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2026 ICF SUP World CUP
SUZHOU CHINA

5-7 October 2026



WELCOME TO SUZHOU, CHINA



As President of the Chinese Canoe Association, I am pleased to announce that Suzhou, China, will host the 2026 ICF Stand-Up Paddling World Cup. This event reflects the International Canoe Federation's trust in China's growing water sports sector, and offers an elegant stage for stand-up paddling in Suzhou, the Venice of the East.

Suzhou is a millennium-old ancient city shaped by water and renowned for its waterscape. Wrapped around the city is the Ancient City Moat, with clear water winding through the town interspersed with countless bridges, forming a natural competition venue for stand-up paddling steeped in unique Jiangnan charm. SUP athletes from across the globe will stage a top-tier contest of sprint, technical and distance races on the crystal waters of the Ancient City Moat. We anticipate witnessing the perfect harmony between ancient city walls and modern sporting competition, where serene waterways coexist seamlessly with surging competitive passion.

Guided by the principles of "universal participation, international exchange, cultural-sports integration, and safe operations", this event aims to connect the world and bring SUP closer to the public. The Chinese Canoe Association and the Host Organising Committee (HOC) are fully committed to ensuring smooth operations, working with all partners so that every participant can focus on their races and enjoy Suzhou's unique charm.

We look forward to welcoming you to Suzhou. May the city's grace and resilience leave a lasting impression on your sporting journey.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Zhan Hui, the President of the Chinese Canoe Association.

Zhan Hui

President of Chinese Canoe Association

ORGANISING BODIES

Host	International Canoe Federation (ICF)
Organisers	China Water Sports Administration Chinese Canoe Association (CCA) Jiangsu Provincial Sports Administration Suzhou Municipal People's Government
Co-Organisers	Suzhou Municipal Bureau of Sports Suzhou Gusu District People's Government Suzhou Historic City Group
Operators	Suzhou Oriental Watertown C&T Sport

LIST OF EVENTS

The 2026 ICF SUP World Cup (Suzhou, China) features multiple age categories and board types, combining elite-level competition with youth development and mass participation.

Divisions		Events & Distances	Equipment Requirements	Age
Juniors		Sprint Race 100m Technical Race 1km Long Distance Race 8km	Hard board shorter than 14 feet	15–18 years old
Open		Sprint Race 100m Technical Race 1km Long Distance Race 16km	Hard board shorter than 14 feet	15–65 years old
Over 40s		Sprint Race 100m Technical Race 1km Long Distance Race 16km	Hard board shorter than 14 feet	40–65 years old
Over 50s		Sprint Race 100m Technical Race 1km Long Distance Race 16km	Hard board shorter than 14 feet	50–65 years old
Inflatable Board Open	Individual	Long Distance Race 16km	Inflatable board shorter than 14 feet	15–65 years old
	Mixed Doubles	Long Distance Race 16km	Inflatable board shorter than 18.4 feet	
	Mixed Four- Person	Sprint Race 100m	Inflatable board shorter than 22.4 feet	
Foil Board		Technical Race 300m	Pump foil boards shall be of symmetrical monohull construction. Multihull craft, rudders, and any electric or mechanical propulsion devices are prohibited. Foils shall be mounted only within the rear third of the board and shall be fixed in position with no means of adjustment.	15–65 years old

The Mass Participation Race is open only to SUP enthusiasts residing in mainland China who are not competing in the World Cup. Participants in this race shall not be eligible to compete in any of the above events. Detailed regulations will be issued separately.

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE (Beijing Time)	AGENDA
Saturday, October 3	Athlete Check-in
Sunday, October 4	Athlete Check-in, Equipment Inspection, Athletes' Night
Monday, October 5	Technical Race, Sprint Race
Tuesday, October 6	Technical Race, Sprint Race
Wednesday, October 7	Opening Ceremony, Long Distance Final, Awards Ceremony

OFFICIAL CONTACTS

Event & Visa Enquiry: csmkfu@ctsport.cn

Hotel Reservation & Enquiry: michellezhang94@163.com

ENTRY PROCEDURE & ACCREDITATION

All team and individual athlete entries, as well as accompanying personnel registration, shall be submitted via the HOC's official email address: csmkefu@ctsport.cn.

The CCA will complete the unified entry information registration under ICF standards.

