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Bulletin 2
2026 Canoe Polo World Championships
Duisburg (GER) | 14–20 September 2026

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1. Welcome

Dear athletes,
Dear coaches, officials, fans, and friends of canoe polo,

With this bulletin, we are sending you further information in preparation for the Kayak Polo World Championships, taking place from September 15 to 20, 2026, in Duisburg.

We are delighted to be able to welcome teams from a total of 27 nations to Duisburg.

Our organizing team is committed to providing you all with the very best conditions for the competition. We remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Included with this bulletin is a registration form for you to indicate your requirements regarding accommodation, meals, transport, and boat rentals. We kindly ask that you complete these forms by **June 15** so that we may proceed with the necessary bookings accordingly.

In this bulletin, we have listed the available hotels along with their respective rates. It is also important for us to know how you will be travelling to Duisburg. We will be offering a shuttle service from Düsseldorf Airport; to arrange this, we require your flight details.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you all the best with your preparations for the World Championships in Duisburg this September!

Let's make waves together – Welcome to Duisburg 2026!

2. Event Overview

Host	International Canoe Federation (ICF)
Organisers	Deutscher Kanu-Verband e.V. Verein für Wettkampforganisation Kanu-Polo e.V.
Discipline	Canoe Polo
Categories	Senior Men Senior Women U21 Men U21 Women
Dates	14 – 20 September 2026
Venue	Duisburg, Germany Regattabahn Duisburg
Number of fields	4 fields (according to ICF rules)
Competition format	Preliminary rounds, intermediate rounds, final phase (according to ICF rules)

Event title

At the 2026 ICF Congress in July the ICF will change its name to Paddle Worldwide. In accordance with the new naming convention this year's world championships will be titled:

2026 Canoe Polo World Championships – Duisburg, Germany

3. Provisional programme

Date	Program highlights
11 September	Arrival
12 September	Arrival and accreditation collection, free/official training (TBC)
13 September	Official training, scrutineering
14 September	Official training, scrutineering • 13:30 - New referees & female referees welcome and short pre-meeting. • 14:00 - Referees meeting. • 16:00 - Team Leaders Meeting at the venue • 18:00 - Opening ceremony at the venue
15 September	Start of U21 games
16 September	Start of Senior games
18 September	20:00 - Nations Dinner for , Team leader, P and SG of NF
19 September	U21 Finals
20 September	Senior Finals, Closing ceremony, Players Party Departure
21 September	Departure

Note – there will be a separate and important meeting during the week concerning **Gender Testing** for the non-Olympic disciplines and their implementation dates.

4. Venue

Duisburg, Germany, Regattabahn Duisburg

As previously announced, the World Championships will take place at the regatta course in Duisburg. To help you get familiar with the venue, we have provided a few impressions of the site. We will send a detailed map with Bulletin 3

