

# 2026 WORLD CANOE



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## Bulletin #1

2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships,  
Lake Banook, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Land Acknowledgement

Halifax is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, who have cared for its lands and waters for millennia.

For generations, the Shubenacadie waterway, including Lake Banook, has been a place of travel and gathering for the Mi'kmaq. As we prepare to welcome the world in 2026, we honour this history and the ongoing relationships that connect us as Treaty People.





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## Welcome Message

### From Casey Wade, Chief Executive Officer

**On behalf of Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC), it is my pleasure to welcome the global paddling community to the 2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships, to be hosted in Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

Canada is honoured to host this major international canoe sprint event in 2026, reinforcing our long-standing commitment to excellence in high-performance sport and international event delivery. The Junior & U23 World Championships represent a cornerstone of that vision, bringing together the next generation of the world's best athletes at a critical stage of their development.

Halifax, Dartmouth and Lake Banook hold a unique place in the history of international canoe sprint. Since first welcoming the world in 1989, this venue and community have repeatedly demonstrated their capacity to deliver championships defined by fairness, professionalism, and an unmistakable atmosphere created by close-to-the-

course racing and passionate spectators.

Canoe Kayak Canada is proud to work alongside our partners at the International Canoe Federation, Canoe '26, and the Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada to deliver an event that reflects the highest standards of our sport. We are confident that athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters will experience a championship that not only challenges performance on the water, but also celebrates the global canoe sprint community.

We look forward to welcoming you to Canada in 2026 and to showcasing a championship that reflects both our sporting ambition and our tradition of international hospitality.

**Casey Wade**  
Chief Executive Officer  
CanoeKayak Canada



## Welcome Message

### From Todd Allison, Flag Officer

**On behalf of the Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada (ADCKC), it is a privilege to welcome you to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and to the storied shores of Lake Banook for the 2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.**

This championship continues a proud legacy of international hosting in our region, built on decades of volunteer leadership, community engagement, and a deep connection to paddling at every level of the sport. For our athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers, welcoming the world to Nova Scotia is both an honour and a responsibility we take seriously.

Lake Banook is renowned not only for its technical quality as a sprint course, but for the energy created by its intimate setting within the community of Dartmouth, part of the greater Halifax region. Few venues offer the same combination of high-performance racing, accessibility,

and atmosphere, making it an ideal stage for the world's top Junior and U23 athletes.

Atlantic Canada is known for its warmth, authenticity, and pride in hosting. From volunteers to local supporters, our community is committed to ensuring that every participant feels welcomed and supported throughout their time here.

We look forward to sharing our venue, our community, and our passion for paddling with you in 2026, and to contributing to a championship that celebrates both the future of the sport and the people who make it possible.

#### **Todd Allison**

Flag Officer  
Atlantic Division, CanoeKayak Canada

## Airport

Halifax Stanfield Airport (YHZ) is 20 minutes by ground transportation to the racing venue at Lake Banook, and 15 to 20 minutes to accommodation venues.

## Organizing Committee

**Mark James, Executive Director**

**Sharon Guthro, Event Advisor**

**Jessica Kenney, Operations Lead**

Should you require any information please contact us at the following email address: [info@canoehalifax.com](mailto:info@canoehalifax.com).

## Weather Conditions

Based on long-term climate norms for the Halifax-Dartmouth region, the event period typically experiences mild to warm summer conditions.

