



INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

PARACANOE

COMPETITION RULES

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide the rules that govern:

- a) Paracanoe
- b) The organisation of Paracanoe competitions

LANGUAGE

In case of doubt, British English written language is the recognised language for all communication relating to these competition rules and the conduct of all canoeing international competitions.

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RULES STRUCTURE

ICF Sport Governance Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Rules applicable to all disciplines• Exactly the same wording contained in the first chapter of each rule book	[CR]
ICF Principle Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The principle is applicable to all disciplines• Rules tailor made for each discipline• The principle affects all NFs to a high extent	[PR]
ICF Sport Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition and Field of Play rules• All technical aspects specific to the disciplines	[SR]

RULES DECISION PROCESS

ICF Sport Governance Rules [CR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X			

ICF Principle Rules [PR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X Overall policy and direction	X Final wording after congress		

ICF Sport Rules [SR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal			X	X
Drafting Wording			X	
Discussion		X		
Vote		X		

PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF ICF RULES

The year prior to the Congress	May to November	Consultation with all stakeholders (e.g. athletes, coaches, officials) about rule changes needed.
	December to 1st March	Rule proposals by National Federations and ICF Technical Committees.
The year of the Congress	March	Analysis of all proposals by ICF Technical Committees.
	1st ICF Board of Directors meeting End of March / April	Vote of the sport rules [SR]. Assessment of sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	At least three (3) months prior to the Congress	Publication of the approved sport rules [SR] by the ICF Board of Directors. Publication of the assessed sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	ICF Congress November / December	Vote of the sport governance rules [CR]. Vote of the main policies and directions concerning the principle rules [PR].
	Board of Directors meeting after the Congress November / December	Vote of the principle rules [PR].
	1st January After the Congress	Publication and application of the approved rule changes.

GLOSSARY

Sport	The sport is canoeing, kayaking and all paddling activities.
National Federation	Member National Federation of the International Canoe Federation.
Discipline	A discipline is a branch of a sport comprising one (1) or several events (e.g. Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom...).
Competition	The competition runs from the start of the first event to the completion of the last event of a discipline, excluding the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
Athlete or player	Male or female athlete In Canoe Polo refer to player
Gender	Men or Women
Boat	A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g. canoe, kayak, SUP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. kayak single); • A crew boat: a boat with more than one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. canoe four).
Age group	e.g. junior, under 21, under 23, masters depending on each discipline
Category	A category is defined by a boat and a gender (e.g. Men Kayak, Mixed Canoe).
Class	A class is defined by a category and the number of places in a boat (e.g. men kayak double; women canoe four).
Sport Class	A Sport Class is a category defined by ICF Paracanoe in the Classification Rules, in which Athletes are grouped by reference to the impact of an eligible impairment on their ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport.

Event	<p>An event is a contest in one (1) discipline resulting in the award of medals.</p> <p>An event is defined by at least a class and depending on the competition and the discipline with the additional optional information: a distance and / or an age group (e.g. junior men's kayak double 500m, under 23 women's kayak single, men's canoe double classic).</p>
Type of event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual events: A boat comprised of one (1) or more athletes competing against other boats. • Team events: two (2) or more boats competing together against other teams.
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g. heats, semi-final, final).
Run or race or match	The basic unit of an event phase (e.g. heats 1 st run, semi-final, final).
Competition programme	The list of events included in a competition.
Competition schedule	The complete list of events and their different phases with the time at which they will be held.
International Technical Official	Oversee the operation of the competition.
Host Organising Committee	The host organising committee can be a National Federation or a subsidiary or a third party organisation specialising in competition management.
Definition of meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may: optional • should: recommendation • must: mandatory / compulsory

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ICF	International Canoe Federation
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
NPC	National Paralympic Committee
OCOG	Organising Committee of Olympics and Paralympic Games
NF	National Federation
PC	Paracanoe Committee
CSPC	Canoe Sprint Committee
ICF HQ	International Canoe Federation Headquarters
CR	Sport Governance Rules
PR	Principle Rules
SR	Sport Rules
HOC	Host Organising Committee
ITO	International Technical Official
DNS	Did Not Start
DSQ	Disqualified for the event
DNF	Did Not Finish
DQB	Disqualified for the whole competition for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
PFD	Personal Flotation Device

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CHAPTER 1 - SPORT GOVERNANCE

1.1 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[CR]

1.1.1 - All competitions announced as international must be governed by the rules of the ICF.

1.1.2 - Competitions organised by a National Federation or its affiliated associations are regarded as international if foreign athletes are invited.

1.1.3 - Canoeing competitions in regional, continental and multi-sport Games must be organised under the ICF rules for World Championships for that discipline.

1.1.4 - The Olympic events should be used as a base for the competition programme in continental games.

1.1.5 - The organisation and programme of canoeing in multi-sport games on a world level must be approved by the ICF and for continental level by the relevant continental association.

1.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR [CR]

1.2.1 - The international competition calendar of each discipline is organised in four (4) levels:

	Type of competition	Competition
Level 1	ICF competition	ICF World Championships
Level 2		ICF World Cups
Level 3		ICF World Ranking competitions
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International competitions• Masters or open competitions• Invitational competitions	

1.2.2 - Only a National Federation, associate member or a continental association of the ICF may apply for a competition to be entered into the ICF calendar.

1.2.3 - A calendar application for an international competition level 1 and level 2 is outlined in the ICF statutes.

1.2.4 - A calendar application for an international competition level 3 (if applicable) and level 4 can be made by the following process:

1.2.4.a A calendar application is made directly into the ICF database;

1.2.4.b The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 3 is 1st September the year before the competition;

1.2.4.c The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 4 is three (3) months before the competition.

1.2.5 - Calendar publication

1.2.5.a The calendar of ICF competitions level 1 and level 2 will be published by 1st January the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.b The calendar of ICF competitions level 3 will be published by 1st October the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.c The calendar of international competitions (level 4) will be published immediately after approval by the ICF.

1.3 - ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR ICF COMPETITION (LEVEL 1 TO 3) [CR]

1.3.1 - Only athletes who are members of clubs or associations affiliated with a National Federation have the right to participate in an ICF competition.

1.3.2 - An athlete having satisfied 1.3.1 and also having first obtained the (written) consent of the athlete's National Federation, is permitted to compete individually in an ICF competition.

1.3.3 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the level of the particular ICF competition.

1.3.4 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes, team officials, as well as the National Federation itself, carry appropriate health, accident and personal belongings insurance.

1.4 - AGE GROUP

[CR]

1.4.1 - The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF or international competition is the year of their 15th birthday.

1.4.2 - The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.

1.4.3 - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 21 age group is the year of their 21st birthday.

1.4.4 - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 23 age group is the year of their 23rd birthday.

1.4.5 - An athlete can compete in a masters event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years.

1.4.6 - To enter in an event with a specified age group an athlete or the National Federation must produce documentary proof such as passport, identity card or similar document with a photograph, confirming the age of the athlete.

1.5 - ATHLETE SPORTING NATIONALITY CHANGE [CR]

1.5.1 - An athlete who has competed internationally at any level in the last three (3) years requires authorisation from the ICF with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved in order to change sporting nationality.

1.5.2 - For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality he/she must have lived in that country for the last two (2) years or hold the nationality of the new country.

1.5.3 - An athlete who is aged 18 or under can change sporting nationality with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved. He/she is not required to fulfil the two (2) year residency rule.

1.5.4 - The request for the change of sporting nationality must be made to the ICF by the new National Federation no later than 30 November the year before the athlete wants to compete.

1.5.5 - For the Olympic and Paralympic Games the Olympic and Paralympic Charter rules will be applied for nationality issues.

1.5.6 - For an athlete to gain an Olympic or Paralympic quota place in canoeing they must hold citizenship/nationality of the National Federation they represent.

1.5.7 - An athlete cannot compete for more than one (1) National Federation in any calendar year in canoeing.

1.6 - ENTRIES PROCESS

[CR]

1.6.1 - ICF competitions (level 1 to level 3)

1.6.1.a Nominal entries for ICF competitions will only be accepted from National Federations which are current members of the ICF;

1.6.1.b An entry must contain:

- Name of the National Federation to which the athlete(s) belongs;
- First and last name for the athlete(s);
- The country of birth of the athlete(s);
- The gender of the athlete(s);
- Date of birth of the athlete(s);
- The ICF number of the athlete(s) (if known);
- The events in which the athlete(s) or team(s) wish to take part;
- The first, last name(s) and the e-mail address of the Team Leader;

1.6.1.c Nominal entries must be made on the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.d A receipt for the nominal entry will be available via the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.e The deadline for nominal entries is 10 days before the first day of competition or classification for paracanoe;

1.6.1.f In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late nominal entries from National Federations. It is the Technical Chair's discretion to accept or decline a late entry. Late entries will incur a fee of 20 euros per athlete;

1.6.1.g In crew boats the names of the athletes must be in the order that they compete in the boat. The first name must be the athlete at the front of the boat.

1.6.2 - International competition (level 4)

1.6.2.a Nominal entries for international competitions (level 4) will be accepted from individuals or National Federations;

1.6.2.b Entries must be in writing or online in accordance with the regulations given by the HOC.

1.6.2.c An entry must contain:

- The sporting nationality of the athlete;
- First and last name(s) for the athlete;
- The gender of the athlete;
- Date of birth of the athlete;
- The events in which the athlete(s) or teams wish to take part.

1.6.2.d The HOC must acknowledge in writing or electronically the receipt of each entry within two (2) days.

1.7 - VALIDITY OF A COMPETITION

[CR]

1.7.1 - World Championships (ICF competition level 1)

1.7.1.a In the Olympic and Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected;

1.7.1.b For the non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations in each event and at least three (3) continents start OVERALL in the competition. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

1.7.2 - World Cup (ICF competition level 2) and ICF competition level 3:

1.7.2.a A valid World Cup is held only when there is a minimum of five (5) National Federations from at least two (2) continents start in the competition;

1.7.2.b To be recognised as a valid event at least three (3) boats or three (3) teams from two (2) different National Federations start in that event;

1.7.2.c For the validity of the event it is not necessary for all three (3) boats or all three (3) teams finish.

1.7.3 - To be recognised as an international competition (level 4) at least an invitation must be distributed to National Federations or to foreign athletes.

1.8 - ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 1) [CR]

1.8.1 - World Championships are only organised upon the authority of the ICF Board of Directors and only in the events given in the competition programme.

1.8.2 - Changes to the organisation of the World Championships may only be made by the process documented in the contract between the ICF and the HOC.

1.8.3 - The competition programme is decided by the ICF Board of Directors.

1.8.4 - The competition schedule is the responsibility of the ICF. The ICF will consider the broadcasting needs and / or other external factors affecting the schedule.

