Richard Fox Candidate for the position of ICF Canoe Slalom Technical Committee Chair

Dear friends,

With the support of my national federation, Paddle Australia, it is my pleasure to announce my candidature for the position of Chair of the ICF Canoe Slalom Technical Committee.

An ongoing active involvement in paddle sports, and experience across a wide range of roles, has equipped me to take on the position of ICF Chair and Board member: Olympian, world champion, national coach and performance director, business leader, committee and board member, media consultant, event official, commentator and volunteer.

In my current role, I work as a consultant on special projects, including whitewater stadium development, major event bidding and delivery, government and stakeholder relations. I am also the President of the Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce, and a media commentator for the Australian Olympic and Paralympic rights holder, Channel Nine.

Previously, I have held positions as Australian and French National Head Coach and was National Performance Director for Australian Canoeing in sprint, slalom and paracanoe from 2005 to 2016.

From 2008 to 2012 I was an ICF Vice President. If elected to return to the ICF Board, my mission will be to lead the slalom discipline into the future in alignment with the ICF strategic direction, building on the fresh and exciting legacy impact of our sport at Paris 2024.

A former member of the ICF Canoe Slalom Technical Committee from 1996 to 2000, I liaised closely with the ICF leadership and national federations as part of the successful campaign to build the Penrith Whitewater Stadium for the inclusion of canoe slalom events at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. This Olympic legacy will be showcased next year as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Sydney Games by hosting the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship in Australia - a key event on the runway to Brisbane 2032.

Our journey to the next important milestone in LA 2028 requires us to work collectively, embrace innovation, share knowledge, grow participation and fans, build strong communities and partnerships, while demonstrating a true commitment to sustainability.

In taking on this challenge, I look forward to our close collaboration and to responding to any questions or ideas you may have, in the meantime.

See you on the water!

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