

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION



WILDWATER RACING COMPETITION RULES

Wildwater Racing Competition Rules

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Abbreviations used:

Competitor	- male or female competitor
Federation	- Member Federation of the ICF
ICF	- International Canoe Federation
IJWW	- International Judge for Wildwater
WWC	- Wildwater Racing Committee
WCW	- World Cup Wildwater
Competition Events	- World Championships, World Cups and International
Categories	- Kayak Men (KM), Kayak Women (KW), Canadian (Men)
Events	- Individual K1M, K1W, C1M, C2M, - Team: K1Mx3, K1Wx3, C1Mx3, C2Mx3
(GR)	- General rules (approval by Congress)
(TR)	- Technical rules (approval by the Board of Directors)

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1. OBJECT (GR)

- 1.1 The object of wildwater racing is to demonstrate a competitor's mastery of his boat in fast moving white water, while running a prescribed course in the shortest possible time.
- 1.2 Races considered to be Wild Water are those held from a point upriver to a point downriver. A river can be one that is natural, modified or artificial and must be at least class III in difficulty.

2. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (GR/TR)

- 2.1 All competitions announced as international shall be governed by the rules of the ICF.
 - 2.1.1 Competitions organised by a Federation or its affiliated associations are always regarded as international if foreign competitors are invited and participate.
- 2.2 An international competition must be supervised by at least one judge who holds a valid card as an International Judge Wildwater (IJWW).
 - 2.2.1 These officials are appointed by the Chairman of the WWC from nominations submitted by the organisers.
 - 2.2.1.1 Room and board for these officials is paid for by the organising Federation.
- 2.3 International Competitions:
International Competitions are open to all Federations.
The number of competitors is determined by the organiser or is open.
Some International competitions may be used in the World Ranking.
 - 2.3.1. The start order for International Competitions is taken from the current World Ranking.
- 2.4 There are three types of ICF competitions:
 - World Championships
 - Junior World Championships
 - World Cup Competitions
 - See special rules II & III

3. COMPETITORS (GR)

- 3.1 Only the members of Clubs or associations affiliated with an ICF Member Federation have the right to participate in an international competition.
- 3.2 A competitor is always allowed to take part individually in an international competition but must in each case obtain special permission from his/her National Federation.
 - 3.3.1 A competitor may take part on behalf of the Federation in a foreign country in which he/she is domiciled, if he/she obtains the authorisation of his/her Federation of origin. This authorisation has to be sent before 30th November prior to the year concerned to the ICF Headquarters with a copy to the Chairman of the Slalom Racing Committee.
 - 3.3.2 If he/she has lived for 2 years or more in this foreign country, the approval of his/her Federation of origin is no longer required.
 - 3.3.3 A competitor may not compete for more than one Federation in any one calendar year in the sport of canoeing. This rule does not apply in the case of a competitor who leaves his/her country of origin to marry in another country. He/she can, in this case, compete for his/her new Federation without awaiting the delay of 2 years.
- 3.4 The first year a junior competitor can compete is the year that his/her 15th birthday falls in and the last year he/she may compete as a junior is the year that his/her 18th birthday falls in.

4. **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR (GR)**

- 4.1 By the 1st of August of each year, Federations must send to both the ICF H.Q., and the Chairman of the Wildwater Committee, the international competitions which they plan to hold in the following year.
- 4.1.1 Information shall include date, nation, venue, name river and type of the International competition.
- 4.1.2 Federations may amend such submissions up to 30th September that year. After that deadline, it will be considered as finalised, and should be sent to the secretarial office of the ICF to be published.
- 4.1.3. All ICF Competitions must have the course approved by the ICF WW Committee. (See Standing Bye Laws for World Championships.)
- 4.2 By the 1st of November, the international calendar is published in the ICF Bulletin, or by special circular.

5. **MINIMUM PARTICIPATION (TR)**

- 5.1 An individual or a team category cannot take place unless at least 3 competitors or 3 teams from 2 different Federations start in that category.
- 5.2 It is not necessary for the validity of the competition that all 3 competitors or all 3 teams finish.

6. **CATEGORIES (GR)**

- 6.1 Individual Events
- Women K1
Men K1
Men C1
Men C2
- 6.1.1 A competitor may only participate in one single individual events.
- 6.2 Team Events
- Women 3 x K1
Men 3 x K1
Men 3 x C1
Men 3 x C2
- 6.2.1 Teams may only be comprised of competitors who are participating in individual events.
- 6.2.2 A competitor may only participate in a single team category.
- 6.2.3 A competitor may participate in a team category different from his/her individual category.
- 6.2.4 In International competition there may be, at the organisers discretion, Junior events in any or all of the above events.
- 6.2.4.1 Only one boat of a team may be substituted.
- 6.2.4.2 This change must be communicated to the Starter in writing.
- 6.3 Starting order.
- 6.3.1. In the individual events the start order is taken from the Current World Ranking.
- 6.3.2 In the team events the starting order is taken from the average results of the best three competitors of each Federation in each category. The starting order is the reverse order of these average results.

In anomalous cases the team/s will start at the top of the list.

7. **BOATS- PADDLES – ACCESSORIES (GR/TR)**

7.1 Boat Specifications

- 7.1.1 All types of K1:
length 4.50m maximum width of hull 0.60 m minimum
All types of C1:
length 4.30m maximum width of hull 0.70 m minimum

All types of C2:

length 5.00m maximum width of hull 0.80 m minimum

The seam joining the hull to the deck can be considered to be part off the hull for measurement. No extra components shall be added to the boat to enhance the dimension.