Key Entry Requirements:

Athletes are required to complete their registration personally and remain fully responsible for the accuracy of their entry and for their participation in the competition.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 15 September 2026 (Beijing Time)

Entry Form Download: Annex 1 ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEES | REGISTRATION TABLE

(I) Juniors / Open / Over 40s / Over 50s

Registration Period (Beijing Time)	Single Event	Two Events	Three Events
On or Before 10 August 2026	CNY 190	CNY 230	CNY 310
11 August – 1 September 2026	CNY 230	CNY 270	CNY 350
2 – 15 September 2026	CNY 310	CNY 390	CNY 470

(II) Inflatable Board Open (Individual / Mixed Doubles)

Registration Period (Beijing Time)	Entry Fee
On or before 10 August 2026	CNY 115 /person
11 August – 15 September 2026	CNY 155 /person



ENTRY FEES | REGISTRATION TABLE

(III) Inflatable Board Open (Mixed Four-Person)

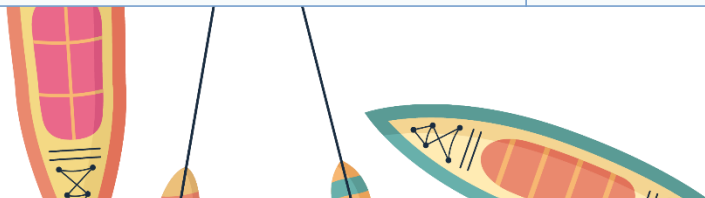
Registration Period (Beijing Time)	Entry Fee
On or before 10 August 2026	CNY 80 /person
11 August – 15 September 2026	CNY 115 /person

(IV) Foil Board

Registration Period (Beijing Time)	Entry Fee
On or before 10 August 2026	CNY 80
11 August – 15 September 2026	CNY 115

(V) Accompanying Person

Registration Period (Beijing Time)	Entry Fee
On or before 10 August 2026	CNY 115
11 August – 15 September 2026	CNY 190



SERVICES INCLUDED

SERVICE CATEGORY		Athletes	Accompanying Person
Accredited Area Access		√	√
Guarded Board Storage		√	X
Medals		√	X
Parking (1 Vehicle)		√	X
Bib & Race Kit		√	X
Timing & Official Results		√	X
Event Services*		√	√
Athletes Rest Area		√	X
Suzhou Scenic Spot Tickets		√	√
√ Included	X Not included	EVENT SERVICES INCLUDE: Drinking water, medical care, internet access, venue security, event insurance, organizational services, live streaming, official announcements	

Each athlete (same bib number) is entitled to only one service package, regardless of the number of events entered.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The event is organised in accordance with the ICF Stand Up Paddling Competition Rules, the event-specific regulations, and all applicable ICF regulations.

(I) Age Requirements

Athletes may compete from the year of their 15th birthday. Athletes under the age of 18 must provide written parental or legal guardian consent.

(II) Personal Responsibility

Each athlete enters the competition under their own responsibility and is fully responsible for the accuracy of their registration information and their own health condition. The HOC cannot be held responsible for any injury or accident arising from the athlete's personal health issues.

(III) Basic Capability Requirements

All participating athletes must be able to swim at least 200 metres without assistance and be capable of paddling in open-water conditions.

PRIZE MONEY

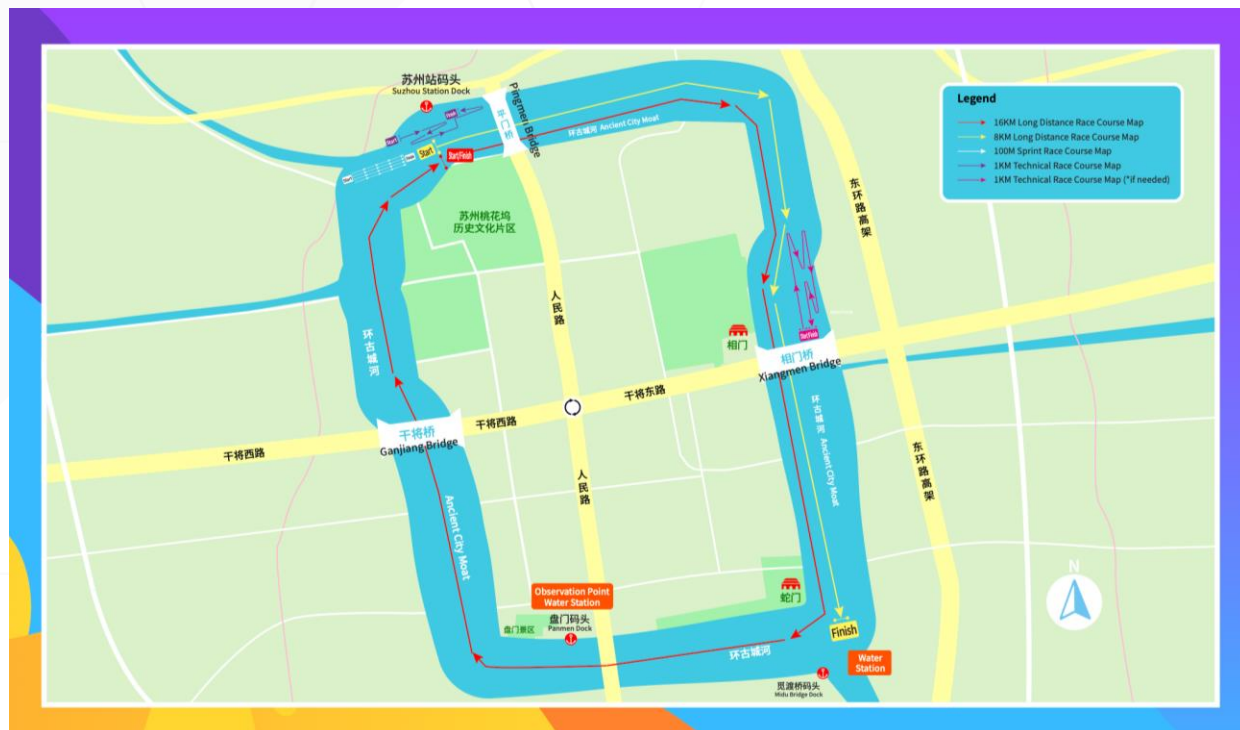
The total prize purse for this event amounts to CNY 500,000, as a tribute to every competitor striving on the water. The prize money will be awarded in accordance with the ICF Competition Rules. All prize amounts are pre-tax. Individual income tax will be withheld and remitted in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

