

COMPETITION GUIDE



2026 CANOE SPRINT AND PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

26-30.08.2026,
POZNAŃ, POLAND

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1.1 WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Representatives of National Federations, Dear Athletes,

On behalf of the Polish Canoe Federation, it is my great honour to welcome you to Poznań for the 2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships. This is an event of exceptional prestige, once again placing Poland – and in particular the Malta regatta course – at the very centre of world canoeing.

I would like to extend special recognition to all national federations for their perseverance and professionalism in leading long-term training programmes. It is thanks to your daily work and dedication that today's athletes have reached the level that allowed them to stand at the start line of the World Championships.

To all athletes I offer my highest respect. The path that has brought you to the start of the World Championships represents years of systematic work, sacrifice, and determination. You are the best proof that canoeing is a sport that demands not only strength and technique, but above all,

I extend particular words of appreciation to the participants of the Paracanoe competitions. Your presence elevates the significance of these Championships and reminds us all that sport knows no barriers – only challenges that can be overcome through will and determination.

In organising this event, we have made every effort to provide you with conditions of the highest international standard – both in sporting and organisational terms. This Competition Guide is intended to serve as a practical resource, helping to ensure the smooth running of the competition for all delegations.

I wish all delegations successful starts, fair competition, and unforgettable sporting experiences. May Poznań remain in your memory as a place of great emotions and beautiful memories.

With respect and best regards,

Grzegorz Kotowicz

President of the Polish Canoe Federation

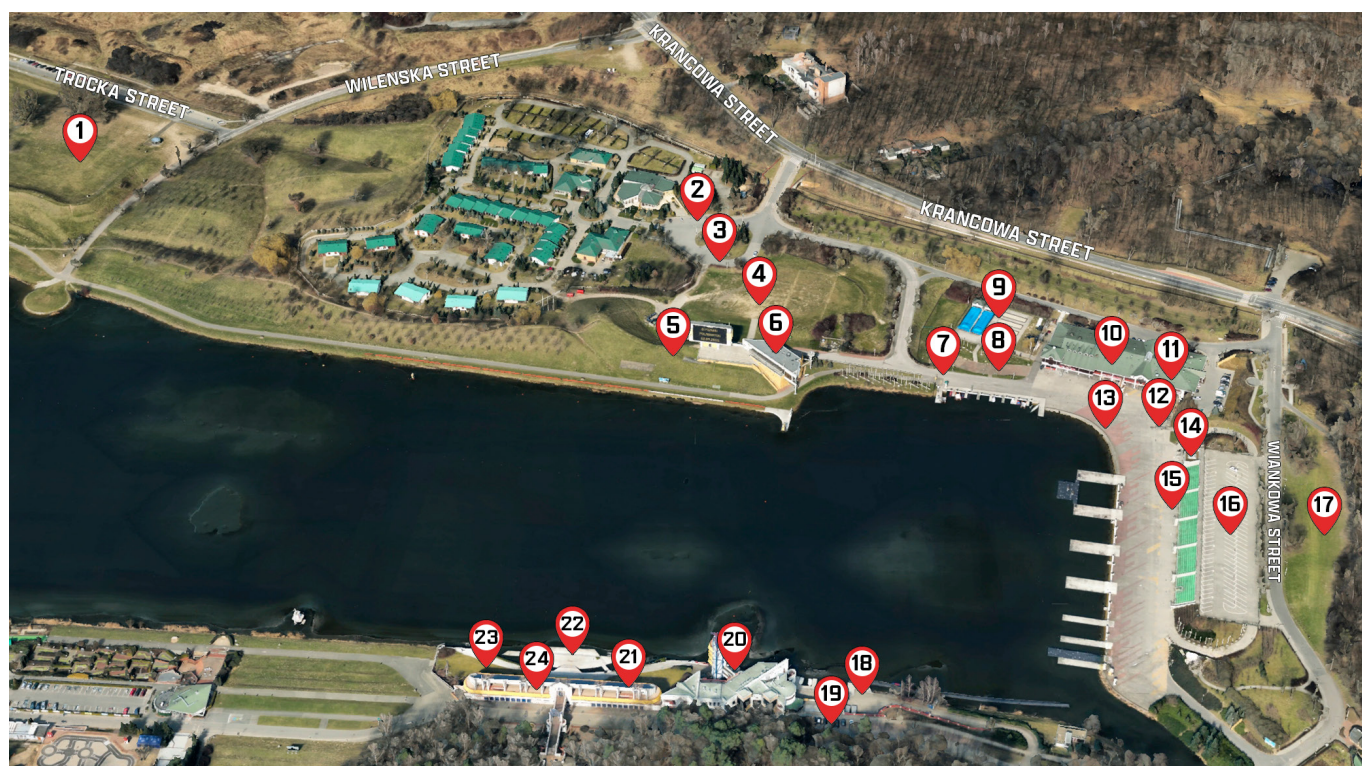


1.2 ABOUT THE COMPETITION GUIDE



This Competition Guide contains the operational information required by National Federations and Team Leaders during the Championships. It should be read together with the official competition schedule, training schedule, venue maps and official communications published on the Paddle Worldwide event website.

