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SOLKAN - SLOVENIA
30th July – 3rd August



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Welcome to the 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships in Solkan, Slovenia!

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome athletes, officials, and spectators from all over the world to this prestigious event. Solkan, nestled in the heart of the stunning Soča River valley, is the perfect setting for an exciting and challenging competition. This year's championship will be even more special as it takes place after the 2025 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater and Rafting World Championships and alongside European Capital of Culture celebrations, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of our region.

We are proud to host the best young paddlers from around the globe, and we are confident that this competition will not only highlight the incredible talent of young competitors but also celebrate the spirit of international friendship and sportsmanship.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Solkan, experience the thrill of world-class competition, and enjoy the lively atmosphere brought by the European Capital of Culture. Together, we will make this event an unforgettable experience!

Wishing you all the best of luck, safety, and success during the competitions.

Welcome to Solkan and to the 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships!



Words of welcome – Mayor of Nova Gorica

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Guests,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nova Gorica to all the competitors, team members, guests and visitors of the 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships, an important international event, which we are very glad and honoured to be hosting. It is not the first time we have such an event here, as the organisers, namely the Canoe Federation of Slovenia and the Soške Elektrarne Kayak Club, have a wide experience with international competitions. Over the past decade the Solkan Kayak Centre hosted the Junior World Championships in 2006 and the Junior and U23 European Championships in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2021, but also the Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013. I do believe that the upcoming championships will once again be organised with utmost professionalism.



I would like to invite you to join also the GO!2025 events. As you might have heard, Nova Gorica and Gorizia will be the European capital of Culture in the upcoming year. So, use the opportunity to check the intense and inspiring programme and visit the many cultural and other events, the historical sites and treasures of nature in our region. I am also sure you will enjoy the richness and variety of our delicious local cuisine and the pleasant Mediterranean climate. I am looking forward to greeting you in the Goriška Region and the Soča Valley with our hospitality at its best and our traditional cross-border cooperation.

Samo Turel

Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica

Words of welcome –President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia



A big and important sporting event is ahead of us, and it is an honour to welcome all the competitors and other participants of the 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan/Nova Gorica 2025.

We have taken over the organisation of this big event in belief that the youth is the most important part of the sport's development. They are equally important for the sport as the sport is important for their development. This has been and will be our organisational guideline of the competitions in Solkan. Kayak Centre Solkan on the Soča River is one of the most recognised wildwater centres, primarily intended for the development of young competitors.

Competitions are of course part of the sport and a necessity, but we believe that the event will be more than just another competition for the young athletes. We will strive so that they will remember these championships mostly for good company, nice moments and of course beautiful places. We hope the events in Solkan will be an experience they will use and value not only in sports but also in private life.

Good luck and welcome to Solkan!

Andrej Ribič

President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Arh'.

Key Dates

Official Championships Period

30th July – 3rd August 2025

Accreditation – Entries

15th June 2025 (SDP) Numerical entries deadline

20th July 2025 (SDP) Nominal entries deadline

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v4.0_final.pdf.

Any questions or issues accessing the system or with the entries/accreditation should contact ECA Event Manager at istanojevic@canoe-eca.eu prior to the respective deadline.

Official Training Period

26th – 29th July 2025

Training will take place in groups after registration.

Training periods out of the official dates

Training on the course is possible all year-round. Training sessions for participating teams can be arranged in coordination with the Kayak Centre Solkan. Please contact the organisers:

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Facts and Useful Information

Name

2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships Nova Gorica/Solkan

Period

30th July – 3rd August 2025

Location

Solkan, Slovenia

River: Soča

Course: Semi-artificial course with regulated water flow

Length: 275 metres

Width: 18 – 45 metres

Flow rate: 35 – 50 m³

Organisers

European Canoe Association

Canoe Federation of Slovenia

Kayak Club Soške Elektrarne

Website

www.socakajak-klub.com

FB: SOCA Kayak RACE Fever

Email: kkse@siol.net

Competition Rules

The 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships in Solkan will be organised in accordance with the ICF Rules and the 2025 ECA rule differences (as published on the ECA web site).

Participation

As detailed in the ICF Rules each National Federation can enter three boats per Canoe and Kayak event.

Competition Format

Heats (1 Run)
Semifinals (30 boats)
Finals (12 boats)

Events

Canoe Slalom

Men junior: MK1, MC1/ individual and team events
Women junior: WK1, WC1/ individual and team events
Men U23: MK1, MC1/ individual and team events
Women U23: WK1, WC1/ individual and team events

Kayak cross

Men junior: MX1 individual event, MX1
Women junior: WX1 individual event, WX1
Men U23: MX1 individual event, MX1
Women U23: WX1 individual event, WX1

Participation Fee

The participation fee (accreditation) is 160,00 EUR per person (athletes and team officials/team staff and members). It includes:

- Free training for three days prior to the competition,
- Event organisation,
- Technical video signal,
- Team area,
- Event t-shirt,
- Wireless internet access,
- Logistic support for teams,
- Other services in accordance with the ECA hosting rules (if applicable).

