30	15:35	Interval & Teams Feedback regarding course			00:05:00
15:35	15:40	Heats - Course approval			00:05:00
		Interval			00:10:00
15:50	16:06	Heats - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:00	00:16:00
		Interval			00:29:00
16:35	16:55	Teams - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:30	00:20:00

Demonstration runs

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SEMI / FINAL COURSE

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER 2025

CANOE SLALOM - Semi / Finals Course construction					
16:00	16:50	Course construction and course setting			00:50:00
16:50	17:35	Semi & Finals - Course tuning with demonstration runners			00:45:00
17:35	17:40	Interval & Teams Feedback regarding course			00:05:00
17:40	17:45	Semi & Finals - Course approval			00:05:00

THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER 2025

CANOE SLALOM - CANOE - Semi finals					
07:15	07:30	Water on and level stabilized			00:15:00
07:30	08:10	Gate regulation			00:40:00
08:45	09:01	Semi & Finals - full length demo run & rehearsal	8	00:02:00	00:16:00



Course distribution & course approval

Course distribution:

- **Kayak Cross course map:** available on the [ICF event Team Info webpage](#).
- **Canoe slalom course maps** will be published and spread on the WhatsApp group:
 - **Heats & Teams** course map: on **Sunday 28/09/2025 at 14:00**
 - **Semi/Final** course map: on **Wednesday 01/10/2025 at 16:00**

Course approval:

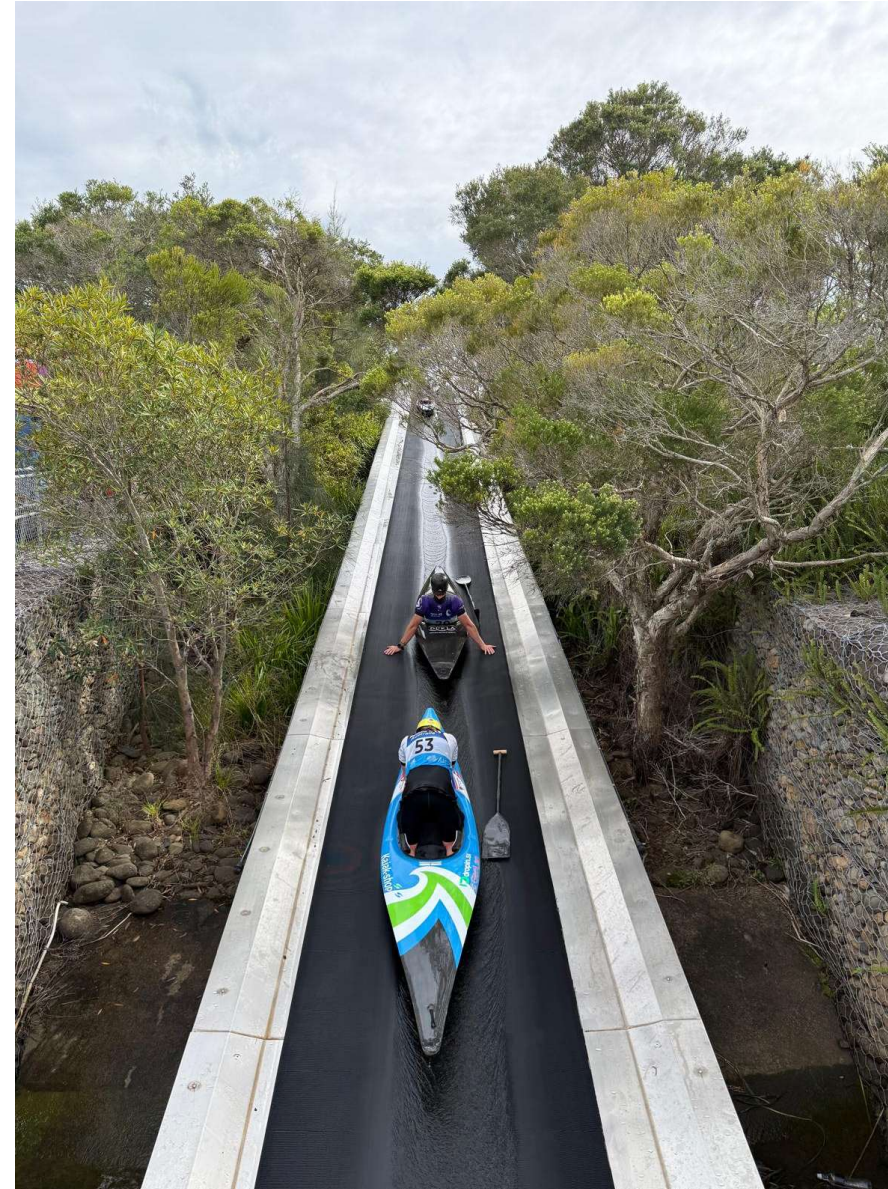
Feedback to be reported to the ICF Technical Manager (Manon Bocquet):

