

Bulletin 2

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2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races – Lee Valley

Ranking Race 1 - Saturday 25 October 2025
Ranking Race 2 - Sunday 26 October 2025

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1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event titles

2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race 1 – Lee Valley
2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race 2 – Lee Valley

1.2 Event dates

2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race 1 – Lee Valley - Saturday 25 October 2025
2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race 2 – Lee Valley - Sunday 26 October 2025

1.3 Venue name/address

Lee Valley White Water Centre (LVWWC)
Station Road
Waltham Cross
Hertfordshire
EN9 1AB
www.gowhitewater.co.uk

1.4 Key Contacts

Events & Competitions Manager	Richard Stacey-Chapman	events@paddleuk.org.uk
Media	Paddle UK	mediaenquiries@paddleuk.org.uk
Additional Training Bookings	LVWWC	LVwhitewaterevents@gll.org

Paddle UK +44 (0) 300 0119 500
National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG2 2LU

Event Websites

Ranking Race 1 -
https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-ranking-race/lee-valley-white-water-centre-2025

Ranking Race 2 -
https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-ranking-race/lee-valley-white-water-centre-2025-0

Results Page - The results page will be posted seven days before the event on the event whatsapp group and on the event webpage.

2 EVENT & COMPETITION INFORMATION

2.1 Events

- Men's Kayak (MK1)
- Men's Canoe (MC1)
- Women's Kayak (WK1)
- Women's Canoe (WC1)

Informal kayak cross competitions may also be added depending on entry numbers

2.2 Competition Format

Each ranking race will use standard ICF progressions as per Appendix 1 of the ICF Canoe Slalom Rules with a single run heat followed by a 12 boat final in each event. Athletes who do not make the final will also receive a second run 'B Final'.

2.3 Outline Schedule

Friday 24 October	Course Construction Team Leaders Meeting
Saturday 25 October	Demo Runs & Athlete Observation Morning - WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 Heats Afternoon - WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 Finals WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 B Finals
Sunday 26 October	Demo Runs & Athlete Observation Morning - WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 Heats Afternoon - WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 Finals WK1, MK1, WC1 & MC1 B Finals

2.4 Provisional Schedule & Start Lists

The provisional schedule will be available on the event website and via canoeslalomentries.co.uk. Please note it is subject to change and will be updated following the close of entries and following the Team Leaders meeting.

The entry list and competition schedule will be published on the event website and on canoeslalomentries.co.uk 48 hours after the closing date for entries.

The start lists will be posted on the event website and on canoeslalomentries.co.uk after the Team Leaders meeting.

Please check carefully that Athlete names and Federations have been correctly shown on the provisional start list.

Please notify the competition organisers of any required changes by emailing events@paddleuk.org.uk in advance of the Team Leaders meeting.

2.5 Team Leaders & Enquiry Process

All International athletes will be required to nominate a Team Leader prior to the race. A Team Leader meeting will be held on Friday 24 October in the Paddle UK offices at 19:30. Athletes can enquire on their unofficial result by going to the event control.

2.6 Information Dissemination

A WhatsApp community has been set up for the event. To register on the whatsapp group use the following link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lukb1IhvAK53u72G4BGPw7

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

2.7 Bib Deposit

Team Leaders are required to collect their athlete's bibs from Event Control after 17:00 on Friday 24 October and must be returned no later than 19:00 on Sunday 26 October.

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 Event Control, which will be refunded when all bibs are returned by the Team Leader.

Athletes are required to wear this when on the water during competition.

2.8 Competition Rules

The event will be run in accordance with ICF Canoe Slalom Rules 2025. The rules are available at https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#slalom

2.9 Course Design

Nominations are open for course designers, please email events@paddleuk.org.uk if you would like to nominate someone by 1 October 2025. The course design committee will be selected from those in the pool by the event organisers.

The course plan will be published via the whatsapp group.

2.10 Results

Canoe Slalom live results will be available online during the event, a link to which will be sent on the whatsapp group. No hard copies of results will be printed for teams. A complete set of results will be available via the event website and whatsapp group following completion of the competition.

2.11 Medal Ceremonies

Following finals, medallists should assemble near the podium area 15 minutes prior to the medal ceremony. Please either wear team uniform or smart sports clothing (arms and legs covered) with no political or advertising messages.

2.12 Equipment Control

Equipment Control will be available for Athlete self-checking from 17:00 on Friday 24 October for all equipment including boats. There will be no compulsory pre-competition equipment control.

From 08:30 on Saturday and 08:00 on Sunday until 30 minutes before the first race, the equipment will be available.

Any athlete's equipment may be selected for post competition equipment control. Boats may be checked for weight, length and width, nose & tail and rail dimensions. Buoyancy vests and helmets may be checked to ensure compliance with the current ICF rules.

Athletes whose equipment does not pass a post competition check will be disqualified for that run/phase (DSQ/R).

2.13 ICF World Ranking

All competing Athletes with a result will receive ICF world ranking points based on their final results.

2.14 Saturday Evening

On Saturday evening the venue will remain open into the evening where food and beverages can be purchased from the Bar & Cafe.