1.8.5 - Jury

1.8.5.a During the World Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury;

1.8.5.b The Jury consists of three (3) persons;

1.8.5.c The ICF Board of Directors appoints the members of the Jury;

1.8.5.d One of these members is named Chair of the Jury.

1.8.6 - Awards

1.8.6.a The awards are given according to the ICF protocol guidelines;

1.8.6.b The medals are awarded as follows:

- 1st place: a gold medal
- 2nd place: a silver medal
- 3rd place: a bronze medal

1.8.6.c In the crew boat events or team events, each athlete will receive the appropriate medal;

1.8.6.d To maintain the formality of the ceremony the athletes receiving medals must wear their national team uniforms.

1.8.7 - Nations Cup

1.8.7.a The Nations Cup will be awarded to the National Federation at the World Championships with the best overall performance;

1.8.7.b The ranking list will be produced according to the system defined for each discipline.

1.9 - MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 4)

[CR]

1.9.1 - Masters World Championships can be organised in each discipline.

1.9.2 - The ICF Board of Directors determine the events based on recommendation of the concerned Technical Committee.

1.9.3 - Individual and National Federations entries will be accepted.

1.10 - ANTI-DOPING

[CR]

1.10.1 - Doping as defined in the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF anti-doping rules is strictly forbidden.

1.10.2 - The anti-doping programme must be conducted in accordance with the ICF anti-doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF medical and anti-doping committee.

1.10.3 - Athletes entered in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition.

1.11 - APPEAL TO THE ICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[CR]

1.11.1 - A participating National Federation can appeal to the ICF Board of Directors if, after the end of the competition, new facts become known that would substantially affect a decision made at the competition.

1.11.2 - Matters of fact during the competition cannot be contested in an appeal.

1.11.3 - An appeal to the ICF Board of Directors must be submitted within 30 days following the end of the competition accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

1.11.4 - The ICF Board of Directors makes its decision and addresses it in writing to the National Federation.

1.12 - DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR

[CR]

1.12.1 - An athlete who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, wilfully breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, as deemed by the officials, may be disqualified for the competition (DQB).

1.12.2 - For disqualification after competition caused by doping or ineligibility the following must be completed:

- Deletion of all achieved results and rankings of boat(s) (DQB);
- Re-calculation of all results accordingly;
- Production of the revised version of all affected outputs (results, summaries, medals).

1.13 - RESULTS

[CR]

1.13.1 - For ICF competitions (level 1 to 3) an electronic copy of the detailed official results must be provided to the ICF in a specified format within seven (7) days of the end of the competition. Electronic results must be kept online for historical purposes.

1.13.2 - For international competitions (level 4) an electronic copy of the detailed official results should be sent to the ICF in pdf format for publication on the ICF website within seven (7) days of the end of the competition.

1.14 - TRADEMARKS AND ADVERTISING

[CR]

1.14.1 - The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks is not permitted.

1.14.2 - Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and written text.

1.14.3 - Images, symbols, slogans and written text unrelated to sport funding or any political messages are not permitted.

1.14.4 - All advertising materials used should be placed in such a way that they do not interfere with athletes' identification and do not affect the outcome of the race.

1.15 - INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL (ITO) - EXAMINATION

[CR]

1.15.1 - Examination calendar

1.15.1.a Each year the calendar of official examinations is published for each discipline following proposal from each Technical Chair;

1.15.1.b Continental associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold an examination to the concerned Technical Chair. In this case, this organising entity has to cover the examination organisation costs including the full board and travelling expenses of the examiners.

1.15.2 - Candidates application

1.15.2.a Only National Federations are entitled to nominate candidates for examination at least 30 days before the examination;

1.15.2.b The applications must be sent to the ICF headquarters on the form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website;

1.15.2.c The ICF headquarters will forward the list of candidates to the concerned Technical Chair;

1.15.2.d For every candidate applying for the examination, the National Federation will be charged 20 euros;

1.15.2.e The final invoice will be sent to the National Federation in the period between 30 October and 30 November;

1.15.2.f National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials (before and after the examination).

1.15.3 - Conduct of the examination

1.15.3.a A sub-committee, appointed by the concerned Technical Chair, will administer the examination;

1.15.3.b The examination will be carried out in English for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF competitions and will be based on their knowledge of the ICF statutes and the ICF rules. Each discipline may add a practical assessment or minimum experience requirement;

1.15.3.c If candidates take the examination in any other official language, they may not be considered for officiating at ICF competitions.

1.15.4 - Officials card

1.15.4.a After completion of the examination the concerned Technical Chair completes the ICF official examination report and sends it to the ICF headquarters, where the officials' cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations;

1.15.4.b The officials' cards expire after four (4) years;

1.15.4.c If an official's card is expired, lost or destroyed a 20 euro fee for renewal will be charged.

1.16 - ITO - NOMINATION FOR ICF COMPETITIONS

[CR]

1.16.1 - Only National Federations are entitled to nominate ITOs for ICF competitions level 1 and level 2.

1.16.2 - The deadline for submitting ITO proposals for each discipline is the 31st December the year prior to the competition.

1.16.3 - The nominations are submitted to the respective Technical Chair (with a copy to the ICF headquarters).

1.16.4 - The Technical Chair will present a list of Officials to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval at the latest by 1st March.

CHAPTER 2 - INTRODUCTION

2.1 - OBJECTIVE

[PR]

The aim of a Paracanoe competition is for people to race each other in kayaks and Va'a boats over a clearly defined unobstructed course over 200m in the shortest possible time according to the rules.

2.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[PR]

2.2.1 - Types of international competitions:

Type of Competition		Competition	Entries
ICF competition	LEVEL 1	ICF World Championships	2 boat per event per NF
	LEVEL 2	ICF World Cups	2 boats per event per NF
	LEVEL 3		To be determined by the organiser
International competition	LEVEL 4	International competitions Masters or open competitions Invitational competitions	

2.2.2 - These competitions must be supervised or managed by at least one (1) accredited official in possession of a valid ICF Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe Official card.

CHAPTER 3 - ATHLETE EQUIPMENT

3.1 - BOATS SPECIFICATIONS

[PR]

Boats	Kayak	Va'a
Max. length (cm)	520	730
Min. width (cm)	50*	
Min. weight (kg)	12	13**

Note:

* measured 10 cm from the bottom of the hull

**Including hull, ama & iato

3.2 - CONSTRUCTION

[PR]

3.2.1 - The hull section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the kayak must not be concave (horizontally and vertically respectively). Section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the Va'a may be concave or convex.

3.2.2 - The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the first cockpit.

3.2.3 - No foreign substance may be added to the surface of the boats which can give the athlete an unfair advantage. The use of hull lubricants is not permitted.

3.2.4 - No part of the boat (including the seat and the footrest) may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give athletes an unfair advantage (existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).

3.2.5 - Significant innovations in equipment including, but not limited to boats, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before they are allowed for use in ICF International Competitions, including World Championships and Paralympic Games:

3.2.5.a They must be available to all athletes (no exclusive patents);

3.2.5.b The costs involved must be reasonable;

3.2.5.c There must be equal chances for all athletes;

3.2.5.d They must be safe and environmentally sound.

3.2.6 - The innovation must be submitted to the ICF PC and CSPC for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all athletes by 1st of January of that year in order to be authorised for use at international competitions. Athletes with unapproved innovations will not be allowed to compete. The ICF PC has the sole authority to decide all matters under this rule.

3.2.7 - A boat or an athlete may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or sport presentation. The device may be used by the athlete for analysis following a race but in no circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to an athlete during a race.

3.2.8 - Modifications are permitted for stability if the boat is made slower. (ie. stabilizing pontoons)

3.2.9 - Adaptation equipment is not regulated. It is included as part of the weight of the boat if it is securely attached. Only adaptations used during classification may be used in subsequent competitions.

3.2.10 - The specific boat type, the position of the paddler in the boat and the adaptive equipment used in the on-water technical assessment must be identical to the boat type, paddler position in the boat and the adaptive equipment used in competition. The athlete is responsible to report any and all changes to the above after their last classification event to the ICF Head of Classification prior to any competition. Re-classification of the athlete may be the result of a change to any of the above.

3.2.11 - Spray decks covers may not be used in classification or competition unless permitted by the Chief Official and due to severe water conditions.

3.2.12 - The athletes are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the technical requirements for the competition.

3.3 - KAYAKS

[PR]

3.3.1 - The kayak must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length.

3.3.2 - Boats may have maximum of one (1) rudder. The rudder must be placed under the hull of the boat.

3.3.3 - Rudders can be fixed to the hull of the boat. Rudders may not be permanently attached such as a skeg.

3.3.4 - The boat must be designed for athletes to sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on top design (Surf Ski type).

3.3.5 - Kayaks will be allowed weed deflectors in front of the rudder. Weed deflector can be a maximum 20 cm long and cannot be deeper than the rudder.

3.4 - VA'A

[PR]

3.4.1 - The Va'a must be a single hull Va'a, rigged with a single ama (outrigger pontoon) and double iato (spreaders), separated by at least one seat.

3.4.2 - The hull, ama and iato must comply with the specifications set forth above in articles 3.1 and 3.2.

3.4.3 - Para Va'a equipment such as a support seat must be easily removable only when the boat is being shared.

3.4.4 - Either sit-in or sit-on-top Va'a may be used; however, the sit-in va'a is recommended.

3.4.5 - The ama will be attached on the left side but must be able to be attached on the right side to accommodate paddler needs.

3.4.6 - Rudders, skegs and projecting keels are not permitted.

3.5 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT

[SR]

3.5.1 - The boats must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water.

3.5.2 - No part of the athlete's body should be attached to the boat in anyway. Such attachments must be removed. Any strapping used to connect the athlete with the boat must be of a "quick release" type and this can be demonstrated by the athlete prior to the competition.

3.5.3 - Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) must meet the government approved standard of the country of the user. They may not be altered in any way. National Federations are responsible for compliance with this rule.

3.6 - IDENTIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING TRADEMARKS

[PR]

3.6.1 - Requirements for advertising on equipment and clothing for ICF Paracanoe competitions (excluding Paralympic Games, see Chapter 12) are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual.

3.6.2 - There are reserved places on equipment (Eg. boat and paddle) with size limitations for trademarks and advertising. These areas are dedicated for the identification of athletes/NF, manufacturer, organiser and ICF (including sponsors).

3.6.3 - Athlete's name must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit.

CHAPTER 4 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

4.1 - BOATS AND DISTANCES

[PR]

4.1.1 - The official boats recognised by the ICF are:

Boats	
K	Kayak single
V	Va'a single

4.1.2 - The official distance recognised by the ICF for Paracanoe is 200m.