RANK	Open			Over 40s			Over 50s			Juniors		
	Long Distance Race	Technical Race	Sprint Race	Long Distance Race	Technical Race	Sprint Race	Long Distance Race	Technical Race	Sprint Race	Long Distance Race	Technical Race	Sprint Race
1	10000	6000	6000	3000	1500	1500	3000	1500	1500	2000	1200	1200
2	7000	4000	4000	2000	1200	1200	2000	1200	1200	1500	1000	1000
3	5500	3000	3000	1500	1000	1000	1500	1000	1000	1200	800	800
4	4500	2000	2000	1200	800	800	1200	800	800	1000	600	600
5	4000	1500	1500	1000	600	600	1000	600	600	900	400	400
6	3500	1200	1200	900	400	400	900	400	400	800	300	300
7	3000			800			800			700		
8	2600			700			700			600		
9	2200			600			600			500		
10	1800			500			500			400		
11	1500			400			400			300		
12	1300			300			300			200		
13	1100											
14	900											
15	800											
16	700											

RANK	Inflatable Board Open			Foil Board
	Individual	Mixed Doubles	Mixed Four-Person	
	Long Distance Race	Long Distance Race	Sprint Race	Technical Race
1	3500	6000	8000	3000
2	2500	4000	6500	2000
3	1800	3000	4500	1500
4	1500	2500	3500	1000
5	1200	2000	2500	800
6	1000	1500	2000	600
7	900	1000	1500	
8	800	700	1000	
9	700			
10	600			
11	500			
12	400			

Prize table for The Mass Participation Race (only for Chinese-based paddlers) will be issued separately.

RACE COURSE MAPS



Events	Distance	Race Course Information	Location
Long Distance	16km	A full loop around the Ancient City Moat of Suzhou, with water stations set up at both the 8km and 10km points	South Square, Suzhou Station (Main Venue)
	8km	Finishes at Midu Bridge Pier. Shuttle boats provided to return athletes & equipment to the main venue	
Sprint Race	100m	Straight course	
Technical Race	300m	At least 1 right turn and 1 left turn	Xiangmen (if needed)
	1km	At least 2 right turns and 2 left turns	
	1km	At least 2 right turns and 2 left turns	

The start and finish points of all courses are located on the water surface.