**Daytime temperatures:** 20–23°C

**Overnight temperatures:** 12–15°C

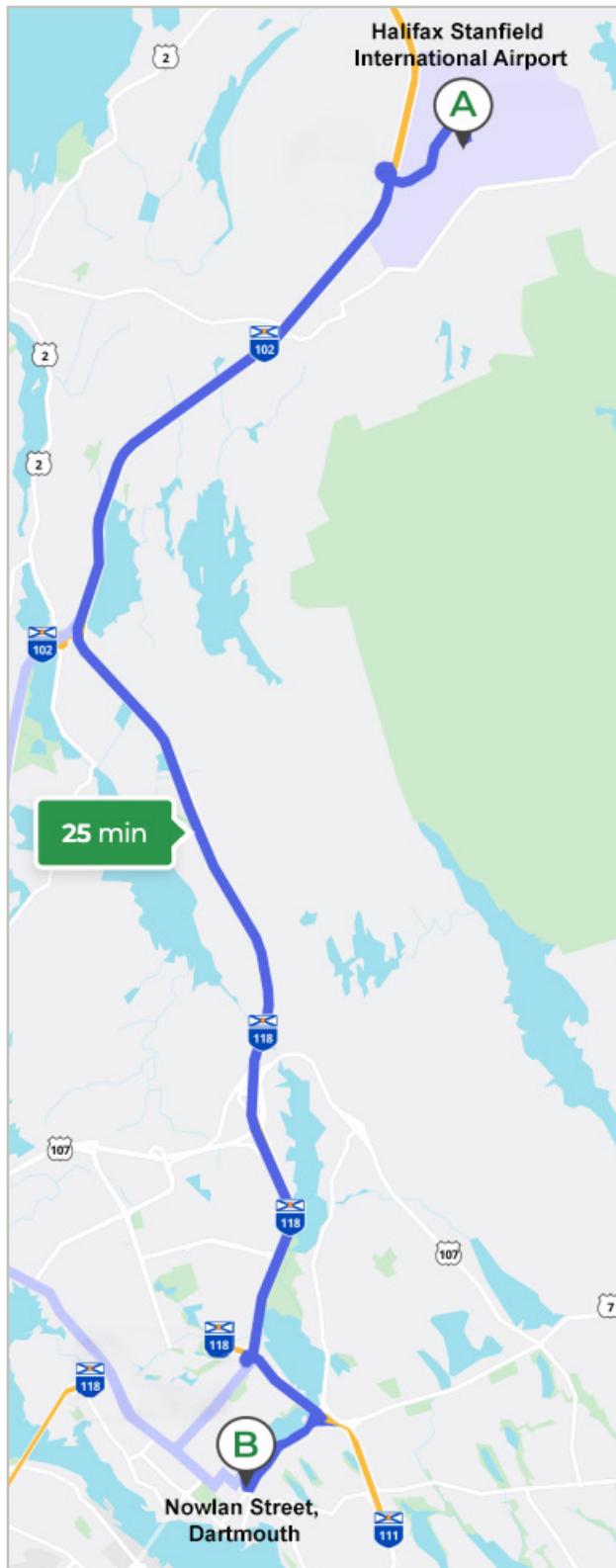
**Occasional highs:** Up to 26–28°C

**Humidity:** Moderate, increasing into early July

**Daylight:** Approximately 16 hours of usable daylight

**Typical winds:** 10–20 km/h

**Prevailing direction:** West to southwest



## Location

### **Dartmouth (PUNAMU'KWATI'JK)**

Affectionately known as the “City of Lakes,” Dartmouth, Nova Scotia is home to 23 distinctive lakes, each with its own unique natural character. The community hosts four of Nova Scotia’s eight sprint canoe clubs and serves as an important training hub for national-team athletes. Located just across the harbour from Halifax’s vibrant downtown core, Dartmouth offers a distinctly different experience—blending modern shops, eateries, and cafés with forests, trails, and waterways. Just minutes away, visitors can easily transition from the energy of the city to the quiet calm of Dartmouth’s parks and beaches.



## Facilities



### Lake Banook (PANUK) International Racecourse:

The Lake Banook International Racecourse forms the operational heart of the Canoe '26 competition venue and is owned and managed by Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada (ADCKC). Purpose-built for high-performance sprint racing, the racecourse integrates athlete services, technical operations, and spectator engagement within a compact and efficient footprint.

The finish-line complex is anchored by the David M. Jones Judges Tower, fully refurbished in 2023 as part of the Canoe '22 Legacy and the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). The tower serves as the central hub for officials, timing, and sport presentation, supporting modern international competition standards.