7.1.2 Minimum Weights of Boats

(the minimum weight of the boat is measured when the boat is dry)

All types of K1:11 kg

All types of C1:12 kg

All types of C2:18 kg

Note:- The air bags to be taken as being part of the boat. The spray deck is considered to be an accessory and not part of the boat.

7.1.3 Rudders are prohibited on all boats.

7.1.4 Boats must be designed to, and remain within the required dimensions.

7.1.5 Kayaks are decked boats which must be propelled by double bladed paddles and inside which the competitors sit.

Canadian canoes are decked boats which must be propelled by single bladed paddles and inside which the competitors kneel.

7.1.6 Boats may have only a single keel line, with a single bow and a single stern.

7.2 Trademarks and emblems

7.2.1 Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols (with the exception of tobacco products), emblems and words.

7.3 Requirements for ICF Wildwater Racing Competitions

7.3.1 The guidelines for any advertising material carried on the clothing and equipment of paddlers should be as follows:

7.3.2 All advertising material should be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with competitors identification and does not effect the outcome of the race.

7.3.3 The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks will not be accepted.

8. **OFFICIALS (GR)**

Depending on its nature and importance, an International Wildwater Competition is managed by the following officials:

8.1 Competition Committee

8.1.1 Every international Wildwater competition must have a Competition Committee consisting of 3 members.

Members of the Competition Committee must be IJWW.

The members of the Competition Committee are named d by the organising Federation on the basis of nominations received from the participating Federations. A participating Federation may not have more than one Competition Committee representative.

The Representative of the organising Federation shall preside over the Competition Committee.

- 8.1.2 The Competition Committee receives protests concerning non-observance of the rules of competition and makes the final decision in the event of disagreement concerning interpretation of the rules.
Decisions of the Competition Committee must be in accordance with ICF rules.
The Competition Committee may disqualify a competitor for the entire duration of the competition.
The Competition Committee decides on all questions raised during the competition that are not covered by the rules.
In the event of a tie vote, the chairman of the Competition Committee decides.

8.2 Officials (GR)

International competitions are to be supervised by:

- 1)Chief Official
- 2)Technical Organiser
- 3)Chief Judge
- 4)Section Judge
- 5)Starter
- 6)Pre Start Controller
- 7)Finish Judge
- 8)Time Keepers
- 9)Boat Controller
- 10)Safety Officer
- 11)Medical Officer (only for World Championships)
- 12)Media Officer (only for world Championships)

- 8.2.1 Officials 1, 2, 3, 4 must be IJWW.

- 8.3 The examination for international judges (IJWW) requires that the following conditions be met:

- 8.3.1 Only federations are entitled to nominate candidates for this examination.

- 8.3.2 Application must be entered to the General Secretary of the ICF at least two months beforehand and be accompanied by a fee of 20 US dollars.

- 8.3.3 The candidates shall not be younger than 25 years or older than 65 and have at least 5 years of national competition experience.

- 8.3.4 Candidates who have failed one examination, can enrol for another examination, but not earlier than the following year.

9. **DUTIES OF OFFICIALS (TR)**

- 9.1 The Chief Official directs the competition according to the rules.

- 9.2 The Technical Organiser is responsible for:
Local preparations for, and conduct of, the entire competition
The installation and proper functioning of technical equipment required for the competition.

- 9.3 The Chief Judge must assure that the competition is run correctly in keeping with the competition rules. He/she interprets the competition rules and may disqualify a competitor or grant a rerun.

- 9.3.1 The Chief Judge must submit a report to the Secretary of the ICF and to the Wildwater Committee concerning the running of the competition.

- 9.4 Section Judges are responsible for the portion of the course to which they are assigned.

- 9.5 The Starter assures that the competitors are in the correct order and gives permission to start.

He/she can refuse to start a competitor if the competitor

Fails to respect the safety rules.

Fails to present himself/herself at the start at the moment indicated after having

- been called.
Is not properly dressed or has no start number.
Does not follow the Starter's orders.
- 9.6 The Pre Start Controller confirms that both the competitor's boat and personal attire meet the safety rules (safety helmet, buoyancy jacket and boat). See rule [18](#).
He/she checks the boat carries marks approved by the Boat Controller.
He/she prohibits the departure of competitors and of boats that do not meet safety requirements.
Any time lost because of the above goes against the competitor.
- 9.7 The Finish Judge determines when a competitor has finished the course and coordinates with the Starter.
- 9.8 The Timekeepers are responsible for keeping the exact time.
- 9.9 The Boat Controller assures that the dimensions and weights of boats in the competition conform to the rules and marks them accordingly. He/she also ensures that the boats and buoyancy jackets conform to Rule 18 and may mark them.
He/she may advise on the conformance of boats, paddles, clothing and accessories to Rule [7.2](#).
The boat controller may refer concerning the safety of equipment (including the boat) to the chief judge.
- 9.10 The Safety Officer, together with the rescue squad and according to the circumstances, rescues competitors who have capsized.
He/she must have available the necessary safety and first-aid equipment to use in the event of a serious accident, and he/she must render effective assistance to a competitor in difficulty.
A physician must be continuously available.
- 9.11 An official may assume two or more functions. No official may call to or in any other way give technical advice to a competitor while on the course.