3 ENTRIES PROCESS & FEE

3.1 Entry process & deadlines

Entries must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): https://icf.msl.es/icf/icf.jsp

There is no limit to the number of entries per event per National Federation however overall entries are capped at 200.

Entry Deadline - 14 October 2025
Each athlete competing must be entered by name.

Any British athletes wishing to enter must use the Paddle UK Slalom Committee entry process by 7 October 2025.

3.2 Entry Fee

An Entry Fee of GBP £38 will be charged for each event entry.

The entry fee will include the following services:

- Entry into the event
- Boat storage
- Public wifi access on venue
- Emergency first aid
- An invitation letter for visa applications where required

There is no fee or requirement to register coaches and support personnel.

Acceptance of a late entry is at the discretion of the Organisers and the ICF. Late entries must comply with ICF Canoe Slalom competition rule 1.6.1f and Chapter 6 (2025 rules) regarding late entries.

3.3 Bank details

The participation fees must be paid by bank transfer for international athletes before the 20th October, no other payment method is available.

Bank	Barclays Bank Ltd, 2 High Street, Nottingham, NG1 2EN
Account Name	British Canoeing
Sort Code	20 63 33
Account Number	9331 6157
SWIFT/BIC	BARCGB22
IBAN	GB80 BARC 2063 9331 6157

When making payments please quote "CSL RR" followed by your country code.

Payments must be made in GBP £. Bank and currency charges must be paid by NFs in addition to the accreditation fee.

If you require an invoice please contact finance.dept@paddleuk.org.uk.

4 TRAINING

4.1 Unofficial Training

Additional training requests, before or after the event can be made direct with the venue throughout 2025 by email LVwhitewaterevents@gll.org.

Exclusive Hire

Exclusive Hire of the Olympic Channel is available for a fee of £515.00 (p/hour) GBP inclusive of all taxes.

All sessions will be required to sign a booking agreement direct with the venue send in advance of their session the following documents:

- Public Liability Certificate
- Risk Assessment

On arrival to the venue for the first agreed water session, you will be met by a member of the venue's senior team who will take you through the code of conduct for use of the venue. All rules must be adhered to throughout the hire period for the safety of all users.

Shared slalom water session

There will be shared sessions available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday ahead of the event. These sessions will be on a first come first serve basis. Please book via the link HERE.

5 VENUE

5.1 Course

The event will be run on the Olympic Channel which was used for the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

5.2 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.

5.3 Facilities

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

Boat Storage – a boat store area is available by the lake. Boats are left at owners 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.

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

Drinking Water – access to drinking water for all athletes and team staff.

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

Smoking – smoking is not permitted 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.

5.4 Parking

Parking is available at the venue for those competing in the event.

6 ACCOMMODATION



SportsHotels offer discounts at a number of hotels worldwide, including around Lee Valley. Booking through this link will secure discounts at a range of hotels. Below is a list of accommodation options that have been used for previous events:

- Delta Hotels Waltham Abbey
- Premier Inn Waltham Abbey
- Premier Inn Enfield

There are also youth hostels and campsites in the local area including:

- YHA Youth Hostel Cheshunt
- Lee Valley Campsite, Sewardstone

7 VISA & ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION REQUIREMENTS

Please note, the UK Government requirements have recently changed and all visitors to the UK now require either a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

Individuals can check if they require a UK visa or ETA by visiting: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

For information on entry to the UK please visit the UK Border Control website: https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control

VISA Guidance

A UK 'Standard Visitor' Visa will be required for athletes, officials and support personnel from countries which UK Border Agency has categorised as 'Visa Nationals'.

To find out how long getting a visa might take in the country you are applying from visit www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times. *(Please note if a nation does not apply for their visas in due time, it cannot be guaranteed that their application will be processed in time and that additional charges may be applied by the UK Government for an express service).*

You must apply online for a visit visa at www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa. After you have applied online, you will need to make an appointment to attend one of our visa application centres. Find your nearest centre at www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre

Paddle UK will issue an official invitation to athletes, officials and support personnel from National Federations where the participants are listed as 'Visa Nationals'. Please contact Richard Stacey-Chapman richard.stacey-chapman@paddleuk.org.uk to obtain a visa invitation.

ETA Guidance

To find out more about the ETA requirements and how to apply, visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta.

There is also a government video available which details the process here - (127) How to Apply For a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) - YouTube

Brexit Guidance

For those travelling from the EU, any Brexit information and a tracker are available on the following website: https://www.gov.uk/brexit

8 MEDICAL SERVICES

The HOC will provide and cover medical services only for emergency cases (first aid). All participants are responsible to arrange, at their cost, their own medical insurance policy.

Qualified Water Safety personnel will be on the bank during competition.

The following Hospitals include full medical facilities including Accident and Emergency departments (distances from LVWWC):

- NHS Minor Injuries Unit – Cheshunt (2.2 miles)
- North Middlesex University Hospital – Edmonton (8 miles)
- Princess Alexandra - Harlow (9 miles)

9 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be performed in accordance with the ICF Anti-doping requirements and WADA standards.

In line with ICF rules all athletes and support personnel are required to complete the ICF (Adel) online anti-doping course.