Competition operations and venue services are delivered in close collaboration with the resident rowing club and three canoe clubs - North Star, Mic Mac, Senobe, and Banook - whose facilities and volunteer expertise are fully integrated into the event footprint. The Canoe '26 athletes' village, disembarkation area, and medal presentations are centred around the finish area at the base of the lake, creating an electrifying atmosphere befitting the 2026 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

## Competition

### SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, June 29, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Arrival of Teams  
Accreditation  
Unofficial Training

#### **Tuesday, June 30, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Arrival of Teams  
Accreditation  
Unofficial Training  
Team Leaders Meeting

#### **Wednesday, July 1, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Day 1 of Competition

#### **Thursday, July 2, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Day 2 of Competition

#### **Friday, July 3, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Day 3 of Competition

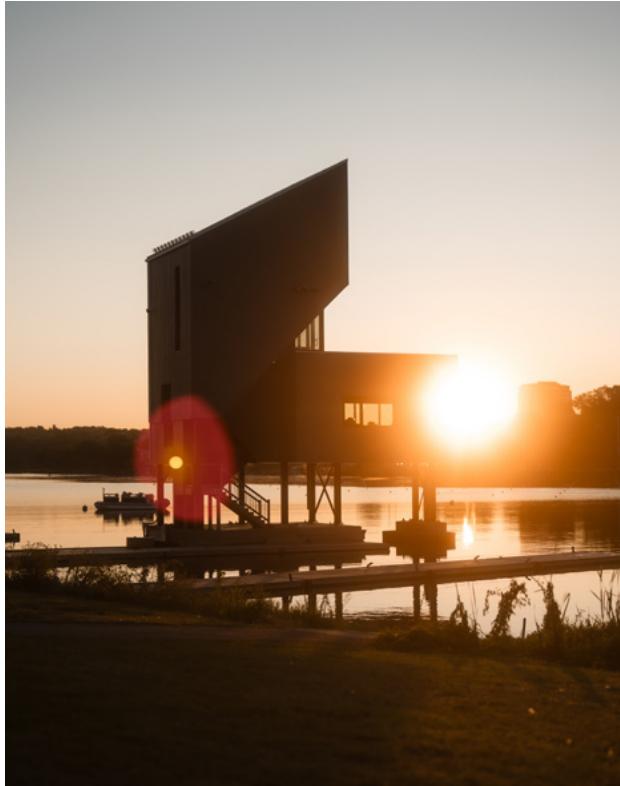
#### **Saturday, July 4, 2026:**

08:00-19:00 Day 4 of Competition

#### **Sunday, July 5, 2026**

08:00-19:00 Day 5 of Competition  
& Closing Ceremonies

Provisional schedule to be published by the International Canoe Federation at:  
[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/preliminary\\_timetable\\_halifax\\_jun\\_u23\\_wch\\_v1.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/preliminary_timetable_halifax_jun_u23_wch_v1.pdf)



## Events

### JUNIOR & U23

KAYAK MEN	KAYAK WOMEN	CANOE MEN	CANOE WOMEN	MIXED EVENTS
K1 200	K1 200	C1 200	C1 200	K1 5000 Relay
K1 500	K1 500	C1 500	C2 200	C1 5000 Relay
K2 500	K2 500	C2 500	C1 500	
K4 500	K4 500	C4 500	C2 500	
K1 1000	K1 1000	C1 1000	C4 500	



## Entry Information

In an effort to create an elevated experience for athletes and federations, Canoe '26 is seeking preliminary information from national federations. This information will allow us to gauge rooming and transportation requirements, as well as accessibility requirements for athletes that require accommodation. Upon review of this bulletin, we kindly ask that representatives from each federation fill out our brief questionnaire at your earliest convenience: [CANOE '26 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM](#) by Feb 28, 2026

## Numerical & Nominal Entry Dates

Entries are to be made online via ICF's SDP system. For help with SDP entries please contact the administrator directly at: [email\\_sd@canoeicf.com](mailto:email_sd@canoeicf.com) or reference the Online entries and pre-accreditation [Quick guide](#) for National Federations

**Numerical entries are due May 16, 2026 at 23:59 CET**

**Nominal entries are due June 21, 2026 at 23:59 CET**



## Accommodations & Athlete Services



### Talent Identification Program (TIP)

The Talent Identification Programme (TIP) of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) aims to identify and develop young athletes with potential, particularly from developing countries. The programme provides international training camps, specialized technical support, and opportunities to integrate into high-performance environments for specific periods, often alongside international competitions. This year, part of the programme will take place during the 2026 ICF Junior and U23 World Championships in Canada. Its goal is to support 30 emerging athletes in their preparation for the Los Angeles Olympic Games.