- **Heats & Teams** course: on **Sunday 28/09/2025 from 15:30 – 15:35** on river left, at the bottom bridge.
- **Semi/Final** course: on **Wednesday 01/10/2025 from 17:02 – 17:07** on river left, at the bottom bridge.

Bib distribution – Canoe slalom

CSL competition bibs:

- Training bibs: must be returned (all at once) after last training session on Sunday 28/09/2025.
- **Competition bib (Individual and Team events):** available at the **Sport Information from 13:00 on Sunday 28/09/2025.**
- CSL Competition bibs **don't need to be returned**, the HOC is happy to give them to the athletes.
- **Training and Teams bibs must be returned.**
- **Bib deposit will be returned**



Bib distribution – Kayak Cross

Kayak Cross bibs:

- For **Kayak Cross Individual**: available at the **Sport Information from 13:00 on Sunday 28/09/2025** (same time as CSL bibs). They will be **collected right after each athlete's run in the finish zone area**.
- For **Kayak Cross repechage**: numbered bibs will be distributed from Sport Information on **Friday 3 October from 12:00**. Coloured bibs will be distributed at the start area and collected at the finish pool (numbered & coloured).
- For **Elimination phases**: the **numbered & the coloured bibs** will be distributed **individually at the start area before each run**.
- Athletes doing **Kayak Cross only**, will also be able to keep a bib. The bib will be **available from Sport Information at the end of the Kayak Cross competition on Saturday 4 October**- sorry we need to keep using the bibs for the whole of the Kayak Cross competition.



