



2025 ICF SUP
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates
29th October-
2nd November 2025**

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Bulletin 2.

Welcome and Assalamu Alaikum!

On the following pages, we walk you through all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The Emirates Canoe and Rafting Federation (ECRF) and the International Canoe Federation (ICF) are looking forward to seeing you at the 2025 ICF SUP World Championships between 29th October – 2nd November 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

All ICF SUP competitions are open to paddlers of all levels and encourage anyone with a passion for paddling to come to join the festival. We have an amazing programme planned full of entertainment.

For any questions and concerns, please contact us on

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See you in Abu Dhabi!





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ECRF Chairman's Greeting

On behalf of the Emirates Canoeing and Rafting Federation (ECRF), it is my pleasure to extend a warm invitation to all participants and spectators to join us in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, for the 2025 ICF SUP World Championships.

As the Host Organizing Committee, ECRF is proud to organize this prestigious gathering of SUP athletes and enthusiasts. We are deeply grateful to the ICF for placing their trust in our expertise to host such a significant event.

It is a true honour to welcome the world's finest SUP athletes to compete at the highest level of this incredible sport. I am confident that the upcoming championships will not only showcase outstanding performances but also create an atmosphere of joy, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

I firmly believe that SUP is among the fastest-growing sports globally and has a bright future as it continues to captivate more enthusiasts worldwide.

Wishing you all great success and remarkable achievements in this event.



Sincerely,
Yaser Alkatheeri





HOC Host Organising Committee

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Board rental and purchase



Dear Paddlers,

We're thrilled to invite you to the **ICF SUP World Championships 2025 in Abu Dhabi**, where we aim to bring together the largest and most passionate paddling community yet!

To support your participation, we're offering a range of options to make logistics easier — including **shipping your own board, pre-purchasing new boards, rental services, and on-site equipment support.**

We're proud to welcome our official manufacturing partners: **NSP, Lightboardcorp, Starboard, Sunova, and SIC**, who are fully supporting this initiative in Abu Dhabi.

Explore all board and accessory options — pre-purchase, rental, and post-event deals — through the link below:

We can't wait to see you back on the start line in Abu Dhabi!

SUP2025 Host Organizing Committee



Official board transportation partner

The ICF official logistics partner, Prowave will offer board transportation from Germany to Abu Dhabi venue and back to Germany.

The following services are provided:

- Transport in Sea Freight Containers to Abu Dhabi Venue and back to Germany
- Loading and lashing service in special construction inside the container for safe Transport by our team stuff
- All custom clearance paperwork
- Transport Insurance
- Guaranteed delivery in time for the event
- Safe storage before and after the transport service until pick up / delivery

The rate for this all inclusive service:

14 feet board incl. boardbag: 450 EUR
Accessories like paddles, etc. on request.

For one way transportation, custom fees may apply.

Timetable to send the boards to Abu Dhabi:

1. Boards can be delivered till **10th of September 2025 to Kassel, Germany**
2. Optional pick up at any location in Europe for an additional cost, please ask Prowave for special rates
3. Boards will be ready to use in Abu Dhabi venue latest from **28th of October** till end of end of competition on **2nd of November 2025**
4. After 1st of January 2026 the boards can be collected in Germany. As well we can offer safe storage for your boards until pick up or delivery.

Please send your reservation for board transportation until 1st August 2025 to the following contact details:

Stefan Bretthauer
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Fon/Fax: + 49 561 56010350
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Board rental service will be handled by the HOC and will be published in detail in Bulletin 2.
There will be limited availability of boards and will be on a first come first serve basis.



Shipping SUPport



Secure and Simple Shipping SUPport

For hassle-free **door-to-door shipping**, please get in touch with **DNATA** by filling out the form at the link below:

DNATA Shipping Form

Leave your details and request a quote today!

Already pre-purchased a SUP board? DNATA can easily arrange home delivery of your pre-purchased board as well.



Registration & Participation Fees

There's still time to register!



The countdown to the **ICF SUP World Championships 2025** in **Abu Dhabi** is on — and there's still time to secure your place!

If you haven't registered yet, you can still take advantage of the **regular participation fees** by completing your registration before the end of July. We encourage all paddlers — whether elite competitors or passionate recreational participants — to finalize their entry as early as possible to benefit from this standard rate.