4.1.3 - The official boat categories recognised by the ICF are:

Men and Women	KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2, VL3 determined by the athlete's classification category
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4.2 - EVENTS

[PR]

4.2.1 - The Paralympic events are:

Men	
KL1	200 m
KL2	200 m
KL3	200 m
VL2	200 m
VL3	200 m

Women	
KL1	200 m
KL2	200 m
KL3	200 m
VL2	200 m

4.2.2 - The Non-Paralympic events are:

Men	
VL1	200 m

Women	
VL1	200 m
VL3	200 m

CHAPTER 5 - COMPETITION FORMAT

5.1 - HEATS AND FINALS

[SR]

5.1.1 - At least three (3) kayaks or Va'a boats must be entered before the race can be held. If the number of entries in races is higher than the number of lanes, heats are necessary.

5.1.2 - The division of the athletes into heats should be determined by drawing lots. The system of heats and the progressions are defined in Appendix 1.

5.1.3 - When making the draw, the heats should have the same number of boats or a maximum of one (1) additional boat in a heat (e.g. heat 1 - 8 boats, heat 2 - 7 boats).

5.1.4 - B final will only be held when there are more than 18 boats in that particular event and a C final will only be held when there are more than 36 boats in that particular event.

5.1.5 - Should the width of water or other conditions not permit a simultaneous start, starts at regular intervals should be permitted.

CHAPTER 6 - INVITATIONS AND ENTRIES

6.1 - INVITATIONS

[PR]

6.1.1 - Invitations should be sent a minimum of two (2) months before the competition.

6.1.2 - Invitations to an international competition must contain the following information:

6.1.2.a Date and place of the competition;

6.1.2.b Situation and plan of the course(s);

6.1.2.c Proposed events;

6.1.2.d Competition programme;

6.1.2.e Conditions/terms of participation;

6.1.2.f Address to which entries should be sent;

6.1.2.g Entries deadline.

6.1.3 - As far as possible the order of races should be in accordance with the schedules detailed for World Championships.

6.2 - ENTRIES

[PR]

6.2.1 - Details of the entries process and forms are described in article 1.6.

6.2.2 - Similar details should be provided for the reserves, if any.

6.2.3 - In addition to nominated athletes, participating NFs are allowed to enter unlimited number of substitutes.

6.2.4 - When making the entries, NFs must give the colours of the clothing worn by the athletes and these colours must not be changed during the competition.

6.2.5 - The Host Organising Committee (HOC) will accept the entries in conformity with the conditions/terms of participation. Therefore, the HOC can reject or delete the entry of the participants who fail to observe the conditions/terms of participation.

CHAPTER 7 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

7.1 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

[SR]

7.1.1 - International competitions are to be supervised by the following International Technical Officials (ITOs):

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Deputy Chief Judge
- Competition Manager
- Boat Controller(s)
- Starter(s)
- Aligner(s)
- Course Umpire(s)
- Finishing Line Judge(s)
- Announcer
- Medical Officer

7.1.2 - If circumstances permit, one (1) person may function in two (2) of the above positions.

7.1.3 - The number of judges can be reduced or changed depending on technological systems available at the time of competition. The duties and procedures listed in article 7.3 may be adjusted accordingly. The organiser must inform Team Leaders of any changes to the composition of judges.

7.2 - DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE [SR]

7.2.1 - The competition is to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:

7.2.1.a Chief Official;

7.2.1.b Chief Judge;

7.2.1.c Deputy Chief Judge.

7.2.2 - Minimum two (2) members of the Competition Committee must be in possession of a valid International Canoe Sprint Official card.

7.2.3 - The **Competition Committee** will:

7.2.3.a Direct and supervise the competition;

7.2.3.b Postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, which make it impossible to carry out the competition;

7.2.3.c Decide on matters concerning disqualification in cases where the rules have been broken during the competition;

7.2.3.d Hear any protests that may be made and settle any disputes that may arise;

7.2.3.e Make decisions based on the ICF Paracanoe Rules;

7.2.3.f Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed;

7.2.3.g Hear the opinion of the Umpire who controlled the race in which the infraction was said to have occurred, before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of the rules.

7.2.4 - A member of the Competition Committee may not participate in a judgment connected with the disqualification of an athlete from his/her own NF.

7.3 - DUTIES OF THE OFFICIALS

[SR]

7.3.1 - The **Chief Official**, who is also the Chair of the Competition Committee, will decide on all matters arising during the actual competition, which are not dealt with in these rules.

7.3.2 - The **Chief Judge** will:

7.3.2.a Cooperate with the Chief Official and substitutes for the Chief Official where necessary;

7.3.2.b Collect the forms necessary for the administration of the competition;

7.3.2.c Formulate the decisions of the Competition Committee passed in the subject-matter of the protest and arrange to have it recorded in the minutes. He/she is responsible for the accuracy of the minutes.

7.3.3 - The **Deputy Chief Judge** will:

7.3.3.a Cooperate closely with the Chief Official and the Competition Manager and handle the administrative tasks of the competition;

7.3.3.b Check the personal identification documents of the athletes and their age if necessary;

7.3.3.c Keep in contact with the responsible IT person in case of computer data processing;

7.3.3.d Check the results race by race during the competition and prepare the list of the boats qualified in the next phase of the competition;

7.3.4 - The **Competition Manager** will:

7.3.4.a Keep in constant contact with the organisers to solve any problems arising;

7.3.4.b Supervise the races and is responsible for ensuring that the competition schedule is followed without unnecessary delay;

7.3.4.c Complete the competition administration for the races (competition schedule, drawings, results, technical documents, boat control, press, protests, etc.);

7.3.4.d Ensure that the announcer gives all necessary information about the races such as the start order, the name of any athlete failing to start and the results.

7.3.5 - The **Boat Controller(s)**:

7.3.5.a The ID Controller(s) must only allow athletes to compete in the race, whose identification has been checked and whose boat, equipment, clothing, starting number and body number conform to the rules;

7.3.5.b They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Chapter 3;

7.3.5.c The Official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in the case of missing boats;

7.3.5.d Post-race Boat Controller(s) will check boats after races:

- At least three (3) boats will be selected at random from the participants in the races for boat control after the finish;
- Should any of the boats not fulfil the ICF requirements in Chapter 3, they must be excluded (DSQ) from the competition.

7.3.6 - The **Starter** will:

7.3.6.a Decide all matters concerning the start of the races;

7.3.6.b Be solely responsible for false start decisions;

7.3.6.c Ensure that the starting equipment is in working order.

7.3.6.d Communicate with the Competition Committee before each race. After having received a signal from them that all is ready, order the boats to their places;

7.3.6.e Utilise English in all communications with athletes, plus other languages if possible and deemed appropriate in the circumstances;

7.3.6.f Carry out the start according to the racing rules;

7.3.6.g Ensure that the circumstances at the start are free from any hindrance.

All decisions of the Starter are final.

7.3.7 - The **Aligner(s)** will:

7.3.7.a Bring the boats to the start line with the least possible delay;

7.3.7.b Check the uniformity of the athletes including their attire as well the bib numbers and the boat numbers;

7.3.7.c Utilise English in all communications with athletes;

7.3.7.d Raise a white flag to signify to the Starter that the boats are in position to start, when they are all aligned and/or completely inside the starting boats;

7.3.7.e Raise a red flag if the boats are not aligned and/or not in the starting boats;

7.3.7.f If an automatic starting system is in use the Aligners can be replaced by Course Umpires.

7.3.8 - The Course Umpire(s) will:

7.3.8.a Ensure that during a race the rules are complied with;

7.3.8.b Show a white flag after the race has completed if there is no infraction of the rules to report;

7.3.8.c Show a red flag and a lane number after the race has completed if there is an infraction of the rules to report;

7.3.8.d Report immediately any infractions to the Competition Committee, if the rules are broken;

7.3.8.e Present a written report to the Competition Committee within 10 minutes in such a case;

7.3.8.f Not follow the 200m races. Two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate motor boats will be positioned before the start line. Two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate motor boats will be positioned behind the finish line;

7.3.8.g Follow and judge the race also from the Finish Tower as instructed by the Chief Official;

7.3.8.h Be completely unhampered during the race. No one except the Course Umpire and the driver can be admitted to the boat reserved for him/her;

7.3.8.i Stop the competition, passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling, in case of hindrances. Report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee. After this all boats should return to the start.

7.3.9 - The **Finish Line Judges** will:

7.3.9.a Be placed in a position where all lanes at the finish line can be clearly seen;

7.3.9.b Time each race with at least two (2) stopwatches. When the stopwatches have not recorded the same time, the slowest time will be taken as correct. The stopwatches are to be started when the electronic or optical signal from the start is received;

7.3.9.c Decide the order in which the boats have crossed the finish line when there is no Photo Finish System;

7.3.9.d Use a simple majority to decide a dispute in the absence of a Photo Finish System and where the Finish Line Judges differ regarding determining the places of two (2) or more boats. In the case of equal voting, the Chief Judge has the casting vote;

7.3.9.e Determine the results and compare them with the photo finish results, if there is a Photo Finish System. The photo finish will be decisive;

7.3.9.f Record the position of the athletes in the boat with a video camera at the time of arriving at the finish line. The Chief Finish Line Judge will decide with the recording whether the athlete was in his/her boat upon arriving or not and report it to the Competition Committee.

7.3.10 - One (1) of **Finish Line Judges** will be appointed as **Chief Finish Line Judge**, who will:

7.3.10.a Ensure that the timing equipment is working correctly. He/she may divide the work amongst the Finish Line Judges;

7.3.10.b Compare the official times with the other Finish Line Judges at the end of each race and immediately inform the Deputy Chief Judge on them.

7.3.11 - The **Announcer** will:

7.3.11.a Announce the start of each race, the order of starting and the placing of the athletes during the race on the instructions of the Competition Manager;

7.3.11.b Announce the results after the race is completed.

7.3.12 - The **Medical Officer** will:

7.3.12.a Supervise the Anti-Doping procedures during the competitions;

7.3.12.b Be responsible for medical matters occurring during the competitions.

7.3.13 - **Officials' obligations** - to perform their tasks in conformity with the ICF rules.

7.3.13.a Every judge will have the obligation to check their equipment necessary to perform their tasks is in working order. In the case any shortcoming is found, it is reported to the Chief Official or Competition Manager;

7.3.13.b Unauthorised persons must not enter any Officials area, unless are called for by either the competition committee or the Jury;

CHAPTER 8 - FIELD OF PLAY

8.1 - COURSE

[SR]

8.1.1 - The standard ICF course for International Competitions, Continental Championships, World Championships (nine (9) lanes) and for Continental Paralympic Qualification and Paralympic Games (eight (8) lanes) must provide fair and equal racing conditions for all athletes racing in separate, parallel lanes over the distance. For Paralympic Games, Paralympic Qualification, World Championships and World Cups, the standard course must be provided with technical installations and equipment as defined in the “ICF Technical Manual for Canoe Sprint Championships”.