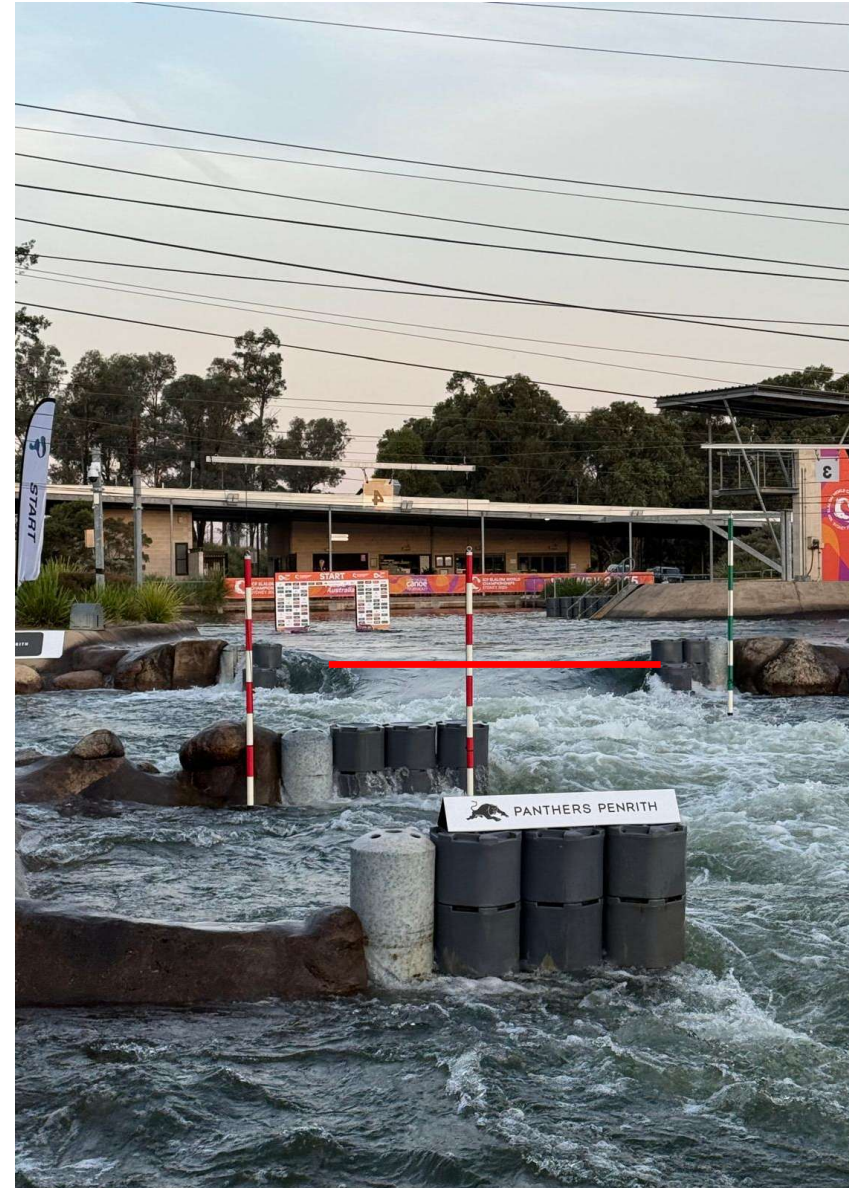
CANOE & KAYAK EVENTS

Pre-start procedure

There will be a display above the entrance to the conveyor belt showing race time

Start procedure

- The beam line is at the **top of the first drop** (red line) and is marked by a flag on each bank.
- For **Canoe & Kayak events**, the athlete must start **between the start blocks**.
- Athletes should paddle directly to the beam line. They must not turn upstream into the current. Turning upstream means that athletes turn 90 degrees or more relative to the starting blocks.
- In **Team events**, the **first athlete** (the one breaking the start beam) must start **between the start blocks**. The **second and third athletes** must position themselves **behind and to the left of the start blocks**.