10. **INVITATIONS (GR)**

- 10.1 Invitations to an International Wildwater Competition must be sent 3 months before the competition and must contain the following information:
The date, place and type of competition.
A description of the course.
Training dates when rescue teams are present.
The approximate hour and order of the starts of the runs.
The categories.
Details of the nature of the course and character of the water (difficulty rating).
Safety measures
The address to which entries should be sent.
Amount of entry fee, if any.
The final date for entries.
List of challenges, prizes and conditions under which they are awarded.

11. **ENTRIES (GR)**

- 11.1 Entries to an international competition must be made by a Federation according to the instructions given in the invitation.
An entry must contain:
Name of the Federation or Club to which the competitors belong.
First and last name, start group for each competitor.
The categories in which the competitors or teams wish to take part.
The first and last name of team manager, IJWW and other personnel.
- 11.1.1 Entries may be made by telegram or facsimile if they have been sent by midnight of the deadline date.

- These entries must be confirmed immediately by letter.
- 11.2 The deadline for nominative entries shall be 14 days prior to the first day of the competition.
- 11.3 Late entries will not be accepted
12. **ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES (GR)**
- 12.1 The organising Federation must acknowledge receipt of the entries within 2 days.
13. **THE START ORDER (TR)**
- 13.1. In the individual events starts will be in reverse order of Current World Ranking. Where a competitor is not in the current ranking, then he/she will start at the beginning of the category.
In Junior categories the start order is based on the reverse order by Federation at the previous Junior World Championships.
- 13.2. In the team events the starting order is taken from the average results of the best three competitors of each Federation in each category.
The starting order is the reverse order of these average results.
In anomalous cases the team/s will start at the top of the list.
14. **COMPETITION PROGRAMME (TR)**
- 14.1 At least 24 hours before the beginning of the competition, a final programme must be available to each participating Federation, giving the name of the participants with their Federation or Club, as well as the result of the draw.
- 14.1.1 In organising the programme, the following principles should be followed:
The individual categories are run before the team categories.
The runs of an individual category must be completed during a single day.
The order of the races announced in the invitation, and the intervals between races announced in the programme of competition are binding on the organisers.
Modifications may not be made unless the majority of the team managers give their approval.
Sprint Races may be held on one or two days. For those held over two days, it is preferable that two categories run their two legs of the race the first day, and the two other categories the next day.
15. **ALTERATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES (TR)**
- 15.1 Announcement of changes or withdrawals must be made during the team managers' meeting, or in writing at least 1 hour before the first race of the programme on the day of competition.
- 15.1.1 Withdrawal of an entry is final and re-entry of the same competitor or team is not possible.
- 15.2 Any change of entry must be communicated to the Starter in writing.
16. **START NUMBERS (TR)**
- 16.1 Start numbers must be supplied by the organisers.
- 16.1.1 The number figures must be at least 15 cm in height and 1.5 cm in thickness.
- 16.2 They should be fixed visibly to the body of the competitors.
In C2 the number is worn by the bowman.
- 16.3 Each competitor is responsible for his/her start number.

17. **INSTRUCTIONS TO TEAM MANAGERS (TR)**

- 17.1 Each team manager must receive, at least 5 hours before the beginning of the competition, written directions concerning the following points:
A list of the start orders.
Detailed timetable.
Time that the course opens.
Starting time.
Position of the starting line.
Position of the finish line.
The interval between starts.
The signal used by the Starter to give the start, and that employed by the Judges to clear the course (whistle).
Place where the competition office and the Jury (only at World Championships) may be found.
The time and place for the inspection of boats.
Manner in which the boats are to be transported from the finish back to the start, if appropriate.
Regulations concerning training.
Place for Doping Control (when required)
- 17.2 A meeting of the team managers from each participating Federation must be held at least one (1) hour before the start of the official training. The following points should be discussed:
Additional instructions to competitors.
Approval of the course.
Changes and/or withdrawal of entries.

18. **SAFETY MEASURES (TR)**

- 18.1 All boats must be made unsinkable (stability walls can be added to complement the flotation devices) and be equipped at each end with a handle attached no more than 30 cm from the bow and from the stern.
- 18.1.1 The following are considered as handles: loops of rope, with handles, or rope running the length of the boat from stem to stern, or a handle that is an integral part of the boat construction
- 18.1.2 The handles must at all times permit easy insertion of a template which measures 10cm x 10 cm x 1.5cm.
- 18.1.3 The material used must be at least 6 mm in diameter, or a minimum cross-section of 2 x 10 mm.
- 18.1.4 Taping of the handles is not permitted.
- 18.1.5 All boats must be fitted with air bags in both the front of the boat (in front of the foot rest) and the back of the boat (behind the seat). The minimum total volumes capable of being contained in the air bags are to be as follows:

	Front	Back
K1	30 litres	50 litres
C1	40 litres	50 litres
C2	60 litres	60 litres

The volumes will be taken from the manufactures stamp on the air bags. In case of dispute the first decision shall be taken by Boat Control Judge and the second decision if appealed by the Jury.

