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Distribution: All National Freestyle Federations, all Team Captains, all existing ICF judges.

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ICF FREESTYLE JUDGES DEVELOPMENT & EVALUATION SEMINARS 2019

Reference A. ICF Freestyle Rules 2019

1. **Introduction.** ICF Freestyle will be running two Freestyle judging development and evaluation seminars in spring 2019. All Judges wishing to be considered for a position of judge at the World Championships, who do not currently have grade A status, (see table attached) must first complete one of these ICF judging seminars in accordance with Reference A¹.
All candidates must attend all seminar sessions prior to sitting the examination.
The seminar will conclude with an examination followed by individual feedback.
The examination will test your ability to judge Freestyle, including Squirt, in real time scenarios, as well testing your knowledge of the rules and appendices.
Furthermore, candidates will be evaluated and scored throughout the seminar on general attitude, reliability, ability to concentrate, organisational ability, communication skills, attendance and punctuality.
2. **Aim.** The aims of the judging seminars are:
 - a. Develop and certify new ICF Freestyle Judges able to judge at ICF Freestyle events.
 - b. Qualify Freestyle Judges prior to selecting ICF Judges for the World Championships.
3. **Seminars.** The two seminars are:
 - a. Rock Island, TN, USA. 18-19-20 March 2019.
 - b. Sort, Catalonia, Spain. 24-25-26 April 2019.
4. **Course Pre-Requisites.** The seminars are not suitable for complete beginners and some prior freestyle judging experience is essential. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a place:
 - Previous freestyle judging experience, including Squirt.
 - A working knowledge of the ICF Freestyle rules and appendices 1 to 6.
 - Fluent English language skills and a reasonable level of written English. Please note, interpreters will not be accepted.
 - Membership of your National Federation as well as the NF's approval and support to attend the seminar.
 - Availability to judge or scribe at this year's and/or next year's World Championships and World Cups.
5. **Applications.** Applications (annex B) must be received no later than one month before the start date for Sort, or by March 10 for Rock Island. Late applicants will only be considered if seminars are not fully loaded.

¹Ref A 1 ICF Freestyle Rules 2019, Chapters 14.1 14.2 14.3.

6. **Place Allocation.** All applications will be considered the week commencing 25 February 2019.

If more than 12 applicants for each seminar, priority will go to those available for 2019 and 2020 ICF events and those with more experience. All applicants, successful or otherwise, will receive notification of a place on the seminar or not by 4th March 2019.

7. **Cancellations.** If a seminar does not have six or more applicants a decision will be taken by the ICF Freestyle Committee to run the seminar or not; all applicants will be informed by 8th March 2019, of the final decision. If individual applicants have to cancel their place on a seminar last minute due to unforeseen circumstances, they are to inform the ICF Freestyle Committee and their National Federation at the earliest opportunity so a reserve applicant can be offered their place. If the place can't be filled, the original applicant may still be charged the subscription fee. Should cancellation be necessary the ICF will not be responsible for any out of pocket expenses.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

8. **Cost.** Cost of the seminar is the standard ICF subscription fee of 50€: 20€ will be invoiced directly to the National Federation by the ICF Freestyle Committee on confirmation of a place on the seminar. Individuals are to pay the 30 € cash(Sort) on arrival direct to the organisers to cover food and accommodation. A receipt will be available on request after payment.

9. **Trainers.** The seminar and evaluation will be carried out by experienced ICF judges² (Grade A Judge or Chief Judge) and at least one member of the ICF Freestyle Committee.

10. **Facilities.** Both seminars will have the following facilities and resources on site:

- A viable Freestyle feature for paddlers to demonstrate Freestyle moves along with transport to and from the feature.
- A meeting room with power, Wi-Fi, video projector or wide screen monitor and printer.
- Hotel accommodation with food and drink catering for candidates and trainers in Sort, nearby lodging and on-site meals for candidates and trainers in Rock Island.

11. **Accommodation.** Accommodation will be provided for three nights³: the night before the start of the seminar, and the first two nights of the seminar, but not the night following the completion of the seminar. If students want to stay the night of the final day of the seminar, or longer, they can arrange direct with the hotel at their own expense.

a. **Hotel Pessets.** More details can be found on their webpage: hotelpessets.com

b. **Rock Island State Park,** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/rock-island>, Happy Yaker Cottages, <http://thehappyyaker.com/> or check AirBnb for Rock Island, TN

12. **Food.** Food will be provided throughout the seminar from a welcome breakfast on day one to lunch on the third and final day⁴. Any additional meals, snacks and all drinks are at students own expense.

13. **Insurance.** Individuals must make their own arrangements and should consider an insurance policy to cover: trip cancellation, trip interruption, Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR),

² The Judge Trainer should ideally be from another continent than from the one where the seminar is organised.

³ March, Monday 18th March through Wednesday 20th March 2019 at the Jackson Kayak factory in Rock Island USA or for the seminar in Sort, Spain Tuesday 23rd April, Wednesday 24th April and Thursday 25th April 2019.