### Acclimatization

National Federations wishing to arrange acclimatization or preparatory training prior to the official venue access period may coordinate directly with selected local canoe clubs in the Halifax area. Three clubs have indicated their willingness to be contacted, subject to availability and local policies.

All arrangements are to be made directly between the National Federation and the club and are independent of the Organising Committee. Access to the official competition venue is not available prior to the designated venue access dates.

#### Cheema Aquatic Club

145 Champions Way, Lake Thomas, Waverley, Nova Scotia  
Scott Logan, Executive Director  
[scott.logan@cheema.ca](mailto:scott.logan@cheema.ca)

#### Orenda Canoe Club

3170 Nova Scotia Trunk 7, Lake Echo, Nova Scotia  
Corey Firth, Head Coach  
[firthconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:firthconstruction@gmail.com)

#### Sackawa Canoe Club

159 First Lake Drive, First Lake, Sackville, Nova Scotia  
Tyler Laidlaw, Commodore  
[tyler@sackawa.ca](mailto:tyler@sackawa.ca)



### Boat Transfers & Boat Rental

The ICF and CKC are currently in the process of developing an agreement related to boat rental and boat transfer services. Once finalized, options and relevant details will be provided. This information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.



### Athlete Name and country code stickers

The athlete's name sticker must be applied on all boats for ICF Canoe Sprint Competitions. In order for the canoes and kayaks to be presented in a standard manner, the name stickers must be positioned at the same point on every boat. The Country code sticker will be applied on all boats and at the same place for each ICF Canoe Sprint competition. The stickers will be checked at the Boat Control. **It is the participating National Federations' responsibility to provide the stickers to their athletes.** Please use the template provided by the ICF with the correct sizes and font. Templates are available on the ICF website / NF Area / Marketing.



### Visa information

Depending on your citizenship, visitors to Canada may require a visa to enter the country. Processing times for visa applications vary depending on the visa office and the time of the year. Participants are encouraged to check the processing times calculator for guidance, but it is recommended to apply approximately **12 weeks** in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time for the start of the event. Federations can check to see if they require a visa through this link. Should you or your participants require a visa, a letter of invitation from the Canoe '26 Society will be provided upon request in support of your application.



## Medical care and insurance

Canoe '26 asks that all participants of the World Championship take out a medical insurance policy in their respective country. All costs above the regular first aid and ambulance services are to be covered by this medical insurance policy. Canoe '26 will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital treatment.



## Participation fees

Participation fees for Canoe '26 will cost \$80 CAD (inclusive of HST) per participant, per day. Please note the Canadian rate is subject to change based on exchange rates.

### Included during non-competition days:

- Accreditation services
- Info desk
- Course Access during open hours
- Security at racing venue
- Lifeguard & Safety services
- Medical services
- Drinking water
- Showers & washrooms
- Electricity power
- Washing facilities for boats and equipment
- Boats storage
- Boat measurements and control facilities
- Boats and equipment repair services
- Cars and trailers parking
- Transportation service between Canoe'26 accommodations and event venue
- Lunch at racing venue during the access period
- Wire transfer fees

### In addition to above, competition days will include the following:

- Doping control
- Timing and results system
- Boat numbers distribution
- Results and information announcements
- Merchandising facilities
- Athletes recovery areas

## Payment Details

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

An initial deposit of 50% of your anticipated fees will be due within two weeks (14 days) of your federation's approval of the quote. The services you have requested will not be considered confirmed until Tournkey has received payment of your initial deposit in full. If Tournkey has not received your initial deposit by April 15, 2026, all service requests submitted by your federation will be released. Your original request will only be available in the future based on availability from individual properties, and may be subject to price increases.

**The remaining balance of your federation's payments will be due on the following schedule:**

- May 15: 25%
- June 12: 25%

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### PAYMENT PROCESS

Tournkey will issue your federation an invoice for your deposit. Payment options are as follows:

**Payment via wire transfer**



## Accommodations

Canoe '26 and logistics partner, Tournkey Travel have provided several accommodation options for the 2026 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships. Though there are many spaces available at each facility, we encourage you to book your accommodations early.