- 18.2 Each competitor must wear a fastened safety helmet and a buoyancy jacket (buoyancy aid) as described below:
- 18.2.1 A buoyancy jacket (buoyancy aid) shall consist of non-absorbent flotation material

equally distributed, front and back, in a jacket or vest worn about the upper torso. It must have buoyancy sufficient to float a 6 kg legalised lead weight or it's equivalent in other metals , and should be designed to keep a conscious person floating in a face-up position in the water.

- 18.2.2 Each competitor must wear a fastened safety helmet with the chin-strap under tension at all times which is designed to protect the forehead, temples and ears. The helmet shall at least comply with the Standards applicable in the country where the competition held.
- 18.3 It is recommended that organisers spot-checks at both start and finish to ensure conformance with rules 7 –18.1 and 18.2.
- 18.3.1 In doubtful cases, buoyancy of the boat is checked. The boat must float level at the surface when filled with water.
- 18.4 Competitors must be able to free themselves immediately from their boat at all times.
- 18.5 In the event of non-observance of the safety rules, the Starter, the Pre Start Controller, the Boat Controller and the Chief Judge each, according to their assigned duties, are responsible to prohibit a competitor from starting.
- 18.6 In any event, competitors start at their own risk, neither the ICF nor the organisers bear responsibility for accidents or damage to equipment that may occur on the competition course.

19. **COURSE (TR)**

- 19.1. The course must be from a point upstream to one downstream. The course must be navigable for its entire length, always allowing easy passage for the boat. Two course types are possible:
 - 1. Wild Water Sprint
 - 2. Classic Wildwater Race
- 19.1.1. The Sprint Course can vary from 400m. to 800m. The starts are individual type. Results will be determined by adding the times of the two legs.
- 19.1.2. The Classical Wildwater course is less than 30 minutes. The starts are individual type.
- 19.2 At the Team Managers meeting before the beginning of the competition, the course must be approved by a simple majority of those present. If the course is not approved, the competition may be moved to an alternate course.
- 19.2.1 K1 - Women and Juniors may have a shortened course if a majority of Team Managers so demand.
- 19.3 Dangerous passages may be marked with gates to indicate the correct channel.
- 19.4 Portages are not allowed.

20. **TRAINING (TR)**

- 20.1 Training runs must be provided at least a day before the competition, and under the same technical conditions that will prevail during the competition. The water level during the official training must, except for circumstances beyond control, be the same as during the competition. The running time may be recorded and posted during training runs.
- 20.2 Once the bibs are distributed to each Federation, it is mandatory that all athletes wear them when training or racing.

21. **START (TR)**

- 21.1 Starts may be directly upstream or downstream.
- 21.2 Each boat must be held at the starting position until the start by an assistant to the Starter.
- 21.3 Only standing starts are permitted. The start will be indicated by an audible signal. In team runs, the second and third boats must be stationary (preferably held) until the first boat activates the timing of the run. In any case, any special instructions of the starter must be adhered to.
- 21.4 Categories may be started in any order with an appropriate time interval between categories.

22. **START ORDER (TR)**

- 22.1 *Wildwater Sprint*
 - 22.1.1 For each Wildwater Sprint events each category will have a definite start time for each leg.
 - 22.1.2 The individual start times within each category will be variable and as directed by the starter at the time of starting.
- 22.2 *Classic Wildwater Race*
 - 22.2.1 As per previous 22.1.1
 - 22.2.2 As per previous 22.1.2
- 22.3 The start intervals are normally the same for the entire competition. Intervals may be varied to accommodate Television live coverage etc.

23. **FALSE START (TR)**

- 23.1 Only the Starter is qualified to determine that a false start has occurred and to recall the competitor by means of an appropriate signal.
- 23.2 The Starter determines if a second start is given and notifies the Chief Judge.

24. **FINISH (TR)**

- 24.1 The finish line must be marked very clearly on both sides.
- 24.2 A competitor's run is complete when he/she crosses the finish line. He/she must not cross the finish line more than once at the risk of disqualification.
- 24.3 In the team event all 3 boats must cross the finish line within 15 seconds of each other.

25. **CLEARING THE COURSE (TR)**

- 25.1 Any competitor overtaken by another competitor, shall allow the overtaking boat free passage if the overtaking competitor shouts "FREE".

26. **RESCUE OF A COMPETITOR IN DANGER (TR)**

- 26.1 Since wildwater competition is as much a contest against the elements as against other competitors, it is required that any competitor finding another in real danger, must immediately render him rescue assistance at pain of disqualification for life.

27. **LOSS OR BREAKAGE OF PADDLE (TR)**

- 27.1 When a competitor breaks or loses his/her paddle. he/she may use only the extra