8.1.2 - In order to be classified as a championship course, full details of the course concerned must be submitted in writing to the Technical Chair by the applicants. The course must be inspected at the cost of the federation concerned and approved by experts appointed by PC. The ICF Board of Directors may lay down special requirements for World Championship, Paralympic Games, Paralympic Qualification, Regional Games or World Cups. The ICF Board of Directors (or the PC) may grant exceptions where necessary for competition course in multi-sport competitions or other championships.

8.2 - LAYOUT

[SR]

8.2.1 - At least 5 hours before the start of the races the racing course must be measured and marked by means of clearly visible flags mounted on buoys. The length of the course and all intermediate distances must be measured by an independent qualified surveyor and an accurate, certified plan must be held by the HOC. This plan should be available for inspection by Chief Official at any time.

8.2.2 - Both the start and finish lines must be marked with red flags at the points where lines intersect the outer limits of the course. The start and the finish lines must be at right angles to the course.

8.2.3 - The standard course consists of up to nine (9) lanes. Each lane must be at least nine (9) m wide, straight and without any obstacles.

8.2.3.a The depth of the water in the entire course must be at least two (2) metres;

8.2.3.b The lanes must be marked with buoys or floats. The distance between the buoys cannot be more than 25 m;

8.2.3.c The last buoys must be marked from № one (1) to nine (9) and zero (0). The numbering goes from the left to the right with the number placed on the buoy in such a way as to be clearly visible from the finish tower;

8.2.3.d When there is television coverage of the competition, the lane numbering may be in the opposite direction - from right to left, so that the list of athletes and their lanes shown on the television screen match the appearance of the races to be televised;

8.2.3.e The buoys should be fixed no closer than one (1) metre and no further than two (2) metres behind the finish line;

8.2.3.f The numbered buoys must be clearly visible to the athletes and to be on the corresponding athlete's right-hand side as they pass it;

8.2.3.g The course settings can be variable with the approval of the Competition Committee.

8.2.4 - Heats and the final must be run on the same stretch of water.

CHAPTER 9 - PRE-COMPETITION

9.1 - DUTIES OF THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE [SR]

9.1.1 - The HOC is responsible for the preparation and running of the competition.

9.1.2 - The HOC must, in particular:

9.1.2.a Make available a suitable venue and technical equipment conforming to the present Canoe Sprint Racing Rules;

9.1.2.b Fix the date and the competition programme in agreement with the ICF;

9.1.2.c Draw up and distribute the advance competition programme including the date and time of the Team Leaders Meeting.

9.2 - CLASSIFICATION [PR]

9.2.1 - The Rules and Regulations of Classification are published as a separate document. They must form part of the rules of Paracanoe. With regard to any conflict between this rule and the Paracanoe Rules and Regulations, the Paracanoe Rules and Regulations must apply.

9.2.2 - A 50 Euro fee will apply to any incomplete forms that require the ICF Paracanoe Committee to complete.

9.3 - TEAM LEADER [PR]

9.3.1 - The Team Leader will:

9.3.1.a Represent his/her team;

9.3.1.b Be the main contact with the Chief Official and the HOC throughout the competition, but he/she cannot disturb their work;

9.3.1.c Submit any changes or comments in relation to the competition no later than 24 hours before the first race;

9.3.1.d Arrange to submit the protest or appeal as stipulated if necessary.

9.4 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAM LEADERS AND ATHLETES

[PR]

9.4.1 - The preliminary draw should be available at the competition venue, at the latest 48 hours before the first race of the competition, giving the names and sporting nationality of the athletes and the results of the draw.

9.4.2 - Documentation should be available for each Team Leader, at least five (5) hours before the beginning of the competition, containing the following information:

- Detailed information on the courses and their markings;
- Detailed competition programme;
- Type of boat control;
- Time and place of the awards ceremony.

9.5 - TEAM LEADERS MEETING

[PR]

9.5.1 - At least 12 hours before the first race of the competition, the Team Leaders Meeting is to be held.

9.5.2 - At this meeting the names of Team Leaders should be advised.

9.5.3 - The organisers will describe the racing course and all other arrangements, which should be adhered to for the duration of the competition.

9.5.4 - The Chief Official will describe the competition programme and ask for any changes to the entries.

9.6 - ALTERATION OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

[PR]

9.6.1 - Any athlete named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute in any other event.

9.6.2 - Notification of alterations in the entries must be given in written form to the Chief Official at least one (1) hour before the first race of the morning or afternoon session.

9.6.3 - The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and the same athlete is not allowed to compete in any other events of the competition. Entry fees will not be refunded.

9.7 - ALTERATION AT THE ORDER OF EVENTS [PR]

9.7.1 - The sequence of races given in the invitation, and the intervals between the races as given in the Competition Programme, are binding on the organisers.

9.7.2 - Alterations cannot be made unless the respective Team Leaders at the Team Leaders Meeting give their consent.

9.8 - PRE-RACE BOAT CONTROL [SR]

9.8.1 - The HOC must provide for boat control two (2) certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied.

9.8.2 - The length of a kayak or a Va'a must be measured between the extremes of the bow and the stern. Stem bands or other projection of the stem or stern, if any, are to be included.

9.8.3 - No alterations in boats are permitted after the measuring and weighing and before the competition has taken place.

9.8.4 - All loose fittings must be removed.

9.8.5 - Permanent adaptations attached in a definitive way to the boat and any attachments consisting of water absorbing material must be absolutely dry or they will be removed for the weighing.

9.9 - BOAT AND PERSONAL NUMBERS [SR]

9.9.1 - All boats should carry a boat number. It is a vertical plate, made of non-transparent material, marked with black numbers on a white background.

9.9.2 - The plates should be placed on the centreline on the afterdeck or thwart.

9.9.3 - The size of the number plate should be 18 x 20cm. The numbers on the plate must be on each side and must measure 15 cm in height and 25 mm in thickness.

9.9.4 - The personal (bib) numbers will be provided by the HOC and must be placed on the back and/or on the front of the athlete as required by the HOC. The title or main sponsors name may be shown on the front side with the personal numbers.

CHAPTER 10 - COMPETITION

10.1 - MEANS OF PROPULSION

[SR]

10.1.1 - Kayaks must be propelled solely by means of a double-bladed paddle.

10.1.2 - Va'a must be propelled solely by means of a single-bladed paddle.

10.1.3 - The paddles must not be attached to the boat in any way.

10.2 - START

[SR]

10.2.1 - The Start Line must be marked by two (2) red flags or two (2) red buoys or a combination of both.

10.2.2 - Athletes must be on the water at the starting area, not less than three (3) minutes prior to the specified start time of their race. The starting area is defined as the area of water within 100 metres of the Start Line.

10.2.3 - Two (2) minutes before the defined starting time the competing boats must be in line with the allocated race lane.

10.2.4 - The start must commence without reference to any absentees.

10.2.5 - When signalled by the Starter, the athlete will take the start position designated so that the bow of the boat is on the start line. In case of an automatic starting system the athlete will place himself/herself so that the bow of the boat is on the start line and thus in the start machine. When all boats are properly aligned, the Aligner/Course Umpire will then raise a white flag.

10.2.6 - If the Starter is not satisfied with the line-up, he/she will call "STOP", and begin the start procedure again.

10.2.7 - The Starter will start the race when he/she is satisfied that everything meets with his/her approval.

10.2.8 - The starting command will be “Ready - Set - Go”.

10.2.8.a At the “Ready” command the athletes begin their preparation to paddle;

10.2.8.b At the “Set” command the athletes place their paddle in the catch position. The athlete must not paddle forward, or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure;

10.2.8.c The Starter when satisfied with the athletes positioning and attention will say “Go” (or shot or loud sound).

10.2.9 - The athletes must only react to the start command/signal “Go” and are not permitted to anticipate the start. The athletes can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command “Go”.

10.2.10 - In the case of a false start, the Starter must immediately give a loud buzzer sound signal. On hearing this signal all athletes must stop paddling and follow the Starter’s instructions for a new start.

10.2.11 - Before the new start, the Starter must identify the offending athlete(s) making the false start and give them a warning.

10.2.12 - In the case of a second false start by the same athlete, the athlete will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race and must leave the starting area and the course immediately.

10.2.13 - The Starter may also recall athletes for a new start in the case of any unforeseen circumstance (for example - a malfunction of the starting equipment). In such a case the same powerful sound signal as for a false start must be given.

10.2.14 - If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 10.2.10, the athlete must be given a warning, as in 10.2.13, even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any athlete making a false start, no penalty should be imposed.

10.2.15 - If an athlete does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee, he/she will be disqualified for the remaining races of the competition (DNS).

10.2.16 - An athlete, who arrives too late at the start, should be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn and will be disqualified for the remaining races of the competition (DNS).

10.2.17 - The Starter will make a written report on any disqualification and forward it to the Chief Official.

10.3 - PADDLING ON THE COURSE

[SR]

10.3.1 - Athletes must keep the whole of their boat within the five-(5) meter wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. The Ama of the Va'a boat may go outside the five-meter (5m) wide central area. Upon any deviation, the boat must go back immediately to this central area of the lane.

10.3.2 - A boat which leaves its allocated lane, must be disqualified (DSQ) from the event.

10.3.3 - If there is a capsized the athlete is disqualified (DNF) from the race.

10.3.4 - The Course Umpire has the right to interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen hindrances arise by using a red flag and a strong sound signal. Athletes must immediately stop paddling and await further instructions.

10.3.5 - If a paddle is broken an athlete cannot be provided with a new one by a supporter.

10.4 - PACING AND WASH RIDING

[SR]

10.4.1 - Taking pace or receiving assistance from boats not in the race or by any other means is not permitted.

10.4.2 - When a race is in progress crews not taking part in the race are strictly forbidden to proceed over the whole or part of the course, even outside the marking buoys.

10.5.1 - The boat has finished the race when its bow crosses the finish line with the athlete in it.

10.5.2 - The Finish Line Judges will determine the result of the competition based on the order of the boats arriving.

10.5.3 - If two (2) or more boats cross the finish line at the same time, they get the same classification in the final ranking. In case of a dead heat finish for any position, which determines the advance to the next phase of the competition, the following rules will apply:

10.5.3.a Whenever there are sufficient number of lanes available in the next phase of the competitions, a drawing of lots will determine to which race these athletes will advance. It is also possible to use lane number zero (0) or 10;

10.5.3.b Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the athletes involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme;

10.5.3.c In case of a dead heat in a re-race, drawing of lots will determine the outcome.

10.5.4 - If the photo finish confirms a dead heat of two (2) or more boats at the finish, the final ranking will be determined according to the best place achieved by those boats. E.g. two (2) or more may be recorded as first, second, third etc.

10.6.1 - Any athlete who attempts to compete in a race by any other than honourable means, or who breaks the racing rules, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing rules will be disqualified from the race concerned (DSQ).

10.6.2 - Should an athlete have completed a race in a boat which is shown upon inspection does not conform with the ICF rules will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race.