⁴ For the seminar in Rock Island, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be arranged on site on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. Breakfast and lunch will be arranged on site on Wednesday 20th April. Likewise for Sort, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Wednesday 23th and Thursday 24th April. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Friday 25th April.

baggage, medical to include water-sports and cover personal accident and evacuation, travel and baggage delay, theft and provide 24/7 worldwide assistance.

14. **Medical.** Students must check travel advice with their own doctor and ensure their lifesaving vaccinations are in date. Additionally Hepatitis A and Tetanus are usually advised.

15. **Weather.** The weather in both countries can vary at this time of year and students should check weather forecasts before they pack and fly

16. **Personal equipment.** Students must attend all the seminar sessions and complete the examination. Students are to bring their own pens and paper and laptop computer and an up to date copy the ICF Freestyle rules including appendices.

17. **Travel.** Students are responsible for their own travel arrangements and could be coming from anywhere across the globe. The nearest airport to Rock Island is Nashville. The nearest airport to Sort is Barcelona Airport.

18. **Arrival Procedures.** On arrival to the hotel check-in as normal and say you are on the ICF Freestyle Judges seminar and a message confirming time and location for the morning will be given to you along with a time and place to meet that evening if you wish. The reception will inform the organisers that you have arrived so they can expect you at breakfast if not that evening. In Rock Island, check in to your lodging and text or email Ned that you have arrived.

19. **Outline Timings.** The seminar will start at 09:30 on the first day and will finish no later than 17:30 on the third day.

20. **Contact Details.** The following personnel should be contacted for further information:

- a. Course coordinators: nedpoff@gmail.com or terrybest@icloud.com for applications for a place on the seminar.
- b. ICF Freestyle Committee Course organizers: Terry Best on terrybest@icloud.com or Ned on nedpoff@gmail.com for further details regarding the seminar.
- c. Hotel Pessets Reception +34 973620000
- d. Hotel Reception

Annexes:

- A. Seminar Programme.
- B. Application Form.

JUDGE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Ser (a)	Time (b)	Event (c)
01	Own time	Arrive at airport
02	Own time	Travel from airport to hotel
03	Own time	Check-in to hotel and room
04	21:00	Meet organizers' and confirm timings and classroom location
DAY 1		
05	09:30	Welcome breakfast
06	10:15	Introduction of the trainers / trainees
07	10:35	Function of the ICF Committee
08	11:00	Freestyle Rules Presentation
09	12:15	Lunch
10	13:15	Qualities & Conduct expected of an ICF Judge
11	13:45	Appendix one Moves Presentation, Bonus's & Rule Changes
12	15:00	Move Knowledge Exercises & Memory Exercises
13	18:00	Evening Meal
14	19:00	Video Work
Day 2		
15	08:30	Breakfast
16	09:30	Squirt Appendix Move presentation
17	10:15	Video Work
18	11:15	Move Knowledge Exercises & Memory Exercises
19	12:15	Lunch
20	13:30	Practical Judging Session at the Feature
21	18:00	Evening Meal
22	19:00	Video Work, Memorizing the appendixes
Day 3		
23	08:00	Breakfast
24	09:00	Check out of room
25	09:30	Scribing & use of tablet/computer scoring
26	10:00	Move Knowledge Exercises
27	11:00	Break
28	11:15	Revision
29	12:00	Lunch
30	12:45	Written Exam, Oral Exam, Practical Assessment
31	16:00	Feedback session
32	17:00	Wrap-Up

ICF FREESTYLE JUDGE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SEMINAR APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information		
Name:		
Date of birth:		
National Fed:	Nat Fed Email:	
Current address:		
City:	Country:	
Postcode:		
Email:	Phone:	
Seminar applying for (dates & location):		
Judging Experience		
Competitions judged in last 3 years	Date:	
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		
Languages Spoken		
1)		
2)		
Special Dietary Requirements:		
1)		
Potential Conflicts of interest that the ICF should be aware of during judge selection		
1)		
I have read and understand ICF Freestyle Competition Rules and Appendixes	YES	NO
I have read and understand (Annex A) Explanatory Notes.	YES	NO
I have experience of judging Freestyle Float and Freestyle Squirt to ICF rules	YES	NO
I can communicate and read in English	YES	NO
I agree to attend all seminar sessions	YES	NO
I am available for the 2019 World Championships	YES	NO
I am available for the 2020 World Cups	YES	NO
Will accommodation be required before or after the seminar	YES	NO
<i>If yes, this can be arranged by the applicant, direct with the host venue. Contact details to follow.</i>		
I am happy for my personal details to be retained by the ICF Freestyle Committee.	YES	NO
I am happy for photos of me on the seminar to be used by the ICF Freestyle Committee on Facebook and other social media.	YES	NO
If the seminar is oversubscribed and you are not initially awarded a place, do you wish to be considered as a reserve in case of a last minute cancellation by another student?	YES	NO
Please return this form as soon as possible before your seminar to: 1) Your National Federation 2) terrybest@icloud.com . 3) nedpoff@gmail.com for Rock Island, TN		



ICF FREESTYLE JUDGE REGISTER 2018/19

Taking into account resumes received by 2018 year end

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