

2022 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – Saint Omer, France

BULLETIN 2

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Introduction

On behalf of the International Canoe Federation (ICF), Fédération Française de Canoë-Kayak et sports de Pagaie (FFCK), Matthieu Lalliot – Competition Organiser, the Saint Omer Organising Committee, the town of Saint Omer and indeed the region and all those involved in sponsoring/supporting this world championships I sincerely thank you for your confirmed entry to the 2022 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships.

The headline entry figure for these final rounds of the world championship is 69 teams from 28 countries with all continents represented. With Covid19 having impacted so much on us all, and in the case of Canoe Polo a team sport more than some other sports/disciplines, to at last once again hold a World Championships with these numbers is a great return to global Canoe Polo.

Part of each world championship includes some future development and opportunity and we extended the wildcard period a little and are delighted to welcome India to the World Championships for the first time and

to be able to support India Under 21 Women and Argentina U21 Men, and for Hong Kong to be competing I'm sure with a view towards the next World Championships in China in 2024.

The phrase/hashtag 'Canoe Polo is Family' is often used and I'm sure you are all looking forward to seeing faces not seen in a long time and many new ones. I guess what I would like to encourage after such a long break, and the sad cancellation of the last world championships due to Covid19, is the **welcome** to each other, the **friendship**, the **respect**, the **excitement** and of course **strong but fair competition**.

There are many points within the bulletin including the 2022 ICF Covid19 policy and it's impact/safeguarding of us all. While Europe is arguably now in a very different position in the pandemic other parts of the world are not and 'it has not gone away'. There are many Canoe Polo competitions now being held again without Covid19 positives which is great but we have seen at ICF events already this year some positives so we all have to be careful and from these other events particularly inside and in the boat storage area where it appears this mixing has caused some positive cases to spread. So please really enjoy the world's but be careful... it is not meant to irritate anybody with its requirements it is there to safeguard us all and Team Leaders/Referee Managers, I please ask you to encourage all your squads to follow the guidelines and to show respect for countries participating who are still in a very different place so far as say mask wearing and quarantine requirements are concerned.

Opening Ceremony – there seems to have been some assumptions/confusion by a few regarding this ceremony. As per the invitation bulletin it is Sunday evening, not Monday as this is a bank holiday in France (the venue will operate as normal) and the impact on the first games will not be affected as it's during the official training period and not the evening before competition. Musical entertainment will start at 8.45pm, there will be a parade of athletes and a sound and light show.

For those who know the venue the purpose built all year-round pitches/playing areas is great and I'm sure there will be a great atmosphere for all those involved. Good luck to you all and I/we look forward to seeing you soon!

Greg Smale

Greg Smale – ICF Canoe Polo Chair/2022 Chief Official.

Confirmed entries

69 teams from 28 countries – all 5 continents

Count	National Federation	IOC Code	Men	Women	U21 Men	U21 Women	Teams per federation
1	Argentina	ARG			1		1
2	Austria	AUT	1				1
3	Belgium	BEL	1		1		2
4	Canada	CAN	1	0			1
5	Chinese Taipei	TPE	1	1	1	0	3
6	Czech Republic	CZE			1		1
7	Denmark	DEN	1	1	1		3
8	France	FRA	1	1	1	1	4
9	Germany	GER	1	1	1	1	4
10	Great Britain	GBR	1	1	1	1	4
11	Hong Kong	HKG	1	1			2
12	India	IND	1	1		1	3
13	Italy	ITA	1	1	1	1	4
14	Iran	IRI	1	1			2
15	Ireland	IRL		1	1		2
16	Japan	JPN	1	1	1		3
17	Lithuania	LTU	1				1
18	Malaysia	MAS	1		0		1
19	Netherlands	NED	1	1	1	1	4
20	New Zealand	NZL	1	1	1	1	4
21	Poland	POL	1	1	1	1	4
22	Portugal	POR	1		1		2
23	Singapore	SGP	0	1			1
24	South Africa	RSA	0	0	1	0	1
25	Spain	ESP	1	1	1	1	4
26	Sweden	SWE	1	1			2
27	Switzerland	SUI	1	1	1		3
28	USA	USA	1	1			2
	Total of teams per category		23	19	18	9	69