- paddle carried on his/her boat.
- 27.2 For team runs, an extra paddle may be borrowed from another member of the team.
28. **CAPSIZE (TR)**
- 28.1 A competitor may get back in his/her boat after a capsize and continue the competition.
29. **TIMING (TR)**
- 29.1 The time of a run is measured from:
The time that the competitor's body first crosses the starting line to the time when the finish line is broke by the competitor's body (in C2, the first body that crosses the line).
In team racing, the time is measured from the departure of the first boat until the arrival of the last boat.
- 29.2 Timing of each run for Sprint Races must be accurate to at least 1/100th of a second, and the results must be reported to the nearest 1/100th of second.
(Example: running time of 1 minute, 30 and 5/100th seconds would be reported as 90.05 points)
30. **POSTING OF RESULTS (TR)**
- 30.1 As soon as the results for a competitor or team are known, the start number and the time of the run should be announced and must be posted in the designated place until the time for filing protests has elapsed.
31. **DEAD HEAT (TR)**
- 31.1 In the event that two or more competitors or teams obtain the same score, a tie is declared.
32. **PROTEST (GR)**
- 32.1 A protest is considered only when:
It is submitted in writing by the Team Manager.
It is submitted no more than 20 minutes after the official posting of the results for the last competitor in the category.
It is submitted personally to the Chief Judge and is accompanied by a deposit of 25 US dollars, or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition. The deposit is returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit is turned over to the Organising Committee of the competition.
- 32.2 A protest can be lodged against a decision of a judge:
For a decision that is probably or manifestly erroneous.
For obvious irregularity in the conduct of the competition.
- 32.3 The Chief Judge evaluates the legitimacy of a protest. He/she listens to the testimonies of the Judges and informs himself/herself of any other matters in dispute. The Chief Judge transmits his/her decision in writing.
- 32.4 At the discretion of the Chief Judge, inquiries into matters of fact or technical errors may be dealt with as simple inquiries (with no fee).

33. **APPEAL TO THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE (GR)**

- 33.1 An appeal to the Competition Committee must be made in writing by the Team Manager.
- 33.1.1 An appeal to the Competition Committee must be accompanied by a deposit of 25 US dollars, or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition. The deposit is returned if the appeal to the Competition Committee is partially or totally upheld. If the appeal to the Competition Committee is not upheld, the deposit is turned over to the Organising Committee of the Competition.
- 33.2 An appeal to the Competition Committee against a decision of the Chief Judge can be made when it appears that there is a contradiction with the rules of competition.
- 33.2.1 Items of fact cannot be contested by an appeal to the Competition Committee.
- 33.2.2 An appeal to the Competition Committee against a decision made by the Chief Judge during the running of the competition can be submitted at the latest, 20 minutes after the latter has announced his/her verdict.
- 33.3 Appeal can be made to the Competition Committee protesting the right of a competitor to participate in a competition if this protest has been given to the Competition Organiser at least an hour before the beginning of the competition, but no decision has been made on the subject.
- 33.4 An appeal to the Competition Committee against a decision on the right of a competitor to participate in a competition can be made until the beginning of the competition.
- 33.5 The Chairman of the Competition Committee must immediately reconvene the Competition Committee if a legitimate appeal needs to be dealt with.
- 33.5.1 The Competition Committee must make its own decision known within 60 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.
- 33.5.2 The decision of the Competition Committee is indicated with justifying arguments in writing to the complainant.
- 33.6 The Competition Committee should consult the Chief Judge, the Judges and other officials in order to obtain the necessary information to come to a decision.

34. **APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ICF (GR)**

- 34.1 A participating Federation can appeal to the Board of Directors of the ICF if, after the end of the competition, new facts become known that would have prohibited the participation of a competitor.
- 34.2 A competitor has the right to submit through his/her Federation an appeal to the Board of Directors of the ICF against a decision of the Competition Committee at the competition.
- 34.2.1 The Board of Directors of the ICF determines priority to give to this proposal.
- 34.3 An appeal to the Board of Directors of the ICF must be:
Settled within 30 days following the end of the competition in question.
Accompanied by the same deposit defined in Article 38.1.1.
- 34.4 The Board of Directors of the ICF makes its decision and addresses it in writing to the complainant party.

35. **DISQUALIFICATION (GR)**

- 35.1 A competitor who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, who breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, is disqualified for the competition.
- 35.1.1 If a competitor is forced to break the rules by the action of another person, the Competition Committee decides if he/she will be disqualified or not for the

- competition.
- 35.2 If a competitor starts in a boat which does not conform to the rules, he/she is disqualified.
- 35.3 A competitor who accepts outside assistance can be disqualified by the Chief Judge after the latter has been informed by the official judging the situation.
- 35.3.1 In the spirit of this article, the following is considered as "outside assistance":
All aid given to a competitor or to his/her boat.
Giving, passing, or throwing to a competitor a spare paddle or his/her original lost paddle.
Directing, pushing, or placing in movement a boat by anyone other than the competitor himself/herself.
Giving directions to competitors by means of electro acoustic apparatus or radio-telephone (e.g. radio-telephone between the competitor and any other person).
- 35.4 A competitor who is not ready to start as scheduled can be disqualified for the run if there is negligence on his/her part.
- 35.5 Crossing the finish line upside down disqualifies the run. The boat is considered upside down when the body of the competitor is entirely under water.
- 35.6 In the team event, failure of all three boats to cross the finish line within 15 second results in disqualification.
- 35.7 Any competitor or official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined by the Chief Judge.
Notice of this must be referred to the Competition Committee, who may after repeated action by the offender, disqualify him/her for that competition.

36. **SPECIAL RULES RELATIVE TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (GR/TR)**

36.1 **ORGANISATION (GR)**

- 36.1.1 World Championships are only organised upon the authority of the ICF Board of Directors and only in the categories given in the competition rules. Championships shall be open to competitors from all continents but only of national federations which are members of the ICF.
- 36.1.2 World Championships in Wildwater are held in every two (even-number) years. The place and date is determined by the ICF Board of Directors in accordance with ICF rules.
- 36.1.3 At World Championships an individual or a team event cannot take place unless competitors from at least 5 federation start in the event.
In any event a valid World Championships is held only if six (6) federations from at least three (3) Continents start in that event. If during the course of the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

36.2 **PARTICIPATION (TR)**

- 36.2.1 A Federation is entitled to enter 4 boats in each individual category and a single team in each category in World Championships.

