



CANOE SLALOM 2018 – COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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I. 2018 ICF COMPETITION CALENDAR – LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2

ICF RULES: 4.3, 11.2 AND 41.6.1

A. ICF SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Rio de Janeiro, BRA

	Start	Finish
1 st training period	17 March 2018	21 March 2018
2 nd training period	13 September 2018	17 September 2018
Official training period	19 September 2018	25 September 2018
Championships period	26 September 2018	30 September 2018
Main deadlines		
Booking for 1 st training period		1 February 2018
Booking for 2 nd training period		1 August 2018
Numerical entries		13 August 2018
Nominal entries		11 September 2018

B. ICF JUNIOR & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, IVREA, ITA

	Start	Finish
Official training period	10 July 2018	16 July 2018
Championships period	17 July 2018	22 July 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries		2 June 2018
Nominal entries		2 July 2018

C. 2018 WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES, BARCELONA, SPAIN

	Start	Finish
Official training period	6 April 2018	11 April 2018
Championships period	12 April 2018	15 April 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries		1 February 2018
Nominal entries		28 March 2018

D. ICF WORLD CUP SERIES

1. World Cup 1 – Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK

	Start	Finish
Official training period	18 June 2018	21 June 2018
Championships period	22 June 2018	24 June 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	7 May 2018	
Nominal entries	7 June 2018	

2. World Cup 2 – Krakow, POL

	Start	Finish
Official training period	25 June 2018	28 June 2018
Championships period	29 June 2018	1 July 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	14 May 2018	
Nominal entries	14 June 2018	

3. World Cup 3 – Augsburg, GER

	Start	Finish
Official training period	2 July 2018	5 July 2018
Championships period	6 July 2018	8 July 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	21 May 2018	
Nominal entries	21 June 2018	

4. World Cup 4 – Tacen, Ljubljana, SLO

	Start	Finish
Official training period	27 August 2018	30 August 2018
Championships period	31 August 2018	2 September 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	16 July 2018	
Nominal entries	16 August 2018	

5. World Cup 5 (FINAL)

	Start	Finish
Official training period	3 September 2018	6 September 2018
Championships period	7 September 2018	9 September 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	23 July 2018	
Nominal entries	23 August 2018	

II. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PART OF 2018 ICF RANKING

A. 2017 Pan American Championships – Turrialba, CRC

	Start	Finish
Championships period	20 October 2017	22 October 2017

B. 2018 Oceania Championships, Auckland, NZL

	Start	Finish
Championships period	27 January 2018	29 January 2018
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	12 December 2017	
Nominal entries	12 January 2018	

C. 2018 Junior and U23 Asian Championships, TBD

	Start	Finish
Championships period	TBD	TBD
Main deadlines		
Numerical entries	TBD	
Nominal entries	TBD	

III. 2018 ICF RANKING COMPETITION CALENDAR – LEVEL 3

ICF RULES: 4.3, 11.2 AND 13.2.3

Name	Location	2018 COMPETITION PERIOD		Nominal Entries deadline
		Start	End	
NEW ZEALAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Mangahao – NZL	20 January	21 January	5 January
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	Penrith – AUS	16 February	18 February	1 February
RIO OPEN	Deodoro – BRA	23 March	25 March	8 March
2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING RACE SOLKAN	Solkan - SLO	24 March	25 March	9 March
FOZ OPEN	Foz Do Iguacu – BRA	29 March	31 March	15 March
2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING MARKKLEEBERG	Markleeberg - GER	6 April	8 April	22 March
2018 PYRENEES CUP 1	Pau - FRA	14 April	15 April	30 March
2018 PYRENEES CUP 2	La Seu - ESP	21 April	22 April	6 April
2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING RACE IVREA	Ivrea - ITA	28 April	29 April	13 April
70th INTERNATIONAL TATRA SLALOM	Liptovsky Mikulas - SVK	12 May	13 May	27 April
2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING RACE MERANO	Merano - ITA	8 June	10 June	27 May
2018 DANUBE CUP 1	Bratislava - Cunovo - SVK	28 July	29 July	13 July
KANANASKIS OPEN	Kananaskis - CAN	3 August	5 August	19 July
2018 DANUBE CUP 2	Vienna - AUT	4 August	5 August	20 July
PRAGUE WAVE FESTIVAL	Prague-Troja - CZE	11 August	12 August	27 July
RUTHERFORD CREEK OPEN	Rutherford Creek - CAN	17 August	19 August	2 August
2018 BRITISH OPEN SLALOM	Lee Valley - GBR	15 September	16 September	31 August

This calendar could be amended until 15 December.

