

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

At the ECA European Canoe Slalom Championships (seniors, juniors and U23) ICF rules for the organisation of the World Championships (seniors, juniors and U23) apply, except for the rules further explained in this document.

Organisation

ECA Canoe Slalom Championships will be held every year.

ECA Junior and U23 Championships will be organised together.

To be recognised as the European Championships minimum of 5 national teams must start in each event.

Each national federation can enter up to 3 boats per discipline in each event in Slalom and Extreme Slalom (3 for juniors, 3 for U23 and 3 for seniors).

ECA Canoe Slalom Championships should be organised during four days.

Every Championships must have defined daily programme according to the events. Only in exceptional circumstances, because of the TV needs, the programme can deviate from standardised programme, but it has to be harmonised with ECA until the end of November the year before the championships.

ICF standard Timing and scoring and technical video service (TVS) needs to be used at Senior and Junior and U23 Championships.

Competition Format

ECA introduces its own competition format for advancement from heats to semi-finals and finals with the possible **exception at Senior European Championships in the Olympic year if ICF format needs to be used because of the Continental Olympic Qualifications.**

In Extreme Slalom the fastest 16 athletes from time trials will progress to the final phase.

The number of Competitors that progress to the semi-final and finals will be as follows;

Event	To the Semi-final from Heats 1st run score	To the Semi-final from Heats 2nd run score	To the Final
Men's K1	20	10	15
Women's K1	15	5	10
Men's C1	15	5	10
Women's C1	15	5	10

Event	To the final phase from time trials
Men's CSLX	16
Women's CSLX	16

Course for Slalom

Two coaches should design a course at Championships. One coach from the team that would take part in the competition, which needs to be nominated by NF until March 15th in the year of the Championships as head course designer and one from the Host Organising Committee as adviser.

As a recommendation for the Course Designers, the course should be navigable for MK1 in a time close to 80 seconds.

The course must consist of a minimum of 15 gates and a maximum of 25 gates, of which 6 or 8 must be upstream gates.

Course for semi-finals and finals may be changed from heats course.

During the course setting course designers can use demonstration team to demonstrate them if all of the combinations are negotiable in a fairly fluent way.

Ideally, demonstration team includes one right-handed MC1, one left-handed MC1, one right-handed WC1, one left-handed WC1, one MK1, one WK1.

The Chief Official, Technical Organiser and the Chief Judge may offer the Course Designers their advice on the course design and the hanging of the course.

Demonstration of the course by sections is part of a course setting process.

The Chief Official, the Technical Organiser, the Chief Judge and the Course Designers form the Course Approval Committee which determines the navigability of the courses and approves the course(s) for the competition at the end of course setting.

The demonstration run consists only of a full length runs.

Course for Extreme Slalom

The course must consist of four (4) to eight (8) downstream gates and may include up to four (4) upstream gates. If the course includes upstream gates, it must be set in pairs, symmetrically, allowing the athlete to choose to negotiate either up right or up left.

Officials

Jury consists of 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. If not all three members are appointed, two appointed ECA Jury members will select the third member of the Jury from the team leaders or NF representatives present at the event.

Technical Officials for the European Championships will be selected by the ECA CSL chair from the group nominated by NFs until January 15th in the year of the Championships and who have participated as an International Technical Officials at European Championships, World Cups or ICF Ranking Events in the previous two years.

Travel expenses for selected International Technical Officials (ITO's) will be covered by the ECA. Each team attending the European Championships will pay an administration fee (based on the number of accreditations per team) to share the travel costs of up to 25 ITO's to officiate at the European Championships. Invoices for administration fee will be issued to NFs after Championships from the ECA Headquarters.

The expenses (room and board) for all International Technical Officials during the competition period are the responsibility of the Organising Federation.

The expenses for travel, room and board for ECA Jury members, ECA technical delegate and ECA TV agent are the responsibility of the HOC.

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