Registration is simple and fully online, follow the steps to confirm your spot at the event:

Comprehensive information on participation fees, categories, and what's included in your registration can be found on our official website and in Bulletin 1:



Official accommodation partners

Stay Close, Stay Comfortable



To ensure a smooth and stress-free experience for all participants, we've partnered with a selection of official hotel accommodation providers, chosen for their high quality and proximity to the competition venue.

For the utmost convenience, we highly recommend staying at the event venue hotels, which offer direct access to the venue — making it the ideal choice for both athletes and team staff.

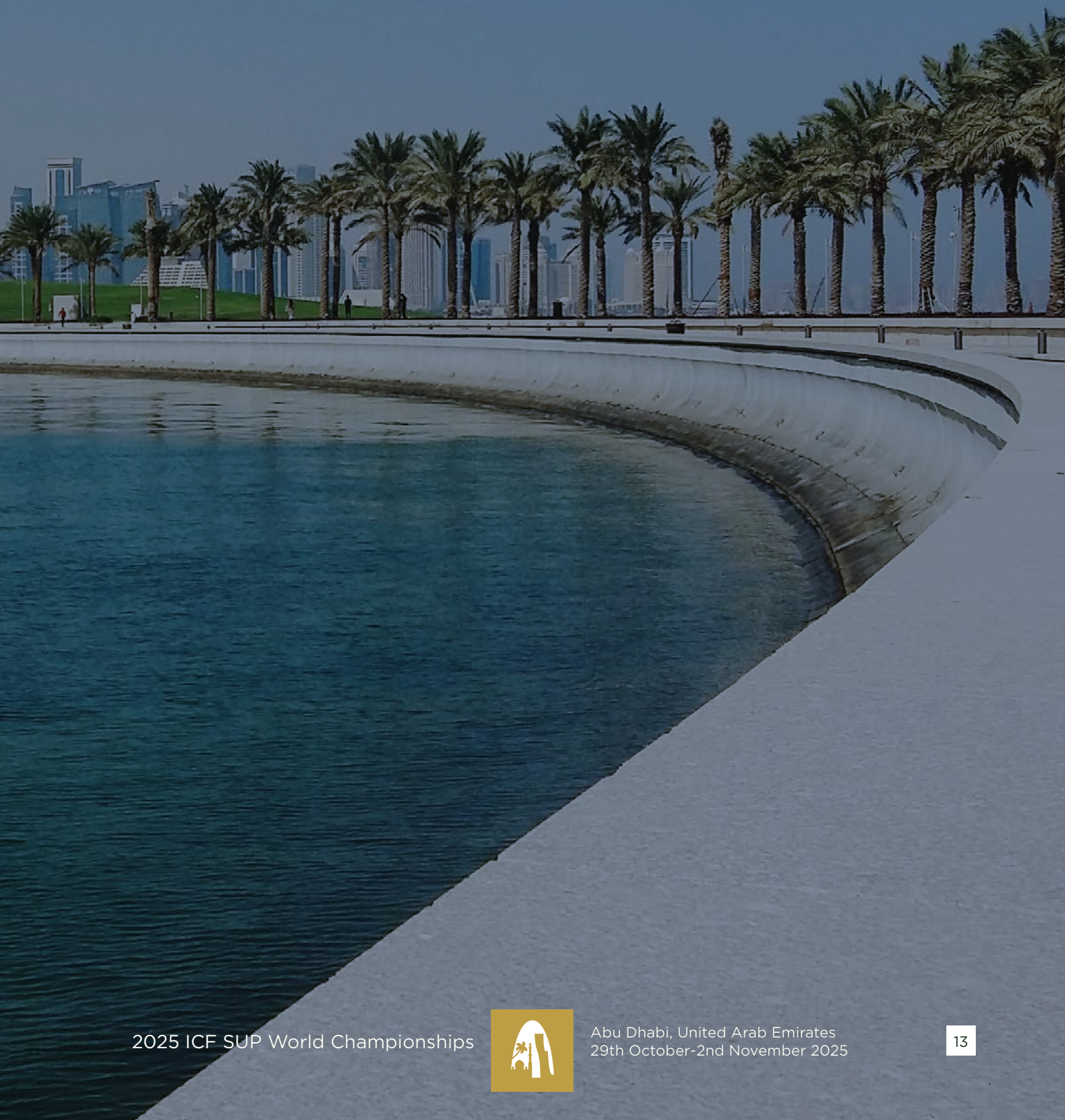
You'll find a full list of recommended hotels, including room rates, booking instructions on our website and in Bulletin 1:

Make sure to book early to secure your preferred option and enjoy a comfortable stay just steps from the action!



