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WELCOME LETTER

President of Polish Canoe Federation

As the President of Polish Canoe Federation I am proud that International Canoe Federation entrust the organization of the most important event for Junior and U-23 to Poland again. After 3 years ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships again takes place in Krakow on Kolna Regatta Course. On this course every year we are organizing the most important events. I am convinced that in 2026 the organizers: Polish Canoe Federation and Krakow Canoe Club will make every effort to ensure the fair play race. We believe that the Athletes sport dreams come true. I am honored to invite to Krakow for 2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and I wish unforgettable experiences and emotions.

Grzegorz Kotowicz





Mayor of Krakow

Dear Athletes, Coaches and Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships**. It is a true honour for Kraków to host young athletes from all over the world who represent the highest level of sporting excellence, passion and determination.

The Championships will be held at the **Kraków KOLNA** Canoe Slalom Course, a venue well known to Europe's and the world's top competitors. Over the years, it has hosted competitions of the highest international rank, including championship events and races held as part of the European Games. The modern infrastructure of the KOLNA course, meeting international and Olympic standards, provides excellent conditions for world-class competition. Canoe slalom requires not only strength and technical skill, but also courage, focus and split-second decision-making. I am confident that the races at the KOLNA course will deliver thrilling moments and unforgettable sporting emotions for both athletes and spectators. Kraków is an open and welcoming city, rich in history and proud of its sporting traditions, with long-standing experience in hosting international events. I believe that the unique atmosphere of our city will support outstanding performances and create opportunities for building friendships and sharing experiences beyond borders.



I wish all participants successful runs, satisfaction from fair and inspiring competition, and lasting memories from their stay in Kraków.

I would also like to thank the fans, whose enthusiasm and support form the true heart of every sporting event.

Aleksander Miszański

Mayor of the City of Kraków

President of Krakow Canoe Club

On behalf of Krakow Canoe Club, the local organizer of the **2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships**

I am pleased to invite you to participate in this event.

It is a great honor for us to host such a great sport event in Krakow again

I am looking forward to meet the participants of the World Championships. It would be a great pleasure to see you again.

You are always welcome to visit our Kolna slalom course.

We guarantee a great atmosphere and good training conditions.

Looking forward to see you in Krakow.

Zbigniew Miązek

President of Krakow Canoe Club



LOCATION



Poland

Poland (Polska) is a Central European country known for its rich history, diverse landscapes from the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains, vibrant culture, and delicious cuisine like pierogi; it's a member of the EU and NATO, with Warsaw as its capital, and is characterized by a temperate climate and friendly people.

Most important

 **Official language**
Polish

 **Capital**
Warsaw

 **Currency**
Zloty (pln)

About City

Krakow is one of Poland's oldest and most beautiful cities, rich in history and culture. A former royal capital and UNESCO World Heritage Site, it features landmarks like **Wawel Castle**, the **Main Market Square**, and the **Kazimierz district**. Krakow is also a popular base for visiting nearby attractions such as the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, **Auschwitz**, and the Tatra Mountains.



HOW TO GET TO KRAKOW

BY AIR



Krakow-Balice Airport is located in the town of Balice, 11 km from Krakow. The "Balice Ekspres" is the fastest connection between the center of Krakow and the airport. You can also take a bus or a taxi from the airport to the city.

BY CAR



You can get to Krakow on the A4 highway (toll). This makes traveling from the west fairly easy. Driving from Warsaw : the easiest route is the S7 express road. The center of Krakow is a parking zone. Drivers pay at parking meters located along the streets of the city center. From January 2026 there is a Clean Transport Zone in Krakow.

Please take a look on important information here:

https://krakow.pl/krakow_open_city/news/303918,245,komunikat,low_emission_zone_in_krakow__a_practical_guide.html

BY TRAIN

All trains arriving in Krakow stop at Krakow Główny. The station is located near the city center and has connections to other cities in Poland and Europe. You can buy tickets online, at ticket counters or at ticket machines in the station.