36.3 **CATEGORIES (GR)**

- 36.3.1 Individuals: K1 - Men, C2 - Men, C1 - Men, K1 - Women,
36.3.2 Teams: 3 x K1 - Men, 3 x C2 - Men, 3 x C1 - Men, 3 x K1 - Women

36.4 **COMPETITION SCHEDULE (TR)**

- 36.4.1 Wildwater competitions are normally held over 4 days :
To better serve the sporting needs as well as the convenience of the public, the order in which the different categories are run is left to the choice of the organiser.
Day 1 non- stop training. Starting order in non-stop Classic race will be in reserve order of the current World Ranking.

Day 2 Individual Classic Races. Starting in the reverse order of the non.-stop results. Anomalous cases start at the beginning of the list.

Day 3 Individual Races Wildwater. Sprint two runs. Starting order for the first run is taken from the reverse order of the Classic Wildwater Race finish list. Start order for the second run is the reverse order of the finish list from sprint run one.

Day 4 Team Events.

- 36.4.2 A tentative programme of the championship must be sent to the Wildwater Committee, 1 year before the date on which the Championships are to be held. With the permission of the ICF the programme may be extended or varied.
- 36.5 **INVITATIONS (GR)**
- 36.5.1 A Bulletin setting out the details for the World Championships must be sent out to all Federations 8 month before the start date of the Championships.
- 36.5.2 Invitations for World Championships must be addressed by the organising Federation to all the other Federations in accordance with the competition rules of the ICF. This must be done at least 3 months before the first day of the competition.
- 36.6 **ENTRIES (GR)**
- 36.6.1 Entries giving the number of boats participating in each category must be in the hands of the organising Federation at least 45 days before the first day of the competition.
- 36.6.2 Names of competitors in each category must be in the possession of the organising Federation at least 14 days before the first day of the competition. No alterations are allowed after this date.
- 36.6.2.1 Submitted lists must give the name of the head of delegation, team manager, as well as other officials of the team.
Note:- each participating Federation should provide at least one current IJWW, holding a valid card. The name of these IJWW's must be sent to the Chairman of the ICF Wild Water committee by the end of March in the year of the Championships for him to present a list of Officials to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- 36.6.3 No entries will be accepted after the final published date of acceptance.
- 36.7 **ACCAPTECE OF ENTRIES (TR)**
- 36.7.1 The organising Federation must acknowledge receipt of each entry.
- 36.8 The Start Order
(Non -stop only) (See article 13.1.)
Starts will be in reverse order of Current World Ranking. Where a competitor is not in the current ranking, then he/she will start at the beginning of the category.
- 36.9 **PROGRAMME (TR)**
- 36.9.1 At least 1 month before the opening of a World Championship, each participating Federation must receive the provisional programme with an approximate timetable, and containing the number of registered boats in each category from each participating Federation.
- 36.9.2. The proposed programme must be sent to the ICF Wildwater Committee 6 months before the World Championship races. With the permission of the ICF the programme may be modified.
- 36.9.3. The final programme must be received by the participating Federations no later than eight days before official training. Changes may be made at the Team Managers Meeting.
- 36.9.31 This programme must contain:
The complete programme of events and the timetable for the events. The name and Federation of each participating competitor and their start numbers.
- 36.10 **OFFICIALS – ICF (GR/TR)**

36.10.1 **JURY (GR)**

During the World Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury.
The Jury consists of up to five (5) persons, including a member from the organising Federation. These are appointed by the Board of Directors of the ICF. Members of the Jury will be appointed by the ICF Board of Directors.
One of these, either the President or another member of the ICF is named Chairman of the Jury.
The Chief Official and other technical officials are subordinate to the Jury .

Appeal against decisions made by the Chief Judge must be presented in writing and submitted with a fee of 25 US dollars (or the equivalent in the currency of the country organising the competition) to the Chairman of the Jury within 20 minutes of the time that a decision is given by the Chief Judge. The decision of the Jury is final. The fee will be returned if the claim is justified.

36.10.2 **OFFICIALS (GR)**

World Championships must be managed by the officials, listed in Article 9 of the Competition Rules, under the directorship of the Chief Official. Officials may assume two or more functions. They may not also assume any National team obligations, such as Team Manager, Coach, Trainer.
The name and details of these officials must be sent by the Federations to the Chairman of the ICF Wild Water Committee by the end of March in the year of the Championships for him to present a list to the Board of Directors for their approval. The expenses for room and board during the whole competition is the responsibility of the Organising Federation, for the following Officials:- Jury, Chief Official, Technical Organiser, Chief Judge.

36.11 **COURSE: (TR)**

36.11.1 The course at World Championships will consist of a course for Classic Wildwater and a course for Wildwater Sprint..

36.11.2 The course is supervised by one official from the Organising Federation recommended by the WW committee to the Board of Directors for their approval.

36.12 **TIMING (TR)**

36.12.1 Timing at World Championships must be carried out both by a photoelectric system and stop-watch. In any case, the body of the competitor must be used to both start and stop the clock. (see Article 29.1)

36.12.2 In the calculation of results, the photoelectric system has priority. In the event of failure of the photoelectric system, the backup times are used.

