

# Nations Meeting

## *Wildwater Canoeing*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 5 p.m.*

*Muotathal School, Muota, Suisse.*

## *Introduction & Welcome*

- *Tomislav Crnkovic*                      *Chairman ICF Wildwater Committee*
- *Cyril Nivel*                              *ICF technical manager Wildwater*
- *Peter Schofield*                      *ICF Wildwater Committee member*
- *Jakob Marusic*                      *ICF Wildwater Committee member*
- *Mathias Gerard*                      *ICF Wildwater Committee member*
- *Manuela Gawehn*                      *ICF Wildwater Committee member*

## *Agenda*

- Introduction & Welcome
- Development Initiatives
- Race program 2018 and 2019
- Regional input from Asia, Oceania and USA
- Open discussion
- Actions & Next Steps

## *Objectives for the next 5 Years*

- *To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level*
- *To Improve Support and Grow Core Nations participation in WWC*
- *To increase participation by broadening the format and types of Competition at all levels*
- *To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true Worldwide appeal*
- *To simplify the rules and make them more open to new ideas*
- *There is no objective to be part of the Olympics but we want to be one of the most recognised Non-Olympic Sports and the most connected with Nature of all the canoeing sports*

## *Development Initiatives (1)*

- *Improve Support and Grow Core Nations participation in WWC*
  - *Core Nations plan, starting with Data Collection & Analysis*
  - *Grow Classic Racing on Natural Rivers*
  - *Link with Slalom for Sprint Racing and strengthen athlete development*
  - *Support manufacturers*
- *Extend Wildwater Competition and Bring World Cup Races to New Countries*
  - *Support basic competition in Generic Kayaks and Open Canoes, Wavehoppers and other boat types*
  - *Grow regional and international Competitions in the Americas and Asia:*
    - *support groups of countries competing locally in regional canoe/ kayak festivals in generic and WWC Specific boats.*
    - *Develop China National 2017/ 18, Pan-Pacific WWC Championship 2019, World Masters Games Tokyo 2021, Asian Games 2022 Hangzhou, India TBC*
  - *Develop international competitions at Olympic Venues: Tokyo, Paris and Los Angeles in generic and WWC Specific boats*

## *Development Initiatives (2)*

- *Identify and Develop new nations*
  - *New Competition and Training Venues at national, regional and international level*
  - *Organise basic and advanced coaching seminars and Coaching support for training camps*
  - *Organise international competitions*
  - *Develop local, regional and international manufacturers of Generic Wildwater and Specific WWC Boats*

# Race Program 2018

Competition information:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/>

[wildwater-canoeing-race-information](#)

31.05.- 03.06.2018	<a href="#">Muota/Muotathal</a>	SUI	<b>World Championships Classic and Sprint</b>	1 Classic, 1 Sprint	Confirmed by ICF BoD
08.- 10.06.2018	Banja Luka, Vrbas River	BIH	<b>World Cups</b>	1 Classic, 1 Sprint	Confirmed by WWCC/ Bid SLO
15.- 17.06.2018	Celje	SLO	<b>World Cups</b>	1 Classic, 1 Sprint	Confirmed by WWCC/ Bid BIH
02.- 05.08.2018	Skopje	MKD	ECA Junior/U23 Champs Classic and Sprint		Confirmed by ECA
18.08.2018	CESKE BUDEJOVICE - Vltava river	CZE	Sprint, int. C ECA Junior Cup 1		
19.08.2018	CESKE BUDEJOVICE - Vltava river	CZE	ECA CUP 4 ECA Junior Cup 2		
22.08.2018	<a href="#">Roudnice, Labe River</a>	CZE	Sprint, int. C ECA Junior Cup 3		
23.08.2018	<a href="#">Roudnice, Labe River</a>	CZE	ECA CUP 5 - Final ECA Junior Cup 4		
25.08.2018	<a href="#">Lipno</a>	CZE	Classic int. C ECA Junior Cup 5		
26.08.2018	<a href="#">Lipno</a>	CZE	ICF Ranking	1 Sprint	
20./21.OCT	<a href="#">Prüm, Irrel</a>	GER	ICF Ranking	1 Classic	Confirmed by WWCC