2.1 VENUE MAP



VENUE LEGEND

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| 1. Parking for Teams | 13. ID Control |
| 2. Kiss & Drive | 14. Team Lounge |
| 3. Bus Stop | 15. NF Tents 1 |
| 4. Catering Tent | 16. NF Tents 2, service |
| 5. Grandstands | 17. Parking (Paracanoe priority) |
| 6. Accreditation | 18. Post-Race Boat Control |
| 7. Entrance | 19. TV |
| 8. Classification tent, Fizjo by Krystian Poziemba | 20. Finish Line, Competition Committee |
| 9. Ice Bath, additional NF Tents | 21. Mixed Zone |
| 10. Boat storage | 22. Podium |
| 11. Anti-Doping | 23. VIP |
| 12. Self-boat Control | 24. Main Grandstands |

2. Key Information at a Glance

2.2 KEY DATES

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME / NOTES
The nominal entry deadline	16.08.2026, Sunday	Time: 23:59 CET
Venue opening for teams	22.08.2026, Saturday	access period begins, arrivals
Official training begins	24.08.2026, Monday	
Accreditation centre opens	22.08.2026, Saturday	
Late entries, withdraws deadline	25.08.2026, Tuesday	Time: 10:00 CET
Team Leaders' Meeting	25.08.2026, Tuesday	Time: 16:00
Opening ceremony	25.08.2026, Tuesday	Time: 18:00
First competition day	26.08.2026, Wednesday	
Closing ceremony	30.08.2026, Sunday	
Venue closes	31.08.2026, Monday	

2.3 OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Paddle WorldWide event website:

<https://paddleworldwide.com/competitions/2026-icf-canoe-sprint-and-paracanoe-world-championships-2390>

Host Organizing Committee website:

<https://www.paddlepoznan.com/>

Official Team Leaders' WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GMjlefHztZN2KYRi03TiDp>

Official results:

<https://wc26.domtel-sport.pl/>

HOC email:

paddlepoznan@gmail.com

Emergency telephone number:

112

3. HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Ireneusz Pracharczyk – General Director of the Organizing Committee

Agata Dziamska – Director of the Organizing Committee

Jolanta Rzepka – Director of the Organizing Committee, Competition Manager

Sebastian Danikiewicz – Side Events Manager

Paweł Rodzoch – Finances

Agnieszka Wieszczyk-Kordus – Military Liaison Coordinator

Romuald Schmidt – Paracanoe Manager

Jakub Piszcz, Daniel Moliński – Accommodation Department

Dorota Molińska – Human Resources and Payroll

Bartosz Zimiński – Transportation Manager

Agnieszka Mroczek – Medical Service

Filip Orłowski – Rescue Service Coordinator

Paweł Hochstim, Paweł Skraba – Press

Paweł Tworek – Press Centre Manager

Cezary Żmuda – Social Media Manager

Lesław Kudła, Dariusz Sobczak – Athletes Area Manager

Anna Pracharczyk – Accreditation Office Coordinator

Krzysztof Kirczuk, Waldemar Piątkowski – Event Security

Maciej Młodzik – Sport Presentation Manager

Rafał Radziszewski, Jan Pieścik – Volunteers Manager

Zuzanna Matysiak – VIP zone Coordinator

Ireneusz Marcinkowski – Ticket Sales Coordinator

3.1 INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

ROLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	NOC
Jury (Chair)	Cecilia	FARIAS	ARG
Jury	Peter	KARAI	HUN
Jury	Ahmed	MAHAMOUD ABDOULKADER	DJI
Chief Official	Toshi	FURUYA	JPN
Paracanoe Technical Delegate	John	EDWARDS	CAN
Chief Judge	Alison	HARRIS	NZL
Deputy Chief Judge	Charles	LUCKMAN	USA
Competition Manager	Allan	MACDONALD	SXM

Technical Organizer	Roza	BANASIK-ZARANSKA	POL
Chief Finish Line Judge	Tracey	TAPSCOTT	AUS
Finish Line Judge	Robert (Mike)	MCMURRAY	CAN
Finish Line Judge	Martin	HOOK	GBR
Starter Coordinator	Matt	WARREN	NZL
Starter	Erin	SCHAUS	CAN
Starter	Marika	DOGNEROVA	CZE
Starter	Bartłomiej	KASPRZAK	POL
Aligner	Samia	OUERTANI EP HALI	TUN
Aligner	Philippe	BRETZNER	FRA
Course Umpire Coordinator	Desiree	IGLESIAS	ESP
Course Umpire	Sepideh	HOMAMI	USA
Course Umpire	Stefano	ZSIGMOND	ITA
Course Umpire	Preet	SINGH	IND
Course Umpire	Oscar	SOARES	POR
Course Umpire	Irina	NICHITIUC	MDA
ID Control Coordinator	Anzhela	DYACHENKO	UKR
ID Control	Ola-Olubunmi	OLUODE	NGR
ID Control	Magdolna	MOLNARNE KRAJCSOVICZ	HUN
ID Control	Marek	MARCINKOWSKI	POL
Boat Control Coordinator	Virmantas	GALDIKAS	ARM
Boat Control	Hans Walter	HUMME	GER
Boat Control	Jinyu	LIU	CHN
Boat Control	Duong	NGUYEN HAI	VIE
Boat Control	Malgorzata	PETRYNA	POL
Boat Control	Mariusz	SIKORA	POL

4. Arrival and Accreditation

4.1 ACCREDITATION CENTRE

The Accreditation Centre is located at:

Malta Regatta Course

Krańcowa 98 street
61-036 Poznań, Poland

WEB:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/NRRkVrNEaRB5pZUw8>



4.1 ACCREDITATION CENTRE

Team Leaders are requested to report to the Accreditation Centre immediately upon arrival. Teams arriving after **20:00** should proceed directly to their designated hotel. Accreditation should be **collected** by the Team Leader on the following morning.

To ensure an efficient accreditation process, **only the Team Leader should attend the Accreditation Centre** unless otherwise requested by the Organising Committee.

All athletes, team officials, **PWW** officials, media representatives and guests must hold a **valid** accreditation card. Access to the competition venue is permitted only upon presentation of a valid accreditation.

