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2026 PADDLE EUROPE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ivrea, Italy

24 - 26 September



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WELCOME TO THE 2026 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good morning everyone, and welcome to Ivrea!

To the athletes, spectators, guests, and all the passionate supporters of this wonderful sport, I extend a warm welcome to our city. In 2024, Ivrea hosted the fourth round of the 2024 Canoe Slalom World Cup. That experience sparked renewed enthusiasm throughout our community for a sport that, over time, has helped shape our history.

It is therefore with immense pleasure that we are ready to host the European Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Championships in a unique venue: the Ivrea Canoe Stadium. A course recognized as one of the most technical and spectacular in the world, nestled in the heart of the city.

We are proud to host an event that we hope will leave a lasting legacy in Ivrea and Piedmont, welcoming Europe's best athletes and promoting the sport's values we so strongly believe in.

Sport always has something to teach us, whether it's teamwork, discipline, self-confidence, fair play or perseverance. These are precious virtues embodied by all the extraordinary athletes who honour us with their presence and shared by all those who work behind the scenes to ensure the success of the event. That's where bonds are strengthened between communities, institutions, and the whole region.

It is in the spirit of these values that I wish you all an unforgettable 2026 Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross European Championships!

**With best wishes,
Matteo Chiantore
Mayor of the City of Ivrea**





Welcome to Ivrea and to the Canoe Stadium.

It is a great pleasure to welcome athletes and team staff from across Europe to a venue that has been a reference point for Italian and international canoeing for more than seventy years. The Ivrea Canoe Stadium combines tradition, technical expertise and a strong sporting culture.

The 2026 European Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Championships represent the culmination of a season of high-level preparation. Each run highlights months of dedication and continuous improvement, reflecting the highest standards of sporting excellence.

These Championships celebrate sporting excellence while promoting the core values of our discipline: respect, wellbeing, fair play and cooperation among athletes, teams and nations. Canoeing is a shared language that encourages dialogue and mutual understanding, extending beyond the field of play.

Our sincere thanks go to the Italian Canoe Kayak Federation, the Piemonte Region and the City of Ivrea for their support and cooperation in delivering this event.

I wish all participants a European Championship of outstanding technical quality, experienced in a spirit of respect, enjoyment and genuine fellowship.

Matteo Magotti
President of Ivrea Canoa Club



WELCOME TO IVREA

Canoeing gained momentum in Ivrea in the late 1940s thanks to the enthusiasm of Giulio Valzolgher, who encouraged colleagues and young adventurers to explore the challenging waters of the Dora Baltea River. A milestone came in 1952, when Valzolgher and Gianfranco Voltolina paddled about 700 km from Ivrea to Venice, an achievement that boosted local interest in the sport.

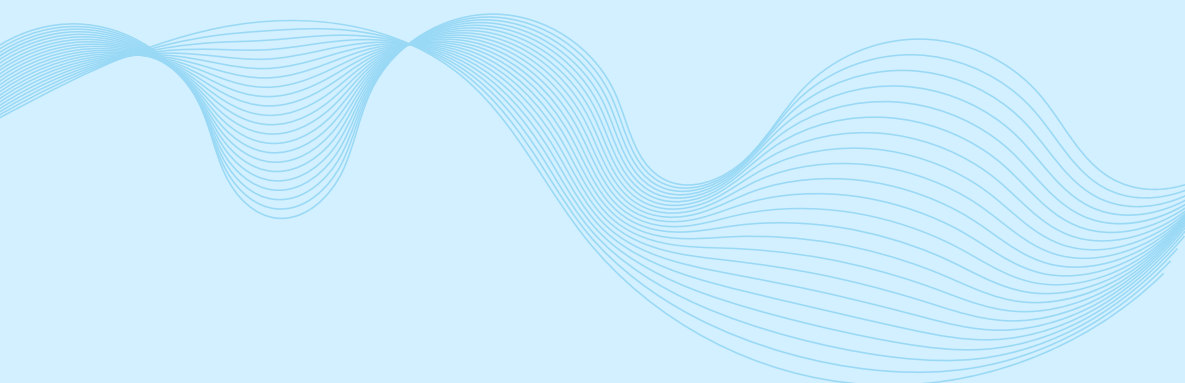
During the 1950s, canoeing expanded steadily in Ivrea: the first local competition was held in 1956, followed by many others, including the Ivrea–Trieste raid in 1959. The Ivrea Canoa Club joined the Italian Rowing Federation in 1960, and by 1963 an Ivrea athlete, Antonio Martinelli, competed in a World Championship for the first time.