Main Venue – South Square, Suzhou Station



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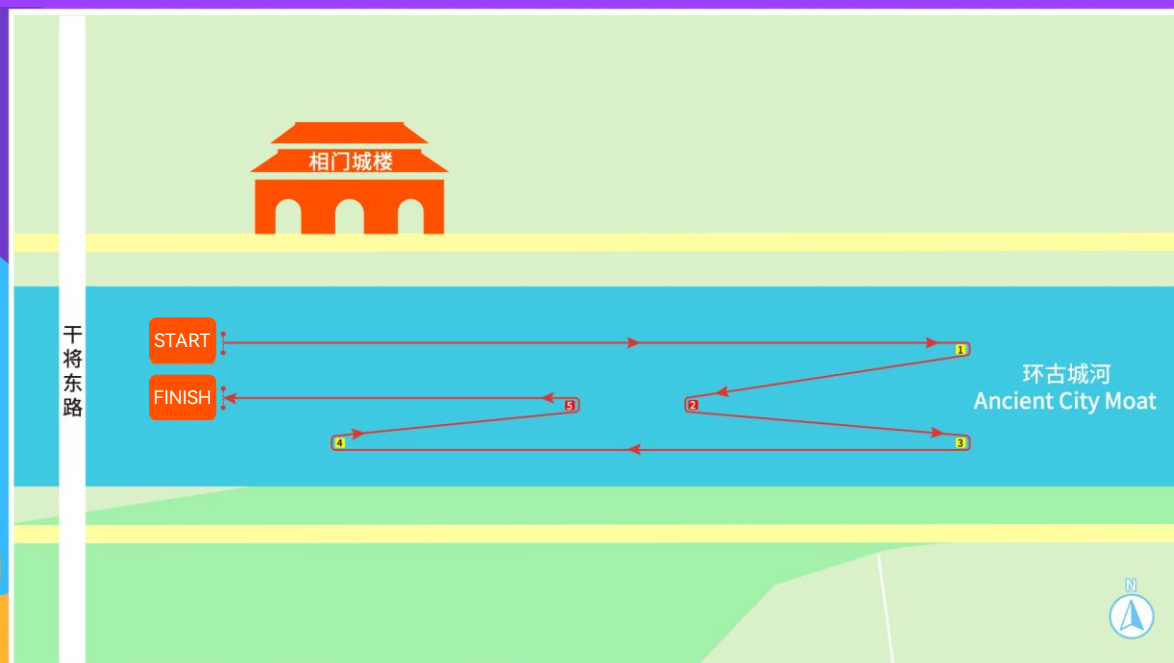
1KM Technical Race

Main Venue - South Square, Suzhou Station



1KM Technical Race 2

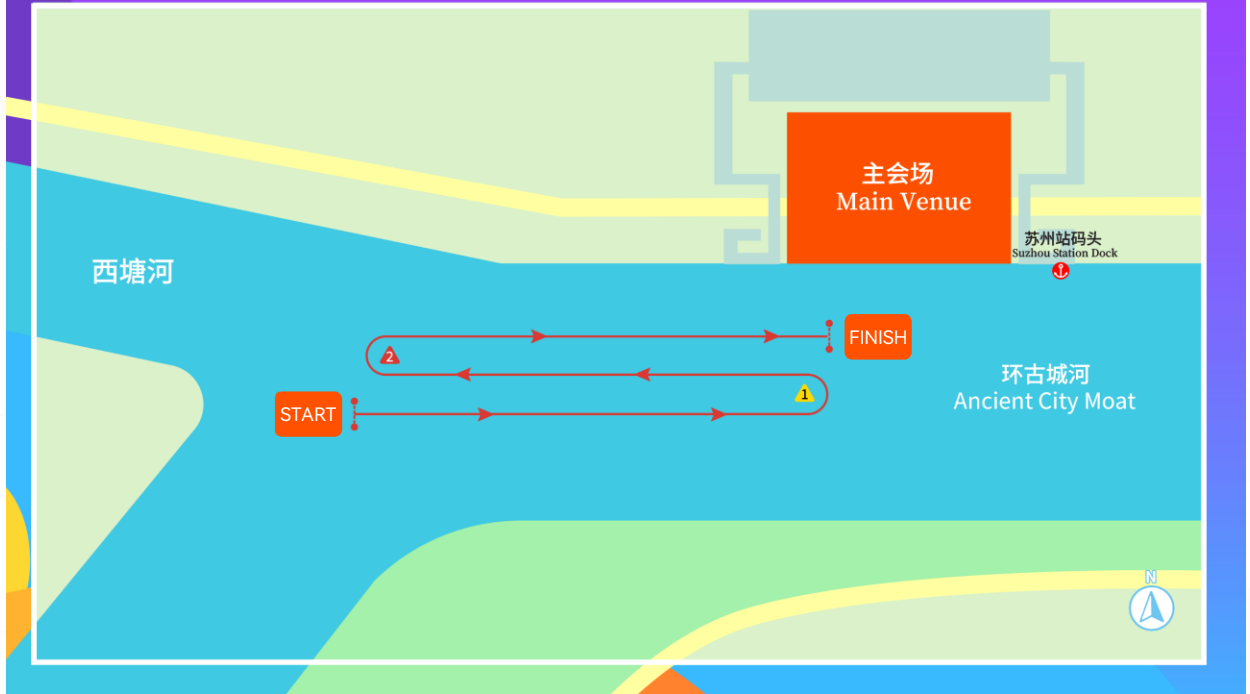
Branch Venue - Xiangmen (if needed)



RACE COURSE MAPS

300M Technical Race

Main Venue - South Square, Suzhou Station



BOARD RENTAL SERVICE

Officially designated SUP board rental providers will be on-site during the competition. Athletes may consult the on-site providers regarding all equipment reservations and rental terms.