**Booking priority will function on a first come, first served basis.**

**CAT 1 - Hotels:**

package prices do not include a meal plan

**CAT 2 - DAL:**

package prices do include a meal plan

Shuttle service to and from the event venue will be available for all locations listed below. Those who choose to stay in accommodations not listed will not have access to this service.

There are two accommodation categories available. All accommodations are to be booked by Tournkey Travel. Questions and inquiries regarding accommodations can be directed to:

**Contact: Yina Marin**

Phone: 519-433-6677 Ext. 358

Toll Free: 1-800-304-6346 Ext. 358

[Email: yina@tournkey.com](mailto:yina@tournkey.com)

[Booking Link](#)



## Category 1: Hotels

Canoe '26's logistics partner, Tournkey Travel has secured accommodations for athletes at several hotels. All hotels are in close proximity to the race course, each within a 7km/10 minute drive of the venue. These accommodations also include shuttle service to and from Lake Banook and lunch at the racing venue. Some properties may have continental or light breakfast options included in the room rate offered. Should your federation have specific dining requirements for breakfast or dinner, please specify any requests you may have when submitting your reservation request. Tournkey Travel can coordinate custom meal packages directly with the property, where available.

### Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth

Welcome to the Delta Dartmouth, located at the doorstep of Burnside Business Park. Our rooms and suites showcase luxury, comfort and streamlined amenities like free Wi-Fi, great showers and beyond comfortable beds. Whether visiting for business or pleasure, our location is ideal for your next business trip or weekend getaway. You will rise and shine to a variety of breakfast offerings featuring Starbucks® coffee or a visit to our expansive fitness centre, pool, or yoga studio for your morning workout. You can stay connected anywhere in the Hotel, allowing you to plan your next day over a pint of craft beer, or if you are planning a more relaxed evening, allow our sommelier to select the perfect wine pairing for your chef prepared dinner.



## **Hampton Inn & Suites Dartmouth**

Be sure to enjoy recreational amenities, including an indoor pool, a waterslide, and a spa tub. This hotel also features complimentary wireless internet access, wedding services, and a fireplace in the lobby.

Grab a bite from the snack bar/deli serving guests of Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Halifax - Dartmouth.

Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, limo/town car service, and express check-in. Planning an event in Dartmouth? This hotel has 1982 square feet (184 square meters) of space consisting of conference space and 5 meeting rooms. Free self parking is available onsite.

Make yourself at home in one of the 163 guestrooms featuring refrigerators and LCD televisions.

Complimentary wired and wireless internet access keeps you connected, and digital programming provides entertainment. Private bathrooms have complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Conveniences include safes and desks, as well as phones with free local calls.



## **Courtyard by Marriott - Dartmouth**

Located within the heart of Dartmouth Crossing, Courtyard Halifax Dartmouth offers a comfortable stay for business and leisure travelers. Experience a variety of local restaurants and shopping. Enjoy comfort and functionality in our spacious guest rooms with complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, flat-panel 55" TVs and mini-refrigerators. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner and drinks at our on-site restaurant, The Bistro. Re-energize after a busy day of sight seeing in our 24-hour fitness centre, heated indoor pool and 150ft waterslide. Experience a stay you expect and deserve at Courtyard Halifax Dartmouth.



### Hotel Halifax

Ideally situated in the heart of downtown, Hotel Halifax invites you to spoil yourself while savouring stunning views of the Halifax Harbour.

Embrace the excitement of the city while staying just minutes from Scotiabank Centre, Citadel Hill, Discovery Centre and Halifax Convention Centre. Direct access to Halifax's Downtown Link offers indoor commute to major attractions such as Casino Nova Scotia, Purdy's Towers, Scotiabank Centre, Citadel Hill and Scotia Square Mall. Business travellers, families, couples and groups will all find our friendly staff and convenient location offer a welcoming haven.

For epic events the Bluenose Ballroom boasts panoramic views of the Halifax Harbour and Historic Downtown from its rooftop vantage – undoubtedly THE BEST views in the city



### Barrington Hotel - Halifax

The Barrington Hotel's location in the city's heart is perfect for business and leisure travellers. Connected to Hotel Halifax, our sister hotel, by the Downtown Halifax Link walkway system, the Barrington Hotel is the ideal base for your getaway. It is conveniently only steps away from Casino Nova Scotia and the Halifax Convention Centre. The hotel offers 5,000 square feet of meeting space, complimentary pool and fitness facilities, a complimentary business centre, and TEMPO Food + Drink, a contemporary, urban open-kitchen eatery located on one of Halifax's busiest corners.