IV. 2018 ICF RANKING COMPETITION INFORMATION

A. ENTRIES – RULE CHANGE for level 3 competition

In the interest of Canoe Slalom global development, the ICF Executive committee (28 September, meeting in PAU) agreed provisionally (until 2018 ICF Congress) to amend the ICF Canoe Slalom rules 2.3 following ICF Canoe Slalom Committee proposal as below:

For 2018 ICF RANKING COMPETITION (level 3), entries are open without limitation of the number of boats per event and per federation. However, The Host National Federation can limit the number of boats per event per Federation with no less than 6 boats per event.

This rule change means that:

- Each participating boat will gain International Ranking points.
- National Federations must do all of the entries through the ICF online entries system (SDP).

This rule change will bring the following added value to canoe slalom:

- Extends the availability of points outside Europe;
- Encourages the continents to run ranking events;
- Simplifies the running of the event;
- Allows the ranking to more accurately reflect the level of Canoe Slalom across the world.

For 2018, ICF Canoe Slalom Committee limits each nation to hosting no more than two International ranking races (level 3) in any year.

B. ICF Points Calculation

See appendix 1

C. ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking List

The ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking List is established by taking the average of the best 5 ICF Ranking Points achieved by any competitor participating in the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Series of events.

Events included in the calculation of the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking span a two-year period. Therefore, all races in the two-year period directly before the relevant release date are considered and the best 5 counted for each Athletes ranking.

Athletes having 5 or more results, whilst still averaging the best 5 results, are ranked above all Athletes having only 4 results; those with only 4 results are ranked above those with 3 results. Athletes with 3 results are ranked above Athletes with 2 results and Athletes with 1 result are ranked at the bottom of the list.

D. Release Dates for the 2018 ICF Ranking

The ICF CSL Ranking will be published on the following dates:

Release	When?	Date?
2018 # 1	Before World Cup 1	7 June
2018 # 2	Following World Cup 3	5 July
2018 # 3	Following the World Cup Final	6 September
2018 final version	Following the Senior World Championships	4 October

The ICF CSL Ranking is available from the link "Results and Rankings" on the ICF Canoe Slalom website <https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-results-and-rankings>

V. 2018 ICF COMPETITION – PROGRESSION SYSTEM

ICF RULES: 14.1.1 AND 44.2.7

For the 2018 Racing Season the ICF Canoe Slalom Technical Committee has determined the progression to the semi final and final for World Championships, all World Cups and ICF Ranking races will be as follows.

Event	To the Semi final from Heats 1 st run score	To the Semi final from Heats 2 nd run score	To the Final
K1M	30	10	10
K1W	20	10	10
C1M	20	10	10
C1W	20	10	10
C2Mx	15	5	10
C2M	15	5	10

There is no change to the progressions from the 2017 season.

For World Championships and World Cup, the progression is amended as follow in case of low participation:

Start field	Progression
K1M – less than 41 K1W – less than 31 C1M – less than 31 C1W – less than 31 C2M – less than 21 C2Mx – less than 21	No heats All Athletes direct to semi final 10 progress to final from semi final
All events - less than 11	No heats and no semi final Direct final

VI. 2019 ICF WORLD CUP SERIES CALENDAR

[ICF RULE: 44.1.3](#)

The 2019 ICF WORLD CUP SERIES calendar is still in preparation and it will be published before the end of December 2017.

VII. NATION RANKING ON 1ST OCTOBER 2017

[ICF RULE: 13.1.2](#)

A. Nation ranking system

For all events, the nation ranking is established as follow:

- From the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking (4th - final release) the first Federation who has 3 boats ranked in the highest position receives the Nation rank position N°1, the second Federation who has 3 boats ranked is second and so forth until "X" Federations are ranked.
- All remaining federations are ranked on the base of the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking (4th - final release) of their 1st boat ranked.
- The "X" figure is defined as follow:

Event	K1M	K1W	C1M	C1W	C2M	C2Mx
"X"	23	16	16	16	9	4

B. K1W

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	GBR	11	POL	21	AND	31	SRB	41	SIN
2	AUT	12	RUS	22	SWE	32	TUR	42	LTU
3	GER	13	NED	23	COK	33	TPE	43	MAC
4	CZE	14	CHN	24	SUI	34	FIN	44	BEL
5	AUS	15	JPN	25	KAZ	35	IND	45	PER
6	FRA	16	NZL	26	ARG	36	MEX	46	PAR
7	ESP	17	BRA	27	MAR	37	NOR	47	CHI
8	SVK	18	UKR	28	IRL	38	HUN		
9	SLO	19	CAN	29	THA	39	MAS		
10	ITA	20	USA	30	IRI	40	BLR		