Rental Price Reference:

Hard Board
CNY1500-2000 per board per day

Inflatable Board
approx. CNY500 per board per day

Important Notes: The HOC shall not be involved in the coordination, reservation or consultation of SUP board rentals and will not accept any rental-related requests.



HOW TO REACH SUZHOU

Boasting an integrated nationwide transport infrastructure with over 230 civil trunk airports and air routes linking more than 200 global destinations, China enables international visitors from nearly all regions to reach its core gateway cities within an eight-hour flight for seamless onward travel to Suzhou.

Shanghai, China's core transport hub, is approximately 85 kilometers from downtown Suzhou, with high-speed rail trips taking as little as 23 minutes. The Suzhou City Terminal (SZO) delivers one-stop services including international flight check-in and baggage drop-off services for overseas passengers.

● (I) From Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport (SHA)

Taxi: Around 85 km, approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes' ride

Public Transport: Take Shanghai Metro Line 10 to Hongqiao Railway Station (2 mins), then take high-speed rail to Suzhou Railway Station (25 mins).

● (II) From Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG)

Taxi: Around 140 km, approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes' ride

Public Transport: ① Take Shanghai Airport Link Line to Hongqiao (38 mins), then transfer to high-speed rail bound for Suzhou Railway Station (25 mins) ② Take long-distance coach to North Square of Suzhou Railway Station (2 hours and 30 mins).

● (III) From Wuxi Sunan Shuofang International Airport (WUX)

Taxi: Around 40 km, approximately 45 minutes' ride

Public Transport: Take Wuxi Metro Line 3 to Wuxi Railway Station (34 mins), then take high-speed rail to Suzhou Railway Station (16 mins)

WEATHER IN SUZHOU

In early October, Suzhou is in the transition period between summer and autumn, with temperatures tending to be warmer in the first half and cooler in the second. Overall conditions feel quite comfortable, though occasional lingering summer heat may still occur, making it suitable for outdoor sporting events. Days are warm to slightly hot, with noticeable temperature differences between morning and evening. Affected by cold air, temperatures tend to drop somewhat in the latter half of the event, accompanied by slightly stronger winds, providing diverse natural conditions for the events.

Climate Parameter	Historical Reference Values
Daytime Maximum Temperature	24–35°C
Morning/Nighttime Minimum Temperature	21–26°C
Rainfall During Event Period	0–5 mm
Relative Humidity	48–99%
Average Wind Speed	0.1–4 m/s
River Water Temperature	Approx. 22°C
Daylight Hours	Approx. 11.5 hours

Weather conditions vary from year to year, so figures above are for reference only. Athletes shall check the HOC’s pre-event meteorological notice for real-time accurate weather information.

OFFICIAL HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

All official accommodation venues are within a maximum 30-minute drive from the competition venue, with convenient transportation and comprehensive event-related amenities.

A range of hotels and lodging solutions will be available, with various room types (single, double, twin, triple, family), subject to availability. All participants are recommended to book accommodation via the official booking channel to enjoy exclusive discounted rates.

Hotel Reservation & Enquiry: michellezhang94@163.com



OFFICIAL HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Name	Star Rating	Price Range (EUR)	Hotel Capacity	Driving Time to Venue
Gusu Yard Hotel	4 Star	90.6–323.6	148	16 mins
Atour Hotel Suzhou Beisi Pagoda Taohuawu Street	4 Star	141.6–205.9	150	10 mins
Suzhou Taohuawu Beisita Manting Garden Hotel	4 Star	154.4–257.4	100	10 mins
Manxin Mansion Taohuawu Shantang Street, Suzhou	4 Star	115.8–154.4	150	10 mins
Suzhou Taowu Lanyuan Hotel	4 Star	115.8–154.4	55	10 mins
Suzhou Central Hotel	4 Star	51.5–103.0	450	20 mins
Suzhou Castle Scholars Hotel	4 Star	51.4–70.8	290	25 mins
Jinji Lake Grand Hotel	5 Star	103.1–219.0	171	27 mins
Kempinski Hotel Suzhou	5 Star	103.1–141.8	458	26 mins
Worldhotel Grand Dushulake	5 Star	58.93–116.0	297	28 mins

LUNCH AT THE VENUE



During the event period, lunch boxes will be available for pre-order at the event venue, open to all participating athletes and accredited non-competing personnel.

