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I. 2021 ICF RANKING COMPETITION CALENDAR

ICF ID	Name	Country	Event Location	Type of Event	Extreme Canoe Slalom Events	Start	End	Nominal Entries deadline	
1833	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING AUSTRALIAN OPEN	AUS	PENRITH	RANKING RACE		CANCELLED			
1837	2021 OCA CANOE SLALOM OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	NZL	AUCKLAND	CONTINENTAL CH.		CANCELLED			
1899	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING HUNINGUE/BASEL	SUI	HUNINGUE/BASEL	RANKING RACE		CANCELLED			
1881	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING PYRENEES CUP 1 LA SEU D'URGELL (AFRICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	ESP	LA SEU D'URGELL	RANKING RACE		20/03/2021	21/03/2021	09/03/2021	No ICF ranking points allocated see section III
1879	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING SOLKAN	SLO	SOLKAN	RANKING RACE		27/03/2021	28/03/2021	17.03.2021	
1880	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING PYRENEES CUP 2 PAU	FRA	PAU	RANKING RACE		27.03.2021	28/03/2021	16/03/2021	
1900	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING CHARLOTTE	USA	CHARLOTTE	RANKING RACE		12.04.2021	14.04.2021	02.04.2021	
1868	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING MARKKLEEBERG	GER	MARKKLEEBERG	RANKING RACE		CANCELLED			
1878	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING TACEN	SLO	LJUBLJANA - TACEN	RANKING RACE		17/04/2021	18/04/2021	07/04/2021	
1842	2021 CCA CANOE SLALOM ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	THA	PATTAYA	CONTINENTAL CH.		30/04/2021	02/05/2021	20.04.2021	
1842	2021 COPAC CANOE SLALOM PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	BRA	RIO	CONTINENTAL CH.		30/04/2021	02/05/2021	19.04.2021	
1843	2021 ECA CANOE SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (OLYMPIC QUALIFIER)	ITA	IVREA	CONTINENTAL CH.	YES	07/05/2021	09/05/2021	27/04/2021	
1889	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM 73RD TATRA INTERNATIONAL	SVK	LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS	RANKING RACE		22/05/2021	23/05/2021	17/05/2021	
1882	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING MERANO	ITA	MERANO	RANKING RACE		28/05/2021	30/05/2021	18/05/2021	
2021 ICF RANKING - Release #1						1st June 2021			
1699	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP	CZE	PRAGUE	WORLD CUP	YES	11/06/2021	13/06/2021	01.06.2021	
1698	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP	GER	MARKKLEEBERG	WORLD CUP	YES	18.06.2021	20.06.2021	08.06.2021	
2021 ICF RANKING - Release #2						25th June 2021			
1266	2021 ICF JUNIOR & U23 CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	SLO	LJUBLJANA	WORLD CHAMP.	YES	06/07/2021	11/07/2021	26.06.2021	
1920	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING CESKE BUDEJOVICE	CZE	CESKE BUDEJOVICE	RANKING RACE		24/07/2021	25/07/2021	10/07/2021	
1459	TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES - CANOE SLALOM	JPN	TOKYO	OLYMPICS		25/07/2021	30/07/2021	IOC REGULATION	
1875	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING PRAGUE	CZE	PRAGUE	RANKING RACE		31/07/2021	01/08/2021	21/07/2021	
1853	2021 ECA JUNIOR AND U23 CANOE SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	SLO	SOLKAN	CONTINENTAL CH.	YES	19/08/2021	22/08/2021	06.08.2021	
1876	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING CANADIAN OPEN	CAN	MINDEN HILLS	RANKING RACE		20/08/2021	22/08/2021	09/08/2021	
1901	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD RANKING OKLAHOMA CITY	USA	OKLAHOMA CITY	RANKING RACE		20/08/2021	22/08/2021	10/08/2021	
2021 ICF RANKING - Release #3						30th August 2021			
1701	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP	ESP	LA SEU	WORLD CUP	YES	03/09/2021	05/09/2021	24.08.2021	
1702	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CUP FINAL	FRA	PAU	WORLD CUP	YES	10/09/2021	12/09/2021	31.08.2021	
2021 ICF RANKING - Release #4						15th September 2021			
1703	2021 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	SVK	BRATISLAVA	WORLD CHAMP.	YES	21/09/2021	26/09/2021	11.09.2021	
2021 ICF RANKING - Release #5						4th October 2021			

II. REMINDER CONCERNING THE 2021 ICF RANKING RELEASE #1

A. ICF Board of Directors decision (6 May 2020)

Following recommendations from the ICF Secretary General and the ICF Canoe Slalom Committee, the ICF Board of Directors agreed to freeze the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking from 15 February 2020 until 31 December 2020 to ensure fair access for all athletes to the ranking.