- Declined invites: Australia, Brazil (no reply), China (Covid19 quarantine requirements on return) and Namibia.
- Russia – currently suspended from all ICF events <https://www.canoeicf.com/news/icf-suspends-russian-and-belarusian-athletes-and-officials>

Key Officials					
1	Chief Official	M	ICF/GBR	SMALE	Greg
2	Competition Organiser	M	HOC/FRA	LALLIOT	Matthieu
3	Technical Organiser - venue	M	ICF/POR	BOTELHO	Joao
4	Technical organiser - schedule	F	ICF/SWE	LINDMARK	Eva
5	Chief Scrutineer	M	ICF/HKG	CHEN	Dion
6	A/Scrutineer +	M	ICF/ESP	PEREZ LOPEZ	Mario
7	Chief table official	F	HOC/FRA	WOJCIK	Audrey
8	Covid19 Manager	M	HOC/FRA	CAPPE	Benjamin
Jury					
1	Jury - Chair (ICF Vice President/Exec)	F	ARG	FARIAS	Cecilia
2	Jury - member (ICF Marathon Chair)	M	NED	HEIJSELAAR	Ruud
3	Jury - member (ICF Freestyle Chair)	M	GBR	BEST	Terry
Competition Committee					
1	Chief Official	M	ICF/GBR	SMALE	Greg
2	Competition Organiser	M	HOC/FRA	LALLIOT	Matthieu
3	Technical Organiser - venue	M	ICF/POR	BOTELHO	Joao
ICF HQ Staff in attendance					
1	Technology and Member Services Manager (Interim Secretary General)	F	ICF	HENDERSON	Narelle
2	Canoe Slalom and Whitewater Technical Manager	M	ICF	ROSSET	Thomas (Thoma)
3	Media and Communications Manager	M	ICF	SOLLY	Ross
4	Digital Media Manager	M	ICF	COLLINS	Adam

Referee Managers					
Count	Continent	M/F	Country	Surname	First Name
1	Referee Manager	M	AUS	COCHRANE	Duncan
2	Referee Manager	M	GER	KORBER	Swantje
3	Referee Manager	M	FRA	NOEL DUBUISSON	Thierry
Referees					
Count	Continent	M/F	Country	Surname	First Name
1	AMERICA	M	USA	AMBROSETTI	Ezio
2	ASIA	M	TPE	CHEN	Ye Kai
3	ASIA	M	SGP	KONG	Evan
4	ASIA	M	IRI	MOHAMMAD	Mohammadreza (Erfan)
5	ASIA	F	SGP	ONG	Chad
6	ASIA	M	IRI	RASHEDI	Mehrdad
7	ASIA	M	TPE	WU	Shenghao
8	EUROPE	M	GBR	ANDERSON	Brian
9	EUROPE	F	POL	ANDZIAK-GINTER	Marzena
10	EUROPE	F	GBR	ANTHONY	Zoe
11	EUROPE	M	ESP	BADIOLA	Luis
12	EUROPE	F	FRA	BRACKEZ	Virginie
13	EUROPE	F	POL	BUGAJ	Marta
14	EUROPE	M	ESP	CANALEJAS	Ivan
15	EUROPE	M	GER	DIEDRICH	Henning
16	EUROPE	M	ITA	DONZELLI	Andrea
17	EUROPE	M	IRL	DOWNES	Sean
18	EUROPE	M	ITA	PELLI	Maurizio
19	EUROPE	F	GER	PERGER	Carmen
20	EUROPE	M	DEN	SONDBERG	Asger
21	EUROPE*	M	GBR	THOMAS	Mark
22	EUROPE	M	GBR	WATTS	Steve
23	EUROPE	M	GBR	WINTER	Elan
24	EUROPE	M	NED	WIGHT	Ricardo
25	EUROPE	F	GER	WOLFF	Sandra
26	OCEANIA	M	AUS	BELISLE	Ricky
27	OCEANIA	F	NZL	FEAR-ROSS	Andi
28	OCEANIA	M	NZL	MITCHELL	James