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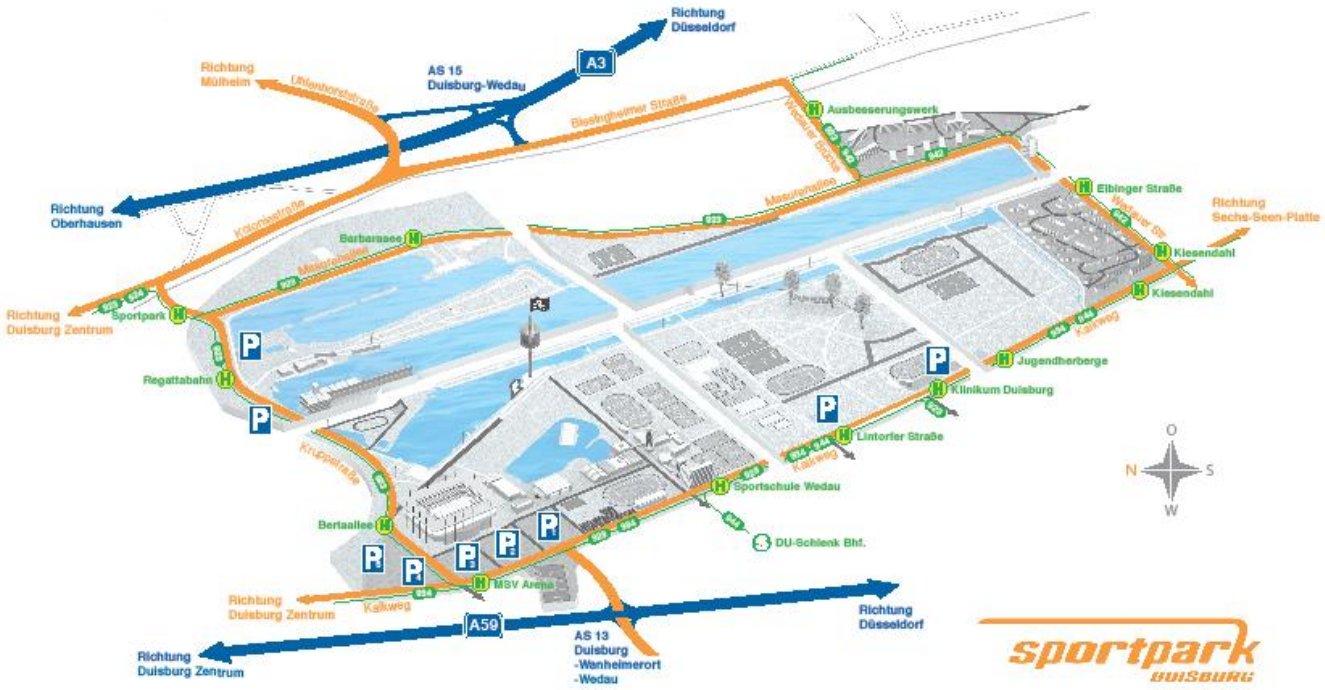
- accreditation and organisation
- grandstand
- boat sheds and national tents
- Shuttle bus stop for hotel transfer
- plaza and catering tent



Address: Regattabahn Duisburg

Kruppstraße 30B, 47057 Duisburg

From the **A3** or **A59**, take the exit **DU-Wedau** and follow the signs to **Sportpark Duisburg / Regattabahn**. Continue along **Kruppstraße** to the regatta course.

Visitor parking is available near the venue.

For navigation, enter: **Kruppstraße 30B, 47057 Duisburg** or **“Regattabahn Duisburg”.**

5. Entries

National Federation	IOC Code	Men	Women	U21 Men	U21 Women	Teams per federation
Australia	AUS	1	1	1	1	4
Austria	AUT		1	1		2
Belgium	BEL	1		1	1	3
Brazil	BRA	1				1
Canada	CAN	1			1	2
Peoples Republic of China	CHN			1		1
Chinese Taipei	TPE	1	1	1	1	3
Denmark	DEN	1	1	1		3
France	FRA	1	1	1	1	4
Germany	GER	1	1	1	1	4
Great Britain	GBR	1	1	1	1	4
Hong Kong, China	HKG	1				1
Italy	ITA	1	1	1	1	4
Iran*	IRI			1		1
Ireland	IRL				1	1
Lithuania	LTU	1				1
Japan	JPN	1	1			2
Malaysia	MAS	1	1	1		4
Netherlands	NED	1	1	1	1	4
New Zealand	NZL	1	1	1	1	4
Poland	POL	1	1	1		3
Portugal	POR	1		1		2
Singapore	SGP	1	1			2
South Africa	RSA	1		1	1	4
Spain	ESP	1	1	1	1	4
Sweden	SWE	1	1	1		3
Switzerland	SUI	1	1	1	1	4
USA	USA	1	1			1
Totals for final rounds	**28**	**24**	**18**	**20**	**14**	**76**

Iran*

As per the global news the reality of this entry is unclear currently with efforts ongoing to try and confirm or otherwise. Three (3) teams have requested the place if it becomes available. These are Brazil, Canada and Ireland.

Numbers per category

Reference is made to the qualification system updated December 2025:

- Wildcards aim to generate full entry in each category. If any category does not achieve full entry a wildcard/s can be used for another category with the aim being entry by the maximum 76 teams across all available categories.

- In the first instance a wildcard/s for a team of the same sex will be issued. If this does not achieve full entry the wildcard/s can be used in a different sex category e.g. Women's category not full entry = wildcard/s to additional U21 Women, or vice versa. If full entry across both Women's categories is not achieved a wildcard/s can be used for additional Men/U21 Men's teams to the maximum total of 76 teams.