C. K1M

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	CZE	11	NZL	21	BEL	31	MAR	41	CRC	51	RSA	61	COD
2	GER	12	AUS	22	IRL	32	VEN	42	TOG	52	MEX	62	HKG
3	FRA	13	SUI	23	CHN	33	NEP	43	IND	53	LTU	63	ECU
4	ITA	14	JPN	24	RUS	34	CHI	44	LAT	54	SGP		
5	SLO	15	SWE	25	AZE	35	GRE	45	TPE	55	MAS		
6	POL	16	CAN	26	UKR	36	FIJ	46	NGR	56	SRB		
7	SVK	17	BRA	27	HUN	37	UZB	47	MKD	57	COK		
8	ESP	18	ARG	28	NED	38	KOR	48	NOR	58	SEN		
9	GBR	19	USA	29	KAZ	39	THA	49	KGZ	59	FIN		
10	AUT	20	POR	30	CRO	40	TUR	50	IRI	60	INA		

D. C1W

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	GBR	11	POL	21	NED	31	PAR
2	AUS	12	CHN	22	USA	32	GRE
3	FRA	13	SLO	23	IRL	33	TUR
4	ESP	14	BRA	24	ARG	34	SIN
5	CZE	15	ITA	25	THA		
6	GER	16	TPE	26	KAZ		
7	SVK	17	AUT	27	IND		
8	RUS	18	UKR	28	LAT		
9	NZL	19	AND	29	UZB		
10	JPN	20	CAN	30	IRI		

E. C1M

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	SVK	11	BRA	21	CRO	31	LIB	41	TUR	51	SGP
2	GBR	12	CHN	22	POR	32	UKR	42	IRI		
3	SLO	13	USA	23	ARG	33	GRE	43	BLR		
4	FRA	14	NZL	24	SEN	34	SWE	44	HUN		
5	CZE	15	IRL	25	BEL	35	IND	45	NEP		
6	GER	16	CAN	26	KAZ	36	MAR	46	MAS		
7	ITA	17	JPN	27	THA	37	COD	47	RSA		
8	AUS	18	SUI	28	VEN	38	KOR	48	VIE		
9	POL	19	NOR	29	TPE	39	MRI	49	FIJ		
10	ESP	20	RUS	30	NED	40	LAT	50	LTU		

F. C2M

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	FRA	11	SUI	21	UZB
2	GER	12	BRA	22	COD
3	SVK	13	USA	23	TPE
4	CZE	14	VEN	24	KAZ
5	POL	15	JPN	25	ARG
6	RUS	16	AUS	26	THA
7	CHN	17	IND	27	IRI
8	ITA	18	GBR		
9	ESP	19	GRE		
10	SLO	20	UKR		

G. C2Mx

Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	CZE	6	ITA
2	FRA	7	CHN
3	RUS	8	POL
4	ESP	9	IND
5	SVK	10	UKR

VIII. EXTREME CANOE SLALOM – NUMBER OF BOATS PER EVENT

[ICF RULES: 45.1 AND 49.1](#)

For level 1 and 2 competitions of Extreme Canoe Slalom (CSLX) each Federation may enter up to 2 boats to the K1M-CSLX and K1W-CSLX time trials phase.

For level 3 and 4 competitions the organiser can set the number of entries per National Federation.

IX. 2018 QUALIFIED QUOTAS FOR ICF WORLD CUPS SERIES FOR EACH NATIONAL FEDERATION

[ICF RULE: 44.3.1](#)

- For each event, any National Federation ranked in the corresponding "NATION RANKING ON 1ST OCTOBER 2017" receives an allocation of 3 quotas.
- For each event, any unranked National Federation in the corresponding "NATION RANKING ON 1ST OCTOBER 2017" receives an allocation of 1 quota.

X. 2018 WORLD CUP STANDINGS POINT ALLOCATION

ICF RULE: 44.8.3

There is no change to the points allocation from the 2017 season. The World Cup Final will attract double points. An Athlete will be awarded zero (0) points for any race in the 2018 World Cup Series in which they do not compete.

Rank	K1M	K1W	C1M	C1W	C2M	C2Mx
1	60	60	60	60	60	60
2	55	55	55	55	55	55
3	50	50	50	50	50	50
4	44	46	46	46	45	45
5	43	44	44	44	42	42
6	42	42	42	42	39	39
7	41	40	40	40	36	36
8	40	38	38	38	33	33
9	39	36	36	36	30	30
10	38	34	34	34	27	27
11	34	32	32	32	23	23
12	33	31	31	31	21	21
13	32	30	30	30	19	19
14	31	29	29	29	17	17
15	30	28	28	28	15	15
16	29	27	27	27	13	13
17	28	26	26	26	11	11
18	27	25	25	25	9	9
19	26	24	24	24	7	7
20	25	23	23	23	5	5
21	24	22	22	22	2	2
22	23	21	21	21	2	2
23	22	19	19	19	2	2
24	21	17	17	17	2	2
25	20	15	15	15	2	2
26	19	13	13	13	2	2
27	18	11	11	11	2	2
28	17	9	9	9	2	2
29	16	7	7	7	2	2
30	15	5	5	5	2	2
31	14	2	2	2	2	2
32	13	2	2	2	2	2
33	12	2	2	2	2	2
34	11	2	2	2	2	2
35	10	2	2	2	2	2
36	9	2	2	2	2	2
37	8	2	2	2	2	2
38	7	2	2	2	2	2
39	6	2	2	2	2	2
40	5	2	2	2	2	2
41	2	2	2	2	2	2