10.6.3 - It is forbidden to receive external assistance during a race.

10.6.4 - No athlete may be accompanied along and adjacent to the racecourse by other boats while the race is in progress.

10.6.5 - No athlete may receive assistance by using objects thrown into the course.

10.6.6 - Any of the above infractions will result in the disqualification of the athletes concerned (DSQ).

10.6.7 - Disqualifications must be confirmed by the Competition Committee in writing immediately, giving the reasons. The Team Leader of the athlete/team must acknowledge the receipt on the notice copy with the exact time, which marks the start of the protest time.

10.6.8 - Failure to deliver the copy confirmation of the disqualification to the Team Leader does not invalidate the disqualification.

10.6.9 - The Competition Committee may discipline any athlete or Official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may disqualify him/her for that competition.

CHAPTER 11 - POST-COMPETITION

11.1 - ATHLETES AFTER THE RACE

[SR]

11.1.1 - The athlete must leave the course after the finish of the race and cannot disturb the next race.

11.1.2 - The boats selected by the Competition Committee for boat control must immediately go to the post-race boat control.

11.1.3 - If selected for doping control, the athlete must comply with the obligations stipulated in the ICF and WADA doping rules.

11.1.4 - Before the awards ceremony the top three (3) athletes of the final must be present at the location and time indicated.

11.1.5 - At the World Championships, World Cups and Paralympic Games the athletes must wear the uniform and shoes of their NF at the awards ceremony.

11.2 - PROTEST

[PR]

11.2.1 - A protest against the right of an athlete to compete in a race must be addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official, not later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race of the competition.

11.2.2 - A protest made during a competition must be in written form, addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed on the decision against his/her athlete or team and has signed the receipt.

11.2.3 - All protests must be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros (or an equal sum in the local currency). The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

11.2.4 - When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the Team Leader of the athlete/team in question should be presented the protest or report to read.

11.3.1 - After the ending of World Championships and all International Paracanoe Competitions, listed in the ICF Competition Calendar, two (2) copies of the results, protests and appeals must be posted by the HOC to the ICF Headquarters (ICF HQ) as well as displayed electronically on official websites.

CHAPTER 12 - PARALYMPIC GAMES

Refer to the International Competition Rules and Special Rules for World Championships except as amended in this Chapter.

12.1 - ORGANISATION

[SR]

12.1.1 - Applications, entries and programme for Paralympic Games must be in accordance with the IPC Rules.

12.1.2 - Any rule not regulated by the IPC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

12.1.3 - Where ICF rules are applicable they may be subject to IPC rules related to the Paralympic Games.

12.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[SR]

12.2.1 - The Programme for the Paralympic Games must be in accordance with the IPC Rules.

12.2.2 - Paralympic events are:

Men		
MKL1	Men's Kayak	200m
MKL2	Men's Kayak	200m
MKL3	Men's Kayak	200m
MVL2	Men's Va'a	200m
MVL3	Men's Va'a	200m

Women		
WKL1	Women's Kayak	200m
WKL2	Women's Kayak	200m
WKL3	Women's Kayak	200m
WVL2	Women's Va'a	200m

12.2.3 - The competition format and the competition timetable for the Paralympic Games is agreed between the IPC, OCOG and the ICF.

12.3 - SYSTEM OF DIVISION AND PROGRESSION

[SR]

12.3.1 - Drawing of lots for the heats should take place at a time and under the supervision of persons approved by the IPC.

12.3.2 - Division into heats must take place according to the system specified in articles 5.1 and 13.6. The Progression system is shown in Appendix 2.

12.4 - ENTRIES

[SR]

Entries for Paralympic Games can be made only through the NPC in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

12.5 - BOATS AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

[SR]

12.5.1 - In accordance with article 13.9.

12.5.2 - No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Games.

12.5.3 - Boats, accessories and clothing may carry advertising symbols, trademarks or emblems and words for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification must not exceed total surface area designated suitable by the IPC.

12.5.4 - The word “identification “means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the actual manufacturer of the item only. Third party branding of an article of equipment or clothing is not permitted. The identification can appear only once per item unless specified by the IPC.

12.5.5 - The uniform of the athletes and all persons holding an official position may include the flag of their NPC emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Paralympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

12.5.6 - Any boat, accessory or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during the competition. Athletes are responsible for their own equipment.

12.5.7 - For a new boat design to be eligible for the Paralympic Games the same boat design must have passed the official boat control at the World Championships or World Cup the year prior to the Paralympic Games.

12.5.8 - At the Paralympic Games the names of the athletes must be placed on the sides of the boats. The names (letters) on the stickers should be placed just below the cockpit. The precise positioning will be determined by the ICF Technical Delegate.

12.5.9 - The dimension of the names on the stickers will be a minimum of six (6) cm high and will be black letters on white background. The font should be “Arial Black” all in capital letters with first name or initial followed by family name.

12.5.10 - The stickers will be provided by the OCOG. They will be applied by the ICF Officials at the first Boat Control.

12.5.11 - At the Paralympic Games all the boats must pass the 1st Boat Control prior to the competition.

CHAPTER 13 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Refer to the International Competition Rules except as amended in this Chapter.

13.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

13.1.1 - World Championships may be arranged every year with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors at a place and time approved by it and in accordance with the ICF Paracanoe Rules.

13.1.2 - The races may be held between two (2) and four (4) consecutive days. They may be held in conjunction with Canoe Sprint competitions.

13.1.3 - Entries for all events must be limited to two (2) per NF.

13.1.4 - Substitutes may be entered and may participate in the races according to the Rules in articles 1.6, 6.1, 6.2 and 9.6.

13.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[PR]

13.2.1 - World Championship events are:

MKL1	Men's Kayak	200m
MKL2	Men's Kayak	200m
MKL3	Men's Kayak	200m
MVL1	Men's Va'a	200m
MVL2	Men's Va'a	200m
MVL3	Men's Va'a	200m
WKL1	Women's Kayak	200m
WKL2	Women's Kayak	200m
WKL3	Women's Kayak	200m
WVL1	Women's Va'a	200m
WVL2	Women's Va'a	200m
WVL3	Women's Va'a	200m

13.2.2 - The order of the events will be decided by the Technical Chair and the ICF.

13.3 - SYSTEM OF DIVISION AND PROGRESSION [PR]

13.3.1 - The drawing of lots for the first races in each class must be carried out under the control of an ICF Official and the supervision of the HOC member.

13.3.2 - The division into heats must be made in accordance with the Paracanoe rules, with the following additions:

13.3.2.a The division into heats will be based on the results of previous World Championships. The boats placed in A, B and C finals, if applicable, will automatically be seeded. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots.

13.3.2.b If changes at the Team Leaders Meeting result in the fact that the actual number of boats is too small for the plan used, there may be a new drawing of lots for the actual number of boats and a new plan selected.

13.3.3 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each heat go forward to the next appropriate phase of the competition. The others are eliminated.

13.3.4 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each semi-final go forward to a final. The others are eliminated.

13.3.5 - The Competition Committee will decide which progression plan (1 or 2) will be used for the event.

13.3.6 - The distribution of lanes for, semi-finals and finals is automatically determined by the results of the previous races.

13.3.7 - A semi-final will not be held if all the competing boats would reach the next phase of the competition. The lanes for the final will be determined by means of a draw from the boats that progressed.

13.4 - INVITATIONS, ENTRIES AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE

[PR]

13.4.1 - Invitations for World Championships will be issued by the organising NF (or HOC) and must be in accordance with the ICF Rules. Invitations should be sent out at least nine (9) months before the first day of the Championships.

13.4.2 - Entries:

13.4.2.a Entry process is described in article 1.6;

13.4.2.b The deadline for the numerical entries is 45 full days before the first day of the competition;

13.4.2.c Athletes in lower functioning categories are not permitted to “race up” into higher functioning categories. (ie. A KL1 athlete is not eligible to enter a KL2 event.)

13.4.2.d When an athlete classification at a competition determines the athlete must be placed in another class, the athlete will be removed from the event in which he/she was entered. Notwithstanding clause 13.1.3, the athlete will be permitted entry in the event of the appropriate class regardless of whether the athlete’s NF has filled all its permitted entries. In any case, only a third (3rd) entry from a NF will be permitted.

13.4.2.e When an athlete classification at a competition determines the athlete is not eligible for Paracanoe, the athlete is not permitted to race in any event at the competition.

13.4.2.f Withdrawing of an athlete in an event is only permitted until five (5) days before the first day of the races without consequences.

13.4.3 - The Competition Schedule must be available at least three (3) days before the Championships and contain the following details:

13.4.3.a The starting time for each race (heats as well as finals);

13.4.3.b The names and NFs of the athletes in each race.

13.5 - COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS[PR]

13.5.1 - World Championships must be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the ICF Board of Directors.

13.5.2 - During the World Championships the Competition Committee must consist of three (3) officials who must be in possession of a valid International Official Canoe Sprint or Paracanoe card. They are:

13.5.2.a Chief Official;

13.5.2.b Chief Judge;

13.5.2.c Deputy Chief Judge.

These would be appointed from the Technical Committee.

13.5.3 - The officials (excluding the Jury and Competition Committee) to officiate at the World Championships are:

- Competition Manager
- Starters
- Aligners
- Course Umpires
- Finishing Line Judges
- Boat Controllers
- Medical Officer

13.5.4 - Travel expenses for the following International Technical Officials (ITOs) will be covered by the competing NFs:

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Deputy Chief Judge
- Competition Manager
- Starters
- Aligners
- Course Umpires
- Finishing Line Judges
- Boat Controllers
- Medical Officer

13.5.5 - Each team attending the World Championships will pay an administration fee (set by the CSPC) to share the travel costs of the ITOs to officiate at the World Championships. The expenses (room and board) for all ITOs during the competition period are the responsibility of the HOC.

13.5.6 - The minimum number of Classifier officials to classify at the World Championships should be:

- Paracanoe Technical Representative 1
- Head of Classification 1
- Medical Classifiers 2
- Technical Classifiers 2

NOTE: The Paracanoe Committee reserves the right to add classifiers if athlete participation numbers warrant an increase.

13.5.7 - Travel expenses for the Paracanoe Classification Team (except the Paracanoe Technical Representative) will be covered by the participating NFs.

13.5.8 - Each participating NF at the World Championships will pay an administration fee to share the travel costs of the classifiers to classify at the World Championships.

The fees are:

Team Size	Euros
Less than 4	100
Less than 8	200
Less than 12	300
12 or more	400

13.5.9 - The expenses (room and board) for all Classifier Officials during the competition period are the responsibility of the HOC.

13.5.10 - Travel, room and board expenses for the Paracanoe Technical Representative should be covered by the HOC.

13.6 - RACES AND INTERVALS

[SR]

The interval between the events (heats, semi-finals and final) must not be less than 30 minutes.