There will be no ICF ranking points allocated for competitions in this period.

The ICF Canoe Slalom ranking is part of the Olympic Qualification system if a Continental Olympic Qualifier competition is cancelled. The fairness and the accuracy of the ranking is a major consideration.

B. Consequences for the calculation

The new two-year ranking period covers events in the 18 months prior to 15 February 2020, (already calculated in ICF CSL Ranking release 2020-1) and then from 1 January 2021 until 31 May 2021.

III. COVID19 PANDEMIC & POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE 2021 ICF RANKING

The ICF acknowledges that the COVID19 pandemic will still affect Canoe Slalom races during the 2021 season.

The cancellation policy will be applied following a decision between each Host National Federation and Host Organising Committee after reviewing the situation with the ICF.

However, to avoid putting the participation of all National Federations under pressure, the ICF will not include ICF points for any ranking competitions until 31st March 2021.

The situation will be reassessed on 20th March for the scheduled competitions from 1st April 2021.

This reassessment will be conducted monthly (on the 20th of every month) for the future competitions.

IV. ENTRIES FOR LEVEL 3 COMPETITION

Entries are open without limitation of the number of boats per event and per federation. However, the Host National Federation can limit the number of boats per event per Federation to not less than 6 boats per event. This must be recorded on the calendar when the entries open on SDP and included in the 1st information bulletin. Two weeks before the closing deadline, the limit will be reviewed and may be extended.

This rule means that:

- Each participating boat will gain International Ranking points.
- National Federations must do all of the entries through the ICF online entries system (SDP).

From 2021, ICF Canoe Slalom Committee limits each nation to hosting no more than two International ranking races (level 3) in any year.

V. CANOE SLALOM EVENTS: RANKING LIST AND ICF POINTS CALCULATION

A. Concerned events

MK1	Men's Kayak
WK1	Women's Kayak
MC1	Men's Canoe
WC1	Women's Canoe
XC2	Mixed Canoe Double

B. Ranking list

The ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking List is established by taking the average of the best 5 ICF Ranking Points achieved by any athlete participating in the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Series of events.

Events included in the calculation of the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking span a two-year period. Therefore, all races in the two-year period directly before the relevant release date are considered and the best 5 counted for each Athletes ranking¹.

Athletes having 5 or more results, whilst still averaging the best 5 results, are ranked above all Athletes having only 4 results; those with only 4 results are ranked above those with 3 results. Athletes with 3 results are ranked above Athletes with 2 results and Athletes with 1 result are ranked at the bottom of the list.

¹ Note: due to the pandemic for the 2021 season the period the ranking is calculated varies from the 2 years listed here – see section II

C. ICF points Calculation

1. Principle

ICF points are calculated separately for each phase (Heats, Semi final or Final) in which a boat participates. The lowest point value out of those 3 is the ICF points earned by the boat for that race.

2. General Formula for Race ICF Points

$$\text{IcfPoints} = \text{PhaseOffset} + \frac{\text{PhaseFactor} \times \text{Score}}{\text{ScoreLeader}} - \text{PhaseFactor} + \text{QualityFactor}$$

- **Phase Offset**

Phase	PhaseOffset
Final	0
Semi final	10
Heats	20

- **Quality Factor**

- ICF competition Level 1 and Level 2

For ICF CSL World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Games the Quality Factor is "0"

- ICF competition Level 3

The "Quality Factor" is calculated by identifying the five (5) competing Athletes who are ranked highest on the ICF CSL Ranking list. The ICF Ranking points for these Athletes are averaged and this becomes the "QualityFactor" for that event.

Any entered boat who receives a DNS in both Heats runs will not be considered in the Quality Factor calculation.