Declined/retired - Stephane ODOT - FRA - replaced by Mehrdad RASHEDI

Declined due to family/work/quarantine on return - Te-Chih LIU - TPE - replaced by Mark THOMAS

Reserves (in order)					
3	EUROPE	M	ITA	VERGANTI	Davide
4	EUROPE	M	BEL	DECOMMER	Sandy
5	EUROPE	M	ITA	ABBATE	Giulio
6	ASIA	M	IRI	HOSSEIN	Adrian

As per the Referee Code of Conduct fitness testing will be conducted in Saint Omer.

Payment details

Attached as an appendix to this bulletin are the details including bank account for payment etc with dates for payment which were in the original invitation bulletin:

- 15th June (50%)
- 1st July (100%)

Nominal entry dates

Your numerical entry had of course already been received.

As per the invitation bulletin your team nominal entries must be entered accurately into the ICF SDP platform <https://www.canoeicf.com/sports-data-platform> **by the 6th of August 2022 latest.**

Please note **the player number is required** to be accurate and these entries will be used to generate team details for the game officials.

Referee Administration Fee

Following receipt of confirmed entries, **the fixed fee for this world championship per team is 360 Euro** - approximately 45 Euro per player and approximately 7.50 Euro per competition day.

As per the invitations you will realise these costs are being kept under control even in these inflation times with the fees for past World Championships held in Europe as a reminder having been 2016 – 320 Euro, 2014 – 350 Euro and 2012 – 350 Euro. The last non-European Worlds/indeed the last worlds before Covid19 was 2018 where the fee was 495 Euro per team.

A separate invoice (with reference) will be sent to you for payment by 1st August and please note this is to be paid direct to the ICF not to the hosts and the referees are refunded by the ICF.

Competition balls

With the sponsorship of Canoe Polo by Yupin Sports each team will receive free of charge 5 'Wiseley' balls at accreditation.

2022 ICF Covid19 Policy

A summary of the product is attached to this bulletin as an Appendix

In very basic terms the following are noted:

- The ICF recommends to all people to be vaccinated.
- Team Leaders - are required to complete the attached form **2022 ICF CAP Covid - Team Leaders declaration.**
- All personnel are required to complete the attached form **2022 ICF CAP Covid - Personal health Check.** Athletes/team staff please complete this form and send electronically/hand it signed to your Team Leader for Accreditation. Referees please pass to your Referee Manager.
- Each accredited person in the competition is required to have had a negative Covid test within the 24 hours prior to entering the venue – antigen/fast flow or PCR (i.e., on the first occasion and not every day). All persons are required to indicate on the ICF Personal Health Check Information Form that they have produced a negative test.
- All teams must have a designated Covid19 lead/point of contact. This does not have to be a medic and can be the Team leader and in summary should there be issues will work with the HIOC Covid Manger and ICF.
- Wear a mask indoor and in crowded places.

The full ICF Covid19 policy can be found at:

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/covid_protocol_icf_april_2022_v1.5.pdf

... and Medical and Anti-Doping information generally at

<https://www.canoeicf.com/medical-and-anti-doping>

Doping Education – by 1st August 2022

In 2018 Canoe Polo was the first ICF discipline to require this education.

With the sad cancellation of the last world championships and for many a period of inactivity within the sport this knowledge needs refreshing and we ask all accredited persons to complete the appropriate education programme (multiple languages).

At the last ICF Congress the requirement for this education became a rule across all disciplines for both players and support staff.

Athletes must complete the **International-Level Athletes Education Program**. This course will give athletes information about the dangers of doping, the importance of anti-doping controls and promotes positive attitudes to avoiding doping.

Coaches must complete the **High-Performance Coaches' Education Program**. This course provides Anti-Doping education for High Performance Coaches with an emphasis on why clean sport matters and how it protects athletes' experiences and opportunities in sport.