## Race Program 2019

Date	Location / River	Nation	Type of Event	ICF Ranking	Bid Process
05./06.01.2019	Mersey River	TAS		1 Classic	
15.-17.02.2019	Penrith	AUS	Oceania Championships		
22.-24.02.2019	Penrith	AUS	Australian Open	1 Sprint	
16./17.03.2019	Fulda	GER		1 Classic	Bid
06./07.04.2019	Skopje	MKD	ECA CUP 1		Proposal WWCC
12./13.04.2019	<u>Kolpa River</u>	SLO	ECA CUP 2	1 Classic	Proposal WWCC
27.04.2019	Bled, Sava <u>Dolinka</u>	SLO		1 Classic	Proposal WWCC
Tbc May 2019 Oct	<u>Kobarid / Soca</u>	SLO	<b>European Championships</b>		Confirmed by ECA Board



## Race Program 2019

01./02 June 2019	<u>Seu d'Urgell</u>	ESP	ECA Cup 3	1 Sprint	Confirmed by Organiser
06.-10.June 2019	<u>Treignac./ Vezere</u>	FRA	World Cups 1-2	1 Classic, 1 Sprint	Confirmed by ICF BoD
15.-17. June 2019	Ivrea	ITA	World Cups 3-4	1 Classic, 1 Sprint	Confirmed by Organiser
24.-28.July 2019	Banja Luka	BIH	<b>Junior/U23 World Championship</b>		Bid BIH
24.-29.09.2019	<u>Seu d'Urgell</u>	ESP	<b>Senior Sprint World Championship</b> together with CSL	1 Sprint	Confirmed by ICF BoD
TBC	Tokyo	JPN	<u>Testevent</u>		

*ICF Ranking races 2019 will be fixed end of October – Applications needs to be send asap*

# WWC Long Term Calendar Straw-Man Proposals

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Confirmed by ICF BoD

no bids

SCHEDULE

Bid but not officially confirmed by BoD

Proposal WWC but no bid



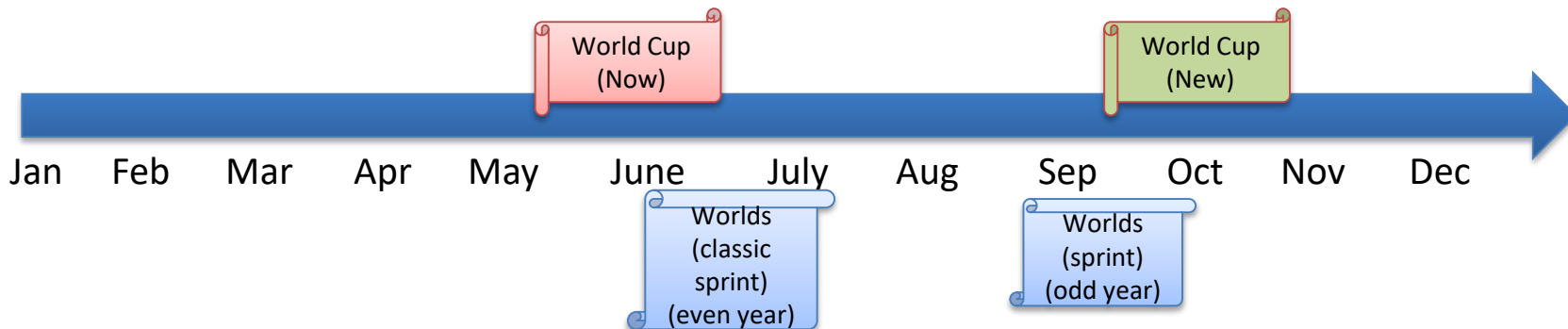
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Sen Worlds Classic + Sprint	31.05 -03.06.2018 Muotha (SUI)		tbc Nantahalla USA		Treignac (FRA)		China	
Sen Sprint Worlds		24 -29.09.2019 Seu d'Urgell (ESP)		September 2021 Bratislava (SVK)		September 2023 Tokyo		
Jun/U23 Worlds Classic + Sprint		24 -28.07.2019 Banja Luka (BIH)		Soca		Bala GBR		
WorldCup 1-2	09 -11.06.2018 Banja Luka (BIH)	06 -10.06.2019 Vezere (FRA)	tbc USA			China		GBR / IRL
WorldCup 3-4	16 -18.06.2018 Celje (SLO)	Ivrea	tbc USA			China		GBR / IRL
WorldCup 5-6								
WorldCup 7-8								
Sen EC		Mai 19 Bovec (SLO)		Tacen/Ljubilana				
Jun/U23 EC	02 -05 August 2018 Skopje (MKD)		13 -16 August 2020 Solkan (SLO)					