Championships Venue

The Kayak Centre Solkan previously hosted the ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013, as well as the ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom/Wildwater European Championships in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2021. We can confidently say that all these events were a great success. However, organising the championships presents an additional challenge for our organising committee and many others involved in bringing this sporting event to life. Once again, we are preparing to host two professional and exciting championships, complemented by an engaging additional programme in a relaxing setting and pleasant natural surroundings. For the upcoming Championships, the organiser is placing special emphasis on integrating the programme with **GO!2025 – European Capital of Culture**



As this is one of the most important competitions under the auspices of the European Canoe Association, we expect the participation of the best young athletes from around Europe.

The local canoeing club built a new kayak centre in 2005 with the help of the city and the government. A modern sports centre has been developed on the site of a former sawmill and paper mill, with additional support from the European funds.

The kayak centre features a partially artificial channel within the natural riverbed, which is suitable for training at different water levels. The 300-metre-long track and the modern facility adjacent to it allows for the organisation of any competition or training session, catering to both beginners and top-level paddlers.

The course on the Soča River is made of stone and spans 450 metres in length, with a 2.7-metre drop. The water flow is controlled by hydropower plants with ample water coverage. The power plant is located 750 metres upstream. The course has arranged water access, trails for paddlers, and stands for spectators.

In just a few years since its establishment, the kayak centre has become well-known for hosting popular and engaging events both during the day and in the evening, when floodlights illuminate the course, making the venue even more attractive to the audience.



Nova Gorica & Solkan

Goriška is a region divided between Slovenia and Italy. It stretches from the sea to the high peaks of the Alps. Its proximity to the Adriatic Sea and the Alpine peaks gives it a mild climate throughout the year, making it one of the most pleasant places to live. Slovenian Goriška is a region with 119,000 inhabitants, located in the westernmost part of Slovenia. After the Second World War, Nova Gorica (with 36,000 residents) became an important centre for universities, science, culture, commerce, and sports. Nova Gorica, also known as the "City of Roses," boasts a variety of hotels of all categories, as well as small guesthouses and apartments, which are renowned for their excellent cuisine and superb wine.

The main artery of Goriška is the Soča River, which originates in the heart of the Julian Alps. Over its almost 138 km length to the sea, the Soča River is a paradise for paddlers and other water sports enthusiasts.



Solkan is a place known for its carpentry and canoeing. Kayakers became active here, especially before and shortly after the Second World War, when they formally organized themselves into a club that still exists today. Canoe racing feels at home here. Names such as Prijon, Bone, Špacal, Jug, Pellegrini, Poberaj, Abramič, Štrukelj, and others have carried the good name of Solkan kayakers around the world, earning many world champion titles and other successes. Through their knowledge and enthusiasm, they have played a key role in developing the canoeing sport as we know it today.

Competition Programme (TBC)

Provisional programme of the 2025 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships Solkan/Nova Gorica, 30th July – 3rd August 2025.

Saturday, 26/07

Official training

09:00 – 17:00
17:30 – 19:30

Slalom – Official training
Kayak Cross – Official training

Sunday, 27/07

Official training

08:00 – 10:00
10:30 – 18:30

Kayak Cross – Official training
Slalom – Official training

Monday, 28/07

Official training

08:00 – 10:00
10:30 – 18:30
19:30 – 20:30

Kayak Cross – official training
Slalom – Official training
Team Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, 29/07

Official training and Opening ceremony

09:00 – 15:00
15:30 – 16:50
19:00

Slalom – Official training
Kayak cross - Official training
Opening ceremony

Wednesday, 30/07 **Competition day 1 - Junior Kayak slalom**

Women's Junior Kayak, and Men's Junior Kayak
Heat, Semi Final and Finals followed by teams.
All followed by medal presentation

Thursday, 31/07 **Competition day 2 - Under 23 Kayak slalom**

Women's Under 23 Kayak, and Men's Junior Kayak
Heat, Semi Final and Finals followed by teams.
All followed by medal presentation

Friday, 01/08 **Competition day 3 - Junior Canoe slalom**

Women's Junior Kayak, and Men's Junior Canoe
Heat, Semi Final and Finals followed by teams.
All followed by medal presentation

Saturday, 02/08 **Competition day 4 – Under 23 Canoe slalom**

Women's Under 23 Kayak, and Men's Junior Canoe
Heat, Semi Final and Finals followed by teams.
All followed by medal presentation

Sunday, 03/08 **Competition day 5 – Junior & Under 23 Kayak Cross**

Kayak Cross Individual Junior & Under 23 WSX1, MSX1
Kayak Cross Heat Junior & Under 23 WSX1, MSX1
Kayak Cross Quarter Final Junior & U23 WSX1, MSX1
Kayak Cross Semi Final Junior & Under 23 WSX1, MSX1
Kayak Cross Final Junior & Under 23 WSX1, MSX1
Medal Ceremonies
The Closing Ceremony is scheduled to start at 17:25

VISA requirements

The Organising Committee will assist in processing immigration visa applications for all participants of the Championships. Further information can be found at:

http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/for_visa_applicants/

Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary in quality and price.