For 2026 the Women are minus 2 (-2) and the U21 Women plus 2 (+2).

6. SDP system

Your team nominal entries (all athletes, coaches, and staff) must be entered accurately into the ICF SDP platform by the **5th of September 2026 – 23:59 CET latest**. If you have early selections, please fill your nominal entries as soon as possible on SDP.

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

If you are having any difficulties with SDP, please in the first instance consult your federation who have experience and access. If you need further assistance, please contact Manon via manon.bocquet@canoeicf.sport and sdp@canoeicf.sport.

7. Officials

Key Officials	M/F	Continent	Representing	Surname	First name
Chief Official	M	Europe	ICF	SMALE	Greg
Competition Organiser	F	Europe	HOC	WOLFF	Sandra
Technical Organiser HOC - venue	M	Europe	HOC	DOPP	Georg
Technical organiser ICF - venue	M	Europe	ICF	BOTELHO	João
Technical organiser ICF - schedule	F	Europe	ICF	LINDMARK	Eva
Chief table official	M	Europe	HOC	AUST	Holger
Chief Scrutineer	M	Europe	ICF	TELEMAN	Pawel

Jury					
Jury - Chair	M	Europe	ICF/ESP	RABANEDA I CASELLES	Lluis
Jury	F	Europe	ICF/IRL	ASTON	Moira
Jury	M	Europe	ICF/NED	HEIJSELAAR	Ruud

Competition Committee					
Chief Official	M	Europe	ICF	SMALE	Greg
Competition Organiser	F	Europe	HOC	WOLFF	Sandra
Technical Organiser - venue	M	Europe	ICF	BOTELHO	João

ICF HQ Staff in attendance					
Head of Sport	M	HQ	ICF	BUGAR	David
Whitewater Disciplines Manager	F	HQ	ICF	BOCQUET	Manon
Head of Communications & Public Relations	M	HQ	ICF	BERKELEY	Geoff
Director of TV, Broadcast & Marketing	M	HQ	ICF	ROACH	Stuart

Referee Managers					
Role	**M/F**		**Country**	**Surname**	**First Name**
Referee Manager	M	Oceania	AUS	COCHRANE	Duncan
Referee Manager	F	Europe	GER	KORBER	Swantje
Referee Manager	M	Europe	GBR	WINTERS	Elan

Referees					
Role	M/F	Continent	Country	Surname	First Name
Referee	M	America	USA	AMBROSETTI	Ezio
Referee	F	Europe	ITA	ANASTASI	Martina
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	ANDERSON	Brian
Referee	F	Europe	GBR	ANTHONY	Zoe
Referee	F	Europe	FRA	BRACKEZ	Virginie
Referee	M	Asia	TPE	CHEN	Yeh Kai
Referee	F	Oceania	AUS	COCHRANE	Carolyn
Referee	M	Europe	IRL	DOWNES	Sean
Referee	F	Asia	MAS	ENG	Ai Wen (Cristina)
Referee	F	Oceania	NZL	FEAR ROSS	Andi
Referee	M	Europe	ESP	FERNANDEZ CANALEJAS	Ivan
Referee	F	America	CAN	FOGED	Savannah
Referee	F	Asia	SGP	FONG	Cherol
Referee	M	Asia	SGP	KONG	Evan
Referee	M	Oceania	NZL	MITCHELL	James
Referee	F	Asia	IRI	MOLAEE	Fatemeh
Referee	M	Europe	DEN	MOLLER	Hans-Henrik G
Referee	F	Asia	SGP	ONG	Chad
Referee	M	Europe	ITA	PELLI	Maurizio
Referee	F	Asia	CHN	SHEN	Qiong (Evonne)
Referee	M	Europe	DEN	SONDBERG	Asger
Referee	F	Europe	DEN	SONDBERG	Mai Britt
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	THOMAS	Mark
Referee	F	Oceania	NZL	WALTERS (SHERRATT)	Kelly
Referee	M	Europe	GBR	WATTS	Steve
Referee	M	Europe	NED	WIGHT	Ricardo
Referee	M	Europe	NED	WINTERS	Thom
Referee	M	Asia	TPE	WU	Sheng Hao

8. Transportation

A. Airport shuttle

We are grateful for the many teams who have confirmed their own transportation. However, we need clarification if you need transportation on arrival (from 11th) and departure (20th & 21st) for your athletes and/or equipment.

