



DIFFERENCES IN THE COMPETITION RULES BETWEEN ECA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

-CANOE SPRINT and PARACANOE (valid from 2025)

At the ECA Canoe Sprint Championships (Senior, Paracanoe, Junior&U23) **ICF rules for the organisation of the World Championships (Senior, Paracanoe, Junior&U23) apply**, except and including the rules further explained in this document.

GENERAL:

- ECA Canoe Sprint Championships Seniors and Paracanoe will be held every year in a 4 days program, except in the year of any multi-sport competitions provided Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe is on the program and under special or particular circumstances.
- ECA Juniors and Under 23 Canoe Sprint Championships will be organized together in a 4 days program.
- To be recognised as an official European Championships each event in each discipline has to fulfil minimum participation of 5 nations.
- The Board of Directors of the ECA appoints the Jury. One of these members is named Chair of the Jury. The ECA Jury members will select the third member of the Jury from people present at the competition if this is not already allocated.
- The ECA Jury members and the ECA Technical delegate must have their travel and accommodation costs paid for by the Organising Committee of the Championships.
- Protest/Appeal fee is € 75, 00

CANOE SPRINT

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her 15th birthday.
- No C-finals
- List of events as follows:

SENIOR	CANOE SPRINT -23 single entry			
	Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Canoe Men	Canoe Women
200m	K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
				C2 200m
500m	K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500m	C1 500m
	K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m
	K4 500m	K4 500m	XC4 500m	
1000m	K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	
5000m	K1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m	C1 5000m

PARACANOE - 12 double entry			
Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Va's Men	Va's Women
KL1 200m	KL1 200m	VL1 200m	VL1 200m
KL2 200m	KL2 200m	VL2 200m	VL2 200m
KL3 200m	KL3 200m	VL3 200m	VL3 200m

JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her 15th birthday.
- The last year that competitor can compete in the Junior category in the year of his/her 18th birthday
- A junior athlete can compete in U23 events at the European Championships under the following conditions:
 - a. An athlete can only paddle single events for one age group.
 - b. Junior athletes can compete in a maximum of two (2) team boat events in the U23 age group.
- No C-finals

UNDER 23 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A first year an athlete can compete in international competition is the year of his/her 15th birthday.
- The last year that competitor can compete in the U23 category in the year of his/her 23rd birthday
- 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.
- No C-finals

- List of events is the same for both Junior and U23, as follows:

JUN&U23	CANOE SPRINT - 21+21 single entry			
	Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Canoe Men	Canoe Women
200m	K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
				C2 200m
500m	K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500	C1 500m
	K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m
	K4 500m	K4 500m	XC4 500m	
1000m	K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	
	K2 1000m		C2 1000m	

ENTRIES

Entries for ECA competitions will only be accepted from National Federations which are current members of the ECA.

ONLINE ENTRIES

- Numerical and Nominal entries must be made on the ICF online entry system <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>
- The deadline for numerical entries is 45 days and nominal entries is 10 days before the first day of competition

LATE ENTRIES

In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late nominal entries from National Federations (in an official competition form, online or otherwise).

- Late entries will incur a fee of 100 euros per athlete in addition to the participation fee.
- Late entries deadline is Monday in the week of the competition.
- Late entry fee is to be collected by the Organising Committee.

Late Entries Policy will be published in the Last Info document.

ALTERATIONS OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

- Notification of alterations of the entries must be given in written or online form to the Chief Official (in an official competition form) by the date previously set.
- Only in case of sickness notification of alterations in the entries must be given in written form (with an attest from the competition doctor) to the chief official at least one hour before the first race of the day.
- The composition of a crew, which has qualified for semi-finals or for the final, must not be changed.

1ST BOAT CONTROL / PRE-COMPETITION CONTROL

- No 1st (Pre-Competition) boat control.
- The Organizer will provide two (2) exactly the same scales and one (1) boat measuring device 2 (two) days before the first day of the competition.
- This equipment will be at the disposal to all the athletes.

2nd BOAT CONTROL / POST RACE BOAT CONTROL

- Direct after all the 200/500/1000 and 5000m races, three or more boats according to the decision of the Competition Committee will be re-controlled.
- Weight, dimensions and shape of these boats will be controlled on a random system.

PARACANOE

THE ORDER OF EVENTS

- The order of the events will be decided by ECA Paracanoes Technical delegate in cooperation with Canoe Sprint Technical delegate.

BOAT CONTROL + ID CONTROL

- Boat control is responsibility of the Classifiers.
- 2nd BC Classifiers are at the boat control.
- ID control can be done by the ITO's Canoe Sprint.

RACES

- Competition Committee is responsible for the results of the races.

AFTER THE FINISH OF PARACANOE RACES:

- During the Canoe Sprint races, it is forbidden for Paracanoes athletes to get on the water.
- The organization cannot give the right safety to the Paracanoes athletes, if they not follow the security traffic rules.

SPRAY DECKS

- It is forbidden to compete with a spray deck.
- Only in special circumstances the Competition Committee can give permission. Information about this will be given by the speaker, country boxes and at the info board.

CLASSIFIERS / OFFICIALS

- A maximum of 6 paracanoes officials (including paracanoes technical delegate).

ANTI DOPING Canoe sprint/Paracanoes

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Seniors	16
Under 23	8
Juniors	8
Paracanoes	6

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[ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoes Venue Manual](#)

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