Meanwhile, official event hotels will also offer catering reservation services for athletes and shuttle transfers between the venue and hotels.

Booking procedures, pricing, menu details, and collection times will be published in a forthcoming official Event Bulletin.

Special menus are available to accommodate vegetarian, vegan, and other dietary requirements.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

(I) Pre-Registration Approval

Athletes shall submit registration applications by email to the HOC at csmkefu@ctsport.cn. The HOC will review all registration information. Once approved, an official Confirmation Letter will be sent to the athlete.

(II) Payment Methods

Option A – On-Site Payment (Cash in CNY/EUR or Credit Card)
Available to all teams/athletes without a mainland Chinese bank account or online payment access. Cash payments shall be settled at a fixed exchange rate, unaffected by market fluctuations. The fixed rate is 1 EUR = 7.77 CNY, based on the euro/CNY central parity rate published by the China Foreign Exchange Trade System (CFETS) under authorization of the People's Bank of China, effective 30 June 2026 (Beijing Time). This rate shall apply uniformly to all on-site cash transactions. Credit card payments shall be settled at the real-time exchange rate applicable on the transaction date.

Option B – Advance Online Payment (CNY Only)
Available to teams/athletes with a valid mainland Chinese bank account, Alipay or WeChat Pay account. Please ensure that the payment remarks include the team name and athlete's name, exactly as they appear on the entry form.

Bank Account for Payment:

公司名称: 中清体育有限公司

开户行: 中信银行上地支行

账号: 8110701013903175754

TERMS OF PAYMENT

(III) Change Policy (For On-Site Payments)

The HOC will provide change in either CNY or Euro (converted at the fixed exchange rate stated above), with the specific currency to be determined by the HOC based on on-site availability. Athletes may not request a specific currency.

(IV) Basis for Determining Registration Period and Applicable Discount (For On-Site Payments)

For teams/athletes opting for on-site payment, the timestamp of the flight itinerary submitted to the HOC via the official registration email (csmkifu@ctsport.cn) shall serve as the sole basis for determining their registration period and applicable discount rate.

The flight itinerary must clearly show the athlete's full name, flight number, arrival date, and destination city. Both confirmed bookings and issued tickets are acceptable at the time of submission. If the itinerary changes after submission, a new itinerary must be resubmitted within 48 hours of the change; otherwise, the original submission timestamp will remain valid.

Please submit your flight itinerary as early as possible after receiving it to avoid any impact on the applicable fee determination. Discount eligibility is determined solely by the submission timestamp, and no retroactive adjustments will be made after the registration deadline. The HOC shall not be held responsible for any eligibility issues arising from time-zone differences or email delivery delays.

ANTI-DOPING

For the 2026 ICF SUP World Cup (Suzhou, China), all athletes, coaches and support personnel must complete and pass the relevant anti-doping online course corresponding to their role on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL). More information is available on the ICF official website:

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

MEDICAL CARE

A dedicated medical centre will be set up on-site, equipped with doctors on duty, ambulances, and first aid equipment, to provide basic first aid and on-site medical support for all official participants.

The costs above the regular first aid and ambulance services are to be covered by the athletes' own medical insurance policy. The HOC is not responsible for covering expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

VISA

(I) Visa-Exempt Entry

Citizens of countries listed in China's bilateral visa exemption agreements or unilateral visa exemption policy may enter Mainland China visa-free for stays of up to 30 days (or as otherwise specified by the applicable agreement). This visa-free status does not permit work, study, long-term residence, or any stay exceeding the permitted duration.

(II) Visa-Required Entry

If your country is not listed above exemption lists, or if your intended stay exceeds 30 days or falls outside tourism or competition purposes, you must obtain a valid Chinese visa prior to arrival. Please check the latest requirements at the [Consular Service Network of China](#) well in advance.

Due to the possibility of adjustments to entry-exit policies at any time, it is recommended that relevant personnel closely monitor official announcements and may also consult the Chinese embassies or consulates in the relevant countries (regions).

(III) Invitation Letter Support (for visa applications)

The HOC can issue an official Visa Invitation Letter to assist with your visa application, provided that all required team information is submitted to the official email (csmkefu@ctsport.cn) no later than September 2026.