13.7 - START AND EQUIPMENT

[SR]

13.7.1 - An automatic start system accepted / approved by the ICF and equipped with loudspeakers at each start position is compulsory for all races.

13.7.2 - The HOC must provide a loudspeaker, to be at the disposal of the Starter.

13.7.3 - If necessary, an assistant holds the stern of the boat and release it on the shot or electronic sound.

13.7.4 - There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow replay at each start line position to control the start of the athletes at World Championships and Paralympic Games. The video will be only at the disposal of the Starter.

13.8 - PHOTO-FINISH AND TIMEKEEPING

[SR]

13.8.1 - At World Championships the order of the boats arriving at the finishing line will be decided with a Photo Finish System.

13.8.2 - The HOC must provide two (2) sets of Photo Finish equipment accepted by the ICF. The time must be recorded in 1/1000's and published in 1/100's of a second. In finals only, if the time difference between one boat and other boat(s) is 5/1000 seconds or less, the slower boats will be given the same time and position as the faster boat.

13.8.3 - There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow motion that must show the athletes relative position in their boat at the finish line.

13.8.4 - An Official must see that a photo finish is taken for each race (heats, semi-finals and finals).

13.8.5 - The Photo Finish System must record the finish of all participating boats.

13.8.6 - The photo finish must be at the disposal of the Chief Finish Line Judge, the Competition Committee and the Jury.

13.8.7 - In case of close arrival of two or more boats one copy of the photo finish should be placed on the official notice board.

13.8.8 - The Chief Finish Line Judge and the Competition Committee must compare their decisions with the results of the photo finish, with the latter being decisive. The results of each race are to be approved by the Competition Committee.

13.8.9 - During World Championships as well as Paralympic Games no separate time-keepers will be used. If the electronic time keeping fails, the Finish Line Judges should take the time by stopwatch.

13.8.10 - Timing, Scoring and Results System Providers at ICF competitions can be conducted exclusively with ICF approved Timing, Scoring and Results System Providers.

13.8.11 - The Timing, Scoring and Results System have the task to supply information as defined in the “ICF Technical Manual for Canoe Sprint Championships”.

13.8.12 - Requirements:

- Instant updates to the competition programme;
- Updates from Team Leaders Meeting;
- Race operations including instant classification of boats;
- Medal tables;
- Point rankings;
- Statistics (eg. number of races, athletes, best times);
- Interface that can be used for media / spectators;
- On-line system (on-line entries, accreditation, starting lists, results on website).

13.8.13 - The systems must be tested at least one (1) year prior to the start of the competition.

13.9 - BOATS AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL [SR]

There will be three (3) types of boat control:

13.9.1 - Pre-Competition boat control as per article 9.7;

13.9.1.a Teams are responsible for pre-competition boat control;

13.9.1.b Before the first day of the competition each participating NF can control their boats which will be used during the World Championships to satisfy themselves that their boats conform to the rules;

13.9.1.c Additional weight, if any, must be fixed to the hull of the boat.

13.9.2 - Identity and Polyox Control:

13.9.2.a Before proceeding to the start of a race all athletes and boats must pass through ID and Polyox control;

13.9.2.b The Officials will:

- Check all athletes ID, body numbers, boat numbers, uniforms and uniforms;
- Check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in articles 3.2.4 and 3.2.8;
- Inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats.

13.9.2.c The athletes must wear an appropriate official clothing with easy identification of the nation they represent. Every athlete must compete in the team uniform mentioned in the nominal entries or at accreditation at the latest;

13.9.3 - Post-Race boat control will be directly after all the races.

13.10 - APPEAL

[PR]

13.10.1 - Team Leaders or other NF representatives have the right to appeal to the Jury against a decision of the Competition Committee on behalf of their athletes.

13.10.2 - The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury in writing with reasons, not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed with a written communication of the decision against the athlete or team and has signed the receipt given.

13.10.3 - An appeal must be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros (or an equal sum in the local currency). The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13.10.4 - The appeal must be heard as soon as possible. Witnesses may be called.

13.10.5 - The decision of the Jury is final.

13.10.6 - There is no appeal to the Jury or Board of the Directors on the classification matters.

13.11 - AWARDS

[PR]

13.11.1 - The medals will be awarded in accordance with article 1.8.6 and must on no account be presented to any other persons than those who have won championship races.

13.11.2 - Only medals, to the exclusion of all other prizes, are to be presented at the official ceremony.

13.12 - NATIONS CUP RANKING

[PR]

13.12.1 - Nations Cup ranking is in accordance with article 1.8.7.

13.12.2 - The ranking will be calculated in the following table:

Points			
Position	Final A	Final B	Final C
1 st	30	20	10
2 nd	28	18	8
3 rd	27	17	7
4 th	26	16	6
5 th	25	15	5
6 th	24	14	4
7 th	23	13	3
8 th	22	12	2
9 th	21	11	1
All others	1	1	1

All boats that participated in the event will receive a minimum of one (1) point.

13.12.3 - The Nations Cup will be awarded in accordance with article 1.8.7. Paracanoe results are included in the Canoe Sprint Nations Cup calculations.

13.12.4 - Only the Paralympic events are included in the Nations Cup calculations.

CHAPTER 14 - WORLD CUP

Refer to the International Competition Rules and Special Rules for World Championships except as amended in this Chapter.

14.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

14.1.1 - The ICF Paracanoe World Cup competitions must be arranged under the auspices of the ICF.

14.1.2 - The Paracanoe World Cup competitions are held in accordance with the ICF Paracanoe Rules.

14.1.3 - The Paracanoe World Cup competitions will be held every year with at least one (1) competition.

14.1.4 - No World Cup competition can be held during the two (2) weeks preceding the World Championships or Paralympic Games.

14.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[PR]

14.2.1 - The competition should be organised over three (3) days but can be extended by the ICF Board of Directors if required. The progression system should be based on the World Championships rules.

14.2.2 - The competition schedule must be set at least three (3) months before the first day of the competition by the PC based on the events approved by the ICF Board of Directors.

14.2.3 - The competition schedule can be adapted to meet television requirements. Negotiations between ICF and television must be completed before 1st March of the year of competition.

14.2.4 - After the completion of each World Cup Competition, the ICF (through the timing/scoring provider) should calculate the ranking of the athletes on points in accordance with the adopted system for men's kayak, women's kayak, men's Va'a, women's Va'a and all events separately.

14.3 - BIDDING TO HOST A WORLD CUPS EVENT [PR]

The CSPC should make a proposal regarding the venues to be chosen, taking into consideration the technical equipment of the racing course and the experience of the NF in organising ICF Championships or international competitions.

14.4 - COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS[PR]

14.4.1 - The Paracanoe World Cup competitions must be conducted under the authority of a member of the ICF PC.

14.4.2 - The HOC must bear the travel, accommodation and meals expenses of the member of the ICF PC.

14.4.3 - If the PC considers a technical visit necessary after the bid and before the competition, the costs of travel and stay will be charged to the HOC.

14.5 - WORLD CUP CLASSIFICATION PERSONNEL [SR]

14.5.1 - The minimum number of classifier officials at a World Cup should be:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 14.5.1.a Paracanoe Technical Representative - | 1 |
| 14.5.1.b Head of Classification - | 1 |
| 14.5.1.c Medical Classifier - | 1 |
| 14.5.1.d Technical Classifier - | 1 |

NOTE: The Paracanoe Committee reserves the right to add classifiers if athlete classification numbers warrant an increase.

CHAPTER 15 - ITO - TRAINING PATHWAY

Procedure for becoming an ICF Paracanoe International Technical Official:

15.1 - EXAMINATION

[PR]

15.1.1 - In Paracanoe ITO examination is linked with a seminar. NFs are entitled to apply to hold together a seminar and an examination.

15.1.2 - Examination Procedure

15.1.2.a A sub-committee consisting of two (2) members, appointed by the Technical Chair, will:

- Run an ICF Official Seminar containing theory and practise sessions at the international level competition;
- Hold the examination after as per article 1.15.

15.1.2.b Candidates may pass the examination according the criteria created by their Continental Association or the ICF criteria created by the Technical Chair. Officials who are approved only at the continental level, may participate in a new examination without attending another seminar.

APPENDIX 1 - DIVISION SYSTEM WITH A, B AND C FINALS

Legend:

H	= Heat
QF	= Quarterfinal
SF	= Semi-Final
BT	= by time
1-2, 1-3, 2-7...	= from first to second place, from first to third place, from second to seventh place...
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd ...	= boat winning first place, boat winning second place, boat winning third place...
3x3 rd , 4x4 th , 4x6 th ...	= 3 boats in third places, 4 boats in fourth places, 4 boats in sixth places...
4/H1 ... L7	4 TH place from Heat 1 will start in lane 7
The lane distribution of the boats qualified in A, B or C final will be based on their result or time achieved in the Semi - Final.	

BOATS	SYS TEM	HEATS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
10 - 18	A	2 x 9 1-3 to Final 4-7 + next BT to SF rest out	1 x 9 1-3 to Final rest out	A: 1 x 9
19 - 27	B	3 x 9 1st to Final A 2-7 to SF rest out	2 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-7 + next BT to Final B rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
28 - 36	C	4 x 9 1-6 + 3x7 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
37 - 45	D	5 x 9 1-5 + 2x6 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9

46 - 54	E	6 x 9 1-4 + 3x5 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9
55 - 63	F	7 x 9 1-5+ next BT to SF rest out	4 x 9 1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9
64 - 72	G	8 x 9 1-4+ 4x5 th BT to SF rest out	4 x 9 1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9

PLAN A BOATS 10 - 18

HEATS			SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
			Plan A1 - SF 1	Plan A2 - SF 1	FINAL A
H1	H2				
10.	5	5	4/H1 ... L5	4/H1 ... L4	1/H1 ... L5
11.	6	5	5/H1 ... L6	5/H1 ... L3	2/H1 ... L3
12.	6	6	6/H1 ... L2	6/H1 ... L7	3/H1 ... L7
13.	7	6	7/H1 ... L8	7/H1 ... L1	1/H2 ... L4
14.	7	7	4/H2 ... L4	4/H2 ... L5	2/H2 ... L6
15.	8	7	5/H2 ... L3	5/H2 ... L6	3/H2 ... L2
16.	8	8	6/H2 ... L7	6/H2 ... L2	1/SF1 ... L8
17.	9	8	7/H2 ... L1	7/H2 ... L8	2/SF1 ... L1
18.	9	9	next BT... L9	next BT... L9	3/SF1 ... L9
2 Heats 1-3 direct to Final 4 -7+ next BT to SF rest out			1-3 to Final rest out		

