



ECA CANOE SLALOM RULES
DIFFERENCES FROM ICF CANOE SLALOM RULES
for 2025 season

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European Championships Rules

EUROPEAN SENIOR SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The European Canoe Slalom Championships are held every year.

Where the European Canoe Slalom Championships are also used for the purposes of Olympic selection, they are run under unmodified ICF rules for a World Championships.

Otherwise, the European Championships are run under ICF rules for a World Championships (ICF Rules Chapter 13) except as modified below.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The European Junior and Under 23 Slalom Championships are held every year. with both championships held as part of the same competition. The European Championships are run under ICF rules for a Junior and Under 23 World Championships (ICF Rules Chapter 14) except as modified below

VALIDITY OF A COMPETITION

Rule 1.7.1 is replaced by: *1.7.1 - A valid European Championship is held only if at least five (5) National Federations 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;*

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Rule 1.6.1.a is varied to only allow entries from federations that are members of both ICF and ECA.

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

Rule 2.2.2 is amended to read:

2.2.2 There are two types of European Continental competitions for canoe slalom:

- ECA Continental Championships See 15.3 for the number of entries.
- ECA Cup run under ICF International Competition Rules, with the number of entries to be determined by the HOC.

Rule 15.3 is replaced by:

15.3 - ENTRIES

15.3.1 - Each National Federation can enter three (3) boats per Canoe & Kayak event. For Kayak Cross see rule 16.13.

15.3.2 The defending Senior European Champion may be entered by their National Federation in addition to the 3 boats mentioned above. The defending Champion will be identified by wearing a special bib, with the words "European Champion (year)"

In Kayak Cross, only three entries per federation are allowed, so 16.13 is replaced with:

16.13 Entries

16.13.1 - For European Championships competitions, each National Federation can enter three (3) boats per event.

16.13.2 - The defending Senior European Champion may be entered by their National Federation in addition to the 3 boats mentioned above. The defending Champion will be identified by wearing a special bib, with the words "European Champion (year)".

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COMPETITION PROGRAM

Applying the ICF Rules 13.2.1a, 13.2.1b and 13.2.1c

Deviating from ICF Rule 13.2.2: The ECA Board of Directors may reduce the programme upon CSLC proposal.

SCHEDULE

European Championships have a shorter schedule than World Championships.

13.4 - COMPETITION SCHEDULE

13.4.1 - A European Championship Canoe Slalom competition normally occurs on four (4) consecutive days.

13.4.2 - The final competition Schedule is the responsibility of the ECA CSLC

Jury

Rules 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 are replaced. The Jury is appointed by the ECA Board, not the HOC.

7.1.2 During the European Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury. The Jury consists of three (3) persons, president and two members, which are appointed by the ECA Board of directors. One of the members will be from the organising Federation.

7.1.3 If the less than three members are appointed, the appointed ECA Jury members will select additional members of the Jury from the team leaders or NF representatives present at the event.

COURSE DESIGN

Two coaches design a course at European Championships. one nominated by their NF before January 15th in the year of the Championships as head course designer and one from the Host Organising Committee as an adviser.

During the course setting course designers can use the demonstration team to confirm that the gate combinations are negotiable in a fairly fluent way.

Demonstration of the course in sections is part of a course setting process, not a separate part of the course approval. Rule 9.6.3 is therefore changed to read

9.6.3 - The demonstration is a full-length run by each demonstrator.

KAYAK CROSS

For the avoidance of doubt, European Kayak Cross qualification events are always run using Format A, that is without a repechage using the results of the Kayak Cross Individual.