Please note that the listed prices include the participation fee but do not include **meal plans**. Meal plan options and costs vary by hotel and can be arranged with Tournkey Travel at the time of booking.

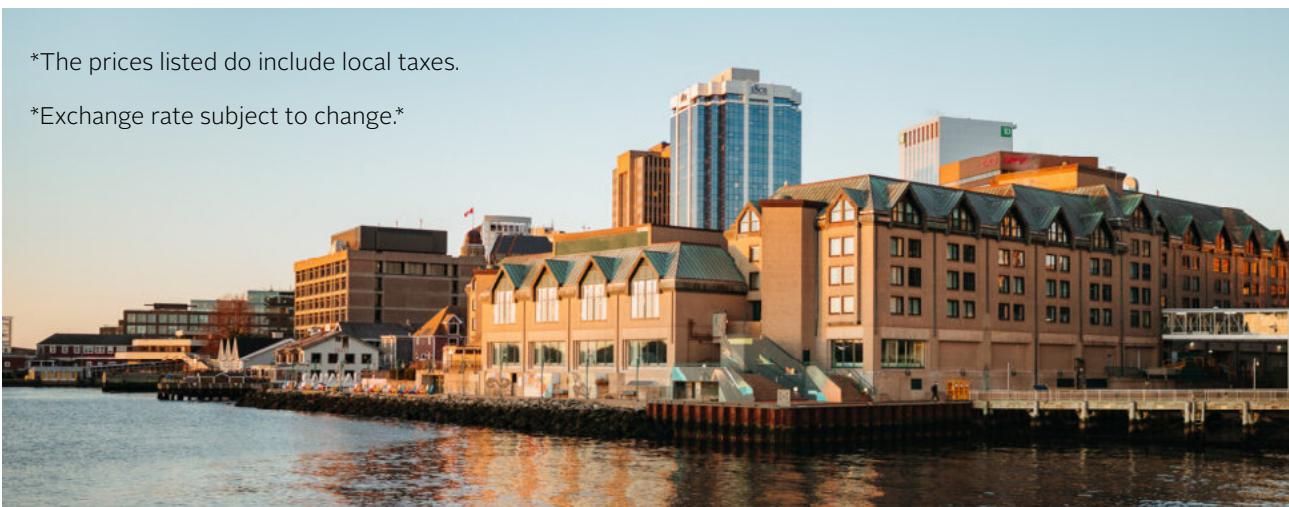
All rates are quoted per person, per night, based on dual occupancy (two people per room), unless otherwise stated. Single rooms are available upon request and will be priced at single-occupancy rates.

Additional properties may be available based on volume of requests received.

Property	Address	Distance to venue	Canadian Rate - Local taxes not included	Euro Rate - Subject to exchange rate
<b>Delta Hotels by Marriott Dartmouth</b>	240 Brownlow Dr - Dartmouth	11 min - 6.7 km	\$242.62	€150.55
<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Dartmouth</b>	65 Cromarty Dr - Dartmouth	9 min - 5.4 km	\$260.24	€161.48
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Dartmouth</b>	35 Shubie Dr - Dartmouth	9 min - 6.2 km	\$236.75	€146.91
<b>Hotel Halifax</b>	1990 Barrington St - Halifax	17 min - 6.5 km	\$266.11	€165.12
<b>Barrington Halifax</b>	1875 Barrington St - Halifax	17 min - 6.5 km	\$236.75	€146.91

\*The prices listed do include local taxes.

\*Exchange rate subject to change\*



## Category 2: Dalhousie University

Accommodations in Dalhousie University Residences are designated to teams and support staff only. Risley Hall and Howe Hall are located in close proximity on Dalhousie's campus for those teams that may book rooms in both buildings.

