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WELCOME LETTER

President of Polish Canoe Federation

As the President of Polish Canoe Federation I am proud that International Canoe Federation entrust the organization of event to Poland.

On this course every year we are organizing the most important events.

I am convinced that in 2026 the organizers: Polish Canoe Federation and Krakow Canoe Club will make every effort to ensure the fair play race. We believe that the Athletes sport dreams come true. I am honored to invite to Krakow for ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup and I wish unforgettable experiences and emotions.

Grzegorz Kotowicz





Mayor of Krakow

Dear Athletes, Coaches and Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup**. It is a true honour for Kraków to host athletes from all over the world who represent the highest level of sporting excellence, passion and determination.

The World Cup will be held at the **Kraków KOLNA** Canoe Slalom Course, a venue well known to Europe's and the world's top competitors. Over the years, it has hosted competitions of the highest international rank, including championship events and races held as part of the European Games. The modern infrastructure of the KOLNA course, meeting international and Olympic standards, provides excellent conditions for world-class competition. Freestyle requires not only strength and technical skill, but also courage, focus and split-second decision-making. I am confident that the races at the KOLNA course will deliver thrilling moments and unforgettable sporting emotions for both athletes and spectators. Kraków is an open and welcoming city, rich in history and proud of its sporting traditions, with long-standing experience in hosting international events. I believe that the unique atmosphere of our city will support outstanding performances and create opportunities for building friendships and sharing experiences beyond borders.



I wish all participants successful runs, satisfaction from fair and inspiring competition, and lasting memories from their stay in Kraków. I would also like to thank the fans, whose enthusiasm and support form the true heart of every sporting event.

Aleksander Miszański
Mayor of the City of Kraków



President of Krakow Canoe Club

On behalf of Krakow Canoe Club, the local organizer of the **ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup** I am pleased to invite you to participate in this event.

It is a great honor for us to host such a great sport event in Krakow again

I am looking forward to meet the participants of the World Cup.

It would be a great pleasure to see you again.

You are always welcome to visit our Kolna slalom course.

We guarantee a great atmosphere and good training conditions.

Looking forward to see you in Krakow.

Zbigniew Miązek

President of Krakow Canoe Club



LOCATION



Poland

Poland (Polska) is a Central European country known for its rich history, diverse landscapes from the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains, vibrant culture, and delicious cuisine like pierogi; it's a member of the EU and NATO, with Warsaw as its capital, and is characterized by a temperate climate and friendly people.

Most important



Official language

Polish



Capital

Warsaw



Currency

Zloty (pln)

About City

Krakow is one of Poland's oldest and most beautiful cities, rich in history and culture. A former royal capital and UNESCO World Heritage Site, it features landmarks like **Wawel Castle**, the **Main Market Square**, and the **Kazimierz district**. Krakow is also a popular base for visiting nearby attractions such as the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, **Auschwitz**, and the Tatra Mountains.



HOW TO GET TO KRAKOW

BY AIR



Krakow-Balice Airport is located in the town of Balice, 11 km from Krakow. The "Balice Ekspres" is the fastest connection between the center of Krakow and the airport. You can also take a bus or a taxi from the airport to the city.

BY CAR

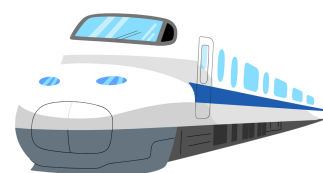


You can get to Krakow on the A4 highway (toll). This makes traveling from the west fairly easy. Driving from Warsaw : the easiest route is the S7 express road. The center of Krakow is a parking zone. Drivers pay at parking meters located along the streets of the city center. From January 2026 there is a Clean Transport Zone in Krakow.

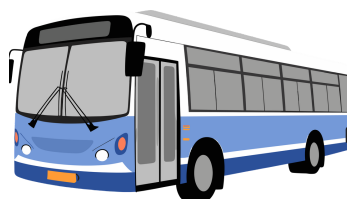
Please take a look on important information here:
https://krakow.pl/krakow_open_city/news/303918,245,komunikat,low_emission_zone_in_krakow__a_practical_guide.html.

BY TRAIN

All trains arriving in Krakow stop at Krakow Glowny. The station is located near the city center and has connections to other cities in Poland and Europe. You can buy tickets online, at ticket counters or at ticket machines in the station.



BY BUS



The PKS (Bus Transport Company) station is centrally located behind the Central Railway Station in Krakow. It offers both domestic and international services. In addition to ticket offices, kiosks, a bar and a PKS information desk, the bus station hall also houses travel agencies selling tickets for international routes.

KRAKOW CANOE CLUB



Krakow-Kolna Canoe Slalom Course <https://kolna.pl/tor-kajakowy>

Krakow is a host city for canoe slalom events and canoe freestyle, as it has an artificial whitewater course on the south bank of the Vistula River. The Krakow-Kolna canoe slalom course is 320 meters long and has a drop of 4.5 meters. It offers different levels of difficulty and features such as waves, holes, eddies and gates.

The course is open all year round and has a heated tent that covers the starting pool in winter.

ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup

The ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup will be held in September 2026.

The event will be a great opportunity to enjoy the spectacular sport of canoe freestyle and support the athletes.

