



OFFICIAL INVITATION

ICF Slalom Racing World Championships Prague - Troja, Czech Republic 2nd – 6th August 2006

Dear Sports Friends,

Czech Canoe Union is pleased to invite you to take a part at the ICF Slalom Racing World Championships on the river Vltava in Prague - Troja, Czech Republic.

We are extremely excited to host this event. Having a proven high level experience from organizing of the top world ranking competitions accompanied with a very high degree of media exposure, Czech Canoe Union is ready to prepare and conduct this event at the highest possible level.

The Organizing Committee works very hard to prepare the competition and the competition venue. The slalom course was completely rebuilt after the flood in 2002. The new part of boathouse in Whitewater Centrum in Troja is almost ready to open. World Championships will be broadcasted live during three days. This coverage is the result of the cooperation between the ICF, EBU, Organizing Committee and the Czech National TV which has a long experience from broadcasting of different disciplines of the sport.

Czech canoeing is ready to welcome all National Teams for training and competition and we hope that ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2006 held in Prague - Troja will bring to you a lot of top sport results but also another dimension like Prague's historical monuments and culture. We are looking forward to see you in Prague.

Here we are presenting a summary of the most important information about the competition. The details regarding the accommodation and logistics as well as information about other events, which will be held during championships and all other information, you will find on official web site at www.slalomtroja.cz.

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1. GENERAL AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

Organizers

International Canoe Federation
Czech Canoe Union
Prague 2006 Organizing Committee

Period of Competition

2nd – 6th August 2006

Where

Prague - Troja, Czech Republic

Competition Venue

WhiteWater Centre - artificial slalom course

River: Vltava

Length: 410 m; Width: 12 - 14 m; Drop: 3.6 m; Flow rate: 16 m³ / s

Categories

Men: K1, C1, C2

Women: K1

Team event: 3 x K1 m; 3 x K1 w; 3 x C1 m; 3 x C2 m

Maximum 3 boats per category per nation for individual events

Maximum 1 team per category per nation for team event

Competition Rules

ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2006 will be run in accordance to the ICF Slalom Racing Competition Rules.

Free Training Session

Three free training sessions on slalom course in Prague – Troja for all participating teams will be organized on:

1. 15th - 19th May 2006
2. 03rd - 07th July 2006
3. 24th July – 1st August 2006.

On-line Entry Forms and Deadlines

On-line entry forms are available at www.slalomtroja.cz

Deadlines:

- o Numerical entry: 19th June 2006
- o Nominal entry: 17th July 2006

Press and Media Information

The press accreditation form and more information are available at www.slalomtroja.cz in the section "Media Information".

National flag and anthem

We kindly ask all teams to bring along their national flag and CD with national anthem.

Tickets

For more information regarding tickets for the ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2006 in Prague – Troja, please, refer to our website at www.slalomtroja.cz.

2. UNOFFICIAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Monday, 24th July – Monday, 31st July

Official nations training in groups according to the schedule

Monday, 31st July

18:00 Team leaders meeting

Tuesday, 1st August

08:00 - 18:00 Official nations training in groups according to the schedule

09:00 - 19:00 Boat measuring in groups according to the schedule

09:30 - 19:30 Accreditation in groups according to the schedule

18:00 Course closed

18:00 - 21:00 Course construction for qualification race

21:00 - 22:15 Opening ceremony

Wednesday, 2nd August

09:00 - 13:00 Accreditation

12:00 - 17:00 Start bibs distribution

13:00 - 15:00 Emergency boat measuring

13:00 Demonstration runs for qualification course

13:30 - 14:30 Semi-final and final course construction

14:00 Qualification course approval

15:00 Demonstration runs for semi-final and final course

16:00 Semi-final and final course approval

16:30 Course modified for qualification race

17:00 Judges meeting

20:00 Snack for team leaders and coaches

Thursday, 3rd August

07:45 Judges meeting

08:00 - 09:00 Emergency boat measuring

08:30 - 08:36 Start of the forerunners K1 men, C2 men 3 boats in each category

09:00 - 12:00 Qualification K1 Men 1st Run 170 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

