

CSL Racing rules  
List of Abbreviations  
add CSL = Canoe Slalom  
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## CHAPTER VII - SPECIAL RULES FOR CANOE SLALOM CROSS COMPETITION

The competitions must be conducted in accordance with the ICF Canoe Slalom competition rules, including Chapter IV - Special Rules for Senior World Championships and Chapter VII - Special Rules for World Cup Competition except as modified herein.

### ENTRIES [TR]

For level 1 & 2 competitions for slalomcross the number of boats that each Federation may enter to the time trials will be published by 1st October the year preceding the ICF competitions.

### CATEGORIES KM, KW [GR]

Only the following Individual Events will be contested:

Men K1  
Women K1

### BOATS, PADDLES, ACCESSORIES [TR]

Only commercially available, current model creeker whitewater boats are permitted. The boat must be listed on the ICF Slalomcross Boat Index which will be published by 1st October the year preceding the ICF competitions.

All types of K1 & C1	Minimum length 2.05 m
	Maximum length 2.75 m

Minimum Weight of Boats  
All types of K1 and C1 20 kg.

The Competitors equipment including boat, will be checked by the pre start controller. If an Athlete's equipment does not comply with the requirements they will be eliminated from the round.

Numbered bibs will be distributed according to the ranking from the time trial. The fastest Athlete will receive bib number 1, the second fastest bib number 2 etc to Athlete 32

The boats are not required to carry the Competitors name but could have identifications and advertising trademarks.

### OFFICIALS [TR]

#### Officials:

- 1) Chief Official IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (1)
- 2) Chief Judge IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (1)
- 3) Video Judge IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (3)
- 4) Assistant Chief Judge IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (1)
- 5) Technical Organiser IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (1)
- 6) Gate Judges IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (8)
- 7) Course Designer IJCSL / ICF IJCSL (2)
- 8) Start Judge (1)
- 9) Pre Start & Equipment Control (2)
- 10) Finish Judge (1)
- 12) Chief of Scoring (1)

### DUTIES OF OFFICIALS [TR]

The Pre Start Control is mandatory and at all times assists the Starter as required especially advising the competitors on when to proceed to the start area and alighting the start platform. The Pre Start Control is also responsible for checking the Competitors equipment meets the requirements.

The Start & Finish Judge are responsible for the timekeeping during the time trials.

The Finish Judge determines what order the competitors crossed the finish line.

### PARTICIPATION [TR]

A Federation is entitled to enter two (2) boats per event in the time trial.

The fastest boat from each Federation will progress to the heats phase of the CSLX competition,

If there are fewer Federations than the places in the Heats round 1 then the places will be filled by the Federations whose second boats was the fastest in the time trial until all places are filled.

In the case where the HOC has invited a wild card entry they will have automatic access to the heats round 1 phase. The wild card entry may complete a time trial or their ranking be determined by a draw. Wild card invitations are generally limited to four (4) competitors per event but may be varied by agreement with the Technical Delegate.

### START ORDER [TR]

Competitors will be ranked from a time trial with the fastest competitor from the first up to 32 Federations progressing to the Heats round 1 phase.

If there are fewer Federations than the places in the Heats round 1 then the places will be filled by the Federations whose second boats was the fastest in the time trial until all places are filled.

### COMPETITION FORMAT [TR]

The Heats phase will be made of up to 8 races of 4 competitors a total of 32 Competitors seeded as per the draw.

From each phase the 1st and 2nd placed Competitors in each race will progress to the next phase and the others will be eliminated as per the draw.

In the each phase of the competition the Athlete with the fastest time trial result may pick their starting position followed by the second fastest, then the third fastest. The last place is taken by the fourth fastest result. This starting position selection process continues until the final phase.

If a slalomcross event is not completed due to cancellation, the Jury and Chief Judge can in these exceptional circumstances establish the final results of the competition based on the last completed phase of the event (e.g. heats or semi-finals). In this instance Competitors time trial times should be used to rank remaining Competitors to determine a winner. Firstly the winning Competitors of the previous phase are ranked according to their time trial time, then the second placed competitors etc until all competitors are ranked.

### SCHEDULING OF COMPETITIONS [TR]

The scheduling of the competition must be approved by the Technical Delegate

### START NUMBERS [TR]

At Canoe Slalom Cross competitions the bib numbers of the athletes should be according to their time trial place. To the athlete with the fastest time will receive bib number "1", to the second fastest the bib "2", etc.

Athletes will be supplied with a coloured bib (red, green, blue, yellow) on the start ramp. This colour will relate to their chosen start position.

In all cases from right to left looking downstream the colours of the starting position are green, yellow, blue, red.

**SAFETY MEASURES [TR]**

Competitors buoyancy jacket and helmet must comply with CSL rule 19.2.1 & 19.2.2  
 Hands must remain on the paddle at all times.  
 The paddle is not permitted to have any sharp edges on the paddle blade. If when checked by the Pre Start Controller the paddle is considered to have sharp edges these must be covered with duct tape.  
 Competitors are not permitted to push or hold back other Competitors or kayaks with their hands or paddles  
 Kayak to kayak contact is permitted but Competitors are not permitted to ram their boats into another Competitors body  
 Competitors are not permitted to deliberately reach across another Competitors body with their paddle  
 Gates are not to be deliberately hit or displaced.  
 Competitors who break any of the safety rules will be disqualified for that phase (DSQ-R).