36.13 **ANTI-DOPING (GR)**

36.13.1 Doping as defined in the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code is strictly forbidden. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the ICF Doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF Medical Committee.

36.14 **AWARDS (GR)**

36.14.1 The championships awards are given in the form of medals according to the Olympic protocol.
The medals to be awarded shall symbolise gold, silver and bronze.
They are provided at the expense of the organising Federation, which obtains them upon application from the ICF.

36.14.2 The medals are awarded as follows:
For Classic Wildwater Competition
For Sprint Wildwater Competition
For Classic Wildwater Team Competition

36.14.2.1 Individual Championships:
1st Place - Gold
2nd Place - Silver

3rd Place - Bronze

36.14.2.2 Team Championships:

1st Place Team - Gold to each member

2nd Place Team - Silver to each member

3rd Place Team - Bronze to each member

36.14.3 In the C2 category, both members of the crew will receive the appropriate medal. Only these medals and no other prizes shall be presented at the awards ceremony. Other awards or gifts may be given by the organising Federation on some other occasion.

In no case shall the award be given other than to the person winning, or his official representative.

36.14.4 To maintain the solemnity and dignity of the presentation ceremony the competitors receiving medals must wear proper clothing (training suits or national uniforms).

36.14.5 ICF Nations Cups for Classic and Sprint Competitions

36.14.5.1 Two overall cup will be awarded.

The cup will be awarded to the Federation with highest points as follows:

K1 - Men or K1 - Women-

- 1st Place 20 points

- 2nd Place 19 points

- 3rd Place 18 points etc.

Combined C1 - Men and C2 - Men
(added together)

- 1st Place 10 point

- 2nd Place 9 points

- 3rd Place 8 points etc.

In case of a tie the cup will be awarded as follows.

The Nations will be ranked based on the combined results of Men's K1. If there is still a tie it will be based on the combined results of Women K1.

Wildwater Racing Rules Section II

SPECIAL RULES FOR

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JUNIORS IN WILD WATER RACING

to take effect from January 14th 2001

1. **PURPOSE (GR)**

In order to extend the practice of Wildwater, Championships for Juniors will be held in every two (even) years.

2. **ORGANISATION (GR)**

Championships for Juniors may be arranged only with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors. Junior Championships are open for competitors from all continents, however only for National Federation-members of the ICF. Junior World Championships are to be conducted every two years in each ODD year (from 2003) at the time and place agreed upon by the ICF Board of Directors and in accordance with IC rules. Charges may only be made in the contract between the ICF and the organising Federation.

2.1 In any event, a valid World Championships is held only if 6 Federations from at least 3 Continents start in the event. If during the course of the event some Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

2.2 A bulletin setting out the details for the World Championships for Juniors must be sent out to all Federations 8 month before the start date of the Championships.

3. **AGE LIMITS (GR)**

The first year a competitor can compete in a Junior World Championship is the year that his 15th birthday falls in and the last year he may compete as a junior is the year that his 18th birthday falls in.

4. **CATEGORIES/EVENTS: (GR)**

Individual:	Women K1
	Men K1
	Men C1
	Men C2
Team:	Women 3 X K1
	Men 3 X K1
	Men 3 X C1
	Men 3 X C2

A Federation is entitled to enter four boats in each individual event, and a single team in each category.

At Junior World Championships an individual and a team category cannot take place unless competitors from at least 5 federations start in the category.

5. **START ORDER. (TR)**

At Junior World Wildwater Championships the start order for the Non-stop run is the reverse order by Federation of the results of the previous Junior World Championships. Federations which did not participate at the previous Championships will be placed at the start of the list.

Entries from Federations must therefore rank their entries in each category so that the organiser can allocate them to the correct starting positions.

The starting order for the Team event will be the same as for Senior World Championships.

6. **ENTRIES (GR)**

Entries for a Junior Championship can only be made by National Federations and in agreement with the conditions listed in the invitation. The inscription form must include forename and family name, sex, date of birth, and name of the competitors Federation. Before the competition the Team Manager has to present an official document such as a passport, identification card which includes a photo, for age

confirmation purposes of the competitors.

7. ***I.J.W.W: (TR)***

Each participating Federation should provide at least one I.J.W.W. holding a valid card.

8. A Bulletin setting out the details for the World Championships for Juniors must be sent out to all Federations 8 month before the start of the Championships.