DATE	DAY	OPENING HOURS
22.08.2026	Saturday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–20:00
23.08.2026	Sunday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–20:00
24.08.2026	Monday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–20:00
25.08.2026	Tuesday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–20:00
26.08.2026	Wednesday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–17:00
27.08.2026	Thursday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–17:00
28.08.2026	Friday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–18:00
29.08.2026	Saturday	08:00–12:00 / 13:00–17:00
30.08.2026	Sunday	08:00–17:00
31.08.2026	Monday	access period ends, departures

The Team Leader is responsible for collecting the accreditation cards for the entire delegation.

Team Leaders are kindly requested to verify the accreditation details before leaving the Accreditation Centre.

4.2 EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

Equipment deliveries are permitted only during the following designated time slots:

Date	Day	Equipment Delivery Hours
22.08.2026	Saturday	07:00–09:00 / 17:30–19:00
23.08.2026	Sunday	07:00–09:00 / 17:30–19:00
24.08.2026	Monday	07:00–09:00 / 17:30–19:00
25.08.2026	Tuesday	07:00–09:00 / 17:30–19:00
26.08.2026	Wednesday	No deliveries
27.08.2026	Thursday	No deliveries
28.08.2026	Friday	No deliveries
29.08.2026	Saturday	06:00–07:00 / 17:30–19:00
30.08.2026	Sunday	06:00–07:00 / 16:30–19:00
31.08.2026	Monday	All day

Federations delivering equipment must first report to the Security Checkpoint for verification.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xDgYVJ6CqVSbGEGP9>

Once cleared, vehicles will be allowed to enter the venue for unloading.

All vehicles must follow the designated route shown on the map. Access via any other route is not permitted.

4.2 EQUIPMENT DELIVERY



4.3 LOST AND FOUND



All lost items should be reported directly to the Accreditation Centre. This is also the location where all found items should be delivered. Items will be kept at the venue until the end of the competition.

5. Accommodation and Catering

5.1 OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION – CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT TIMES

No.	Hotel / Accommodation	Address	Check-in	Check-out	Bus Stop
1	Andersia	Pl. Andersa 3 Street, 61-894 Poznań	from 15:00	by 11:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/HdpfmcGC9WMMa9yD9
2	Camping Malta	Krancowa 98 Street, 61-036 Poznań	from 15:00	by 11:00	Walking distance
3	Focus	Serafitek 4 Street, 61-144 Poznań	from 14:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/61uMUuXMuGu6DZuu6
4	Gaja	Gajowa 12 Street, 60-815 Poznań	from 14:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/QRuquNqz7d3eyzxB8
5	Hilton by Hilton Poznań	Święty Marcin 6 Street, 61-803 Poznań	from 15:00	by 11:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/3uAqVzwehS7GAM8s8
6	Hotel Park	Abpa A. Baraniaka 77 Street, 61-131 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	Walking distance
7	Ibis Centrum	Pl. Andersa 1 Street, 61-898 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/HdpfmcGC9WMMa9yD9
8	Hilton by Hilton Swarzędz	Antoniego Tabaki 1 Street, 62-020 Swarzędz	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/n82es1K7YPYeSTQ88
9	Novotel Centrum	Pl. Andersa 1 Street, 61-898 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/HdpfmcGC9WMMa9yD9
10	Mercury	Roosevelta 20 Street, 60-829 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/QRuquNqz7d3eyzxB8
11	Novotel Malta	ul. Termalna 5, 61-028 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vn6QrRgPK9E8mUgs9
12	Ibis Stare Miasto	Kazimierza Wielkiego 23 Street, 61-863 Poznań	from 14:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/wXQ6dXgk1HfQ8krF8
13	Hotel Vivaldi	Winogrody 9 Street, 61-633 Poznań	from 14:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ndsSfjJEqARMC05x9
14	Lechicka	Lechicka 101 Street, 61-619 Poznań	from 14:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/RSvDUPsqZCFmLpMc6
15	Sheraton	Bukowska 3/9 Street, 60-809 Poznań	from 15:00	by 12:00	https://maps.app.goo.gl/SbaBNdCWsJNz1x8z6

Please note: Check-in and check-out times vary depending on the hotel. Teams are kindly requested to observe the times indicated above when planning their arrival and departure.

5. Accommodation and Catering

5.2 MEALS

LUNCH

Lunch will be served to all participants at the regatta venue. The catering tent will be located next to the Accreditation Office.

Please note that lunch on the day of arrival will only be provided during the designated lunch hours. No refund will be provided for missed or unused meals.

BREAKFAST AND DINNER

Breakfast and dinner will be served at the official hotels. Meals included in the Accommodation Package start with dinner on the day of arrival and end with lunch on the day of departure.

MEAL SERVICE HOURS

Date	Day	Breakfast - hotel	Lunch – regatta course	Dinner - hotel
22.08.2026	Saturday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	19:00-21:00
23.08.2026	Sunday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	19:00-21:00
24.08.2026	Monday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	19:00-21:00
25.08.2026	Tuesday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	19:00-22:00
26.08.2026	Wednesday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	18:00-20:00
27.08.2026	Thursday	6:00-10:00	12:00-15:00	18:00-20:00
28.08.2026	Friday	6:00-10:00	11:30-14:30	18:00-20:00
29.08.2026	Saturday	6:00-10:00	11:30-14:30	18:00-20:00
30.08.2026	Sunday	5:30-10:00	11:30-14:30	18:00-20:00
31.08.2026	Monday	6:30-10:00	12:00-15:00 (hotel)	19:00-21:00

Please note: For teams arriving **before 22 August**, all meals will be served at the official hotel until the venue catering service begins.

5.3 TEAM HOSPITALITY



A dedicated **Team Lounge** will be available within the athletes' area, providing teams with a designated space to rest and relax between training and competition sessions.