APPENDIX 1 – ICF POINTS CALCULATION

A. Principle

ICF points are calculated separately for each phase (Heats, Semi final or Final) in which a boat participates. The lowest point value out of those 3 is the ICF points earned by the boat for that race.

B. General Formula for Race Points

$$\text{IcfPoints} = \text{PhaseOffset} + \frac{\text{PhaseFactor} \times \text{Score}}{\text{ScoreLeader}} - \text{PhaseFactor} + \text{QualityFactor}$$

- **PhaseOffset**

Phase	PhaseOffset
Final	0
Semi final	10
Heats	20

- **QualityFactor**

- ICF competition Level 1 and Level 2

For ICF CSL World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Games QualityFactor of "0"

- ICF competition Level 3

The "QualityFactor" is calculated by identifying the five (5) competing Athletes who are ranked highest on the ICF CSL Ranking list. The ICF Ranking points for these Athletes are averaged and this becomes the "QualityFactor" for that event.

Entered boat who receive a DNS in both Heats runs will not be considered in the Quality Factor calculation.

- **Score:** results of the boat in seconds

- **ScoreLeader:** results of the boat in seconds

C. Sample Calculation of IcfPoints

1. Example 1

- Competition phase → Final, therefore **PhaseOffset = 0**,
- **PhaseFactor = 150**
- Competition is a World Championships, therefore **QualityFactor = 0**
- Boat 1 score = 89.60 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 90.82 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 141.91 seconds

*Points for Boat 1 (winner of finals) = $0 + ((150 * 89.6) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 0.00$ race points*

*Points for Boat 2 = $0 + ((150 * 90.82) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 2.042 = 2.04$ race points*

*Points for Boat 3 = $0 + ((150 * 141.91) / 89.6) - 150 + 0 = 87.572 = 87.57$ race points*

2. Example 2

- Competition phase = Semi Finals therefore phase offset = 10,
- **PhaseFactor = 150**
- Competition is a World Cup, therefore **QualityFactor = 0**
- Boat 1 score = 101.76 seconds
- Boat 2 score = 100.86 seconds
- Boat 3 score = 103.19 seconds,

*Points for Boat 1 = $10 + ((150 * 101.76) / 100.86) - 150 = 12.8256 = 12.83$*

*Points for Boat 2 (winner of the semi final) = $10 + ((150 * 100.86) / 100.86) - 150 = 10$*

*Points for Boat 3 = $10 + ((150 * 103.19) / 100.86) - 150 = 13.4561 = 13.46$*

For Boat 3 the semi final ranking points are better than ranking points they score in the finals phase due to a "50" second penalty received in the Finals, their semi final points would be used as their ranking points for this race.

The calculation of ranking points for the heats phase would follow the same formula as above using 20 as the Phase Offset.

D. Calculation of Points for Female Athletes during Pregnancy.

The points for an Athlete who becomes pregnant will be frozen at the value of the first release date following the time they cease competition. The Athletes points will remain at this value for the next 24-month period (8 ICF Ranking releases) and they will retain the ICF Ranking relevant to this point value.

The Athletes Federation must write to the ICF Secretary General and the Chair of the Canoe Slalom Committee to advise that their Athlete will not be competing due to pregnancy, what date they expect to cease competition and that they wish their ICF Ranking points to be frozen for up to a 24 month period. They must also provide a medical certificate confirming the pregnancy.

If the Athlete returns to competition within 24 months they will earn points and be newly ranked. Their new post pregnancy races will be used in the calculation of their ICF Ranking. In the first instance the points earned at their first post pregnancy race will be combined with the best 4 of their pre pregnancy races to produce a new ranking. Then the two new races plus their best 3 pre-pregnancy points etc. Once they have competed in 5 races post pregnancy their ranking will be calculated on these 5 races and all the points from the pre pregnancy races will be removed.

In all cases, 12 months (4 ICF Ranking releases) after the Athlete has recommenced competition all the points earned prior to the pregnancy will no longer be counted and will be removed. The ranking will be calculated on any points earned since returning to competition and the Athlete will be ranked accordingly.

If after 24 months (8 ICF Ranking releases) the Athlete does not return to competition the points earned from pre pregnancy races will be deleted and the Athlete will be removed from the ranking list at the next release date.