PLAN B BOATS 19 - 27

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
H1 H2 H3 19. 7 6 6 20. 7 7 6 21. 7 7 7 22. 8 7 7 23. 8 8 7 24. 8 8 8 25. 9 8 8 26. 9 9 8 27. 9 9 9	Plan B1 - SF 1	Plan B2 - SF 1	FINAL A
	2/H1 ... L5	3/H1 ... L6	1/H1 ... L5
	4/H1 ... L7	5/H1 ... L2	1/H2 ... L4
	6/H1 ... L1	6/H1 ... L9	1/H3 ... L6
	3/H2 ... L4	3/H2 ... L4	1/SF1 ... L3
	5/H2 ... L2	4/H2 ... L7	2/SF1 ... L8
	7/H2 ... L9	6/H2 ... L8	3/SF1 ... L1
	3/H3 ... L6	2/H3 ... L5	1/SF2 ... L7
	4/H3 ... L3	4/H3 ... L3	2/SF2 ... L2
	6/H3 ... L8	7/H3 ... L1	3/SF2 ... L9
	Plan B1 - SF 2	Plan B2 - SF2	FINAL B
	3/H1 ... L6	2/H1 ... L5	4/SF1 ... L5
	5/H1 ... L7	4/H1 ... L3	5/SF1 ... L3
	7/H1 ... L1	7/H1 ... L9	6/SF1 ... L7
	2/H2 ... L5	2/H2 ... L4	7/SF1 ... L1
	4/H2 ... L3	5/H2 ... L7	4/SF2 ... L4
	6/H2 ... L8	7/H2 ... L1	5/SF2 ... L6
	2/H3 ... L4	3/H3 ... L6	6/SF2 ... L2
	5/H3 ... L2	5/H3 ... L2	7/SF2 ... L8
	7/H3 ... L9	6/H3 ... L8	Next BT ... L9
3 Heats 1 st to Final A 2-7 to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4 -7 + next BT to Final B rest out		

PLAN C BOATS 28 - 36

HEATS				SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
				Plan C1 - SF1	Plan C2 - SF 1	FINAL A
H1	H2	H3	H4			
28. 7	7	7	7	1/H1 ... L5	2/H1 ... L4	1/SF1 ... L5
29. 8	7	7	7	5/H1 ... L8	6/H1 ... L8	2/SF1 ... L3
30. 8	8	7	7	2/H2 ... L4	1/H2 ... L6	3/SF1 ... L8
31. 8	8	8	7	6/H2 ... L1	6/H2 ... L1	1/SF2 ... L4
32. 8	8	8	8	2/H3 ... L6	3/H3 ... L3	2/SF2 ... L7
33. 9	8	8	8	5/H3 ... L2	4/H3 ... L7	3/SF2 ... L1
34. 9	9	8	8	3/H4 ... L3	1/H4 ... L5	1/SF3 ... L6
35. 9	9	9	8	4/H4 ... L7	5/H4 ... L2	2/SF3 ... L2
36. 9	9	9	9	1 st BT ... L9	1 st BT ... L9	3/SF3 ... L9
				Plan C1 - SF 2	Plan C2 - SF 2	FINAL B
				3/H1 ... L6	3/H1 ... L6	4/SF1 ... L5
				4/H1 ... L2	5/H1 ... L8	5/SF1 ... L7
				1/H2 ... L5	3/H2 ... L3	6/SF1 ... L2
				5/H2 ... L8	4/H2 ... L7	4/SF2 ... L6
				3/H3 ... L3	1/H3 ... L5	5/SF2 ... L3
				4/H3 ... L7	6/H3 ... L9	6/SF2 ... L1
				2/H4 ... L4	2/H4 ... L4	4/SF3 ... L4
				6/H4 ... L9	4/H4 ... L2	5/SF3 ... L8
				2 nd BT ... L1	2 nd BT ... L1	6/SF3 ... L9
				Plan C1 - SF 3	Plan C2 - SF 3	
				2/H1 ... L6	1/H1 ... L5	
				6/H1 ... L1	4/H1 ... L7	
				3/H2 ... L3	2/H2 ... L6	
				4/H2 ... L7	5/H2 ... L2	
				1/H3 ... L4	2/H3 ... L4	
				6/H3 ... L8	5/H3 ... L8	
				1/H4 ... L5	3/H4 ... L3	
				5/H4 ... L2	6/H4 ... L9	
				3 rd BT ... L9	3 rd BT ... L1	
4 Heats 1-6 + 3x7 th BT to SF rest out				1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B rest out		

PLAN D BOATS 37 - 45

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
	Plan D1-SF 1	Plan D2-SF 1	FINAL A
H H H H H 1 2 3 4 5 37. 8 8 7 7 7 38. 8 8 8 7 7 39. 8 8 8 8 7 40. 8 8 8 8 8 41. 9 8 8 8 8 42. 9 9 8 8 8 43. 9 9 9 8 8 44. 9 9 9 9 8 45. 9 9 9 9 9	1/H1 ... L5 4/H1 ... L2 2/H2 ... L6 5/H2 ... L1 3/H3 ... L7 1/H4 ... L4 4/H4 ... L8 2/H5 ... L3 5/H5 ... L9	2/H1 ... L6 4/H1 ... L2 1/H2 ... L5 5/H2 ... L9 2/H3 ... L3 3/H4 ... L7 4/H4 ... L8 1/H5 ... L4 4/H5 ... L1	1/SF1 ... L5 2/SF1 ... L3 3/SF1 ... L8 1/SF2 ... L4 2/SF2 ... L7 3/SF2 ... L1 1/SF3 ... L6 2/SF3 ... L2 3/SF3 ... L9
	Plan D1-SF 2	Plan D2-SF 2	FINAL B
	2/H1 ... L4 5/H1 ... L8 3/H2 ... L3 1/H3 ... L5 4/H3 ... L2 2/H4 ... L6 5/H4 ... L1 3/H5 ... L7 1 st BT ... L9	1/H1 ... L5 5/H1 ... L2 4/H2 ... L7 3/H3 ... L3 5/H3 ... L8 2/H4 ... L4 2/H5 ... L6 5/H5 ... L1 2 nd BT ... L9	4/SF1 ... L5 5/SF1 ... L7 6/SF1 ... L2 4/SF2 ... L6 5/SF2 ... L3 6/SF2 ... L1 4/SF3 ... L4 5/SF3 ... L8 6/SF3 ... L9
	Plan D1-SF 3	Plan D2-SF 3	FINAL C
	3/H1 ... L3 1/H2 ... L5 4/H2 ... L2 2/H3 ... L6 5/H3 ... L1 3/H4 ... L7 1/H5 ... L4 4/H5 ... L8 2 nd BT ... L2	3/H1 ... L3 2/H2 ... L6 3/H2 ... L7 1/H3 ... L5 4/H3 ... L8 1/H4 ... L4 5/H4 ... L1 3/H5 ... L2 1 st BT ... L9	7/SF1 ... L5 8/SF1 ... L3 9/SF1 ... L8 7/SF2 ... L4 8/SF2 ... L7 9/SF2 ... L1 7/SF3 ... L6 8/SF3 ... L2 9/SF3 ... L9
5 Heats 1-5 + 2x6 th BT to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C		

PLAN E BOATS 46 - 54

HEATS						SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
						Plan E1-SF1	Plan E2-SF1	FINAL A
	H	H	H	H	H	1/H1 ... L5	3/H1 ... L3	1/SF1 ... L5
	1	2	3	4	5	4/H1 ... L8	1/H2 ... L5	2/SF1 ... L3
46.	8	8	8	8	7	3/H2 ... L7	4/H2 ... L8	3/SF1 ... L8
47.	8	8	8	8	8	2/H3 ... L3	2/H3 ... L6	1/SF2 ... L4
48.	8	8	8	8	8	1/H4 ... L4	3/H4 ... L7	2/SF2 ... L7
49.	9	8	8	8	8	4/H4 ... L1	1/H5 ... L4	3/SF2 ... L1
50.	9	9	8	8	8	3/H5 ... L2	4/H5 ... L9	1/SF3 ... L6
51.	9	9	9	8	8	2/H6 ... L6	3/H6 ... L2	2/SF3 ... L2
52.	9	9	9	9	8	1 st BT ... L9	3 rd BT ... L1	3/SF3 ... L9
53.	9	9	9	9	8			
54.	9	9	9	9	9	Plan E1-SF2	Plan E2-SF2	FINAL B
						2/H1 ... L3	1/H1 ... L5	4/SF1 ... L5
						1/H2 ... L5	4/H1 ... L8	5/SF1 ... L7
						4/H2 ... L8	2/H2 ... L6	6/SF1 ... L2
						3/H3 ... L7	3/H3 ... L2	4/SF2 ... L6
						2/H4 ... L6	1/H4 ... L4	5/SF2 ... L3
						1/H5 ... L4	4/H4 ... L9	6/SF2 ... L1
						4/H5 ... L1	2/H5 ... L3	4/SF3 ... L4
						3/H6 ... L2	2/H6 ... L7	5/SF3 ... L8
						2 nd BT ... L9	1 st BT ... L1	6/SF3 ... L9
						Plan E1-SF3	Plan E2-SF3	FINAL C
						3/H1 ... L7	2/H1 ... L4	7/SF1 ... L5
						2/H2 ... L3	3/H2 ... L7	8/SF1 ... L3
						1/H3 ... L5	1/H3 ... L5	9/SF1 ... L8
						4/H3 ... L8	4/H3 ... L8	7/SF2 ... L4
						3/H4 ... L2	2/H4 ... L3	8/SF2 ... L7
						2/H5 ... L6	3/H5 ... L2	9/SF2 ... L1
						1/H6 ... L4	1/H6 ... L6	7/SF3 ... L6
						4/H6 ... L1	4/H6 ... L9	8/SF3 ... L2
						3 rd BT ... L9	2 nd BT ... L1	9/SF3 ... L9
<p>6 Heats 1-4 + 3x5th BT to SF rest out</p>						<p>1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C</p>		