# Proposed World Cup Evolution

*Purpose: Extend Wildwater Competition & Bring World Cup Races to New Countries*

- World cup today**
- 2 sites. 2 sprints and 2 classics
  - Only 2 weeks of competition, together

- World cup tomorrow**
- Up to 8 races (up to 4 sprint, up to 4 classic)
  - Several sites. Sprints, classics, mass-start, team races (with two or three competitors)
  - 2 “locations” per year in 10 days of competitions on different but near locations (a location, is for example, French Alps, Slovenia, Malaysia, River Ganges, California, Tasmania...)



# Proposed World Cup Formats

- *Objective:*
  - *Support basic competition in Generic Kayaks & Open Canoes, Wavehoppers & other boat types and Elite Competition in WWC Specific boats*
  - *Grow regional and international Competitions in the Americas and Asia*
  - *Motivate athletes to paddle and travel to new exciting rivers. with different race formats and new locations (similar to Biathlon)*
- Introduce New Competition Formats:
  - Sprint, classic, mass-start, team events, club team races... dependent on river characteristics (i.e. on an artificial sprint course, sprint format, wide natural river, better to do classic race and mass-start, longer courses team rather than individual races)
  - New Locations To support groups of countries competing locally in regional canoe/kayak festivals in Generic and WWC Specific boats
  - Mass-start (International Races Only): Start with all boats in a category at the same time (no grid or seeded start)

## Rules

### **Sprint individual** – *to simplify the rules*

- *either two runs (the fastest run counts), two heats and a final or one heat and a final*
- **Number of Athletes in Final:**
  - 15 K1 m/w
  - 12 C1 m/w
  - 10 C2 m/w
- **Team Races** – *to increase the number of nations in the final* – **Feedback** from ICF Board – *needs further study . Consider options for mixed team events if required*

# Boat Rules

## Objective:

- *Support basic competition in Generic Kayaks & Open Canoes, Wavehoppers & other boat types*
- *Develop local, regional and international manufacturers of Generic Wildwater and Specific WWC Boats*
- *World Championships and World Cup Boat Rules will be unchanged*

**WWC International ranking races only:** Minimum width limit removed from all boat classes

- Minimum Boat weights unchanged

## Actions & next Steps

- 1) *ADD: Objective to Improve Support and Grow the Core Nations participation in WWC: **Done***
- 2) *STRENGTHEN: Objective to grow Classic Racing on Natural Rivers: **Done***
- 3) *MAINTAIN: Existing World Championship Rules: **Done – scratching width for International Races***
- 4) *ADD: Rules for*
  - 1) *Mass Starts - **Done***
  - 2) *X-Class, Mens & Women's Team races - **Started***
- 5) *ADD: Development Rules, Pathways, National & Regional Plans - **Started***
- 6) *DEVELOP: Core Nations plan, start with Data Collection (Survey Monkey?) & Analysis - **Not Started***
- 7) *DEVELOP: Coaching Development, knowledge sharing using the Erasmus Programme - **Started***
- 8) *DEVELOP: Links with Slalom and athlete development - **Done***
- 9) *SUPPORT: Core Manufacturers - **Started***
- 10) *FEEDBACK: All Nations please feedback any analysis and proposals to the Committee - **Started***

## Open discussion

- 1) *Sharing facilities between core nations – Comms & Logistics. Trailers – **Started – Czech Republic helping Brazil at Muota***
- 2) *Advantage of WWC – Simple to understand – the fastest wins. Mixed exciting formats, fun competing & easy to incorporate into Canoe/ Kayak Festivals – **Started – with New Nations***
- 3) *Boat Manufacturers support (as now ) formalise & extend to make it easier for travelling WWC Athletes to get access to boats. Kick the Waves and Wave Sport are in discussions with the ICF Wildwater Committee*
- 4) *Boat Amnesty – WWC Committee collect old boats and ship to where needed (core & new countries) – **not started***
- 5) *Proposal for WWC as part of the World Masters Games in Japan, 2021 – **Awaiting Feedback**, elicited an offer to be part of the Tokyo Olympic Demo Event in 2019 & 2020*
- 6) *Direct follow-up actions with the **Chinese and Malaysian National Federations**. Contacts with **Iranian, Indian, Philippines and South American** Canoe Federations for support developing WWC events*