12:00 - 12:40 Qualification C2 Men 1st Run 40 boats, start interval 60 seconds

12:40 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 16:30 Qualification K1 Men 2nd Run 170 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

16:30 - 17:10 Qualification C2 Men 2nd Run 40 boats, start interval 60 seconds

19:30 - 22:30 Snack for judges

Friday, 4th August

07:45 Judges meeting

08:00 - 09:00 Emergency boat measuring

08:30 - 08:36 Start of the forerunners C1 Men, K1 Women 3 boats in each category

09:00 - 10:10 Qualification C1 Men 1st Run 70 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

10:20 - 11:30 Qualification K1 Women 1st Run 70 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

11:40 - 12:55 Qualification C1 Men 2nd Run 70 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

13:05 - 14:15 Qualification K1 Women 2nd Run 70 athletes, start interval 60 seconds

14:15 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 - 15:50 Teams K1 men 1st Run (Final) 33 teams, start interval 90 seconds

16:00 - 16:17 Teams C2 men 1st Run (Final) 11 teams, start interval 90 seconds

16:30 - 17:20 Teams K1 men 2nd Run (Final) 33 teams, start interval 90 seconds

17:30 - 17:47 Teams C2 men 2nd Run (Final) 11 teams, start interval 90 seconds

17:50 - 18:15 Unofficial prize giving Teams K1 Men and Teams C2 Men

Saturday, 5th August

08:45 Judges meeting
09:00 - 10:00 Emergency boat measuring
10:00 - 10:22 Teams C1 men 1st Run (Final) 15 teams, start interval 90 seconds
10:30 - 10:52 Teams K1 Women 1st Run (Final) 15 teams, start interval 90 seconds
11:00 - 11:22 Teams C1 men 2nd Run (Final) 15 teams, start interval 90 seconds
11:30 - 11:52 Teams K1 Women 2nd Run (Final) 15 teams, start interval 90 seconds
12:00 - 12:20 Unofficial prize giving Teams C1 Men and Teams K1 Women
12:00 - 13:00 Course modified for semi-final and final race
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch break
13:30 - 13:39 Start of the forerunners K1 Men, C2 Men 3 boats in each category
14:00 - 15:00 Semi-final K1 Men 40 athletes, start interval 90 seconds
15:15 - 16:15 Semi-final C2 Men 40 boats, start interval 90 seconds
16:30 - 16:50 Final K1 Men 10 athletes, start interval 120 seconds
17:00 - 17:20 Final C2 Men 10 boats, start interval 120 seconds
17:25 - 17:50 Unofficial prize giving K1 Men and C2 Men

Sunday, 6th August

08:45 Judges meeting
09:00 - 10:00 Emergency boat measuring
09:30 - 09:42 Start of the forerunners C1men, K1women 3 boats in each category
10:00 - 11:00 Semi-final C1 Men 40 athletes, start interval 90 seconds
11:15 - 12:15 Semi-final K1 Women 40 athletes, start interval 90 seconds
12.15 - 13:15 Lunch break
13:30 - 13:50 Final C1 Men 10 athletes, start interval 120 seconds
14:00 - 14:20 Final K1 Women 10 athletes, start interval 120 seconds
14:25 - 14:45 Unofficial prize giving C1 Men and K1 Women
15:30 - 16:15 Official medal ceremony all individual and teams categories
Closing ceremony
18:00 - ??? Party for competitors and coaches

3. TRAINING

Free Training

Three free training sessions on slalom course in Prague – Troja for all participating teams will be organized on:

1. 15th – 19th May 2006
2. 03rd – 07th July 2006
3. 24th July – 1st August 2006.

Training is free and is meant only for future participants of World's. All participants must send registration at least 14 days in advance (we need to prepare and publish training schedule). To register, please, send us an email to training@slalomtroja.cz with exact dates of your arrival and departure and number of boats. Training without registration will not be allowed.