Required information for an invitation letter:

- Full name (as shown in passport) of each team member
- Passport number and nationality
- Dates of entry and exit
- Accommodation address in China
- Total team size and full personnel roster

Important Notes:

- Invitation letters will only be processed upon receipt of complete and accurate information.
- Incomplete submissions will not be processed.
- Visa application processing times vary by country.
- Athletes are strongly advised to initiate their visa applications at least 6–8 weeks prior to departure.
- The HOC does not intervene in consular decisions and cannot expedite visa issuance.

For any visa-related inquiries, please contact:

csmkefu@ctsport.cn



ATHLETE PACK

Contents: Athlete Jersey, Bib (with Timing Chip), Competition Guide, 1 Can of Energy Drink, Suzhou Cultural Souvenir, Suzhou Scenic Spot Ticket, Sponsor VIK items, etc.



参赛包X1
Athlete Pack



参赛服X1
Athlete Jersey



(仅供参考)
for reference only

号码布X2
Bib (with Timing Chip)



参赛指南X1
Competition Guide



(仅供参考)
for reference only

文创产品X1
Suzhou Cultural Souvenir



盘门景区+苏州食事馆+苏州水巷游

景区门票X3
Suzhou Scenic Spot Tickets

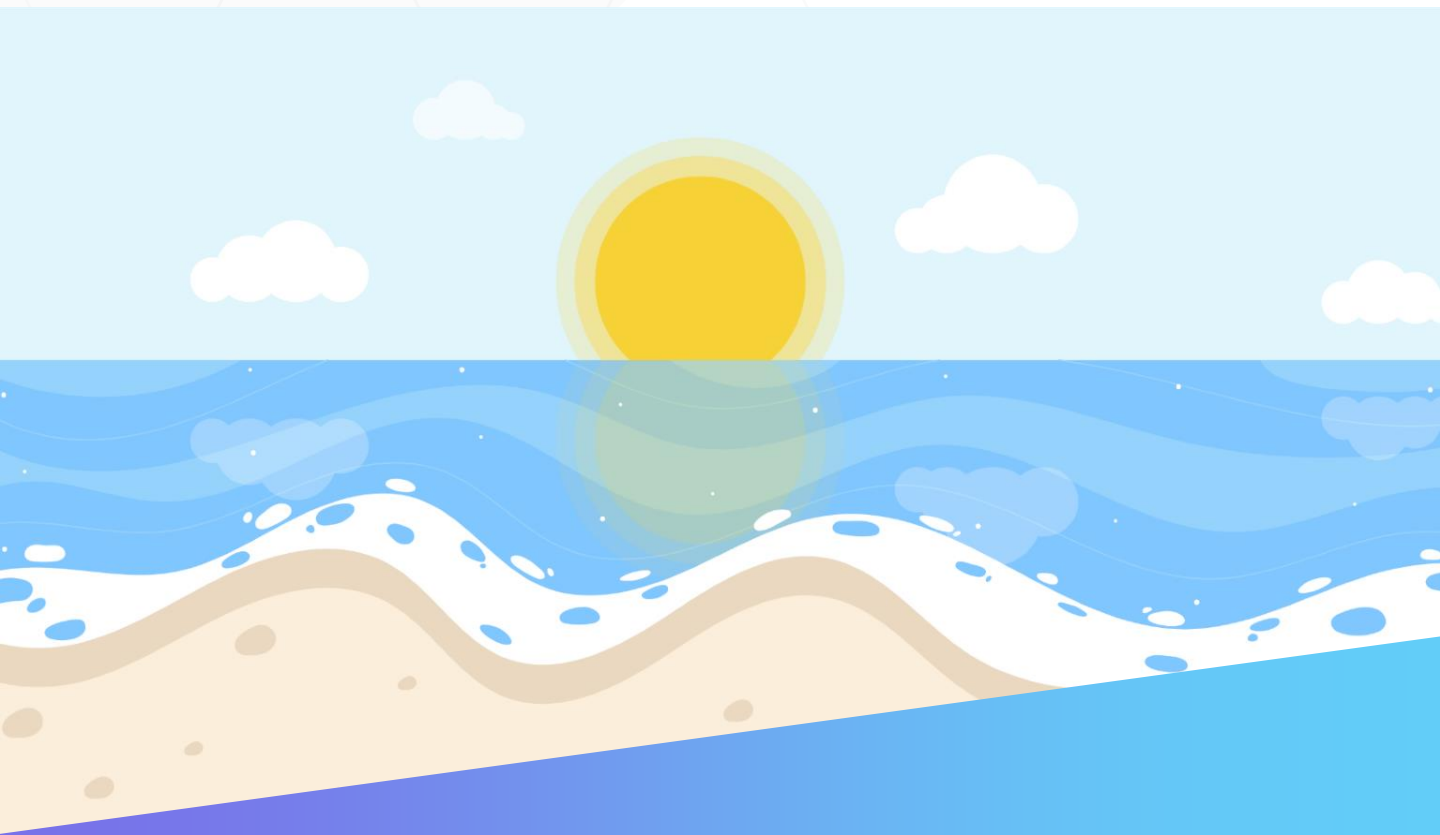


肽素乳固体饮料X1
Peptide Plant milk



鱼满仓风味饮料X1
1 Can of Energy Drink

COMPETITION BIB



Each competitor will receive their own individual competition bib at the accreditation desk, which shall be worn at all times during the event for identification purpose.

