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2026
STAND UP PADDLE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

LAST INFORMATION

OFFICIAL GUIDE FOR ATHLETES AND TEAMS

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WELCOME TO SABAUDIA

Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that the Italian Canoe Kayak Federation (FICK) extends a warm welcome to all athletes, teams, officials, and supporters attending the **2026 Stand Up Paddling World Championships**, taking place in **Sabaudia, Italy, from October 14 to 18, 2026**.

This document contains key information to support your planning and help ensure a smooth and successful experience throughout the event.

Hosting this prestigious World Championship in Sabaudia is a great honour for us. With its unique natural setting and strong sporting tradition, Sabaudia is ready to welcome the international SUP community for five days of exciting and highly competitive racing.

Athletes are at the heart of this event. Our priority is to provide the best possible conditions for every competitor, through high-quality facilities, efficient services, and a welcoming atmosphere. Together with the International Canoe Federation, we are working to create the ideal environment for a successful and memorable World Championship.

We look forward to sharing this great celebration of Stand Up Paddling with all of you. On behalf of FICK and the Organizing Committee, we wish you a successful preparation and **look forward to welcoming you to Sabaudia in October 2026.**

Organizing Committee

2026 PWW Stand Up Paddling World Championships – Sabaudia

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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ITO - INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

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J Jury 2	Terry	BEST	GBR
J Jury 3	Jean	ZOUNGRANA	FRA
RD **Race Director**	Noémi	HORVATH	HUN
CM **Competition Manager**	Kazuki	TAMURA	JPN
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AL Aligner	Jomana	ATTIA	EGY
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ID ID control	Dragana	BAJIC	SRB
BC Board control	Ka Wing	KWOK	HKG
ST Starter	Igor	DOSEN	SRB
ST Starter	Scott	Warren	GBR
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CU Course umpire	NTO	NTO	ITA
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PRELIMINARY COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	PROGRAMME
Tue 13 October 2026	■ 16:30 Athletes' Briefing ■ 18:30 Opening Ceremony
Wed 14 October 2026	SPR Sprint preliminary rounds & heats CAT Masters 40+ & 50+ • Junior • Open
Thu 15 October 2026	TEC Technical preliminary rounds & heats CAT Masters 40+ & 50+ • Junior • Open
Fri 16 October 2026	SPR Sprint semifinals & finals CAT Kids U12 & U15 • Masters • Junior • Open ● Foil Race • Medal Ceremonies
Sat 17 October 2026	TEC Technical heats, semifinals & finals CAT Masters • Junior • Open ● Medal Ceremonies
Sun 18 October 2026	LD Long Distance races CAT Junior • Masters • Open • Kids U12 & U15 FUN Inflatable Race • Fun Races ● Medal Ceremonies



COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

One official WhatsApp group has been created for the **2026 Stand Up Paddling World Championships**.

All athletes are strongly encouraged to join the official **SUP 2026 World Championships WhatsApp group** by scanning the QR code or clicking the link provided.

The Competition Committee and the Host Organising Committee (HOC) will use this group to share **official communications, key updates, and important information** before and throughout the event.

Whatsapp group link for Participants

https://chat.whatsapp.com/IPE3en16z8UIbVsWZXv9bu?mode=gi_t

OPENING CEREMONY

The **Opening Ceremony will take place on October 13, 2026, at 18:30 in Piazza del Comune, Sabaudia**, and will last approximately one hour.

All participants are warmly invited to attend and **join us in celebrating the official opening of the Championships**, for what promises to be a memorable evening bringing together athletes and participants from around the world.

Opening Ceremony Location:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/EQEVpjBg82n7EDjp9

SELF-BOARD CONTROL

All athletes are responsible for ensuring their boards comply with the technical requirements of the Competition as outlined in the rules.

LATE ENTRY & BIB VEST

Late entries may be accepted only in exceptional circumstances, subject to the Race Director's approval and provided they do not require changes to the competition programme. Additional late entry fees will apply.

Late entry requests must be submitted by email to international@federcanoa.it.

