

2022 ICF | LEE VALLEY
CANOE SLALOM
RANKING RACE



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1 INTRODUCTION

British Canoeing are looking forward to hosting the ICF ranking race in September 2022 in advance of the World Championships next year. The purpose of the event is to provide athletes with the opportunity to compete on the Lee Valley course in advance of the important Paris 2024 Olympic qualification event next year.

Please note that the event will not be on the scale of a World Cup or World Championships with minimal infrastructure and operations, this will include limited provision for training, streaming, TVS and video judging.

We are excited to welcome more than 20 nations to the event and look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks. If we can help with anything during the event or in advance of the World Championships next year please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Gemma Wiggs
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2 EVENT & COMPETITION INFORMATION

2.1 Entries

The entry deadline for the event is 7th September. The original event capacity has been reached so teams that have not yet entered are encouraged to enter as soon as practical to allow the event to be scheduled and capacity issues identified.

A high number of entries have already been received and so there will be no additional training slots available for the event.

Additional details are available [here](#).

2.2 Schedule & Start Lists

The entry list and competition schedule will be published on the [event website](#) and the event WhatsApp group (see below) 48 hours after the closing date for entries.

The schedule for official training on Friday 16th September will also be published at the same time.

After the team Leaders Meeting, the updated schedule will be posted on the WhatsApp group, and the event website. A link to the start lists will be also posted on the event at this time..

2.3 Team Leader Meeting

The Team Leader meeting will be held on Friday 16 September in the main building of the White Water Centre at 17:00.





Due to the large number of entries, teams are requested to only attend with one representative where possible.

Please note that in line with ICF Covid protocols the wearing of masks for the Team Leaders meeting is mandatory.

2.4 Information Dissemination

A one way WhatsApp group has been set up for the event. To register on the whatsapp group use the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DTBD5KVbJS30Wob0obF2rn>, or the QR code below



All competition communications will be sent through this group including start lists, results and general competition information.

Please note Sport Information/Enquiry Desk will now be located in the portacabin which is located on the right hand side as you exit the main reception of the building.

2.5 Bib Deposit

Team Leaders' are required to collect their athlete's bibs from Sport Information between 08:00 and 10:00 on Saturday 17 September and must be returned no later than 19:00 on Sunday 18 September.

Bibs will not be distributed unless the entry fee has been received.

A £50 cash deposit is required per National Federation on collection of bibs from the sport information desk, which will be refunded when all bibs are returned by the Team Leader.

Athletes are required to wear their bib when on the water on competition days.

2.6 Extreme Kayak

There has been a delay in the installation of a permanent extreme kayak ramp at the venue and so it will not be in place for the event. We are exploring other options for a temporary ramp but races may begin in the start pool without a ramp. Additional details will be confirmed via the WhatsApp group.



Extreme Kayak gates will be used for the time trial and the competition is expected to run with heats, quarter finals, semi-finals and finals.

2.7 Results

Live results will be available and the link will be shared via the WhatsApp group prior to the event.

2.8 Video

We are hoping to provide a basic live stream for the event. If this is in place, the link to view will be shared via the WhatsApp group. Teams will be able to access this for race run reviews. The Chief Judge will utilise any such video for review purposes when appropriate.

3 TRAINING

3.1 Official Training

The schedule for official training, on Friday 16th September, will be published on the [event website](#) and via the WhatsApp group once entries have closed.

As well as training for each nation, there will also be time allocated for extreme kayak training.

3.2 Unofficial Training

Due to the high number of entries, the training slots prior to official training are currently full:

If you have entered, or expect to enter, and wish to train in the week before the competition please confirm this before 31st August to events@britishcanoeing.org.uk. This will give an opportunity for us to negotiate with the venue to seek additional training time. Training requests received by this date are not guaranteed but we will try to fulfil them. Requests after this date are unlikely to be possible.

Please note that due to high demand for bookings and to maximise opportunities for all teams, some existing bookings may need to be amended. A new timetable for bookings will be published on the WhatsApp group and will be communicated via e-mail by 2nd September.



4 VENUE

4.1 Venue Layout



4.2 Facilities

Toilets and Changing Rooms – the Centre toilets and changing rooms are available throughout the event.

Boat Storage and team area – a fenced off boat store area is available to the left of the main car park. Athletes may store boats and kit in the area and teams may set up their own small gazebos. Boats and kit are left at the owner's risk.

Warm up – the flatwater lake is accessible throughout the event for athletes to train and warm up on. Please be mindful of other water users on the lake, especially on the Saturday when the local club will be running a low level introductory Slalom event.

Internet Access – free wi-fi internet is available throughout the LVWWC venue.

Drinking Water – there will be access to drinking water for all athletes and team staff in the main WWC building.

Catering – the venue café will be open throughout the event to purchase hot and cold food and drink.



Smoking – smoking is not permitted anywhere at the venue. Individuals are required to leave the venue if they wish to smoke.

Lockers – lockers are available in the Main Centre for storing personal belongings. The venue and event organisers are not responsible for the loss or damage to any personal belongings. There are only a relatively small number of lockers so please only use them when needed and do not leave stuff in a

4.3 Venue Rules

Please ensure all attendees read and abide by the venue rules which will be circulated via the WhatsApp group.

Please note buoyancy aids must be worn inside the post/rope line. During competition access will only be permitted for athletes/coaches undertaking course walks, water safety and officials.

4.4 Parking

A reminder that parking is available on the venue free of charge for those competing in the event. Athletes/team personnel will be required to enter their vehicle registration number into the system at reception or the enquiry desk.

5 COVID PROTOCOLS

The event will adopt the [ICF covid protocols](#) including:

- Recommendation for LFT testing prior to arrival
- Social distancing in place where possible and where it is not a recommendation to wear masks indoors
- Wearing of masks at team leader meeting is mandatory
- Ventilation of indoor spaces
- Anyone testing positive or with symptoms will not be permitted on venue and must have 2 negative tests prior to coming on to site. Please contact the Covid Officer, Gemma Wiggs to enable contact tracing (events@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

6 MEDICAL SERVICES

A first responder will be on site during official training and competition to provide first aid.

Qualified Water Safety personnel will be on the bank during competition and during official training on Friday.