No deposit is required for the bib, and it does not need to be returned after the races.

If the bib is lost, the competitor will be required to pay a replacement fee of €50.



MEDICAL APTITUDE & INSURANCE

Each athlete is solely responsible for their health and fitness to compete. By registering, athletes confirm their medical fitness as declared in the ICF Entry Waiver.

The HOC accepts no liability for any injury, illness, or health-related consequences during the competition.

All participants are required to obtain adequate medical insurance.

For full and binding regulations, refer to the ICF website.



HOST COUNTRY: CHINA



China has a time-honored civilization, featuring stunning natural scenery and an inclusive multi-ethnic culture. Shaped like an east-facing rooster, its territory spans 9.6 million square kilometres with over 1.4 billion residents. To the west lies the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, known as the "Roof of the World," while to the east stretches the magnificent Pacific coastline. Beijing, the capital, is home to iconic landmarks: the Palace Museum, the Great Wall and the Temple of Heaven.

Welcome to China - a feast of flavours, a wonderland of landscapes, and a hub of innovation and advanced technology.

Yet our true pulse beats on the water. From ancient dragon-boat rituals to today's thriving SUP clubs, paddle sports run deep in our veins. We've turned our iconic rivers into vibrant arenas, where every stroke tells a story of continuity and courage. Join us, and feel the energy of a nation that races forward while honouring its timeless soul.

HOST CITY: SUZHOU



The Humble Administrator's Garden

As a UNESCO World Heritage and classical Jiangnan water garden in Suzhou, the Humble Administrator's Garden embodies timeless oriental waterside aesthetics.



Ancient City Moat of Suzhou

As a World Heritage waterway of the Grand Canal, it embodies the timeless aquatic charm of this historic Jiangnan water city.

Located in southeast Jiangsu within the Yangtze River Delta, Suzhou adjoins Shanghai, Zhejiang, Lake Tai and the Yangtze River. Laced with rivers and lakes, it has four distinct seasons and a mild, humid climate, famed as a classic Jiangnan water town.

Dating back to 514 BC, Suzhou has a history of more than 2,500 years and preserves its signature layout of interlaced waterways and streets. Boasting its stone bridges, white-walled black-tile residences and classical gardens, Suzhou is one of China's first national historical and cultural cities, with 884 heritage sites including 61 national and 128 provincial protected relics.

<https://english.suzhou.gov.cn/>



Gusu District, Suzhou – Ancient City Moat of Suzhou

Stretching approximately 16 kilometers in total length, the Suzhou Ancient City Moat boasts a history of over 2,500 years and constitutes a vital waterway of the Grand Canal of China, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once serving as the city moat and part of the Grand Canal, the moat stretches up to 100 meters wide, connecting eight city gates and over 20 ancient stone bridges. It once served military defense and grain transportation, now retaining genuine Jiangnan water-town scenery. The unique Panmen Water-and-Land Gate is a world-famous landmark. It is an ideal place to experience Jiangnan culture and waterside charm. Many domestic and international aquatic events have been hosted here.

KEY VISUAL - LOGO



2026 ICF SUP World CUP



SUZHOU CHINA

FULL VERSION: GLOBE, PANMEN,
SUP AND EVENT NAME;
SUITABLE FOR ALL OFFICIAL
MATERIALS



2026 ICF SUP World CUP
SUZHOU CHINA

INSET VERSION: GLOBE ELEMENT
REMOVED, SUITABLE FOR DIRECT
PLACEMENT ON CLEAN
BACKGROUNDS



2026 ICF SUP World CUP

SUZHOU CHINA

MINIMAL VERSION: HIGHLY RECOGNISABLE, POWERFUL FOR WIDE DISSEMINATION;
FIT FOR SMALL SPACES, STICKERS AND CO-BRANDING WITH SPONSORS

Integrating Suzhou's millennial water charm with dynamic SUP sports, this design merges Panmen culture and oriental garden hues in balanced Sino-Western aesthetics.