Drinking water will be available from water dispensers located throughout the venue. Each team member will receive a reusable water bottle provided by the Organiser. Teams are encouraged to use refillable water bottles.



Wi-Fi access will be provided within the athletes' area.



Charging points / access to electricity will be provided where possible, subject to the available infrastructure and the Organiser's operational capacity.



Ice Bath - the Host Organising Committee can provide a designated area for ice baths upon request. Requests should be submitted to: paddlepoznant@gmail.com or to Accreditation.

6.1 Shuttle service



All official hotels are covered by the Organiser's shuttle bus service providing transportation between the hotels and the regatta venue.

The detailed shuttle bus timetable, including departure times, frequency of service, and first and last departures, will be published on the official event website closer to the event. Teams are advised to check the latest version of the timetable regularly.



Shuttle Bus Timetable

<https://www.paddlepoznan.com/shuttle-bus-timetable/>

Scan for the latest shuttle bus timetable

PADDLES AND SMALL EQUIPMENT

Paddles and small personal equipment may be transported on shuttle buses only if they can be safely accommodated without obstructing aisles, doors, emergency exits or designated wheelchair spaces.

Priority must always be given to passengers with disabilities and their mobility equipment. Wheelchair spaces and accessible areas on the buses must remain available for their intended use at all times.

Teams travelling with larger quantities of equipment should use the designated equipment transport arrangements rather than the hotel shuttle service.

TRANSPORT DESK

Bartek

Tel.: +48 608 507 075

Teams are requested to be at the designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

6.2 Vehicle Access & Team Parking

Vehicle access to the regatta venue will be **restricted and controlled by Security**. Teams are required to follow the designated access and traffic routes shown on the official venue maps.



6.2 Vehicle Access & Team Parking

PARKING PASS

Access to restricted areas of the venue will only be permitted to authorised vehicles displaying a valid Parking Pass. Teams will receive parking pass for: one trailer with car and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t).

Additional parking pass

€30 / car / competition.

A Parking Pass does not automatically grant access to all areas of the venue. Drivers must follow the instructions of Security and event staff at all times.

TEAM PARKING

Dedicated parking areas will be available for authorised team vehicles.

The only exception is the teams' official arrival day, when, after dropping off the team at the

Vehicles must be parked only in the designated parking areas indicated on the venue map. Parking outside designated areas, on internal access roads or in emergency access zones

KISS & DRIVE

A designated Kiss & Drive area will be available for teams arriving at the venue.

The area is intended for **short-term drop-off and pick-up only**. Vehicles may stop for the time necessary for passengers and their personal belongings to leave or enter the vehicle but must not remain parked in the Kiss & Drive area.

At the arrival day, after drop-off, team members should proceed on foot to the Accreditation Office, following the designated pedestrian route shown on the venue map.

6. Transport During the Championships

Vehicle Access Restrictions

All vehicles entering the venue are subject to Security control.

Vehicles must:

-  > USE ONLY THE DESIGNATED ENTRANCE AND TRAFFIC ROUTES
-  > FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF SECURITY AND EVENT STAFF
-  > RESPECT RESTRICTED-ACCESS AND PEDESTRIAN AREAS
-  > NOT STOP OR PARK OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREAS

Access may be temporarily restricted for operational, competition or safety reasons.

Technical and Equipment Vehicles

Vehicles delivering boats, equipment or other team technical material must first report to the **Security Vehicle Check Point** for verification.



Once cleared, authorised vehicles may enter the venue for loading or unloading and must follow the designated vehicle route shown on the venue map.

Access for technical and equipment vehicles is permitted only during the designated access periods. After loading or unloading has been completed, vehicles must leave the restricted area and proceed to the designated parking area, unless otherwise instructed by the Organiser.

Vehicles are not permitted to use alternative routes within the venue.

6.3 PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Poznań has an extensive public transport network of trams and buses, providing convenient connections throughout the city.



Tickets are available from ticket machines, via mobile applications and using payment terminals on board.



TICKETS – HOW TO BUY



TICKET MACHINES

Available at stops and stations



MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Quick and easy payment on your phone



PAYMENT TERMINALS ON BOARD

Tap your card or device

7.1 ACCESS ZONES

1	Official's Area
2	Competition Area
3	Team Quarters & Areas
4	TV Areas
5	Media Areas
6	Back of House
7	VIP Areas

The regatta venue at **Lake Malta** is divided into dedicated operational areas to ensure efficient movement of athletes, team officials, technical staff, media and other accredited groups.

The main venue areas include:

1. Officials' Area

Dedicated facilities and operational areas for International Technical Officials and technical personnel

2. Competition Area

The regatta course and all competition-related facilities, including the start and finish areas, warm-up and service channels, boat control and other technical zones.

3. Team Quarters & Athletes' Areas

Dedicated areas for athletes and teams, including team tents, boat storage, Anti-Doping, changing facilities, team services and other athlete support facilities.

4. TV Areas

Designated areas for the host broadcaster and accredited television production teams. Additional facilities, including Team Accreditation, Catering, Shuttle Bus Stop, Team Parking and Trailer Parking, are located within or adjacent to the main venue areas.

7. Competition Venue

5. Media Areas

Facilities for accredited media, including the Press Centre, media working areas and designated media zones.

