

WILDWATER CANOEING
Nation Meeting
3rd July 2023
Roudnice nad Labem (CZE)



OUR VISION

**Wild Water
Canoeing
Technical
Committee
vision for 2025 and
beyond**

*To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true World-wide appeal

* To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level

12 Attractive discipline

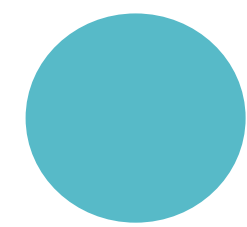
To make the rules more open to new races formats and new ideas

18 Simple discipline

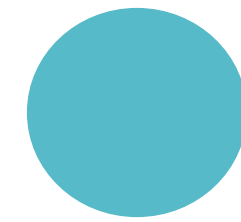
Enable the specificities of the discipline **5**

To stay connected with nature and sustainability **3**

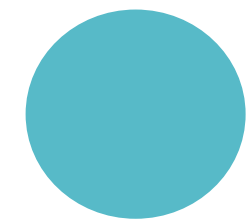
OUR VISION: KEEP THE SPECIFICS OF WWC



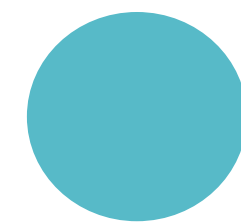
Classic and Sprint
Events



Individual and Team
events



Canoe Development
C2 => Wildwater specificity
Canoe Coaches Network
Canoe Workshops



New proposal:
possibility to start in
more than 2 events





OUR VISION: SIMPLIFY THE DISCIPLINE

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Calendar

- **More ICF ranking competitions**
 - Bring national races to ICF calendar (ICF competition level 4)
- **Reduce the frequency of level 1 (High standard) competition to**
ODD years:
 - World Championships Sprint & Classic for Senior/Master
 - Continental Championships for Junior/U23**EVEN years:**
 - World Championships Sprint & Classic for Junior/U23
 - Continental Championships for Senior/Master
- **Create a tournament around level 1 and level 2 competitions**

OUR VISION: SIMPLIFY THE DISCIPLINE

Rules

- **Reduce the number of team events**

Proposal: - Keep Sprint teams MK1, WK1, Mixed C1, Mixed C2

- Mixed team event with relay format for classic
(at least 1 boat C1 or C2 and one from opposite gender)

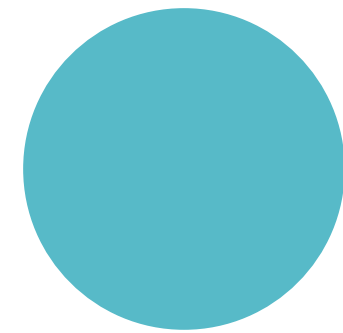
- **Light version of technical deliverables for Level 2 competition**

But keep a good standard for Level 1 competition

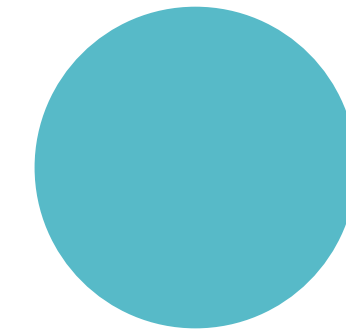




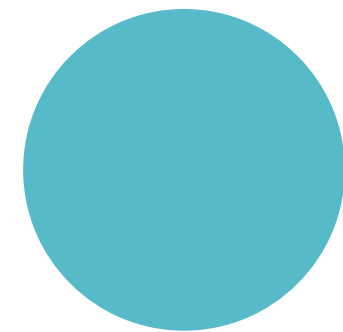
OUR VISION: ATTRACTIVE DISCIPLINE



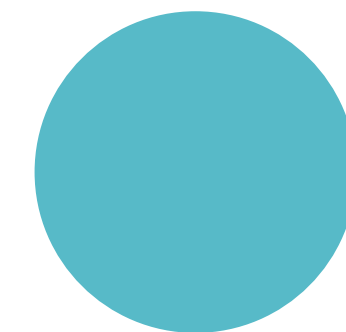
Interesting technical rivers



Increase use of new media



Long Term Development Program



New events

- Mass start
- Relay
- Plastic boat events

OUR VISION: SUSTAINABLE DISCIPLINE

Stay connected with nature

- **Natural rivers**
- **Flexible calendar**
- **Reduce transport costs**
- **Reduce the carbon footprint during competition**



OUR TOOLS : THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Networking

- Sending ambassadors in emerging whitewater nations
- Helping organisers to get more entries
- Creating a coaches database

Sharing knowledge

- Canoe and Whitewater Workshops
- Organiser workshops (observer program)
- Pursuit of the ITO online education



OUR TOOLS: CLASS 3.80 EVENTS

Goals

- Increase number of participants
- Grouping beginner, recreational, Olympic/Non-Olympic athletes around an accessible downriver event
- Create an easier pathway between WWC and recreational paddlers (low and high skilled)
- Motivate emerging wildwater nations to take part on high level events

Framework

- Simple rules and accessible boats
- Easy tool for Wildwater disciplines to develop in Asia, Africa and America with the support of the industry



OTHER PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION

Calendar

- Championships every 2 years (VP)
- Multisport competition with CSL, Rafting (VP)
- World Championships and Europeans every year (JC)
- Combined with open events like long boat class and short boat class <4,20 (JC)
- Flexible World Cup tournament in a short period (JC)

Competition schedule

- No more team events (result of validity issues) (VP)
- Team events with 2 boats instead of 3 and 2 teams per nation (MF)
- C2 teams composed of only C2 Mixed boats or only athletes who competed in C-events. (JC)
- No C2 events (to stay connected with CSL) (VP)
- No Classic events (cost too high for organiser) (VP)

Others

- Increase marketing activities – budget (JC)



What we would like YOU to do

- **One national competition per nation**
→ **ICF Ranking Race**
- **Send rule change proposals and feedback:**
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- **Develop partnership between countries to develop competition tournament. Long term vision and regional strategy (e.g. South of France with North of Spain)**



THANK YOU