CANOE & KAYAK EVENTS

Finish procedure

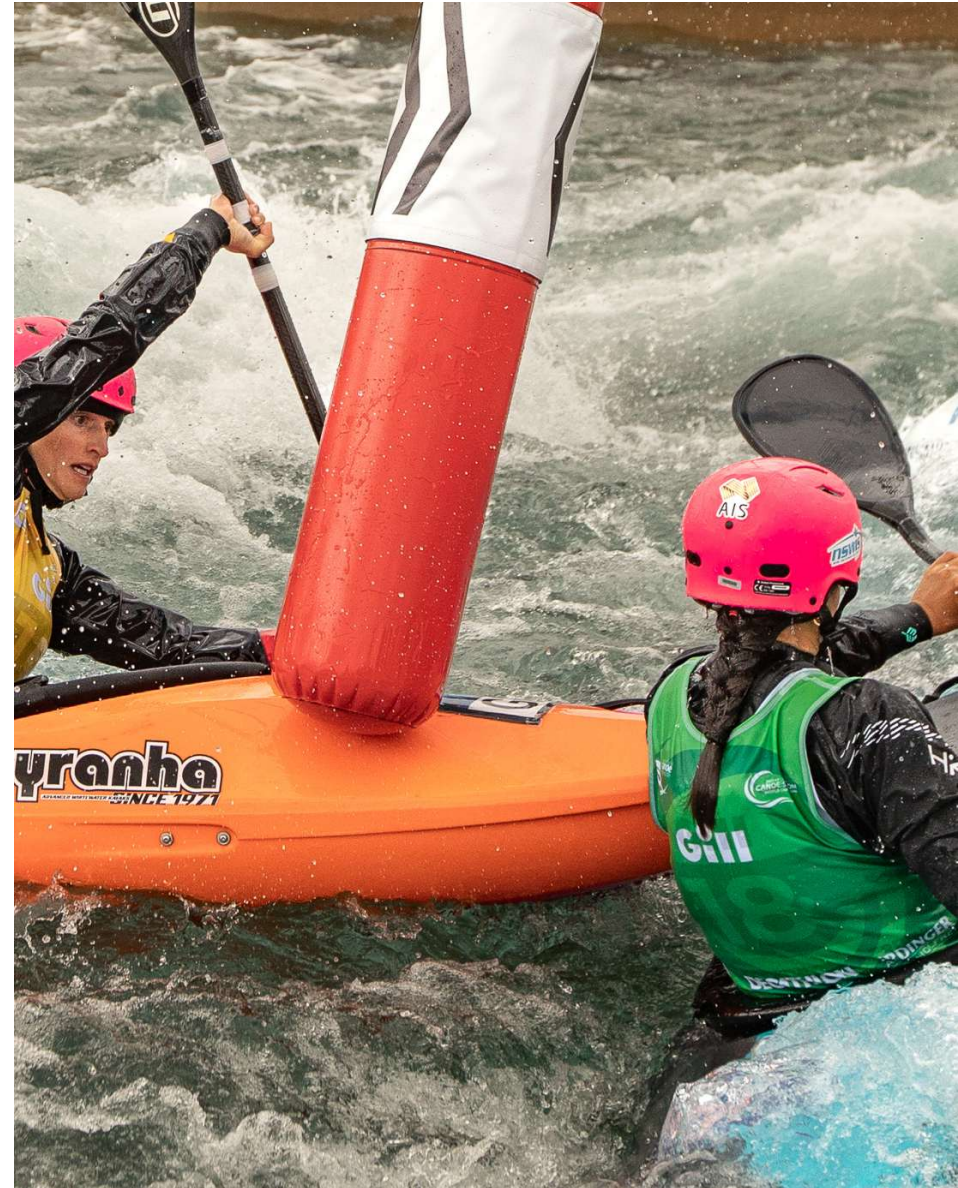
- For Canoe & Kayak events, the finish beam is located **under the bottom bridge** and is marked by Finish signage on the bridge.
- All athletes must exit via the **platform on river left, near the pumps**, to pass through equipment control, kiss and cry and mixed zone.
- During the finals, the **three first athletes must proceed to the Kiss and Cry** area, **river left near the bottom bridge**.



KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

Pre-start procedure

- In the Repechage and Elimination phase, athletes need to go through **equipment control in the pre-start area**.
- Access to start ramp is from the **left bank**.



KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

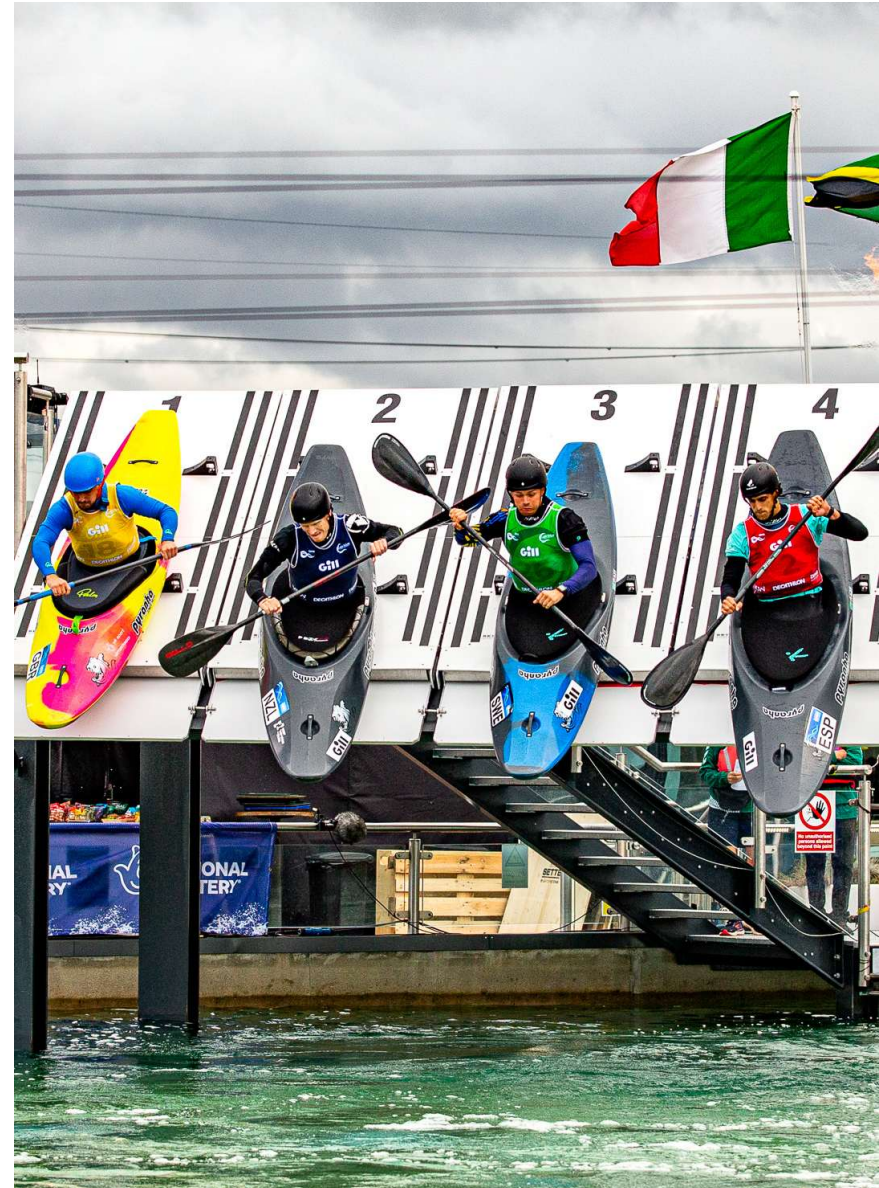
Start procedure

➤ Kayak Cross Individual

- Athletes must start from **lane 3** on the platform for the Individuals (**third lane from river right**).
- The start interval is **60** seconds; athletes should get in their boat directly on the start gate.