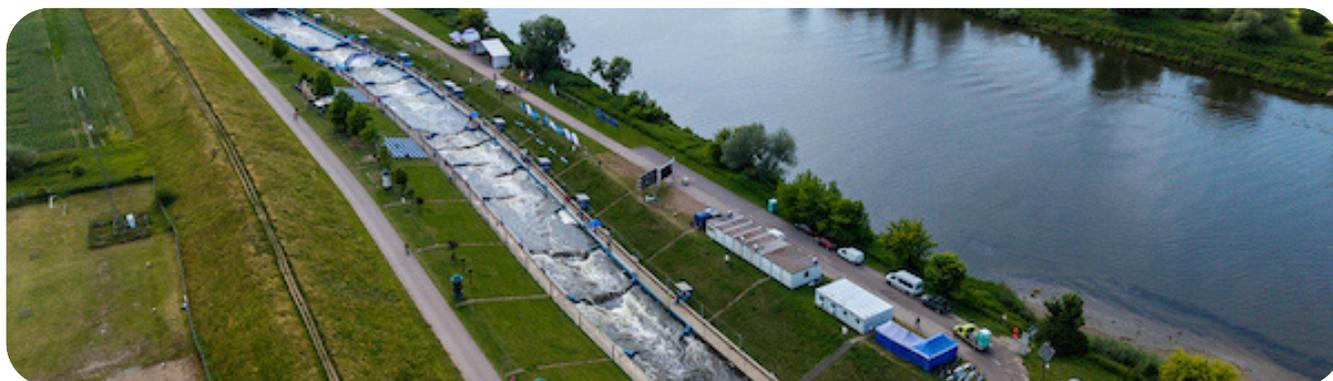


BY BUS



The PKS (Bus Transport Company) station is centrally located behind the Central Railway Station in Krakow. It offers both domestic and international services. In addition to ticket offices, kiosks, a bar and a PKS information desk, the bus station hall also houses travel agencies selling tickets for international routes.

KRAKOW CANOE CLUB



Krakow-Kolna Canoe Slalom Course <https://kolna.pl/tor-kajakowy>

Krakow is a host city for canoe slalom events, as it has an artificial whitewater course on the south bank of the Vistula River. The Krakow-Kolna canoe slalom course is 320 meters long and has a drop of 4.5 meters. It offers different levels of difficulty and features such as waves, holes, eddies and gates. The course is open all year round and has a heated tent that covers the starting pool in winter.

Previous ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships

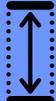
Krakow has already hosted three editions of the ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships in 2016, 2019 and 2023 where young athletes from all over the world competed in various categories. The event was a great success and showcased the talent and passion of the next generation of canoe slalom paddlers.

Junior and U23 World Championships 2026

The Junior and U23 World Championships will be held in July 2026 as an event for the future stars of the sport. Both events will take place on the Krakow-Kolna Canoe Slalom course, which will be modified and well prepared for the occasion.

The event will be a great opportunity to enjoy the spectacular sport of canoe slalom and support the young athletes.

Krakow Canoe Club

	Length: 320 m		Drop: 4,5 m		Flow: 15 m ³ / s
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Maps of Cracow Canoe Slalom



EVENTS AND GENERAL DATES

Events

JUNIOR/U23	
WOMEN	MEN
Canoe & Kayak (CSL) – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	
Women's Kayak (WK1)	Men's Kayak (MK1)
Women's Canoe (WC1)	Men's Canoe (MC1)
Kayak Cross (CSLX)	
Women's Kayak Cross Individual (WXI1)	Men's Kayak Cross Individual (MXI1)
Women's Kayak Cross (WX1)	Men's Kayak Cross (MX1)
Canoe & Kayak (CSL) – TEAM EVENTS	
Women's Kayak Team (WK1x3)	Men's Kayak Team (MK1x3)
Women's Canoe Team (WC1x3)	Men's Canoe Team (MC1x3)

General Dates

25.06-30.06	Official trainings
30.06.2026	Kayak Cross Individual: U23, Junior
1.07.2026	Heats MK1, WK1: U23, Junior/Team event: MK1, WK1: U23, Junior
2.07.2026	Heats MC1, WC1: U23, Junior/Team event: MC1, WC1: U23, Junior
3.07.2026	Semi-finals, finals MK1, WK1: U23, Junior
4.07.2026	Semi-finals, finals MC1, WC1: U23, Junior
5.07.2026	Kayak cross final phases: U23, Junior

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Entries and deadlines

PRINCIPLES

Entries and accreditation requests for the event must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

If you have any questions or problems regarding entries or accreditation, please contact sdp@canoeicf.sport before the respective deadline.