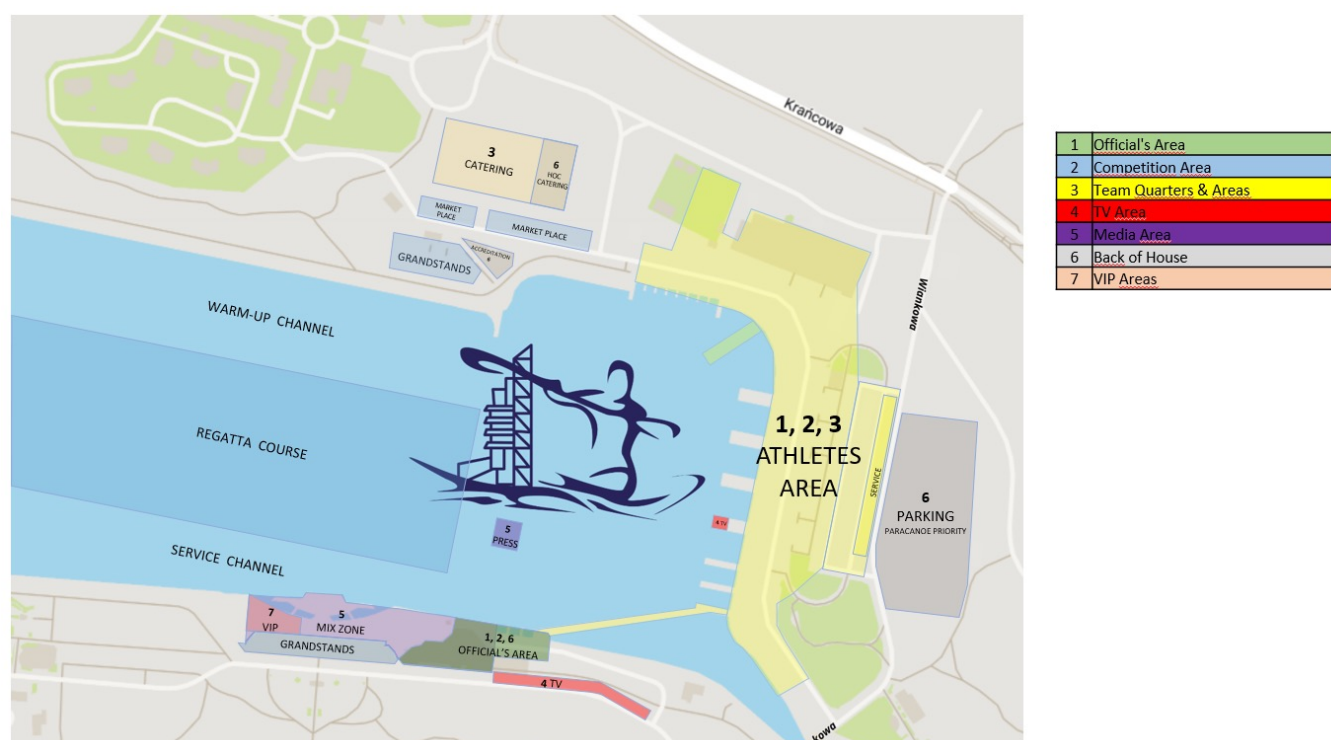
6. Back of House

Restricted operational areas for event organisation and logistics.

7. VIP Area

A dedicated area for accredited VIP guests, with controlled access. The VIP Area includes designated hospitality and viewing facilities and is separated from the athletes' and operational areas of the venue. Access to the VIP Area is permitted only with the appropriate accreditation.

Additional facilities, including **Team Accreditation, Catering, Shuttle Bus Stop, Team Parking and Trailer Parking**, are located within or adjacent to the main venue areas.



7.2 VENUE OPENING HOURS, TEST STARTS

Date	Day	Venue Opens	Training Hours with Water Rescue Coverage	Test Starts	Venue Closes
22.08.2026	Saturday	07:00	10:00 – 18:00		21:00
23.08.2026	Sunday	07:00	10:00 – 18:00		21:00
24.08.2026	Monday	07:00	9:00 – 18:00		21:00
25.08.2026	Tuesday	06:00	9:00 – 18:00	11.00 – 13.00 500m 15.30 – 17.00 200m	21:00
26.08.2026	Wednesday	06:00	Competition day 8:30 – 18:00		21:00
27.08.2026	Thursday	06:00	Competition day 8:30 – 18:00		21:00
28.08.2026	Friday	06:00	Competition day 8:30 – 18:00		21:00
29.08.2026	Saturday	06:00	Competition day 8:30 – 18:00		21:00
30.08.2026	Sunday	06:00	Competition day 8:00 – 18:00		21:00
31.08.2026	Monday	06:00	No training		21:00

Venue Opens refers to the time when the venue gates open and venue facilities become accessible to teams and accredited participants.

During the training hours indicated above, water rescue services are available on the regatta course.

Important: Training outside the designated hours of water rescue coverage is undertaken entirely at the teams' own responsibility.

Venue Closes refers to the time when venue facilities close and all teams and participants are required to leave the venue.

7.3 TEAM AREAS

Dedicated facilities and services will be available within the Athletes' Area to support teams during training and competition days.



Team Tents and Boat Racks

The Organiser will allocate dedicated team tents and boat racks to participating federations. The allocation of spaces will be marked at the tent.



Athlete Lounge

A dedicated Athlete Lounge will be available within the Athletes' Area, providing athletes and team staff with a space to rest between training and competition sessions.



Changing Rooms

Changing rooms for athletes are located in the building above the boat hangars. Separate changing rooms will be provided for female and male athletes.



Toilets

Toilets are available in the grandstand facilities within the Athletes' Village and in the building above the boat hangars. Accessible toilets for persons with disabilities are available at all designated sanitary facilities.



Showers

Showers are available in the changing room facilities above the boat hangars.

Warm-up Area and Water Access

Athletes may access the water for warm-up via **pontoons located near the boat racks**. The designated warm-up area is located **beyond the 1000 m start line of the regatta course**. **Important:** On competition days, **training parallel to the regatta course is strictly prohibited**. Athletes must use only the designated warm-up area and follow the instructions of the water safety personnel.