Wildwater Racing Rules Section III

SPECIAL RULES

FOR WORLD CUP IN WILDWATER

to take effect from January 14th 2001

1. ***DEFINITION OBJECT (GR)***

- 1.1 World Cup Competitions (WCW) in Wildwater are organised every year for the purpose of propagating the sport.
- 1.1.1 One award is made in each of the event:
K1-MEN, K1-WOMEN, C1-MEN, C2-MEN, bearing the title ICF Wildwater Racing World Cup.
- 1.1.2 The WCW normally consists of a series of 6 events in a maximum of 3 continents: 3 Sprint Races, 3 Classical Wildwater Races in 3 different places.
The Fifth and Sixth Races, Sprint and Classical, count as the Final. It is obligatory that they be titled as Finals.
2. **ORGANISATION (GR/TR)**
- 2.1 Candidatures for World Cup Competitions must be proposed to the Chairman of the ICF WWC before the 1st March of the year preceding the competitions, by the national Federations.
- 2.2 The WWC selects from the candidates for World Cup participation. These selections are endorsed by the ICF Board of Directors.
- 2.3 These events must be specified as WCW in the ICF calendar.
- 2.4 The same competition course may not be used more than three times in succession as a WCW.
- 2.5 World Cup Competitions are not valid unless at least 5 Federations start.
- 2.6 The competitions must be conducted in accordance with the ICF Wildwater rules, except as modified herein.
- 2.7 WCW are only open to Federations who are members of the ICF
- 2.8. With the permission of the ICF Wildwater Committee, legs of the World Cup may be held on one or several days.
3. **ENTRIES (GR)**
- 3.1 The Federations may enter up to 6 boats per category to take part in the WCW. There will be no team event held.
- 3.2 Entries must be received by 14 days before the respective World Cup Competitions.
4. **THE COURSE (TR)**
- 4.1 The course must be approved by a simple majority of the team Managers present.
- 4.2 **TIMING (TR)**
- 4.2.1 Timing at World Cup Sprint events must be carried out both by a photoelectric system and stop watch.
In any case the body of the competitor must be used to both start and stop the clock (see rule 29.1)
- 4.2.2 In calculation of results, photoelectric system has priority. In the event of failure of the photoelectric system the backup times are used.
5. **START ORDER (TR)**
- 5.1 The establishment of the start order in each category for the first WCW must be in reverse order of the previous years World Cup ranking. Competitors not on the World Cup Ranking List will start before World Cup ranked paddlers in reverse order of the previous year World Ranking List with any other paddlers with no ranking, starting at the beginning of the list.
- 5.2 The starting order for the following WCW's is the reverse order of the current World Cup Ranking.
- 5.3 Timing.
- 5.3.1 Timing at World Cup Sprint events must be carried out both by a photoelectric system and stop watch.
In any case the body of the competitor must be used to both start and stop the clock (see rule 29.1).

- 5.3.2 In the calculation of results, photoelectric system has priority. In the event of failure of the photoelectric system the backup times are used.
6. **ICF OFFICIALS FOR WCW (TR)**
- 6.1 The WWC nominate 1 ICF Delegate for each of the WCW events
- 6.1.1 Travel expenses, room and board of the delegates of the ICF are paid by the organising Federation.
7. **DUTY OF THE ICF OFFICIALS (TR)**
- 7.1 The delegate of the ICF supervises the competition.
- 7.1.1 He/she has the right to attend and vote at all meetings.
- 7.1.2 He/she must, in co-operation with the organisers, oversee the production of the current World Cup results.
- 7.2 After each WCW the delegate of the ICF must submit a report to the Secretary General of the ICF and to the President of the ICF WWC concerning the sporting nature of the competition.
8. **AWARDING OF THE WORLD CUP IN WILDWATER (TR)**
- 8.1 On the basis of the final results of each of the WCW's the Cup ranking in each category is established.
- 8.1.1 Each of the participating competitors receives points in the WCW as follows:
K1 MEN - 1st place 100 points, 2nd place 95 points, 3rd place 91 points, 4th place 88 points, 5th place 86 points, 6th place 85 points, etc.
K1 WOMEN, C1 MEN, C2 MEN, - 1st place 50 points, 2nd place 46 points, 3rd place 43 points, 4th place 41 points, 5th place 39 points, 6th place 38 points etc.
- 8.1.2 After all the competitions are concluded, the final ranking is established by adding together the best four results whether the competitor has competed in the finals or not.
- 8.2 The competitor with the highest total points is the winner of the World Cup in his/her category.
- 8.2.1 In the event of a tie in the final ranking, higher ranking is given to the competitor having the best result in the finals.
If there are two races at the final of the final of the World Cup, then the best results is produced by adding together the result of the two races.
- 8.2.2 If there is still a tie, the higher ranking is given to the competitor with the best result in the first four races prior to the finals.
9. **AWARDS (GR)**
- 9.1 The following awards are furnished by the ICF.
5 Cups for individual categories.
- 9.2 Medals or prizes must be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each category at each competition.
10. **CLOSING CEREMONY (TR)**
- 10.1 The final results must be announced and the World Cups awarded in a manner according to the statutes concerning ICF-Competitions.
11. **WORLD RANKING (TR)**
- 11.1. The objective of World Ranking is to establish a ranking system for top athletes in Wildwater Racing.
- 11.2. Ranking points will be given at World Championships, World Cups and International Competitions (maximum of 13 events in all) selected by the ICF WWC. A ranking is given in all categories.
- 11.3. The results will be obtained by a computer programme produced by the ICF WWC which will be given to the organisers of the designated events. The organiser must send the current world rankings to the World Ranking Manager at the latest by the

day after that competition.

The results will be distributed after each race. The final World Ranking of the season will be made by the end of November after the World Championships or the World Cup Finals. Any organiser not submitting the results To the ICF WWC, may have the competition eliminated from the following year's calendar.

- 11.4. The World Ranking is taken from the best three results of each competitor during that year.

The following point system will be applied:

EVENT	MAXIMUM POINTS	MINIMUM POINTS
World Championship	1000	500
World Cup Race	800	300
International Races	500	1

Points are given based on the results of the athletes.

The winner receiving the Maximum points and 1 point is deducted for each subsequent position on the results.