Please contact us, and we will assist you in finding the most suitable solution for you.

Booking help and logistics assistance

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Other Useful Information

How to get here:

Location

Solkan is located in the lower part of the Soča river, near the town of Gorica/Gorizia. Highways, railways and international airports are situated nearby, within a 30/120km radius. The Kayak Centre Solkan, which serves as the main venue place in Solkan, is located 2 km from the city centre of Nova Gorica.

Transport

Teams are responsible for the transportation of their own participants and equipment. The organiser offers logistical support to all the teams upon request. Upon request, the organiser can also arrange the transportation of equipment and accredited participants.

Location of Airports, Rail Network and Roads to the Venue/Town

Nova Gorica has a railway station connected to Ljubljana, Trieste and Venice as well. The nearest airports are:

Ronchi – Trieste Airport: 30km
Ljubljana Airport: 100 km
Venice Treviso Airport: 110 km
Venice Marco Polo Airport: 120 km

Arriving by Car

Most drivers enter Slovenia via the motorway. To drive on Slovenian motorways, you must have a vignette, or you risk heavy fines.

More information on the Vignette:

<https://evinjeta.dars.si/en>

Athletes' Area at the Venue

A section of the public viewing area will be made available exclusively for the competitors. A separate area will be provided for all teams. Teams can also apply for limited space to set up their own area (e.g., tents). The area will be assigned by the organiser.



Boat Hire: Available Quantity and Rental Fees (if required)

There are limited boats available for hire; however, they will not be top competition models.

Transport of Athletes and Officials during the Competition

The transportation of competitors from their place of accommodation to the competition venue is the responsibility of the respective teams. The Organising Committee will organise the transport for race officials based on individual needs.

Access to Transportation for Leisure

Solkan is a suburb of Nova Gorica. The city transport bus stop is approximately 350 metres away from the venue. The proximity of the city to the Solkan venue guarantees a number of visitors who will arrive by bicycle or on foot.

Medical Support

Location of Local Hospitals

The Clinical Hospital, with 24-hour medical services, is 6 kilometres away. An ambulance crew and doctor will be on standby at the venue daily during the competition days. Upon request, sports massages and therapies are available at the event venue for the duration of training sessions and competitions. Sport massage and therapy services are at your own cost and are not covered by the organiser.

First Aid

A van with aid supplies will be stationed in the competition area.

Water Safety

Rescue services in the competition area will be organised during the competition days.

Medical Insurance

The Organising Committee kindly asks all participants to ensure that they have medical insurance coverage. The Organising Committee will not cover any expenses related to hospital or dental treatment.

Security at the Venue

All competitors and officials will have accreditation passes granting access to their designated areas. General security will be provided.

The organiser will not accept any responsibility for missing equipment or other goods.

Internet Access

Available in most areas of the Kayak Centre Solkan.

Access Pass and Parking

Parking places will be organised. As the venue has limited space, a detailed mobility plan will be prepared (one month before the event start date).



DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be provided according to the ICF and ECA Standards, in partnership with the National entities NADO.

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

For the ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel **MUST** pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role.

Athletes entered in any ICF competition or Continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition. For more information please see: <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

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NOVA GORICA-GORIZIA – European Capital of Culture 2025

On one side is Nova Gorica, built from scratch after World War II, once the dividing border between Italy and Slovenia was drawn. On the other is Gorizia, a cultural, administrative, and economic centre with an ancient history. GO! Borderless has a mission: to give voice to the combined heritage of a modernist city and a thousand-year-old city. To transcend their boundaries on a journey of reconciliation.

The first step was to develop an innovative cross-border strategy, a strong sense of cohesion, and a joint communication effort. Between two countries, two cities, and many people. GO! 2025 overcomes the physical and cultural barriers between our societies to prove that cross-border governance has a positive impact on the growth of European suburbs, which are essential pieces of the EU mosaic.

The result is the cultural and artistic programme of GO! 2025, whose unique projects go beyond borders and transcend the ordinary.

Nova Gorica and Gorizia share the same commitment: being the European Capital of Borderless Culture.

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