Physiotherapy Area – Recovery Zone by Fizjo Krystian Poziemba

A dedicated **FREE** physiotherapy area will be available for teams in the classification tent. From 26 to 30 August, athletes will have access to a dedicated Recovery Zone offering:

- **physiotherapy consultations,**
- **massage,**
- **compression therapy (compression boots),**
- **an acupressure mat.**

The project is organised in cooperation with the WZKaj and Kazimiera Milanowska College of Education and Therapy in Poznań – WSEiT

The aim is to create a professional environment in which every method is selected individually, based on current scientific knowledge, the athlete's condition and their upcoming race schedule.

8.1 START LISTS AND RESULTS

Official start lists and results are available at:

<https://wc26.domtel-sport.pl/>

8.2 PRE-START PROCEDURE

1. Only athletes for the next race start will be allowed to enter the indicated starting areas: 200–300 m, 500–600 m, and 1000–1100 m.
2. Athletes will be called to the starting area 4–5 minutes before the start.
3. Once the boats enter the starting area, they are forbidden to turn around and must paddle in a straight line towards their assigned start boats.
4. Aligners will be placed at the beginning of the starting areas – 300 m, 600 m, or 1100 m – to control the boats' flow.
5. Athletes must follow the instructions from aligners and must not enter the starting area unless they are called and are part of the following race.

IMPORTANT

do not enter the starting area if they are not called and they are not part of the following race.

8.3 LATE ENTRY / WITHDRAWAL / CREW CHANGE

An application can be submitted to the Chief Official for the acceptance of late event entries and/or withdrawals. It is at the Chief Official's discretion to accept or decline a late entry, withdrawal, or crew change. Requests for late entry, withdrawal, or crew changes can be made through the following online form:

[2026 Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe WCH - Late entry / Withdrawal / Crew change form – Fill out form](#)

Late event entries and withdrawals will incur a fee of 50 EUR per boat.
Late event entries for already registered athletes will incur a fee of 50 EUR per boat.
Late entry fee payments are accepted exclusively by credit card at the competition office. Only requests submitted before the deadline will be considered.
After the deadline, please contact the Chief Official directly.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REQUESTS:

25 August (Tuesday) 10.00 am CET.

1. Any athlete listed in the final entry for their country is eligible to substitute in any other event.
2. Any changes to entries must be communicated through the online form to the Chief Official at least one hour prior to the first race of the morning or afternoon session.
3. Withdrawal of an entry is final and prohibits the same athlete or crew from participating in any other events of the competition.
4. For crew boats, the competitors' names must be listed in the order they will race in the boat. The name at the top must correspond to the competitor positioned at the front of the boat.

8.4 PROTEST

If a protest is to be submitted, the PWW PROTEST FORM must be completed in written form. Submission via the online form is strongly encouraged, as it ensures automatic forwarding to the Competition Committee and secure storage for official review. Paper forms are available in the tower. Please ensure that all information provided is accurate.

PWW PROTEST FORM



SCAN TO ACCESS

Scan the QR code to open the PWW PROTEST FORM.

The form must be completed in full and submitted online.

Paper forms are available in the tower.

PROTEST FEE

A protest fee of €75 is required at the time of submission.

8.5 TEAM LEADERS' MEETING

The Team Leaders' Meeting will take place in the meeting room located in the Finish Tower.

Team Leaders' meeting link
(for those who can't join on site):

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/360367503541214?p=GQE58RnKCM9KW9HL2D>

Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Time: 16:00

Location: Meeting Room, Finish Tower, ground floor



8.6 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

All Team Leaders are invited to join the CSP WCH Poznan TL WhatsApp Group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GMjlefHztZN2KYRi03TiDp?s=cl&p=a&ilr=4>

The Competition Committee and the HOC will share all essential information to the teams through this group.



8.7 LONG DISTANCE

The **5000 m events will include portages**. The races will start at the **southern end of the regatta course**.

The race will consist of **6 laps**, with the same turning points used on each lap. Each turning point will consist of a single buoy, around which all athletes must turn. Athletes will complete a total of **5 portages**. There will be **no portage on the final lap**.

All athletes are required to complete all designated portages.

Disembarkation, portage and embarkation will take place using a **low pontoon**. Athletes may use **either side of the pontoon**.

All competitors must:

1. disembark within the area marked by red-and-yellow diagonally divided flags;
2. carry their boat along the designated portage route;
3. re-embark within the area marked by red-and-yellow diagonally divided flags.

The 5000 m events will be conducted in accordance with the applicable **PWW** Canoe Sprint

Competition Rules. Only boats complying with the specifications set out in the Canoe Sprint Competition Rules may be used.