Each competitor will receive an individual BIB singlet, which must be worn during the competition.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Information

The Accreditation Centre is located at the **Regatta Course – Caserma Piave in Sabaudia (headquarters of the Italian Navy Rowing Sports Centre – MARIREMO) – Corso Principe di Piemonte, 19, 04016 Sabaudia (LT), Italy.**

https://maps.app.goo.gl/9jbefdSASawEC7YD8

General Information

All participants must collect their accreditation badge at the Accreditation Centre before accessing the competition venue. Access will not be permitted without a valid badge.

Accreditation will be issued only after:

All applicable fees have been paid in full to the Host Organising Committee (HOC);

Presentation of a valid passport or ID card to verify citizenship and age.

At the Accreditation Centre, participants can also collect their BIB numbers.

Athletes are kindly requested to check their event registrations and immediately report any errors or missing entries to the Accreditation Desk.

An Information Desk will be available to assist participants with general enquiries and information about the Championships.

Lost or damaged accreditation badges will be replaced at a cost of €50.

DATE	DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
12/10	Monday		14:00-18:00
13/10	Tuesday	08:00-13:00	14:00-18:00
14/10	Wednesday	08:00-13:00	14:00-18:00
15/10	Thursday	08:00-13:00	14:00-18:00

Please note that the accreditation office opening hours are subject to change according to the final competition schedule. Should the races start earlier than currently scheduled, the accreditation office will open accordingly, at least one hour before the first race.

Additional Note: Start lists and results will be available digitally only and will not be printed.

TRAINING ACCESS

Please note that the lake is located on private property. The competition venue will officially open on October 12, 2026, at 14:00 and training on the lake will be permitted from that time onwards.

Athletes are kindly requested not to access or train on the lake before the venue officially opens.

Beach Access - The beach is located near the venue and is freely accessible to all participants and visitors.

MEALS & WATER

Starting from October 14th, a **dedicated catering service for athletes** will be available at the venue from **11:30 to 14:30**. Meals will be freshly prepared on site, and a **dedicated dining area with tables and seating** will be available for athletes.

A **bar service will also be available for both athletes and spectators** throughout the event. **Meals and bar purchases can be paid for directly on site. Acceptable methods of payment: cash (EUR), credit card (Visa, Mastercard).**

Drinking water will be available from fountains located throughout the venue.

ITO EXAMINATION & SEMINAR – 13 OCTOBER 2026

The PWW International Technical Official (ITO) Examination and Seminar will take place in **Sabaudia on 13 October 2026 at 9.00 am**, ahead of the 2026 PWW SUP World Championships.

Qualified representatives interested in attending are invited to check the dedicated **Paddle Worldwide** page for further information and registration details.



SHUTTLE SERVICE

A shuttle bus service will operate daily between the following hotels and the Regatta Course **from October 13 to October 18, 2026**. The detailed shuttle timetable will be shared closer to the competition dates.

In case of any issues, please contact: international@federcanoa.it

#	H HOTEL / ACCOMMODATION	A ADDRESS
1	Hotel Mami Sabaudia	Corso Vittorio Emanuele III, 120, Sabaudia
2	Hotel Le Palme	Corso Vittorio Emanuele III, 2, Sabaudia
3	Hotel Zeffiro	Via Zeffiro, 1, Sabaudia
4	Hotel Baia d'Oro	Via Caterattino, 11, Sabaudia
5	**Best Western Plus Sabaudia**	Viale 4 Stagioni, 2/6, Sabaudia
6	Agriturismo Acquachiara	Strada della Tenca, 20, Sabaudia
7	Camping Sabaudia	Via Sant'Andrea, 29, Sabaudia
8	Hotel Centrale	Via Venezia, 1, 04016 Sabaudia

BOARD STORAGE

All boards must be stored in the designated outdoor board storage areas and is first come, first served.