Training through the year

Training on the slalom course is possible during the whole year. It is necessary to respect the right of priority training of local club members and the training schedule, which you can find on the website <http://troja.kanoe.cz/rozpis.htm> or posted at the course. If you want to be added into the training schedule you have to make reservation via e-mail training@slalomtroja.cz at least week before.

You need to buy pass (1/2 day, day or annual) at the reception and have it visibly placed on your boat or helmet. Time controlled (payment) operation is from April to September 8:00 - 20:00 and from October to March 9:00 - 18:00. Table of charges for training at the slalom course is also available on the website <http://troja.kanoe.cz/English/kanal.htm>.

Other events on the course in Prague - Troja

Please, plan your training on slalom course carefully. Consider more traffic before these two events.

- o 13th May – 14th May 2006 - Czech Canoe slalom Cup (USK Praha)
- o 10th June – 11th June 2006 - Czech Rafting Cup (RK Troja)

4. ENTRIES

All national canoeing bodies are requested to register at www.slalomtroja.cz where the on-line entry forms are available (section "Competitors Info").

If you have any questions or problems concerning entries, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

ATTENTION - Entries Deadlines!!!

- o Numerical entry: 19th June 2006
- o Nominal entry: 17th July 2006

5. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation control will commence for some areas (egg. Athletes Village area) on 31st July. Times will be assigned to teams for their accreditation. Athletes and team officials are requested to bring with them at the time of accreditation their passports to confirm identity.

Accreditation fee

An accreditation fee of 140 euros will be charged per each accredited person. You will receive total amount of accreditation payment and banking details after submitting the on-line numerical entry form which is available on www.slalomtroja.cz. Accreditation fee has to be paid to organizer's banking account by 19th June 2006.

Banking details:

Bank: CESKA SPORITELNA

Bank Address: Sladkovskeho nam. 4, 130 31 Praha 3

Account No.: 000000-0026112369/0800

IBAN Code: CZ25 0800 0000 0000 2611 2369

Swift Code or BIC: GIBACZPX

For identifying your payment, please, use your International Country Calling Code

Accreditation fee includes the following services:

Athlete's Village: There will be a big tent for meeting, work and relaxation of the athletes. Toilets and showers will be available on the designated places in the boathouse.

Video service: During the competition days will be provided video signal to competitors' tent with timing, following each run of athlete's. Each team will have 2 cables with video signal. There will be 2 large TV monitors in tent, to watch the race. More technical details regarding video are also available at www.slalomtroja.cz.

Boat storage: Boat storage racks will be placed at Athlete's Village.

Security: Security personnel will be present on-site 24 hours per day from 24th July till 6th August 2006.

Internet Access: High Speed Wireless internet access will be available at the boathouse and at the Athlete's Village. Couple of personal computers will be prepared for use of team members.

Access pass and parking: Free access pass and car parking near the boathouse will be guaranteed for up to four accredited vehicle.

Accommodation: There is the official partner and provider of accommodation prepared to help you with your lodgings. Accommodation discounts for Participants and Guests of 2006 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships are available at a number of local providers.

Whitewater Training: Free whitewater training sessions for participating teams will be organized on 15th - 19th May 2006, 3rd - 7th July 2006 and 24th July - 1st August 2006.

Flat-water Training Facilities: There are no limits for flat-water training facilities for participating athletes.

Boat Repair: Free boat repair during the competition days will be available on-site.

Judges: Free clothing, accommodation and boarding for ICF nominated judges will be provided by organizer.

Starting bibs: Athletes will keep their competition starting bibs.

T-shirt: There will be a free t-shirt for each accredited competitor and staff.

Develop Program - July 24th till August 7th - organizer is responsible for:

- Transport from Prague airport to the race-venue and back and also transport between the accommodation and the race venue
- Accommodation and boarding
- Organization of training camp and the coaches, safety support during training and races
- The equipment for training and races
- Upon request will be send the invitation letter for visa application upon request

Other services: Organization fee, Medical care at the course...

6. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Official web site of ICF Slalom Racing World Championships 2006

<http://www.slalomtroja.cz>

Organizing Committee

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