

# MANUELA GAWEHN

Chair of the ICF Standing Wildwater Committee  
Candidate



ICF wildwater committee Chair



## ABOUT ME

### Professional Experience & Sports involvement

Manuela Gawehn is a dedicated leader and advocate for Wildwater Canoeing, with a lifetime of experience in the sport. Her journey began as a national-level athlete in Wildwater Racing and Slalom, establishing her commitment to promoting the sport in Germany and internationally. Since 1993, she has been a licensed coach and advisor to the German national team, guiding both youth and senior athletes. Her role as head of delegation highlights her dedication to nurturing talent and supporting the Wildwater Canoeing community.

Since joining the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee in 2012 and later becoming Chair in 2021, Manuela has played a pivotal role in expanding the sport's reach. She has been instrumental in increasing participation and fostering a collaborative environment for athletes, coaches, and officials worldwide. Through development initiatives, she has introduced programs to enhance skills and accessibility, empowering the next generation of wildwater enthusiasts.

Her expertise as a Chief Official and Technical Delegate spans numerous World and European Championships, Junior and U23 events, and World Cups, where she has consistently contributed to setting high standards of competition organization. Manuela's commitment to creating simplified rules and accessible development opportunities has been central to her role, ensuring Wildwater Canoeing remains competitive, safe, and inclusive.

Manuela's extensive involvement and vision for the sport make her a distinguished candidate for re-election as Chair of the ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee, where her dedication to the sport's growth continues to inspire.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Manuela Gawehn

#### Personal Details

\* 14.09.1975

married, 2 children

#### Language Skills

- German (native speaker)
- English
- French



#### Education & Occupation

- Master of supply engineering with a focus on local authority and environmental technology
- 2008 - 2020 management assistant in retail industries with a focus on event management and marketing
- 2020 - European Operation Manager Palm Equipment GmbH, EU Wholesale Canoe and Water Sports

#### Sport involvement / competition sports

##### national:

- 1985 – 2005: Active in wild water racing and slalom on national level
- since 1993: Licensed coach and club coach
- 1996 – 2011: Advisor of the national team (youth and seniors) in wild water racing, several times head of delegation of German national team
- 2011 – 2014: Head of the wild water committee of the German Canoe Federation
- 2015 - 2023: Head of the trend sports committee of the German Canoe Federation
- several more honorary functions and activities in wild water racing: public relations till 2014, organization of many competitions, leading of the ranking list, administration

### international:

- **Since 2010 ICF international technical official**
- **2012-2016: ICF wildwater canoeing committee Advisor**
- **2016-2021: ICF wildwater canoeing committee Member**
- **Since 2017: ECA wildwater canoeing technical delegate**
- **Since 2017: ECA Board member**
- **Since 2021: ICF wildwater canoeing committee Chair**

- 2011: **Head of competition** World Championships in Augsburg
- 2012: Assistance in **organizing** the World Cups in Kraljewe (SRB) and Banja Luka (BIH)
- 2013: **Head of competition** World Cup Banja Luka (BIH) and Sondrio (ITA); **organization** Junior World Championships Lofer (GER); **organization** of the African Continental Championships in Kenia
- 2014: **Head of competition** World Championships in Sondrio (ITA), World Cups in Lofer and Wien (AUT); **Head of competition** Junior European Championships Banja Luka (BIH)
- 2015: **Head of competition** European Championships Banja Luka (BIH), World Cup Murau (AUT), Assistance in **organizing** the Junior/U23 World Championships in Nantahala (USA); **Head of competition** World Championships Wien (AUT)
- 2016: **Head of competition** World Championships Banja Luka (BIH); Junior European Championships Murau (AUT) and World Cup Celje (SLO)
- 2017: **Head of competition** World Cup Muota (SUI) and Augsburg (GER); **Head of competition** Jun/U23 World Championship Murau (AUT); **Chief judge** Sprint World Championship Pau (FRA)
- 2018: **Chief Official** World Championship Muota (SUI); **Chief Judge** World CUP Banja Luka (BIH) and Celje (SLO); **Technical Delegate** Jun/U23 Europeans Skopje (MKD)
- 2019: **Chief Official** Sprint World Championship La Seu d'Urgell (ESP); **Chief Judge** Jun/U23 World Championship Banja Luka (BIH); **Technical Delegate** Europeans Bovec (SLO)
- 2020: **Development** of Wildwater Canoeing judge online assessment; **preparation** of several competition Europeans, Worlds, Worldcups which were are cancelled
- 2021: **Technical Delegate** Europeans Sabero (ESP); **Technical Delegate** Jun/ U23 Europeans Solkan (SLO); **Chief Judge** Sprint World Championship Bratislava (SVK)
- 2022: **Chief Official** World Championships and Master World Championships Treignac (FRA); **Chief Official** Jun/U23 European Championships Banja Luka (BIH); **Technical Delegate** World Cups in Celje (SLO), Mezzana (ITA)
- 2023: **Head of competition** Sprint World Championships in Augsburg; **Technical Delegate** Europeans Skopje (MKD); **Chief Official** Jun/ U23 World Championships Roudnice (CZE);
- 2024: **Chief Official** Jun/U23 European Championships Dallenwil (SUI); **Chief Official** World Championships Sabero (ESP)

### Achievements as ICF wildwater canoeing chair

- significant growing the number of participants and participating nation on international wildwater canoeing competition
- introduction of development activities for athletes, coaches, ITO's and organisers for wildwater canoeing
- rules simplification