Access to the venue by private vehicles is not permitted. **Boards must be carried by hand from the designated unloading/parking areas to the venue and to the dedicated board storage areas.**

Please be advised that, in accordance with the regulations of the Military area, **private tents and gazebos are strictly prohibited within the venue**. All athletes and participants are therefore requested not to set up personal tents or gazebos in any area of the Regatta Course.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in complying with the venue regulations.

PARKING AND TRAILER AREA

The HOC will provide a designated parking area for cars and vans located immediately next to the Military Base (LINK https://maps.app.goo.gl/SCYwGHJqmNhHj7F16), within easy walking distance of the competition venue.

A separate designated area will be available for trailers, which must be left in the assigned area and cannot be brought inside the Military Base.

Please note that private vehicles are not permitted inside the Military Base. Boards and equipment must therefore be unloaded in the designated areas and carried by hand to the competition venue.

CYCLING AT THE VENUE

The use of bicycles and scooters is not permitted within the team area. Please note that bicycle rental will not be provided during the event.

Drones are also strictly prohibited.

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

All athletes and relevant support personnel participating in the 2026 SUP World Championships in Sabaudia are required to comply with the applicable anti-doping regulations and education requirements.

Participants are responsible for completing the appropriate anti-doping education programme according to their role and for ensuring compliance with all applicable anti-doping rules before competing.

The WADA Anti-Doping Education and Learning (ADEL) https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn platform provides dedicated educational courses and resources for athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel. [adel.wada-ama.org]

All participants are strongly advised to complete the relevant anti-doping education requirements before arriving in Sabaudia.

For further information on anti-doping requirements and education, please refer to the applicable Paddle Worldwide regulations and the official WADA ADEL platform.

https://cdn.paddleworldwide.com/media/2021_icf_anti-doping_rules.pdf



PRIZE MONEY

A total prize pool of €30.000 gross will be awarded to the Open category medalists in the Long Distance, Technical and Sprint races, as follows:

CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
M Men Open Technical	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00
M Men Open Sprint	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00
M Men Open Long Distance	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00
W Women Open Technical	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00
W Women Open Sprint	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00
W Women Open Long Distance	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00

All payments will be processed in compliance with applicable financial and fiscal regulations, which may vary depending on the athlete's country of residence.

TEAM EVENTS

The Nations Cup will be awarded in accordance with the 2025 PWW SUP Rules (Article 1.8.7), based on the cumulative results of the Open and Junior categories, for both men and women.

For the Long Distance and Technical races, each National Federation may enter a team of up to four (4) athletes. The results of the top three (3) athletes will count towards the team ranking.

National Federations must enter athletes for the team events through the PWW SDP system, available at: https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp



ATHLETE ID CONTROL & PRE-RACE PROCEDURES

Athletes may embark only from the designated area, where officials will check boards, equipment, BIBs and accreditation cards.

For Sprint races, athletes will receive a specific BIB and board number according to their lane. Officials will place the board number on the board.

For Technical and Long Distance races, officials will attach the GPS devices.

Coaching or supporting athletes from the ID Control area is strictly prohibited and may result in the athlete's disqualification.

For Sprint and Technical races, athletes must report to ID Control between 20 and 10 minutes before their scheduled start.

For Long Distance races, athletes may pass through ID Control from 1 hour before the start and no later than 10 minutes before their scheduled start.

After ID Control, Sprint athletes must proceed with their boards to the starting area. When their race is called, they must line up in lane order, starting from the lowest lane number.

POST-RACE BOARD CONTROL

After each race, the first four boards, together with other boards selected at random, may be checked by the Competition Committee.

Athletes must check after crossing the finish line whether their board has been selected and, if required, proceed to the designated Board Control Area.

All boards and equipment must comply with the Paddle Worldwide SUP Competition Rules in force.

Athletes are strongly advised to check their equipment before racing at the self-control station located in the Athlete Area.

ATHLETES' BRIEFING & COMMUNICATION

The **Athletes' Briefing** will take place on-site, next to the LED wall, on **Tuesday, 13 October at 4:30 p.m. (Sabaudia local time)**.

