

Nations Meeting

Wildwater Canoeing

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La Seu d`Urgell, Spain

Introduction & Welcome

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Objectives for the next 5 Years

- *To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level*
- *To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true Worldwide appeal*
- *To make the rules more open to new races formats and new ideas*
- *Wildwater is Whitewater*
- *To stay connected with nature and sustainability*

Coming competitions in 2019

6.12-08.12.19	Panzhihua	CHN	Basic international competition
13.12.-14.12.19	Liukuzhen, Salween	CHN	World Cups final Classic mass-start + Sprint

2020 Calendar WWC Competitions

Date	Location / River	Nation	Type of Event
03.-05.04.2020	Skopje	MKD	ECA CUP, ECA Cup Junior
TBC	Kolpa River	SLO	ECA CUP, ECA Cup Junior
TBC	Banja Luka	BIH	ECA CUP Sp, ECA Cup Junior
26.-30.04.2020	Nantahala	USA	World Championships Sprint /Classic + Master
03./04.05.2020	Albright	USA	World Cups 1-2
07./08.05.2020	Albright	USA	World Cups 3-4
19.-22.08.2020	Solkan	SLO	ECA Junior/U23 Champs Classic and Sprint
TBC	Sabero - Leon	ESP	ECA CUP
11.-13.09.2020	Seu d'Urgell	ESP	World Cup 5

2021 Calendar WWC Competitions

Date	Location / River	Nation	Type of Event	Bid Process
22.-24.05.2021	Treignac	FRA	World Cups 1-2-3 masstart	Confirmed by ICF BoD
04.-06.06.2021	Banja Luka	BIH	World Cups 4-5-6	Confirmed by ICF BoD
21.-26.Sept	Divoka Voda Venue, Bratislava	SVK	Sprint World Championships Sprint	Confirmed by ICF BoD
TBC		CZE	Junior/U23 Worlds Champs Classic and Sprint	Proposal
August	Leon	ESP	EC Champs Classic and Sprint	Confirmed by ECA

2022 Calendar WWC Competitions

Date	Location / River	Nation	Type of Event	Bid Process
Sept/Oct	Beijing	CHN	World Cups	proposal
TBC	Celje	SLO	World Cups	proposal
1-5.June	Treignac	FRA	World Championships Classic / Sprint	Confirmed by ICF Board
TBC	Banja Luka	BIH	Junior/U23 European Champs Classic and Sprint	proposal

2023 Calendar WWC Competitions

Date	Location / River	Nation	Type of Event	Bid Process
TBC	Banja Luka	BIH	World Cups	proposal
			World Cups	
TBC	Panzihua / Miyi	CHN	Sprint World Championships	Confirmed by ICF BoD
TBC	Panzihua / Miyi	CHN	Junior/U23 Worlds Champs Classic and Sprint	Confirmed by ICF BoD

New races formats (Teams)

Idea is to force NF to join championships with more different boats, different events and more competitors

Development Initiatives (Teams)

Different options:

- *Mix by boats in one event in 1 gender (ex: MK1+MC1+MK1)*
- *Mix genders in one event (ex: MK1+WK1+MK1)*
- *Mix genders and event (ex: MK1+WK1+WC1)*
- *Relay*
- *2 boats per event (instead of 3)*
- *Allow 2 teams per NF per event*

Development Initiatives (Mass start)

- *Mass starts rules*

we follow year and next years mass start competitions (China, Solkan.....)

We will finalize the rules (in particular start procedure) in the next months

– First feedback?

Sprint: how to increase the number of NF in finals

Proposal: Number of Athletes in Final – *to increase the number of nations in the final -*

Feedback – Need to find a way to increase number of nations in the Final

- 15 K1 m/w *first 5 plus 10 more one per nation and /or one more for the host?*
- 12 C1 m/w *first 5 plus 7 more one per nation and /or one more for the host?*
- 10 C2 m/w *first 5 plus 5 more one per nation and /or one more for the host?*

Or *add 4 more competitors from different nations, and or / one more for the host?*

Boat Rules

Boat Rules can be relaxed *to support basic competition in Generic Kayaks & Open Canoes, Wavehoppers & other boat types and develop local, regional and international manufacturers of Generic Wildwater and Specific WWC Boats*

- Remove the minimum width limit from all boat classes for **all competition**
- Update the Kayak and Canoe definitions to:
 - “Kayaks are boats which must be propelled by double bladed paddles ,competitors may sit in it or on it”.
 - “Canadians are boats which must be propelled by a single bladed paddle”

Open discussion

- 1. International development program: how make available boats for the development program?*
 - Each major NF bring boats*
 - Better coordination with the HOC*
- 2. C2 development: do we put C2 only for classic world?*