Course details

Khor Al Maqta | Abu Dhabi



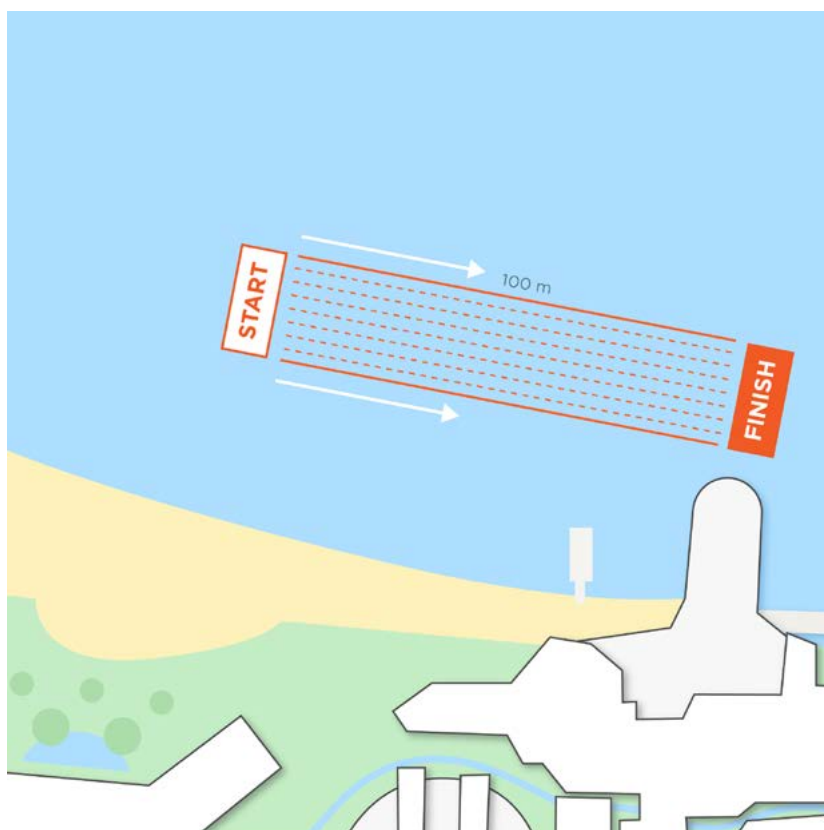
Shangri-La Qaryat Al Beri Beach is a private coastline, that can be accessed only through the hotel. The water surface is about 240 m wide, a calm channel, without waves, currents. The beach is about 160 m long, covered by sand.



Sprint race

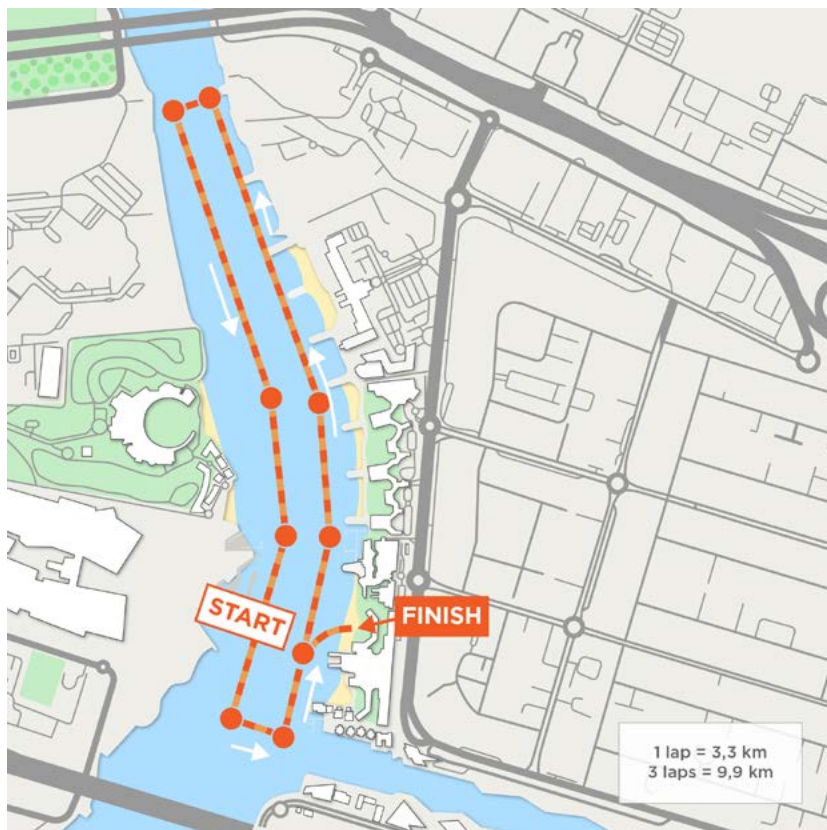
The Sprint race will cover a distance of 100 m.