To stay updated with all official information before and during the event, join the **official 2026 PWW SUP World Championships WhatsApp Group**.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Leash: mandatory for Long Distance, Inflatable, and Recreational races, in accordance with PWW regulations. PFD: optional for all races, except for Kids races, where it is mandatory, as specified by PWW regulations.

Please note that leashes and PFDs will not be provided by the Organising Committee (OC).

MEDAL AWARDING CEREMONIES

To ensure the smooth and formal conduct of the Medal Awarding Ceremonies, all athletes involved must report to the meeting point next to the LED wall at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the ceremony.

Award ceremonies will start promptly at the scheduled times. Due to the tight event schedule, athletes arriving late may not be able to take part in the ceremony.

Please note that caps, sunglasses and flags are not permitted on the podium. Wearing national colours is encouraged. Nation's Cup athletes must wear their national team outfit and appropriate footwear.

The exact schedule of the Medal Awarding Ceremonies will be communicated through the official WhatsApp group.

VIP

The Organizing Committee has designated a VIP Area, for special guests and invited representatives.

Access to the VIP Area will be strictly limited to authorized guests. Presidents and Secretaries General of National Federations will be invited to access the area.

COURSE MAPS

Athletes must complete the course as quickly as possible following the start command. Throughout the entire course, including all turns, athletes must respect their opponents and make every effort to avoid collisions. Athletes responsible for causing a collision may be subject to disqualification.

An athlete is considered to have finished the race when the nose of the board crosses the finish line with the athlete standing on the board and both feet in contact with it.

Please note that the race course and race procedures may be modified due to safety requirements or weather conditions.

SPRINT RACE

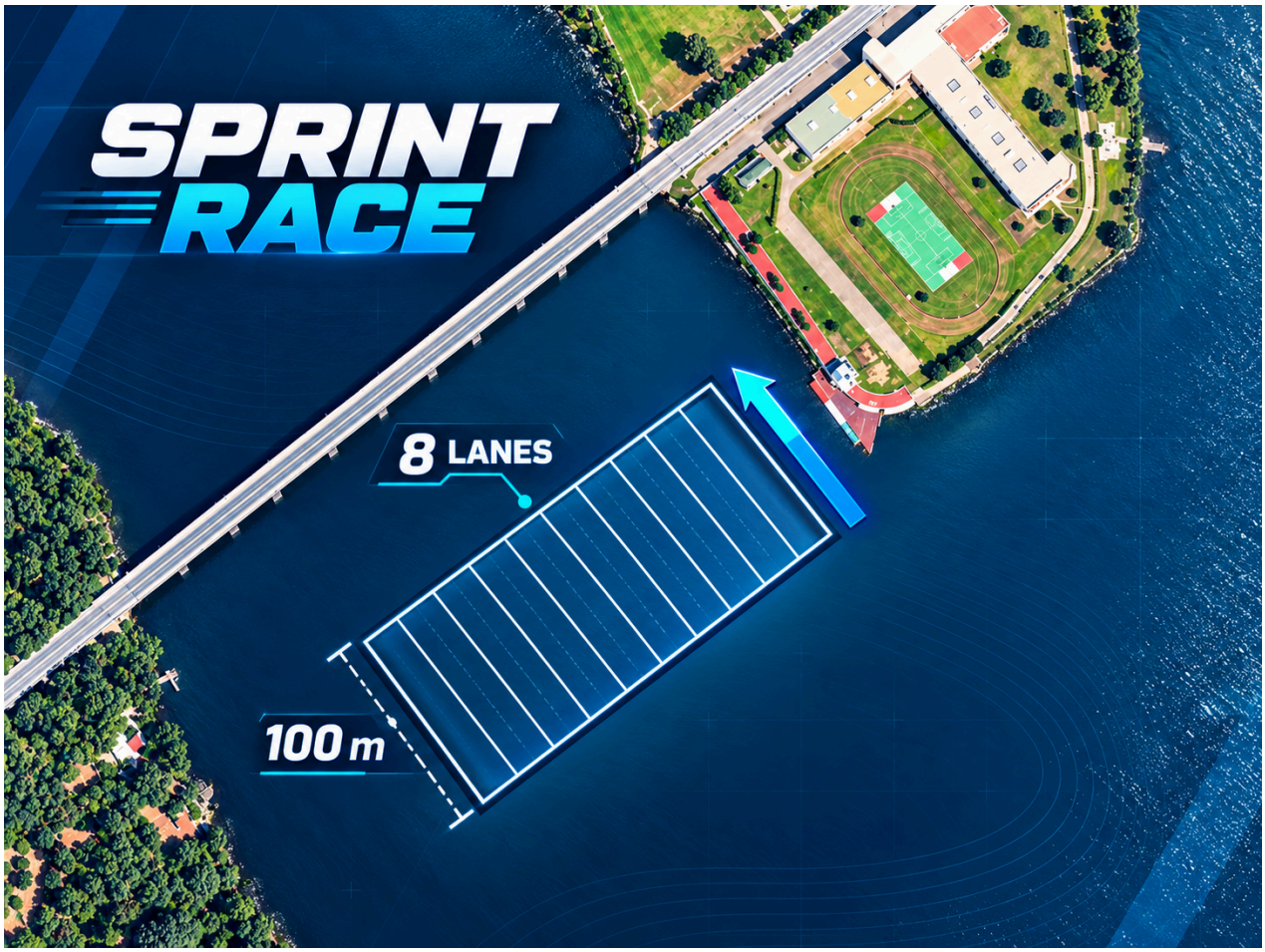
The Sprint race will cover a distance of 100 meters and will be contested over 8 lanes. Each athlete must start, remain and finish in their designated lane. Athletes entering another lane will be disqualified.

