



Report

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SUP Commission

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Fiona Wylde (USA), Emilie Fournel (CAN), Amr Temraz (EGY), Elena Prokhorova (RUS) currently suspended

1. Major Meetings since last Congress

The chair of the SUP Commission was elected by the Board of Directors in Rome, after the XXXVIII ICF Ordinary Congress on 7th November 2021. In November the four members and three advisors were appointed by the chair together with the ICF headquarter.

Most of the meetings were held online before the season.

1st online meeting: 2021. 12.21.

- main topics: 2022 season planning, timing for rule changes, promotion, development

2nd online meeting: 2022.01.12.

- main topics: working plan of the Commission for 2022, rule changes

3rd online meeting: 2022.02.09.

- main topics: rule changes, courses and distances for the World Championships

4th online meeting: 2022.02.21.

- main topics: rule changes, courses and distances for the World Championships

5th online meeting: 2022.04.25.

- main topics: update on the organization of the World Championships and World Cups, ITO nominations

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- developing rules in order to meet the specifics of the discipline and be as fair as possible
- optimizing the courses for the World Championships taking into account local conditions
- promoting the World Ranking Series among SUP communities all over the world
- supporting World Ranking Races to comply with the ICF regulations and requirements
- supporting event organizers to attract as many paddlers as possible
- providing guidelines to event organizers
- supervising ICF SUP events on the spot
- linking event organizers with potential sponsor for funding prize money for World Cups
- negotiations with stakeholders about the possible developments of stand up paddling
- holding ITO seminars on two continents
- helping ITOs of other disciplines to become SUP ITOs as well
- spreading ICF events among SUP communities in different countries/continents

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- finalizing basic rules for stand up paddling so athletes know what to expect at ICF events
- strengthening the “ICF SUP brand” among local communities
- making event organizers interested in organizing ICF events
- providing help for event organizers to comply with technical requirements
- continue organizing high-quality events to strengthen the position of ICF within the sport
- linking athletes and local communities to their responsible NF

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- making ICF events appealing for athletes and event organizers
- strengthening stand up paddling within NFs
- providing help to NFs for developing SUP beside other disciplines
- reaching NFs that deal with SUP, but haven't participated at ICF events to be involved
- developing a coaching course and organize training camps, where coaches will be trained
- helping coaches from other disciplines to become SUP coach as well
- developing TIP opportunities for athletes whose NF is not involved at ICF SUP events
- broadening the network of event organizers, approaching areas, where no ICF SUP competition has been held yet
- developing ITO seminars to have professional people supervising ICF competitions