PLAN F BOATS 55 - 63

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
	Plan F1-SF1	Plan F2-SF1	FINAL A
H H H H H H H 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1/H1 ... L5 5/H1 ... L1 4/H2 ... L8 4/H3 ... L2 2/H4 ... L6 1/H5 ... L4 3/H6 ... L7 2/H7 ... L3 1 st BT ... L9	3/H1 ... L7 1/H2 ... L5 5/H2 ... L1 4/H3 ... L2 2/H4 ... L4 1/H5 ... L6 5/H5 ... L9 4/H6 ... L8 3/H7 ... L3	1/SF1 ... L5 2/SF1 ... L8 1/SF2 ... L4 2/SF2 ... L7 1/SF3 ... L6 2/SF3 ... L2 1/SF4 ... L3 2/SF4 ... L9 1 st BT ... L1
55. 8 8 8 8 8 8 7 56. 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 57. 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 58. 9 9 8 8 8 8 8 59. 9 9 9 8 8 8 8 60. 9 9 9 9 8 8 8 61. 9 9 9 9 9 8 8 62. 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 63. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	Plan F1-SF2	Plan F2-SF2	FINAL B
	2/H1 ... L4 1/H2 ... L5 5/H2 ... L9 3/H3 ... L7 3/H4 ... L3 2/H5 ... L6 4/H6 ... L8 5/H6 ... L1 3/H7 ... L2	4/H1 ... L8 2/H2 ... L4 1/H3 ... L6 5/H3 ... L9 3/H4 ... L3 2/H5 ... L7 1/H6 ... L5 5/H6 ... L1 4/H7 ... L2	2 nd (3 rd) BT L5 3 rd (3 rd) BT L6 4 th (3 rd) BT L4 4/SF1 ... L3 4/SF2 ... L2 4/SF3 ... L7 4/SF4 ... L8 1 st (5 th) BT L1 2 nd (5 th) BT L9
	Plan F1-SF3	Plan F2-SF3	FINAL C
	3/H1 ... L3 3/H2 ... L7 1/H3 ... L5 2/H3 ... L6 4/H4 ... L8 4/H5 ... L2 5/H5 ... L9 1/H6 ... L4 5/H7 ... L1	1/H1 ... L5 5/H1 ... L1 3/H2 ... L7 2/H3 ... L4 4/H4 ... L2 3/H5 ... L8 2/H6 ... L3 1/H7 ... L6 5/H7 ... L9	3 rd (5 th) BT L5 4 th (5 th) BT L6 6/SF1 ... L4 6/SF2 ... L3 6/SF3 ... L2 6/SF4 ... L7 1 st . (7 th) BT L8 2 nd (7 th) BT L1 3 rd (7 th) BT L9
	Plan F1-SF4	Plan F2-SF4	
	4/H1 ... L2 2/H2 ... L3 5/H3 ... L1 1/H4 ... L5 5/H4 ... L9 3/H5 ... L7 2/H6 ... L6 1/H7 ... L4 4/H7 ... L8	2/H1 ... L4 4/H2 ... L2 3/H3 ... L7 1/H4 ... L5 5/H4 ... L1 4/H5 ... L8 3/H6 ... L3 2/H7 ... L6 1 st BT ... L9	
7 Heats 1-5 + next BT to SF rest out	1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out		

PLAN G BOATS 64 - 72

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
	Plan G1-SF1	Plan G2-SF1	FINAL A
HH HH HH HH 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 64. 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 65. 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 66. 9 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 67. 9 9 9 8 8 8 8 8 68. 9 9 9 9 8 8 8 8 79. 9 9 9 9 9 8 8 8 70. 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 8 71. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 72. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	1/H1 ... L5 4/H2 ... L2 3/H3 ... L7 2/H4 ... L4 1/H5 ... L6 4/H6 ... L9 3/H7 ... L8 2/H8 ... L3 1 st BT ... L1	4/H1 ... L8 1/H2 ... L5 2/H3 ... L6 3/H4 ... L7 1/H5 ... L4 2/H6 ... L3 3/H7 ... L2 4/H8 ... L1 1 st BT ... L9	1/SF1 ... L5 2/SF1 ... L8 1/SF2 ... L4 2/SF2 ... L7 1/SF3 ... L6 2/SF3 ... L2 1/SF4 ... L3 2/SF4 ... L9 1 st BT ... L1
	Plan G1-SF2	Plan G2-SF2	FINAL B
	2/H1 ... L4 1/H2 ... L5 4/H3 ... L2 3/H4 ... L7 2/H5 ... L3 1/H6 ... L6 4/H7 ... L1 3/H8 ... L8 2 nd BT ... L9	1/H1 ... L5 2/H2 ... L6 3/H3 ... L7 4/H4 ... L8 2/H5 ... L3 3/H6 ... L2 4/H7 ... L9 1/H8 ... L4 2 nd BT ... L1	2 nd (3 th) BT L5 3 rd (3 th) BT L6 4 th (3 th) BT L4 4/SF1 ... L3 4/SF2 ... L2 4/SF3 ... L7 4/SF4 ... L8 1 st (5 th) BT L1 2 nd (5 th) BT L9
	Plan G1-SF3	Plan G2-SF3	FINAL C
	3/H1 ... L7 2/H2 ... L4 1/H3 ... L5 4/H4 ... L2 3/H5 ... L8 2/H6 ... L3 1/H7 ... L6 4/H8 ... L9 3 rd BT ... L1	2/H1 ... L6 3/H2 ... L7 4/H3 ... L8 1/H4 ... L5 3/H5 ... L2 4/H6 ... L1 1/H7 ... L4 2/H8 ... L3 3 rd BT ... L9	3 rd (5 th) BT L5 4 th (5 th) BT L6 6/SF1 ... L4 6/SF2 ... L3 6/SF3 ... L2 6/SF4 ... L7 1 st (7 th) BT L8 2 nd (7 th) BT L1 3 rd (7 th) BT L9
	Plan G1-SF4	Plan G2-SF4	
	4/H1 ... L8 3/H2 ... L7 2/H3 ... L3 1/H4 ... L5 4/H5 ... L1 3/H6 ... L2 2/H7 ... L4 1/H8 ... L6 4 th BT ... L9	3/H1 ... L7 4/H2 ... L8 1/H3 ... L5 2/H4 ... L6 4/H5 ... L9 1/H6 ... L4 2/H7 ... L3 3/H8 ... L2 4 th BT ... L1	
8 Heats 1-4 + 4x5 th BT to SF rest out	1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out		

APPENDIX 2 - PARALYMPIC PROGRESSION 8 LANES (2020)

BOATS	SYS TEM	HEATS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
9 - 10	A	2 heats 1 to Final rest to SF	1 SF 1-6 to Final rest out	Final A
11	B	2 heats 1 to Final rest to SF	2 SFs 1-3 to Final A rest out	Final A
12 - 16	C	2 heats 1 to Final rest to SF	2 SFs 1-3 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
17 - 19	D	3 heats 1 to Final rest to SF	2 SFs 1-2 to Final A next BT to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B

APPENDIX 3 - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - PRALYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

CANOE

Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
5	4	0	9
Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2 Va's single VL3	Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2		

Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
50	40	0	90

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete. An athlete can only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.

If an athlete attains a qualifying rank in both a Kayak and a Va'a medal event, the NPC is allocated the Va'a qualification slot while the Kayak qualification slot is allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the respective Kayak event (not otherwise qualified). Should the athlete lose the qualification slot due to the Three Continents Rule (see below) in either of the events, the athlete will retain the qualification slot superseding the continental restrictions.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of one (1) qualification slot per medal event. An NPC can obtain a maximum of five (5) male and four (4) female slots.

There must be a minimum of three (3) continents represented in each medal event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Should three (3) continents not be represented then the lowest ranked qualified NPC at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will lose their slot in the respective medal event and the qualification slot will be given to the highest ranked NPC from another continent not represented in that event. This process will

be repeated until three (3) continents are represented in all medal events. Host Country slots will count as representing a continent for qualification slots.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- be internationally classified either with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2020;
- have competed in the 2019 or the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC must enter a minimum of one (1) eligible athlete per medal event for which a qualification slot was obtained. An athlete may be entered in a second medal event of the other boat category (Kayak or Va’a) as long as they hold the required sport class for that additional event and also meet the above eligibility requirements.

An athlete may enter a maximum of two (2) medal events, one Kayak and one Va’a, as long as the athlete meets all classification and eligibility requirements for both events. An NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per medal event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2019 World Championships Qualification	<p>In the Male medal events, the top six (6) ranked athletes in each medal event each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.</p> <p>In the Female medal events, the top six (6) ranked athletes in each medal event each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.</p> <p>An NPC can obtain only one (1) qualification slot per medal event. Any subsequent slot will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified).</p>	<p>30 male athletes</p> <p>24 female athletes</p>

<p>2020 World Championships Qualification</p>	<p>In the Male medal events, the top four (4) ranked athletes in each medal event (not yet qualified) each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, but this is subject to the Host Country's right to take up one (1) or both of the two (2) slots reserved for Kayak and Va'a (see Host Country Allocation below).</p> <p>In the Female medal events, the top four (4) ranked athletes in each medal event (not yet qualified) each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, but this is subject to the Host Country's right to take up one (1) or both of the two (2) slots reserved for Kayak and Va'a (see Host Country Allocation below).</p> <p>An NPC can obtain only one (1) qualification slot per medal event. Any subsequent slot will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified).</p> <p>NPCs that have already obtained qualification slots at the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships cannot obtain an additional qualification slot in the respective event(s) at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p> <p>(Note: The seeding of heats at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will be based upon the results ranking of qualified NPCs at the 2020 World Championships.)</p>	<p>18 male athletes 14 female athletes</p>
<p>Host Country Allocation</p>	<p>The host country directly qualifies one (1) eligible male athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible female athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible male</p>	<p>1 male athlete in Kayak</p>

	<p>athlete in Va'a and one (1) eligible female athlete in Va'a, subject to participation in the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p> <p>The Host Country slots will be awarded from the events in which the host country (male and/or female) has had the highest ranked performance at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p> <p>Should the host country obtain a minimum of one (1) male and/or one (1) female qualification slot in Kayak and/or in Va'a at the 2019 or 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, the NCP will not receive a host country allocation for that respective boat category and for the respective gender. The reserved host country slot for that boat category and gender will be released and allocated via the 2020 World Championship Qualification allocation method (see above).</p>	<p>1 male athlete in Va'a</p> <p>1 female athlete in Kayak</p> <p>1 female athlete in Va'a</p>
<p>Total</p>		<p>50 male athletes</p> <p>40 female athletes</p>

TIMELINE

20 - 24 Aug. 2019

2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, Szeged, Hungary

21 - 23 May 2020

2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

8 May 2020

Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)

1 June 2020

ICF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots

15 June 2020

NPCs confirm to ICF in writing the use of allocated qualification slots

30 June 2020

ICF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots

3 August 2020

Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 15 June 2020 each qualified NPC must confirm to the ICF in writing (emails are accepted) the qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their qualification slots, and ICF will reallocate these slots. If an NPC confirms acceptance of a qualification slot, the NPC commits to enter a boat into the medal event for which the slot was obtained.

By 30 June 2020 the ICF will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 30 June 2020 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quotas granted for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use all of its allocated and accepted qualification slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and ICF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any unused qualification slot from the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will be offered to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified) in the respective medal event. Should no ranked NPC be available, the slot will go to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) in the respective medal event at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

Any unused qualification slot from the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will be offered to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified) in the respective medal event. Should no ranked NPC be available, the slot will go to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) in the respective medal event at the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

Should no ranked NPC be available to fill all the qualification slots in a particular medal event, then the slot(s) will be reallocated at the discretion of the ICF to the highest ranking NPC (not otherwise qualified) in a different medal event of the same gender at either the 2019 or 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.