Each athlete must use and finish on their designated lane. There will be stationary water start; the boards may be held at the tail by board holders.



Long-distance race

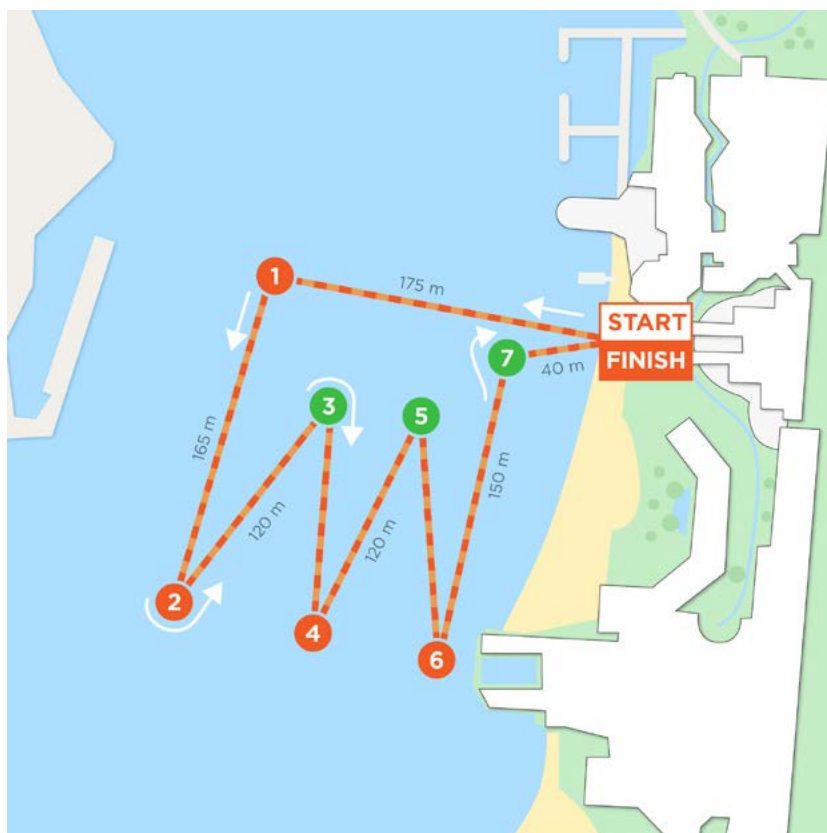
This race is featuring a water start and a beach finish. The long-distance course for all age groups will be approximately 10km (3 laps).



Technical race

The technical race is featuring a beach start and beach finish. Turning buoys will be different colours for left and right turns, making it easy to remember. The race features 7 buoy turns, consisting of four left turns and three right turns. The technical course equals to approximately 1 km.

Depending on the progression stage of the competition and the number of races, the technical course may be one or two laps.



Inflatable race

Inflatable event for open age category only will take place on a long-distance course. The length of the course will be 3,3 km long equal to 1 lap on the long-distance course.

Kid race

There will be a technical and a sprint race organised for kids. The technical event will be around 500 m consisting of 2-3 turns. The sprint event will be a 100m long race.

*** Please be informed that the race courses and rules are subject to change based on safety and weather conditions.**



Race schedule



Five days of elite competition where the world’s best paddlers go head-to-head in sprint, technical, and long-distance disciplines—plus fun and inclusive races for all ages!

29 th October	SPRINT (prelim., heats, quarter finals)
30 th October	TECHNICAL (prelim., heats, quarter finals)
31 st October	SPRINT (semi-finals, finals)
1 st November	TECHNICAL (semi-finals, finals)
2 nd November	LONG DISTANCE, INFLATABLE, KIDS RACES

Event Breakdown

The athletes briefing will be held on **Tuesday, 28th of October at 17.00 GST** (Abu Dhabi local time).

