



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

-CANOE SPRINT and PARACANOE-

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 Jury consist of there (3) persons. 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.
- List of events is a separate document and can be found [HERE](#).
- No C-finals

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.
- 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.
- List of events is a separate document and can be found [HERE](#).
- 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.
- List of events is a separate document and can be found [HERE](#).
- No C-finals

ENTRIES

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

ONLINE ENTRIES

- Nominal entries must be made on the ICF online entry system <https://icf.msl.es/icf/icf.jsp>
- A receipt for the nominal entry will be available via the ICF online entry system
- The deadline for 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).

- 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.

ALTERATIONS OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

- Any athlete named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute any other in any other event.
- Notification of alterations of the entries must be given in written 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.
- Withdrawing of a boat in an event is only permitted until five (5) days before the first day of the races without consequences.
- 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.
- The athletes are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the Technical requirements for the competitions.

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.

SPRAY DECKS / CAPS AND/OR HEIR BANDS

- Spray decks are free all the time. If athletes have a spray deck in the K2/C2 or K4 boats it has to be the same colour.
- Caps and/or hair bands. If athletes wear a cap and/or hair band they need to have the same colour

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 Paracanoe athletes to get on the water.
- The organization cannot give the right safety to the Paracanoe 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 10 paracanoe officials (including paracanoe technical delegate).

ANTI DOPING Canoe sprint/Paracanoe

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| Seniors | 16 |
| Under 23 | 8 |
| Juniors | 8 |
| Paracanoe | 6 |

[2022 ICF Canoe Sprint Rules](#)

[2022 ICF Paracanoe Rules](#)

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

[ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe Operational Requirements](#)

[ECA Instructions Manual – Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe European Championships](#)

[ECA Instructions Manual - Canoe Sprint Jun&U23 European Championships](#)

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