➤ Repechage & Elimination phases

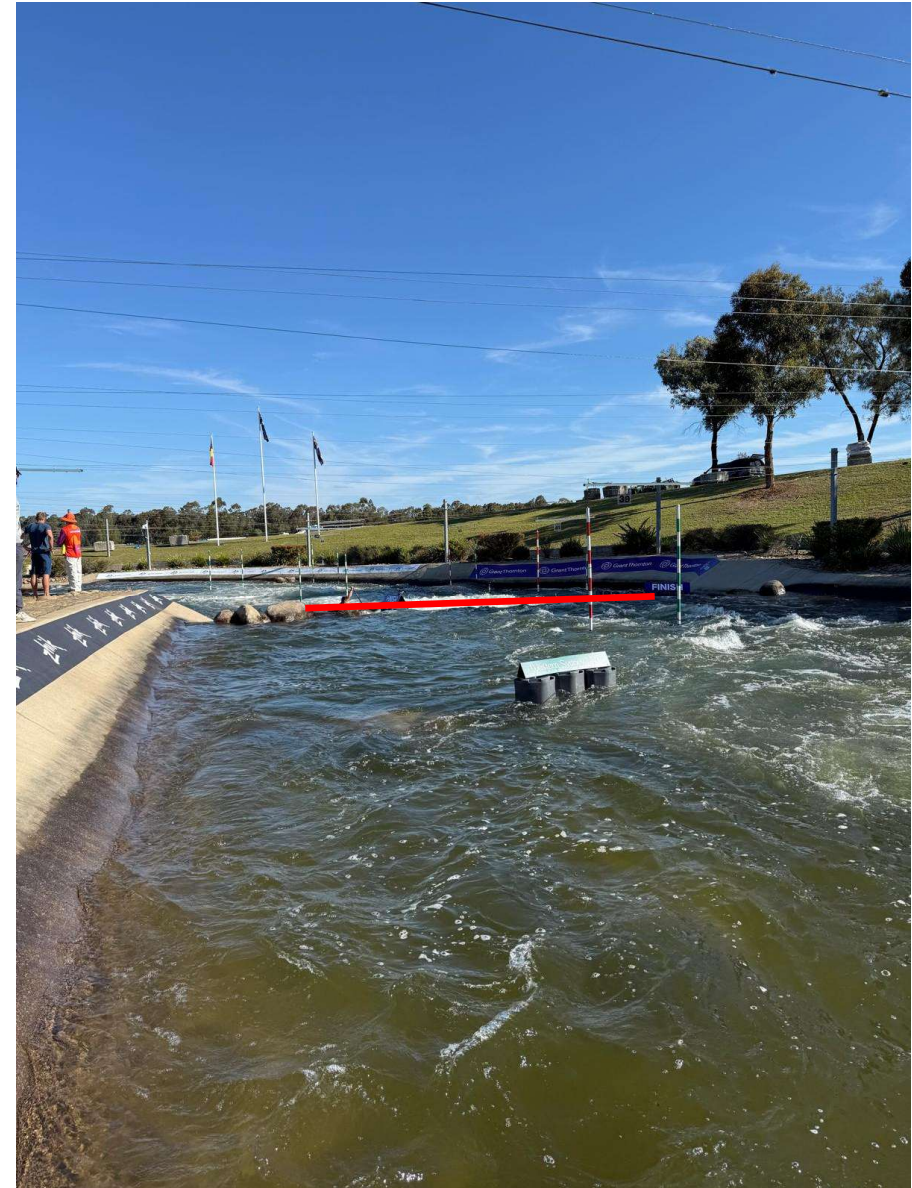
- Athletes must be **settled in the start position on the ramp 90 seconds before their start time**.
- They should then listen to the sports presentation where they will be introduced to spectators.



KAYAK CROSS EVENTS

Finish procedure

- The finish line is on the **top of the drop at “Jacks” on the second corner of the course.**
- During **Kayak Cross Individual**, athletes must exit at **Equipment Control on river left at the bottom of the course.**
- During **Kayak Cross Repechage & Elimination phase**, athletes should return to the start pool by the **conveyor** and exit at the **steps on the side of the start pool**, around the back of the ramp to the pre-start area. For finals, athletes will exit at the “Beach”.
- Reminder Kiss & Cry:
 - *Kayak Cross Individual*: the **three first athletes must proceed to the Kiss and Cry** area for the last ten athletes (last 10min).
 - *Kayak Cross finals*: the **winner** must proceed to the Kiss & Cry.





HOC TOPICS

- **Bridges**

Bridges are for access - only officials are allowed to remain there. You may pass over the bridge but not remain on any part.

- **Security**

Overnight security will be provided at the stadium from 6pm Friday 19 September until 6am Sunday 5 October. Do not store any personal belongings in secure area.

HOC TOPICS



- **Opening ceremony**

Date: Monday 29 September

Time: 16:30 – 17:45

At the Stadium directly following the Kayak Cross Individual Medal Ceremonies

Athletes, in national team uniform, should prepare and gather along the road from the pumps back thru the breezeway by 16:00.