Distance: 5000 m

Number of laps: 6

Number of portages: 5

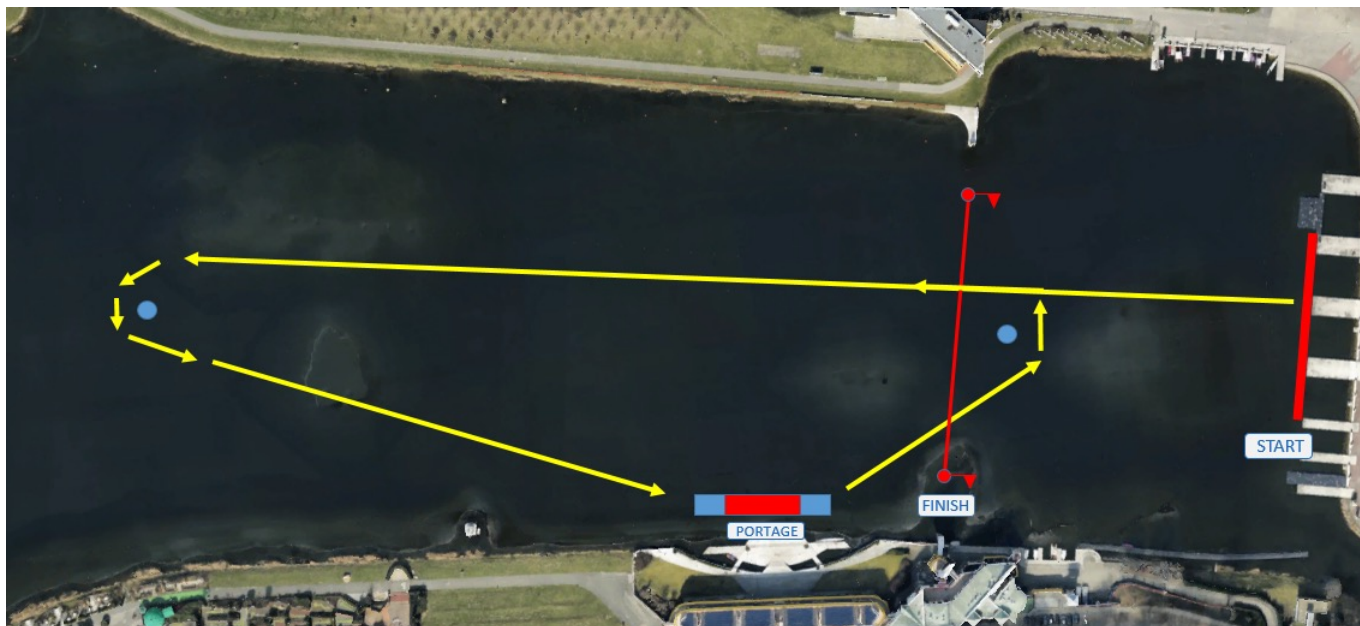
Final lap: No portage

Boat handles: Permitted

Pumps: Not permitted

Boats: Sprint boats only

8. Competition Information



Start Number Stickers

All athletes competing in the Long Distance events are required to display the start number stickers provided by the Organizer on their boats.

The number assigned to each athlete will correspond to the athlete's start number indicated on the official start list for the respective distance.

Start number stickers will be available for collection on the day of the race at the ID Control point.

The stickers must be applied on both sides of the boat, in front of the country code.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that the correct start number is properly displayed on their boat before reporting for their race.

Important:

Start number stickers are mandatory for all athletes participating in the LongDistance events.

8.8 ATHLETE NAME & COUNTRY CODE STICKERS

Athlete name and country code stickers **must be applied to all boats** participating in the PWW Canoe Sprint Competitions. To ensure a consistent presentation of canoes and kayaks, stickers must be positioned **in accordance with the applicable PWW guidelines**.

OFFICIAL PWW TEMPLATE & SPECIFICATIONS

https://cdn.paddleworldwide.com/media/advertising_on_equipment_csp.pdf

The correct placement and format of the stickers will be checked during ID and Equipment Control.

National Federations are responsible for ensuring that all boats used by their athletes display the required stickers.

Stickers must comply with the official PWW specifications regarding size, font, format and positioning.

ATHLETE NAME FORMAT

Athlete name stickers must display the initial of the first name followed by the athlete's last name, in accordance with the current PWW format.

Sticker Support Provided by the Organiser

National Federations that are unable to prepare the required athlete name and/or country code stickers in advance may request assistance from the Host Organising Committee. The Organiser will be able to provide the required stickers for an additional fee.

STICKER PACKAGE	FEE
2x Country Code + 2x Name Sticker	15 EUR
2x Country Code or 2x Name Sticker	10 EUR

REQUESTS

All requests should be submitted in Accreditation Center.

8.9 ID & EQUIPMENT CONTROL

Athletes can embark only from the designated place before the competition where their boats, equipment, clothes (uniforms and uniformity), personal numbers, boat numbers and accreditation cards will be checked.

8.10. TRACKING SYSTEM

All boats participating in the Championships will be equipped with **tracking devices** provided by the Organiser. The Tracking system will be used for **race data collection and TV production purposes**. The weight of the device is **0.45–0.48 g**. The tracking devices will not interfere with athletes' or teams' own electronic devices. Teams may continue to use and attach their own devices in accordance with the applicable PWW Competition Rules.

TRACKING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Each boat must be fitted with the required **mounting Velcro** before the start of the competition.

All teams are requested to bring their boats to the designated **Tracking System installation point located near ID Control** according to the following schedule:

	24 AUGUST 2026:	from 12:00
	25 AUGUST 2026:	from 09:00 – all day

The Velcro must be installed **no later than 25.08.2026** during the Self Boat Control process.

Teams are responsible for ensuring that all boats intended for use during the competition have been presented for installation of the required mounting system.

TRACKER DISTRIBUTION

Tracking System will be distributed and attached to the boats as part of the pre-race procedure. Teams must ensure that the required Velcro mounting is already in place before ID Controlling.

The trackers are provided by the Organiser and must remain attached in the designated position during the race.

BOAT WEIGHT AND BOAT CONTROL

The tracking device **will not be included** in the official boat weight.

Where weighing is required, the tracker will be **removed** before the boat is weighed at Boat Control.

8.11 UNIFORMS AND UNIFORMITY

Athletes must compete in team uniforms of the design and colours submitted with their nominal entries. Teams shall upload a picture of their uniform before the entry deadline in SDP to the relevant section. A detailed guideline on the procedure will be sent to the team leaders by ICF.

In a crew boat all athletes must compete in the same team uniform and, if under-shirts are worn, they must all be of the same colour. In K2 and K4 all spray decks must be of the same colours. The front athlete in a K2 or K4 may compete without a spray deck.

BOAT NUMBERS

Boat numbers are **free of charge** and can be collected before the race at the designated place next to ID Control. All rented numbers need to be returned after the race.

