



Report

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Wildwater Canoeing

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1. Major Meetings since last Congress

ICF Bod Meetings :

- 14.12.2021 / 19.01.2022 / 1.-2.04.2022
- 31.03.2022 sports commission meeting

WW Committee Meetings:

- 14.11.2021 - Kick Off Meeting with new committee to share duties
- 3.1.2022 - preparation 2022 competitions; ITO nomination 2022
- 07.02.2022 – revision ITO online quiz
- 10.03.2022 - preparation ITO online seminar
- 12.03.2022 – ITO education assessment – online

- 18.04.2022 preparation nation meeting / TIP Treignac
- 2.06.2022 meeting in Treignac
- 15.06.2022 TIP/Development Working Group

ICF HQ coordination meetings:

- 21.01.2022: Lluís, Heny – WWC Bid discussions 2024-2027
- 3.2.2022: information carbon footprint
- 10.02.2022: carbon footprint for organisers
- 7.3.2022: Cecilia, Sebastian – WWC development actions
- 21./28.03.2022: Cecilia - Fit For Future
- 5.4.2022: Narelle, Martin, Ruud - FFF – Events – Kick off meeting
- 29.07.2022 JM Prono, Thomas Rosset, Lluís - Development and Whitewater disciplines Meeting in Augsburg

Additional meetings and visits:

- 26./27.03. ECA Cup Metz (FRA)
- From January until June every 2 to 3 weeks organizing meetings with organisers for Worlds in Treignac (FRA)
- 1.06.2022 nation meeting in Treignac (FRA)
- 27.-31.07.2022 CSL Worlds in Augsburg (GER)
- 21.-28.08.2022 Jun/U23 Europeans in Banja Luka (BIH) with nation meeting on 23.08.2022
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ICF WILDWATER CANOEING COMMITTEE - DUTIES		Manuela	Peter	Tomislav	Annalena	Mathias	German	Marin	Tomas
Development	Relationships with Continental WWC activities		Asia	Europe / Asia		Africa	Europe	America/Oceania	
	Relationships with manufactures (material)								xx
	TIP camps		x				x	x	xx
ITOs	ITOs management							xx	
	ITOs education program / Quiz / Exam	x	xx			x			
	Rules	xx	x			x	x		
Competition	Calendar ICF Competition	xx			x				
	ICF competition management with organiser	x			xx		x		
	ICF technical deliverables (World Cup / World Championships)	xx				x			
	event organiser development		xx	x					
	Timing and scoring development (SPI,...)	x		xx	x				
	ICF Ranking					xx	x		
Communication	Relationships with Athletes community				xx		x		x
	internal communication (minutes, presentations..)	x	xx						
	WWC webpage	xx					x		
	WWC newsletter	x	xx						
	Database/network (coaches, organisers, athletes)		x		xx				
	Photographs		xx				x		
	Social Media				x		xx		x

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- Expansion of the ITO Online Webinar Series
- Simplification of the rules to open the competitions to more athletes
- Establishment of a development strategy for WWC
- Development of a light version of ww deliverables to help finding of new organisers and venues
- Strengthening internal communications and relationships with athletes and coaches by developing a strategy to build a strong network through social media, among other channels

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- The drought over the summer forced some competitions to be cancelled, nevertheless all the main competitions could be held.
- Difficulties to find organizers for World Cups and World Championships, too high requirements and currently unclear financial situation seem to be the main reasons.
- Anyway good that we could find in short term organisers to jump in the organizing of the Sprint World Championships 2023 which will be held in Augsburg GER and the Jun/U23 World Championships 2023 which will be held in Roudnice CZE
- good number of new ITO's for WWC (16 new in 2022) shows the benefit of online series
- athletes' development: TIP camp was held during Worlds in Treignac – more development activities are in discussion for end of season and 2023
- strong network between WW nation to help with material, limited due to high costs of transportation and boat damaging depends on venues

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

Objectives for the next 5 years

- To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level
- To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true World-wide appeal
- To make the rules more open to new races formats and new ideas
- To stay connected with nature and sustainability

Main Issues:

- Closer cooperation with Continental Associations and other disciplines regarding **development** and support. Increasing resources for Athlete Development programs.
- Increase the **number of participating** National Federations in WWC World Championships and World Cup Competitions.
- Find **new organisers & venues** for ICF WWC Competitions / Develop the ICF Ranking Competitions and improve the quality of WWC Competitions and International Events regarding sports presentation
- Increasing **flexibility in the rules**: To enable competition in commercially available canoes and kayaks to increase accessibility to extreme water, engage new countries and reduce transport costs
- increasing our range of **online services** – seminars and libraries
- expanding **transparency** and **communication**