The HOC is offering this service free of charge.

Please fill this form with your travel details and your transportation needs so the HOC can anticipate, coordinate the operations and provide the best service.

2026 ICF Canoe Polo WCH, Duisburg (GER) - Teams' transportation

B. Daily shuttle venue ⇔ hotel

Shuttle bus will be provided between team official hotels and the competition venue. Teams booking their own accommodation cannot use this service.

9. Accommodation

Hotel reservations can be made via https://vfw-kanupolo.de/en/quarters/ until **June 30**. All official hotels are located close to the competition venue and are connected to it via shuttle service. The entire travel management is conveniently organized by the organizing committee to ensure a comfortable and stress-free stay throughout the event.

For catering at the venue, please refer to the Invitation Bulletin for prices.

In addition to accommodation, participants may also book the meal package via the link provided above. The package is designed to offer convenient and reliable catering during the entire event period.

We offer hotels in various categories at the following prices per room:

	Category	Single Room	Double Room	Breakfast
Sportschule Wedau	2	93,- €	84,- €	11,50 €
Youth Hostel	1	-	85,- €	Incl.
Wyndham	4	124,- €	152,- €	Incl.
Plaza	3	104,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Carlton	2	85,- €	120,- €	Incl.
Mirage	3	114,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Intercity	3	114,- €	159,- €	Incl.
Mercure	3	104,- €	139,- €	Incl.
B&B Süd	3	116,- €	155,- €	Incl.
Conti	5	134,- €	198,- €	Incl.
Ferrotel	2	104,-€	178,- €	Incl.
B&B Nord	2	88,- €	119,- €	Incl.

10. Sport Equipment

A. Ball

The Wisely ball will again be used for 2026.

B. Rental Kayaks

Lettmann Kayak (https://lettmann.de/boote) offers a possibility to rent boats.
Click here to find the form
(https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YxWpkCTuwy) for order.
All details need to clarified with Lettmann Kayak!

11. ICF ITO fee reminder

We are please to advise that the majority of the ITOs booked their flights before the global crisis, and we are working to keep this fee as low as possible.
As a reminder, the ICF will invoice this fee to the National Federations directly.
We will contact the National Federation and Team Leader in due course with a payment date.
This fee must be paid to participate in the World Championships.

12. Commentators

Details of the commentary team will be in the next bulletin.

There is potentially one spot left. If you are interested in this role, please contact curly.barker@canoepolo.org.uk.

Team Leaders and/or Coaches – please can you complete this form to assist the commentary team with your team/s information.

13. Medical and Anti-Doping

Useful information can be found at Medical and Anti-Doping | ICF - Planet Canoe

Anti-doping education

For those that have undergone the course before this is required to be "refreshed".

For new athletes the course is to be taken in full so allow time.

https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education

In a change from previous please retain all certificates and do not submit to the ICF until notified – likely to be early August for submission.

14. Pre-World's competition/s

There is no specific pre-worlds tournament. The following is a snip from the ICF Calendar. The second Paddle Europe Cup has been opened for non-European entry **with conditions**. If you wish to enter any of these competitions, you should contact the organisers direct.

August	INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT DE PADDEL	August 15, 2026 - August 16, 2026	DIKKEBUS	SHOW DETAILS
	GEKKO INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT	August 29, 2026 - August 30, 2026	GENT	SHOW DETAILS
September	2026 PADDLE EUROPE POLO CUP II	September 5, 2026 - September 6, 2026	MILAN, ITALY	SHOW DETAILS
	XIV TROFEO PONTEROSSO 2026	September 12, 2026 - September 13, 2026	TRIESTE - CANAL GRANDE - PONTEROSSO	SHOW DETAILS
	2026 CANOE POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	September 15, 2026 - September 20, 2026	DUISBURG	SHOW DETAILS

15. Appendices

A. ICF Canoe Polo Scrutineering Guide for Major Championships

B. Medical – Don't be a Dope

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