- **Score:** results of the boat in seconds
- **ScoreLeader:** results of the fastest boat in that phase in seconds

3. Sample Calculation of ICF Points

a) Example 1

- Competition phase → Final, therefore **Phase Offset = 0**,
- **PhaseFactor** = 150
- Competition is a World Championships, therefore **Quality Factor** = 0
- Boat 1 score = 89.60 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 90.82 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 141.91 seconds

$$\text{Points for Boat 1 (winner of finals)} = 0 + ((150 * 89.6) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 0.00$$

$$\text{Points for Boat 2} = 0 + ((150 * 90.82) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 2.042 = 2.04$$

$$\text{Points for Boat 3} = 0 + ((150 * 141.91) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 87.572 = 87.57$$

b) Example 2

- Competition phase = Semi Finals therefore phase offset = 10,
- **PhaseFactor** = 150
- Competition is a World Cup, therefore **QualityFactor** = 0
- Boat 1 score = 101.76 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 100.86 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 103.19 seconds,

$$\text{Points for Boat 1} = 10 + ((150 * 101.76) / 100.86) - 150 = 12.8256 = 12.83$$

$$\text{Points for Boat 2 (winner of the semi final)} = 10 + ((150 * 100.86) / 100.86) - 150 = 10$$

$$\text{Points for Boat 3} = 10 + ((150 * 103.19) / 100.86) - 150 = 13.4561 = 13.46$$

For Boat 3 the semi final ranking points are better than ranking points they score in the finals phase due to a "50" second penalty received in the Finals, their semi final points would be used as their ranking points for this race.

The calculation of ranking points for the heats phase would follow the same formula as above using 20 as the Phase Offset.

VI. EXTREME CANOE SLALOM EVENTS: RANKING LIST AND ICF POINTS CALCULATION

A. Concerned events

MCSLX	Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom
WCSLX	Women's Extreme Canoe Slalom

B. Ranking list

The ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking List is established by the addition of the best 5 ICF Ranking Points achieved by any athletes participating in the ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking Series of events.

Events included in the calculation of the ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking span a two-year period. Therefore, all races in the two-year period directly before the relevant release date are considered and the best 5 counted for each Athletes ranking.

Athletes having 5 or more results, whilst still adding the best 5 results, are ranked above all Athletes having only 4 results; those with only 4 results are ranked above those with 3 results. Athletes with 3 results are ranked above Athletes with 2 results and Athletes with 1 result are ranked at the bottom of the list.

C. ICF points Calculation

1. Principle

ICF points are attributed from the allocation table based on the final results of a competition in which a boat participates and depending on the level of the competition.

2. Point (P) allocation table

Final results	Points (P)	Final results	Points (P)	Final results	Points (P)	Final results	Points (P)	Final results	Points (P)
1	50	11	30	21	20	31	10	41	2
2	46	12	29	22	19	32	9	42	2
3	42	13	28	23	18	33	8	43	2
4	38	14	27	24	17	34	7	44	2
5	36	15	26	25	16	35	6	45	2
6	35	16	25	26	15	36	5	46	2
7	34	17	24	27	14	37	4	47	2
8	33	18	23	28	13	38	3	48	2
9	32	19	22	29	12	39	2	...	2
10	31	20	21	30	11	40	2	...	2

Special case during time trials:

Final results	<i>Points (P)</i>
DNF	<i>1</i>
NSC	<i>1</i>
DSQ	<i>0</i>
DNS	<i>0</i>

3. Competition level factor (CLF)

Competition level	CLF
Olympic Games ICF World Championships	2
ICF World Cup Continental Championships Continental Games	1
ICF Ranking competition	0.5

Only the Continental Championships from your **home** continent can be counted as part of the 5 best competitions.

4. General Formula for Race Points

$$ICF\ points = P \times CLF$$

VII. CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR FEMALE ATHLETES DURING PREGNANCY

The points for an Athlete who becomes pregnant will be frozen at the value of the first release date following the time they cease competition. The Athletes points will remain at this value for the next 24-month period and they will retain the ICF Ranking relevant to this point value.

The Athletes Federation must write to the ICF Secretary General and the Chair of the Canoe Slalom Committee to advise that their Athlete will not be competing due to pregnancy, what date they expect to cease competition and that they wish their ICF Ranking points to be frozen for up to a 24 month period. They must also provide a medical certificate confirming the pregnancy.

If the Athlete returns to competition within 24 months they will earn points and be newly ranked. Their new post pregnancy races will be used in the calculation of their ICF Ranking. In the first instance the points earned at their first post pregnancy race will be combined with the best 4 of their pre pregnancy races to produce a new ranking. Then the two new races plus their best 3 pre-pregnancy points etc. Once they have competed in 5 races post pregnancy their ranking will be calculated on these 5 races and all the points from the pre pregnancy races will be removed.

In all cases, 12 months after the Athlete has recommenced competition all the points earned prior to the pregnancy will no longer be counted and will be removed. The ranking will be calculated on any points earned since returning to competition and the Athlete will be ranked accordingly.

If after 24 months the Athlete does not return to competition the points earned from pre pregnancy races will be deleted and the Athlete will be removed from the ranking list at the next release date.