9.1 MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services will be available at the competition venue for all accredited participants of the **2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships**.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT THE VENUE

In the event of a medical emergency, teams should immediately contact the **venue medical service** or the nearest **event official/security staff**.

AMBULANCE AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Ambulance and first-aid services will be available at the venue. If further medical treatment is required, the medical team will assess the situation and arrange transportation to an appropriate medical facility when necessary.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to have valid medical and travel insurance covering the entire period of their stay in Poland.

Basic first-aid and ambulance assistance will be available to official participants.

Any medical costs exceeding the services provided as part of the event medical care must be covered by the participant's insurance policy. The Host Organising Committee will not be responsible for such expenses.



IMPORTANT:

In the event of a serious or life-threatening emergency, call **112.**

TEAM MEDICAL STAFF

Team doctors and physiotherapists are requested to cooperate with the event medical services when medical assistance or further treatment is required.

9.2 ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Athletes will be randomly selected for doping control conforming to the relevant regulations.

For the PWW World Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the AntiDoping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role **before** the first day of the competition in accordance with Anti-Doping Rules.

Athletes entered in any PWW competition must complete the PWW's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition.

For more information, please click here:



<https://paddleworldwide.com/anti-doping-education>

10.1 OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony of the 2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships will take place on Tuesday, 25 August 2026, at Polana Harcerza.

**DATE:**

Tuesday, 25 August 2026



MEETING TIME: 17:40



CEREMONY STARTS: 18:00

**MEETING POINT:**

By the stage at Polana Harcerza

**OFFICIAL TEAM DELEGATION:**

3 representatives per National Federation, including the flag bearer

**MEETING TIME FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS:**

17:40



PARTICIPATION

All athletes, Team Officials and members of participating National Federations are warmly invited to attend the Opening Ceremony.

In addition, each National Federation is requested to nominate an **official delegation of three (3) representatives** to take part in the presentation of the participating nations. One member of the delegation will act as the flag bearer.

The three designated representatives must report to the meeting point by **17:40** to allow sufficient time for organisation and positioning before the ceremony.

Members of the official delegation are requested to wear **official national team clothing**.



Following the official part of the Opening Ceremony, all participants are invited to stay for a live concert by **Polish artist Dawid Kwiatkowski.**

10.2 MEDAL CEREMONIES

Medal ceremonies will take place following the relevant finals of the 2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships according to the schedule:

DAY	TIME	EVENT	GENDER
28.08.	16:01	C2 500m	Women
	16:09	C1 1000m	Men
	16:17	K4 500m	Men
	16:27	K4 500m	Women
	16:37	K1 1000m	Women
	16:45	C1 200m	Men
	16:53	VL1 200m	Men
	17:01	VL1 200m	Women
29.08.	11:46	KL1 200m	Women
	11:54	KL1 200m	Men
	16:20	C1 500m	Women
	16:28	K1 500m	Women
	16:36	C1 500m	Men
	16:44	K1 1000m	Men
	16:52	VL2 200m	Men
	17:00	VL3 200m	Men
	17:08	KL2 200m	Women
	17:16	KL3 200m	Women
	17:24	K1 200m	Men
	17:32	C2 200m	Women
	17:40	C4 500m	Men
30.08.	11:16	VL2 200m	Women
	11:24	KL2 200m	Men
	11:32	VL3 200m	Women
	11:40	KL3 200m	Men
	11:48	K1 200m	Women
	11:56	K1 500m	Men
	12:04	C1 200m	Women
	12:12	C4 500m	Women
	12:22	C2 500m	Men
	12:30	K2 500m	Women
	12:38	K2 500m	Men
	15:08	C1 5000m	Women
	15:43	C1 5000m	Men
	16:16	K1 5000m	Women
	16:24	K1 5000m	Men

10.2 MEDAL CEREMONIES



ASSEMBLY POINT

Medal-winning athletes must report to the designated **Medal Ceremony Assembly Point** located under the grandstands.



REPORTING TIME

All medalists and the Team Leader of the winning team are required to report to the assembly point no later than **10 minutes** before the scheduled medal ceremony.



INSTRUCTIONS

Athletes are requested to follow the instructions of the ceremony staff and remain in the designated assembly area until escorted to the medal ceremony.



CHANGING FACILITIES

Changing tents will be available under the Finish Tower, allowing medal-winning athletes to change and prepare for the medal ceremony before reporting to the assembly point.

CEREMONY AREA OVERVIEW



ATHLETE DRESS CODE

Athletes participating in medal ceremonies must wear their **official national team uniform** or **competition uniform**.

The following rules apply throughout the ceremony:



Footwear must be worn – **bare feet are not permitted**.



Hats and other headgear are not permitted.



Sunglasses are not permitted.

The Team Leader of the winning team must wear the **official national team uniform**.

10.3 CLOSING CEREMONY

The official **Closing Ceremony** of the **2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships** will take place **immediately following the final medal ceremony**.

The ceremony will officially conclude the Championships and will include the **handover of the PWW flag** to the next Host Organiser – **Szeged, Hungary**.

Athletes, Team Officials and National Federation representatives are invited to **remain at the venue and attend the Closing Ceremony**.



10.3 SUSTAINABILITY & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Reusable Water Bottles & Drinking Water

Each team member will receive a reusable water bottle provided by the Organiser. Drinking water dispensers will be available at the venue for refilling bottles.

Teams are encouraged to use the provided bottles throughout the Championships and to avoid unnecessary use of single-use plastic bottles.

Water distribution Map

Team Transport

Teams are encouraged to use the official shuttle bus service between the official hotels and the regatta venue whenever possible.

Equipment & Technical Waste

Teams are responsible for keeping their allocated Team Areas, boat storage areas and technical spaces clean.