Krakow Canoe Club



Length:

320 m



Drop:

4,5 m



Flow:

15 m³ / s

How to reach the venue from Krakow city

The easiest way to get to Kolna Venue from the Krakow Główny Railway Station: by tram 52 to Czerwone Maki and by bus 203 to Tor Kajakowy. From Balice Airport taxi is the fastest transfer (around 10 minutes).

If you prefer to travel by public transfer you need to travel by train to Krakow Główny and then by tram 52 and bus 203.



EVENTS AND GENERAL DATES

ICF World Cup Events

Surface boats
MK1 Men's Kayak
MK1J Men's Kayak Junior
WK1 Women's Kayak
WK1J Women's Kayak Junior
MC1 Men's Canoe decked
WC1 Women's Canoe decked
XOC1 Unisex Open Canoe

COMPETITION PROGRAM

Monday 21st September 2026	Official trainings
Tuesday 22nd September 2026	Official training
Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Official training, Team Leader meeting
Thursday 24th September 2026	Official trainings, Opening Ceremony.
Friday 25th September 2026	Competition Day 1
Saturday, 26th September 2026	Competition Day 2
Sunday, 27th September 2026	Competition Day 3, Closing Ceremony

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Entries and deadlines

PRINCIPLES

Entries and accreditation requests for the event must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): Entries and accreditation requests for the event must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

If you have any questions or problems regarding entries or accreditation, please contact sdp@canoeicf.sport before the respective deadline.

NUMERICAL ENTRIES Close: August 10, 2026 - 23:59 CET

You must enter the number of athletes you will be entering in each event through SDP. You must also provide an estimate of the total number of athletes and team officials who will be attending the event with your delegation. August 10, 2026 - 23:59 CET

NOMINAL ENTRIES

You must submit the name of each Athlete who will compete in the Event through SDP. You must also submit the names of team officials who will require accreditation for the event. These entries will be used to generate accreditation cards for all teams. **Nominal Entries close: September 15, 2026 - 23:59 CET.**

REMINDER

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or event organizer will NOT be accepted. You must use the SDP to submit your entries and requests.

TRAINING

Free official training before the WORLD CUP will be organized from

Monday 21 September 2026.

Training Before the Official Training Period: You can sign up for optional training before the official training period. The cost of these training sessions is €15 per person.

Please email biuro@kolna.pl for more details.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition program includes the following events: A detailed competition schedule will be soon available on the ICF website - Event Page: **2026 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup - Krakow.**

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

The organizer offers accommodation for teams in Kolna Sports Center, which is located near the canoe slalom course. The center has a three-star hotel, a hostel, a camping area and a sports centre. The organizer can also assist in booking different types of hotels in Krakow according to the needs of the teams. For accommodation information, please contact with **Magdalena Zięba**.

The cost of accommodation starts from **11,50 EUR/ per person per night** – accommodation on camping. We offer accommodation, meals and trainings package. Please send your detailed request by e-mail and we will prepare the offer.

Contact	
E-mail	hotel@kolna.pl
Phone	+48 512-482-604
Address	Hotel KOLNA ***, 2 Kolna Street, 30-381 Cracow
Webside	www.kolna.pl

Free parking is available on-site for guests staying at the hotel.



GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

VISA REQUIREMENTS

You can find visa information at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/dyplomacja>

To issue visa invitations, the Organizing Committee requires a list of the participants with the following information:

- Name
- Surname
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Expiration date
- Gender
- Function

Deadline for sending visa application request: 10th August 2026. Please send your request to office@pzkaj.pl

Participation fee

Participation fee

A Participation Fee of **100 € per Athlete** will be charged for each accredited athlete and team official, to cover the duration of the Official Training and Competition phases.

The participation fee will include the following services:

- Entry to the competition
- Access to the Opening Ceremony
- Access to Athlete/Team accredited areas
- Public wifi access on venue
- Free parking on site
- Emergency first aid during Official Training and Competition times
- Water safety during Competition
- Drinking water during official training and competition periods
- Refreshments/snacks during competition
- Ticket to the Championships party
- Athlete welcome package

Please note that the ICF will also charge a judges supplement per athlete to each NF once the nominal entries closes.

How to pay

By bank transfer **until 19th September 2026**.

By cash or card during stay in Krakow in accreditation office. The bank details for transfer are:

BANK ACCOUNT

Beneficiary	Krakowski Klub Kajakowy
Poland Bank name	BNP PARIBAS
Bank account no	PL 22 1600 1420 1710 5992 1000 0005
SWIFT code	PPABPLPK

GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION PROGRAM

All athletes, coaches, and support personnel must have completed the relevant anti-doping online course on the WADA Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role. The certificates showing completion should be sent by each National Federation to ***sport@canoeicf.sport***

Previous certificates are still valid for this season. There is no need to repeat the program unless the person's role changes (e.g. athlete becomes a coach).

Accreditations will not be issued until the certificates are marked off. More information at: **<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>**.

Link to access ADEL platform: **<https://adel.wada-ama.org>**

HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Local organizer	CRACOW CANOE CLUB
Adress	2 Kolna Street, 30-381 Cracow
Website	www.kolna.pl
E-mail	biuro@kolna.pl
Phone	+48 510 132 250

Official organizer	POLISH CANOE FEDERATION
Adress	Jana Kazimierza 45/U7 street, 01-248 Warszawa
Website	www.pzkaj.pl
E-mail	office@pzkaj.pl
Event website	https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-freestyle-world-cup/krakow-2026

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