The race will have a starting gates. The boards will be positioned with their noses on the starting line.

The start command is “Ready”, followed by a sound signal. Athletes must not paddle before the start signal. A false start will be called if an athlete paddles prematurely. A second false start by the same athlete will result in disqualification.

After crossing the finish line, athletes must disembark and return to the Athletes’ Area. Athletes selected for board control must bring their board to the designated Board Control Area. Please avoid paddling through the racecourse when returning, to avoid interfering with other races. Please remember to return your lane numbers.

After the A Finals, the top three athletes may be called for interviews.



TECHNICAL RACE

The Technical Race will consist of one lap, covering an approximate distance of 900 metres.

Athletes will line up on the pontoon, according to the lane number indicated next to their boards.

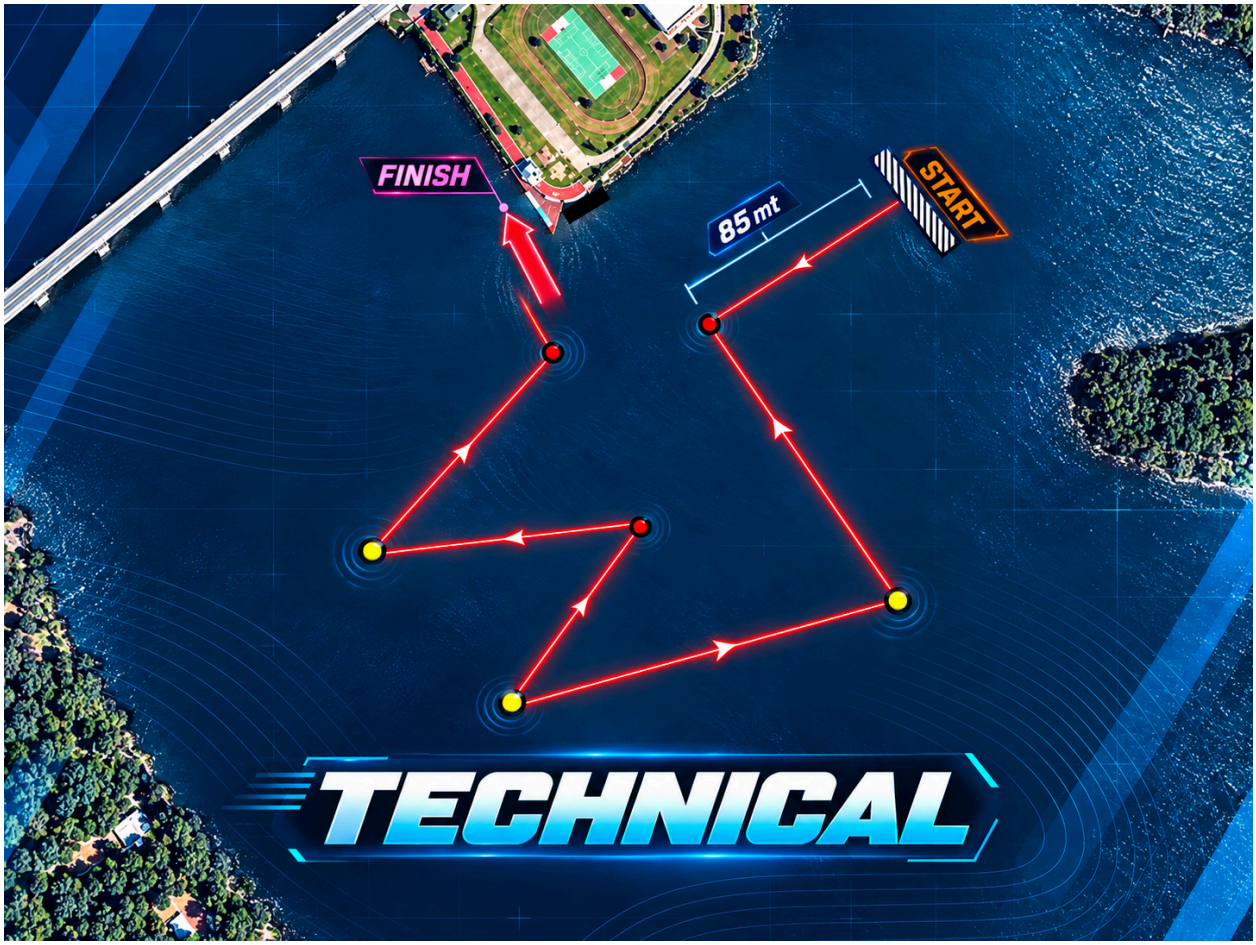
The start command will be “Ready”, followed by the start signal.

The course will feature 6 buoy turns, consisting of 3 left-hand turns and 3 right-hand turns.

The turning buoys will be different colours for left- and right-hand turns, making the course easier to follow and remember.

The race will feature a water start and a water finish.

Please remember to return your GPS device to the volunteers after crossing the finish line and reaching the shore.



LONG DISTANCE & INFLATABLE RACE

ID Control & GPS Devices

All athletes are required to pass through ID Control, which will be located before the embarkation area.

Some athletes participating in the Long Distance race will be equipped with GPS devices for enhanced race tracking and sports presentation. Athletes assigned a GPS device will have a separate line at ID Control.

Athletes are strongly advised to arrive at ID Control well in advance, as the process may take some time, particularly for those receiving GPS devices. Delays at ID Control will not result in a postponement of the race start.

ID Control for the Long Distance races will open one hour before the first start.

Please remember to return your GPS device to the volunteers after crossing the finish line and reaching the shore.

Start Procedure

For both the Long Distance and Inflatable races, the start line will be located on the water, between two buoys. All boards must remain completely behind the line formed by the two buoys until the start signal.

The start command will be “Ready”, followed by a horn signal.

The nose of the board must not cross the start line before the start signal. If the nose of the board is over the start line when the horn sounds, it will be considered a false start and may result in a time penalty or disqualification.

Course Distance

Long Distance: approximately 12 km (4 laps) for all age groups.

Inflatable/Kids: approximately 6 km (2 laps).

Both races will feature a water start and a water finish.

Drafting

Drafting between athletes from different categories is not permitted and may result in a penalty.

The penalty will be applied to the athlete who gains an advantage from the draft.

LONG DISTANCE COURSE MAP