### Dalhousie University packages include:

- Accommodations
- Participation fee
- Breakfast & Dinner - Lunch to be served at racing venue
- Shuttle bus service connecting the racecourse and accommodations during the access period
- Complimentary wireless internet
- **Full-member access to Dalplex, including:**
  - ◊ Running track
  - ◊ Fitness centre
  - ◊ Fieldhouse
  - ◊ Olympic-sized swimming pool

### Risley Hall

Risley Hall offers private accommodations with shared, gender-neutral washroom facilities accessible from residence hallways. Toilets and shower stalls within washrooms provide a high level of privacy. All rooms in Risley Hall are equipped with in-room sinks. Accessible rooms include a private washroom.

### Building inclusions:

- Accessible Washrooms on each floor
- Laundry
- Climate controlled building
- Lounge Area
- Adjustable bed heights

Accommodation Detail	Price per Person - CAD*	Distance from venue	Total - Euros*
<b>Single Room- shared bathrooms</b>	\$241.01	20 min - 7.3 km	€149.55

*Prices listed are per participant, per day, based on the room style:*



## Howe Hall

Howe Hall offers private accommodations with shared, gender-neutral washroom facilities accessible from residence hallways. Toilets and shower stalls within washrooms provide a high level of privacy. Some rooms in Howe Hall are equipped with in-room sinks. Accessible rooms include a private washroom.

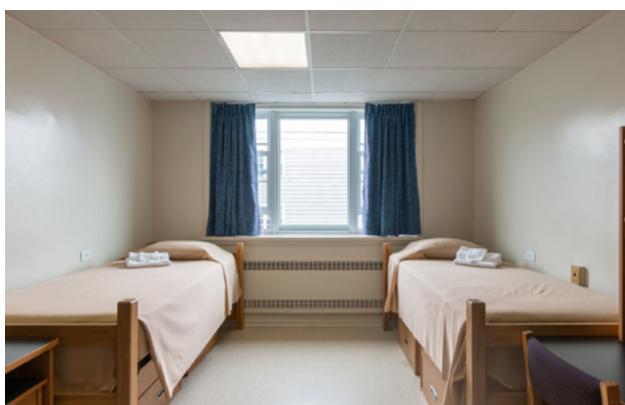
### Building inclusions:

- Accessible Washrooms on each floor
- Laundry
- Climate controlled building (this does not mean air-conditioned at Risley or Howe Hall)
- Lounge Area
- Adjustable bed heights

Accommodation Detail	Price per Person - CAD*	Distance from venue	Total - Euros*
<b>Single Room - shared bathrooms</b>	\$241.01	20 min - 7.1km	€149.55
<b>Double Room - shared bathrooms</b>	\$241.01		€149.55

\*The prices listed do include local taxes

\*Exchange rate subject to change.\*



## Booking Deadlines

Preliminary Information Form:  
by Feb 28, 2026

Numerical entries are due:  
May 16, 2026 at 23:59 CET

Nominal entries are due:  
June 21, 2026 at 23:59 CET

### Category 1 - Hotels

Preliminary booking: April 1, 2026  
Final booking with penalty: May 8, 2026

### Category 2 - DAL

Preliminary booking: March 6, 2026  
Final booking with penalty: May 8, 2026  
First payment (50%) due with 14 days of quote/or April 15, 2026  
Second payment (25%) due May 15, 2026  
Final Payment (25%) due June 12, 2026

## Booking Accommodations



When you have found an option that is suitable for your group, you can proceed to submit a request form within the booking platform through the link below. Please note that the request does not guarantee your booking. The team at Tournkey Travel will review your booking request to ensure there is available inventory and communicate directly with your federation's contact to coordinate details including contracts, terms of cancellation, invoicing and other pertinent information.

### Contact: Yina Marin

Phone: 519-433-6677 Ext. 358

Toll Free: 1-800-304-6346 Ext. 358

[Email: yina@tournkey.com](mailto:yina@tournkey.com)

[Booking Link](#)

## Transportation



Canoe '26 and Tournkey will be making airport transfers available to participants staying at Canoe '26 accommodation venues. Participants will be required to pay a round-trip or one-way fee to cover these costs. Transportation requests can be submitted simultaneously with your accommodation request so that an all-inclusive cost per person is presented to your federation. Alternatively, you may submit a transportation request via this [Booking Link](#).

### Fees (inclusive of taxes - HST and to be charged in CAD) :

- One way transport \$57 CAD
- Round trip transport \$114 CAD



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