**THE COURSE [TR]**

The time for the Competitors to complete the CSLX course should be 45 - 60 seconds.  
 The course length must be agreed with TD to achieve this time.  
 The time trial may be held on a different (for example longer) course than the slalom cross. Whilst not preferable, the time trial may be held with no gates. If gates are being used in the time trial they must be correctly negotiated. If during the time trial a competitor incorrectly negotiates a gate they will be disqualified from competing (DISQ-R)  
 The course must consist of a maximum of 6 downstream gates and 2 upstream gates. The upstream gates must be symmetrically set allowing the Athlete to choose either up right or left.  
 The course must contain a marked kayak roll zone which is at least 25 m long. The kayak roll zone must be placed between two gate sequences.  
 There must be a suitable start platform which allows a drop into the main channel to start the race.

**APPROVAL OF THE COURSE [TR]**

The course will be approved without demonstration runs by the Chief Official, Chief Judge, and the two Course Designers with consideration for; balance, the kayak roll zone (length and positioning), the time for course completion, competitor safety and that the start is well constructed and positioned.

**START [TR]**

The four boats in the race start at the same time.  
 When starting from a ramp the ramp must be approved by the ICF Technical Delegate.  
 The ramp should be equipped with an automatic starting mechanism that allows a simultaneous start. In this case they should start with both hands on the paddle.  
 In the case where there is no start mechanism then the competitor may start with one hand on the ramp and one hand on the paddle in a vertical position. They may use their paddle to push off.  
 In the case where a start ramp is not used then the start may be from a suitable large eddy, ensuring the start is as fair as possible to all participants in the competition.  
 The start command will be: "READY - SET" then an acoustic signal will be given. Between the order of READY and the starting signal the competitors must remain stationary.  
 If any competitor starts before the starting signal they will be disqualified (DISQ-R). The start judge will determine a false start and signal this with a acoustic signal. In the case of a false start the race will be restarted immediately.  
 Competitors may move to the start platform once the previous race commences

**THE GATES [TR]**

The downstream gates consist of single, weighted inflatable buoys. All buoys will have an arrow on their base indicating which side to pass to. The downstream gates are green and the upstream gates will be marked by a single red inflatable buoy. The buoys will be 1m high and 25cm in diameter (To be determined) The upstream gates will be hung very close (within 5 cm) to the water surface to ensure competitors clearly go around the buoy. The buoys will be suspended in such a way as to minimize swinging movement eg. from two cross wires.  
 Gates must be numbered as for rule 27.4, 27.5

**NEGOTIATION [TR]**

The gate line is the line from the outside of the gate to the bank on the same side.  
 The following conditions must be satisfied for a gate to be considered correctly negotiated:  
 The whole head of the competitor must cross the gate line in accordance with the correct side of the gate and the course plan.  
 Part of the boat must cross the gate line at the same instant as the whole head crosses the line  
 All buoys must be negotiated in accordance with the direction established by the course map.  
 Competitors are permitted to touch the gates with their body or any part of their equipment.  
 In the kayak roll zone the boat must make a complete 360 degree turn.

**PENALTIES [TR]**

Competitors will be eliminated for the following actions:

- non negotiated gate in time trial or any phase of the competition.
- kayak roll not executed within the zone
- full kayak roll not completed
- capsize before the finish line
- crossing the finish line upside down
- not following safety measure outlined in rules

The following actions will not be penalised:

- touching the gates with any part of the body or equipment

**SIGNALLING BY THE JUDGES [TR]**

At every gate, and at the kayak roll zone, the Judge will display initially disc for an incorrect negotiation of a competitor. This disc will be the colour of the disqualified competitor and be marked with DISQ on both sides

**CLEARING THE COURSE [TR]**

Rule 31.1, 31.2, 31.3 apply only during the time trial phase of the CSLX competition.

**TIMING [TR]**

Time trials will be held to rank Competitors for the first phase of the CSLX competition  
 Photo finish equipment will be used during the CSLX competition.

**CALCULATION AND POSTING OF RESULTS [TR]**

Competitors in 1st and 2nd place will progress as per the progression bracket.  
 Competitors eliminated at any phase of the competition will be given their rank based on the comparison of the time trial times of competitors eliminated at the same phase. All 3rd ranked competitors will be ranked above all 4th ranked competitors  
 In the Gold Medal Final if none of the Competitors finish the race (DNS, eliminated or DNF) the competitors will be ranked by their time trial time and the Gold medal awarded to the fastest. If there is any irregularity that leads to DISQ then in this instance the DISQ competitor must be ranked 4th

**DEAD HEAT/TIES [TR]**

Photo finish will be used to resolve a tie. If this does not resolve the tie or in the case of non completion of a phase then the time trial time will be used to rank the competitors.  
 In the case where a tie for a position that qualifies the competitor for the next phase cannot be resolved, the tie will be resolved based on the time trial time.  
 In the final if the officials cannot determine who crossed the finish line first based on all means available to them then it will be declared a dead heat see rule 35.2

**AWARDS [GR]**

One award is made in each of the events: K1M, K1W bearing the title: ICF Canoe Slalom Cross World Series.