HOC TOPICS



- **Functions & activations**

Team Leader Reception: 19:00 Saturday 27 September, The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters

Women's Symposium: Tuesday 30 September, The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters & the Stadium

Farewell Party: 18:30 Saturday 4 October, Log Cabin, Penrith

HOC TOPICS



- **Merchandise**

- **SUN 28** **2.30PM-5:30PM**

- MON 29 12.00PM- 5.00PM

- TUE 30 11.00AM-5.00PM

- WED 01 11.00AM-6.00PM

- THU 02 11.00AM-5.00PM

- FRI 03 10.00AM-6.00PM

- SAT 04 9.00AM-6.00PM

- Exclusive access for Teams & Officials on Sunday
- 10% discount – show your accreditation
- Cash or card payments

ICF TOPICS

- LA28 – CSL - Olympic Qualification System
- Athletes' Commission
- ICF Survey: Shape the future of our sport
- Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS)



LA28 – CSL - Olympic Qualification System

Following the online session on the 22nd of September 2025, we received some feedback. In order to exchange more, a live information session will be held on the Friday, 3rd of October at 18:30 at the The Lobby, Sydney Helicopters (same as tonight).

Limitation: 2 persons per nation

Please fill the [form](#) to register your participation



ELECTION OVERVIEW

Terms run from 2025-2029, with elected members representing athletes' interests at ICF and external meetings, shaping the future direction of paddle sports.

VOTING PROCESS

- **Platform:** ElectionBuddy.com (same system used successfully at ICF World Championships in Milan)
- **Security:** 256-bit encryption, anonymous voting, auditable results
- **Access:** QR codes available in the Athletes' Lounge to reach candidate information and voting platform

VOTING TIMELINE

Monday, August 29 of September at 8:00 AM to Saturday, October 4 at 12:00 PM (noon)

VOTING RULES

All voters can vote for one male and/or one female

Only athletes competing at the World Championships in Sydney are eligible to vote

RESULTS PROCESS

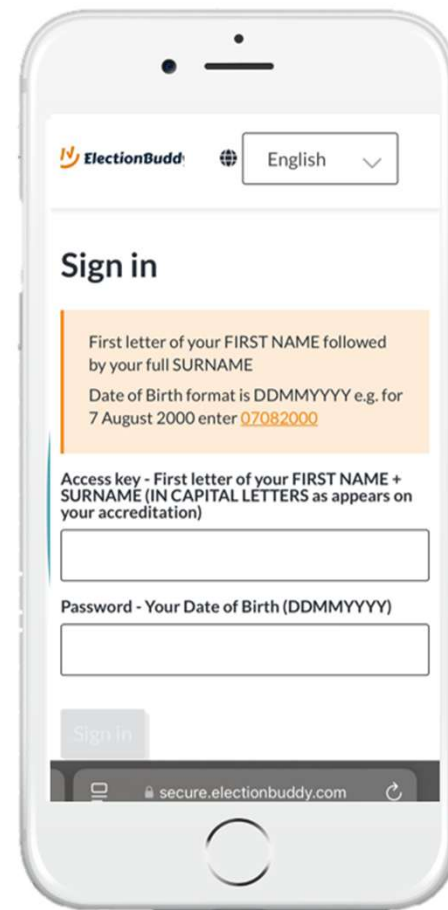
- Vote counting and ratification by ICF officials. Winners announced at the Closing Ceremony

SUPPORT

- On-site at the Athletes' Lounge or online via members@canoeicf.sport

PRIZE DRAW

- Three prizes will be available to athletes who submit their email address in a separate process after voting





ICF Survey: Shape the future of our sport

The ICF has launched a new survey to gather valuable insights and help grow the global paddle sport community.

Fill out and share the **survey** with all your friends who are passionate about canoeing.



Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS)

Please read the **Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport (PHAS) Policy**.

The **report form** is available on the ICF website and will be treated with impartiality and confidentiality.

Please report any occurrence to the ICF PHAS officer on site: Thomas Rosset – Thomas.rosset@canoeicf.sport

THANK YOU

ENJOY THE COMPETITION