Medical professionals must complete the Medical Professional's Education Program. This course will help medical professionals learn about their role in protecting clean sport and how to operate in line with the anti-doping rules. It will provide information to effectively support athletes so that they meet their anti-doping roles and responsibilities and it will explain what is expected from you when you suspect doping.

Other support personnel (including referees) are required to complete the **High-Performance Coaches' Education Program** which will give them the best overview of their responsibilities as support personnel.

When creating the account, please enter the correct identity information using your full name in English letters, as well as selecting the sport 'Canoe', as then completion of the course will be recorded against the ICF profile. When asked for your "discipline" please use e.g. Sprint, Slalom Polo etc. You will then be given access to the relevant courses based on your role in the sport (athlete, coach, parent, or physician).

Please follow this link to access the education <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

- For **athletes and their support officials** – please complete the education programme and **send your certificates to your Team Leader** and Team Leaders once you have them all please send to ICF Canoe Polo Committee member Dion Chen at chendon@hotmail.com **by the 1st August 2022 latest.**
- For referees, please **send your certificates to 2022 ICF Referee Manager** (1 of 3) to Swantje Koerber at swantje.koerber@gmail.com **by the 1st August 2022 latest.**

If you have completed this for the 2022 IWGA World Games you do not need to repeat and can use this one.

It is noted that this year the completion of the course will be added to the SDP system with at this time no expiry date so that you are not asked to repeat this education programme unless the ICF impose a future expiry date.

TV Broadcasting – team equipment colours

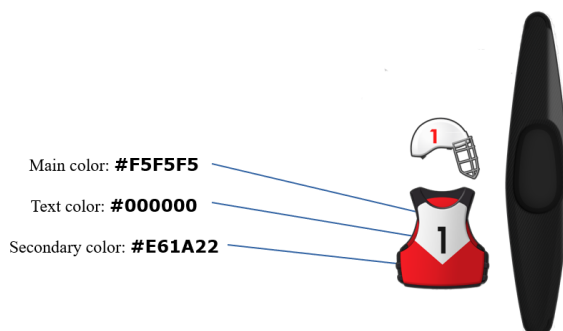
1. Provide a picture of boat, helmet, vest of national team
2. Indicate the hex color code for:
 - main color
 - secondary color
 - text color

Send all this information to saintomer2022@gmail.com

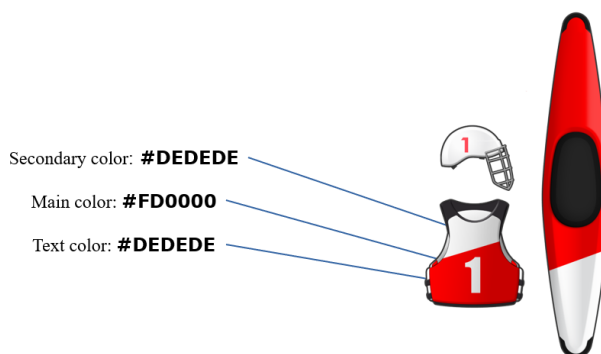
Here are some websites which can help you:

- <https://htmlcolorcodes.com>
- <https://www.color-hex.com>
- <https://www.flagcolorcodes.com>

Example 1:



Example 2:





ICF Environmental Programme – Part 1

On the 15th December 2021 you may have seen the linked ICF News article with the ICF joining the United Nations Environment Programme:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/news/icf-join-un-environment-programme>

This year (2022) will be a data collection year for all ICF events and shortly an environmental form will be attached to the event website area for Team Leaders to enter their team/officials travel details. In order to prepare for this Team Leaders should be aware that some of the detail required will be method of travel from home to meeting point, travel to and from the events etc and the distances involved for each person.

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ICF Environmental Programme – Part 2 – link to form for data entry by Team Leaders.

Provisional groups.

Provisional draw.

Live streaming/broadcasting – this is confirmed.

Any areas highlighted for scrutineering and/or rule focus.