



## ICF Marathon World Series 2023

The World Series offers an opportunity to recognise athletes who participate in a range of events over the course of the year, gaining points at each Series race which count towards the final year end ranking. From 2023 the Series will be run over each calendar year (1 January to 31 December).

The Series only takes into account performances in singles classes (MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) at each event, due to the complexity of ranking athletes in crew boats where crew members may change from race to race.

### Organisation of events

To be eligible for inclusion in the World Series, a race must:

- Be organised through the auspices of a National Federation that is a member of the ICF eligible to participate in ICF events, either by the Federation directly or by a club or organisation that is a member of the Federation;
- Be open to all athletes who are members of any ICF member National Federation eligible to participate in ICF events, with no restriction on the number of entries from any Federation;
  - This means that world cups races will be eligible for inclusion, but the world championships will not as these are limited to a maximum of 2 boats per class per federation.
  - Where an event has an overall limit to the number of entries this limit should be applied on a first come first served basis.
- Offer prize money for the first 3 finishers in each of the 4 classes with world Series rankings (K1 Men, K1 Women, C1 Men and C1 Women) when there are at least 6 entries in the class:
  - Minimum requirements are 1<sup>st</sup> place : €300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place : €200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place : €100. Prizes can be paid in local currency to an equivalent value.
- Offer singles classes (K1 /C1) with at least equal status with any other classes (e.g. K2/C2/K4). A small K1 class running alongside a big K2 or K4 race is unlikely to meet this requirement.

## **Requirements of World Series Events**

- An application must be submitted to the Series coordinator for recognition of the event as part of the World Series
  - World Series events are level 3 ICF International events as defined in the rules and the rules set a requirement for applications to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year before the competition. (For the 2023 season only, applications will be considered if received before 1 January 2023)
  - All applications will be considered and notified if they are accepted for inclusion in the Series as quickly as possible following receipt of the application. The final list of Series races will be confirmed and publicised no later than the end of January.

Organisers are required to:

- Publicise their event, including an invitation for competitors, to all member federations of the ICF.
  - The invitation should include full information about the course and format of the event, schedule of the event;
  - The publicity should also include information about accommodation and travel arrangements (when applicable);
  - This should include provision of a link on the ICF calendar to a website containing all relevant information;
- Provide publicity of the event, including posting start lists once finalised. This information must also be provided directly to the ICF HQ
- Provide photos or videos on social media or other online platforms during or immediately after the event;
- Provide comprehensive results to all participants, including clear identification of the class which each paddler competed in, to the World Series ranking compiler. Ideally on the final day of the race but in any case within 1 week of the conclusion of the event. Results must also be provided to the ICF at the same time.

**In addition to the above, races may:**

- Be held on any type of water (Lake, canal, open water or river – flat or white water);
- Be of any length compatible with the definition of marathon racing in the ICF rules;
- Be held over a single day/stage or over multiple days/stages;
- Charge an entry fee as required to meet the costs of running the event with world Series entrants being charged the same as other competitors;
- Accept commercial sponsorship as permitted under ICF rules

## **Other requirements**

- Races must be run in accordance with ICF Rules;
- Each World Series race must be supervised by a qualified ITO whose appointment must be agreed with CAM
  - This ITO should be involved in discussions about the organisation of the race in advance and the ITO should be present to supervise the race itself;
  - The ITO should keep the CAM World Series Coordinator informed of arrangements for the race;
  - The ITO should be a member of the jury for the event;
  - The organisation should cover any necessary accommodation, catering and travel costs of the ITO during the event, but not any travel costs to/from the race venue;
  - It is expected that the ITO will be a member of the host federation where possible.
- As far as possible, all competitors who count towards the World Series points must start together for the race in a consistent manner:
  - If the race is a mass start event then all paddlers in each class should be on the same start line;
  - If the race is run in a time-trial format then all paddlers should be treated equally according to the arrangements for the event;
- Each race must have a named competition manager who will be responsible for ensuring that the race is run in accordance with the ICF rules. This person will communicate arrangements for the event to the CAM World Series Coordinator and will respond to any questions regarding the running of the event;
- Races will be included in the ICF International Calendar, clearly identified as part of the World Series
- Race organisers are encouraged to provide livestream coverage of their event

There will be separate rankings for each of the four classes:

- Ranking points will be awarded according to the table below;
- Series ranking tables will be maintained and published on the ICF website following receipt of the results from each event;
- The overall ranking for each competitor will be based on their best points scores from all races in which they participate.

The ICF Canoe Marathon Committee will look for opportunities to celebrate the Series leaders during the season and the winners of each class at the end of the season.

## **Coordination of the World Series**

The World Series will be coordinated by the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee member Brian Chapman who should be contacted with any initial questions from potential race organisers

or Series participants. Applications for inclusion in the World Series should also be sent to Brian.

Brian's email address is [brchapman@mac.com](mailto:brchapman@mac.com)

## Points system

Classification in the final results	World Cups – Standard Distance	World Cups – Short Distance	Other World Series races
1	100	50	50
2	90	45	45
3	80	40	40
4	74	37	37
5	68	34	34
6	62	31	31
7	58	29	29
8	54	27	27
9	50	25	25
10	46	23	23
11	44	22	22
12	42	21	21
13	40	20	20
14	38	19	19
15	36	18	18
16	34	17	17
17	32	16	16
16	30	15	15
17	28	14	14
18	26	13	13
19	24	12	12
20	22	11	11
21	20	10	10
22	18	9	9
23	16	8	8
24	14	7	7
25	12	6	6
26	10	5	5
27	8	4	4
28	6	3	3
29	4	2	2
30	2	1	1