The ICF flagship races will open on the 29th of October with the preliminaries, heats and quarter finals of the sprint competition. Explosive starts and close finishes as the championships open with high-speed action.

All eyes will be on the technical races on the 30th of October as paddlers battle it out in the preliminaries, heats and quarter finals. Athletes take on tight turns and tricky transitions in one of SUP’s most skill-based formats.

The intensity will ramp up on the 31st of October when the medals will be contested in sprint races across open, junior and master categories.

Expect dramatic showdowns in one of the most tactical events of the week. Technical semi-finals and finals will be held on 1st of November before competition concludes.

On 2nd of November long-distance finals decide the endurance kings and queens. Fun and community spirit shine in the Inflatable Races and Kids’ Competitions to close out the event.

Tuesday, 28th October
Athletes’ BRIEFING

Tuesday, 29th October
SPRINT

Wednesday, 30th October
TECHNICAL

Thursday, 31st October
SPRINT FINALS

Friday, 1st November
TECHNICAL FINALS

Saturday, 2nd November
LONG DISTANCE
INFLATABLE | KIDS RACES



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WhatsApp group for updates
and community chat:



Recreational events

In addition to the inflatable and kids' races, a variety of recreational and fun competitions will take place throughout the weekend. These include Team SUP, Surfski, and Surf Life Saving events—each bringing its own excitement and challenge.



31 st October – Friday	TEAM SUP (heats)
1 st November – Saturday	SURFSKI – short course
1 st November – Saturday	TEAM SUP (finals)
2 nd November – Sunday	SURFSKI – long course
2 nd November – Sunday	SURF LIFE SAVING
2 nd November – Sunday	INFLATABLE, KIDS' RACES,

Event Highlights

Team SUP Heats

The weekend kicks off with thrilling **Team SUP** heats, showcasing coordination and team spirit on the water.

Friday, 31st October

Surfski Short Course

Athletes demonstrate their speed and agility in this fast-paced **Surfski short distance** race.

Saturday, 1st November

Team SUP Finals

The top teams from Friday return to battle it out for SUP supremacy in the **Team SUP Finals**.

Saturday, 1st November

Surfski Long Course

Athletes demonstrate their speed and agility in this fast-paced **Surfski long distance** race.

Sunday, 2nd November

Surf Life Saving

These high-intensity **Surf life saving** challenges showcase vital rescue and survival skills, a must-see for fans of surf sports.

Sunday, 2nd November

Inflatable & Kids' Races

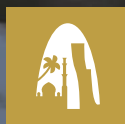
The festivities reach a peak with the lively **Inflatable Race**, followed by the Kids' **Technical and Sprint Races**, where young athletes test their skills on fun, challenging courses.

Sunday, 2nd November

* **Recreational races are subject to change according to participation numbers.**



Tickets



Visitor Tickets

Catch all the SUP action live — grab your daily, weekly visitor ticket and be part of the wave!

Daily Visitor ticket

Pick your daily visitor ticket for the desired day and watch the world's best SUP athletes battle for the title.

Weekly Visitor ticket

Grab the weekly visitor ticket and dive into 5 days of non stop SUP excitement.

Tickets are available from AED 25 to AED 95.

Visitor tickets grant access to the designated "Visitor Area" including the F&B outlets.

Click on the link below to purchase the pass for the chosen day:

BBQ buffet and party ticket

After the closing ceremony, the celebration does not stop!

Join us for BBQ dinner party with delicious buffet dinner, DJ entertainment and good vibes all night.

Please note that this is a separate event from the closing ceremony. To attend the BBQ buffet and party, a **ticket purchase of AED 175** is required.



Political and Safety Information



The UAE is maintaining peaceful diplomatic relations with **all its neighbours, in the Middle East**.

This unique diplomatic stance has helped the UAE **avoid regional conflicts and maintain neutrality** in the area.

As a result, the UAE is considered a **very safe country by global standards**.

Athletes and visitors can participate in the ICF SUP World Championships with confidence, knowing the event is hosted in a **stable and secure environment** that prioritizes their safety.



Sport Camps rental services



Sport Camps is ICF's silver partner offering board rental services.. They are now **open for pre-booking!**

For further details and prices please visit their site here:

[Visit site](#)

To request a board, simply email them at sup@sports-camps.net.



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