NUMERICAL ENTRIES

- Numerical entries close on 15/05/2026 at 23:59 CET
- The number of athletes competing in each event must be entered on SDP via the Numerical entries => Events tab
- The number of coaches, competitors and team leader must be entered on SDP via the Numerical entries = People tab

The official training schedule will be edited and published after the numerical entries deadline according to the number of competitors entered per NF via the People tab.

NFs are advised that, at the sole discretion of the ICF, if they have not completed the numerical entries by the deadline, their Athletes may be restricted to Free Training only and may not be considered for access to official ICF training sessions.

NFs abusing the process or providing disproportionate data MIGHT be penalized for accessing the official training sessions of the next international competitions.

NOMINAL ENTRIES

Nominal Entries close: June 19th 23:59 CET

You must submit the name of each Athlete who will compete in the Event through SDP. You must also submit the names of team officials who will require accreditation for the event. These entries will be used to generate accreditation cards for all teams.

REMINDER

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or event organizer will NOT be accepted. You must use the SDP to submit your entries and requests.

TRAINING

Free official training before the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS will be organized from

Thursday 25th June 2026.

Training Before the Official Training Period: You can sign up for optional training before the official training period. Please email biuro@kolna.pl for more details.

Opening Ceremony & Mayor's Reception

We will present more details in the next Bulletin.

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Forerunners

We would like to ask you to send NF proposals for Athletes, who could help the HOC as Forerunners (when national Team selections in your country will be finished). Please send a message to:

Magdalena Zięba (hotel@kolna.pl, +48 512 482 604).

ACCOMMODATION

The organizer offers accommodation for teams in **Kolna Sports Center**, which is located near the canoe slalom course. The center has a three-star hotel, a hostel, a camping area and a sports centre.

The organizer can also assist in booking different types of hotels in Krakow according to the needs of the teams. For accommodation information, please contact with **Magdalena Zięba**.

Contact	
E-mail	hotel@kolna.pl
Phone	+48 512-482-604
Address	Hotel KOLNA ***, 2 Kolna Street, 30-381 Cracow
Webside	www.kolna.pl



GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

VISA REQUIREMENTS

If the **visa invitation** letter is required please contact the Polish Canoe Federation by email: Office@pzkaj.pl.
Visa application should be submitted at least **45 days before** day of arrival.
See more information: <https://www.gov.pl/web/uae/visas>

Participation fee

All participants will pay a participation fee of **240 EURO** per person, except for the Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Federations (officially recognized by the ICF).

The participation fee covers:

- Supply of mineral water for free during competition days
- Medical care at the venue
- Security service at the venue
- Fees for using the regatta course and its facilities
- Trailers and car parking

An additional ITO fee will be charged to cover the ITO's travel to the competition.
The exact amount will be calculated once the number of athletes is confirmed.

How to pay

By bank transfer until
20th June 2026.

By cash or card during your stay in Krakow, at the accreditation office.
The bank details for transfer are:

BANK ACCOUNT	
Beneficiary	Krakowski Klub Kajakowy,
Poland Bank name	BNP PARIBAS
Bank account no:	PL 22 1600 1420 1710 5992 1000 0005
SWIFT code	PPABPLPK

Organizers:



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GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION PROGRAM

All athletes, coaches, and support personnel must have completed the relevant anti-doping online course on the WADA Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role. The certificates showing completion should be sent by each National Federation to suenatoli@gmail.com

Previous certificates are still valid for this season. There is no need to repeat the program unless the person's role changes (e.g. athlete becomes a coach).

Accreditations will not be issued until the certificates are marked off. More information at:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>.

Link to access ADEL platform: <https://adel.wada-ama.org>

NAME STICKERS

You may order name and NF stickers. Please place your order by **June 26th, 2026** by email at marketing@kolna.pl or in person at the accreditation office.

The price is **7EUR** per set for each participant.

Ticketing program

Access for the spectators is free of charge.



SPONSORS



General sponsor PZKaj



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