Over the decades, club athletes have earned numerous national titles and taken part in European, international, and Olympic events. Today, the club continues to include among its members several national coaches, technical directors, judges, and referees.

Thanks to its relatively small size, Ivrea and its many points of interest can be visited in a short time and spans over centuries of history!

Our city is recognized worldwide as the cradle of the typewriter industry, thanks to the innovations introduced by the entrepreneurs of the Olivetti family.

In February, the backdrop of the Morainic Amphitheatre and the castle with its red towers sets the scene for Ivrea's Historic Carnival, which attracts tourists from all over the world to witness the spectacular Battle of the Oranges.



ANFITEATRO MORENICO

Look up and admire the outline of the Serra Morenica and the embrace of the amphitheater of glacial origin which hides beautiful lakes



UPPER CITY

Here you are in the medieval city, where the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and the Castle dominate the entire city



OLD TOWN

Walk through the streets of shops and bars, admiring the typical Italian squares where daily life strengthens the sense of community



ROMAN BRIDGE

Here you can admire the oldest bridge in town, dating back to the Romans, and the characteristic historic district of Borghetto



Borghetto

Corso Re Umberto
Dora Baltea

Canoe Stadium











FOOTBRIDGE "PASSERELLA"

from this recently built pedestrian bridge, you can see a real postcard of the city, suspended over the Dora Baltea



IVREA UNESCO

Around Via Jervis and the Red Brick Factory, this is an area of 71 hectares with 27 buildings of architectural and industrial interest

-  Piazza di Città / City Hall
-  Piazza Ottinetti / Museum
-  Giacosa Theatre
-  Camillo Olivetti's Fountain
-  Roman amphitheater
-  Canoe Stadium
-  Hospital
-  Train Station

GENERAL INFORMATION



2026 PADDLE EUROPE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ivrea - Italy

24th - 26th September 2026

Website: <https://www.ivreacanoaclub.info/>

Instagram: @ivreacanoaclub

Facebook: @ivreacanoaclub

Youtube: @ivreacanoaclub

KEY DATES

10 August: Closing date for Numerical entries

14 September: Closing date for Nominal entries and accreditation

19-23 September: Official training days

23 September: ITOs' meeting

23 September: Opening Ceremony

24-26 September: Competition days

27 September: Reserve day

COMPETITION VENUE

Ivrea - Piemonte, Italy

Ivrea Canoa Club

Via Dora Baltea 1/D 10015

N 45.46448

E 7.87403

Water flow: 10 m³/s

Difficulty: III/IV grade

EVENTS

INDIVIDUAL SLALOM

Men's Kayak: MK1 / Women's Kayak: WK1

Men's Canoe: MC1 / Women's Canoe: WC1

TEAM SLALOM

Men's Kayak Team: MK1x3 / Women's Kayak Team: WK1x3

Men's Canoe Team: MC1x3 / Women's Canoe Team: WC1x3

KAYAK CROSS

Men's Kayak Cross Individual: MX1I / Women's Kayak Cross Individual: WX1I

Men's Kayak Cross: MX1 / Women's Kayak Cross: WX1

CONTACTS

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ENTRIES

Principles:

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the ICF's online entries system (SDP):

<https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. SDP user guide

http://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf

Entries :

- Numerical entries close: **10th August 2026**
- Nominal entries close: **14th September 2026**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
- Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- Any questions or issues in regard to accessing SDP, should be sent to jstanojevic@canoe-eca.eu.
- Any questions or issues in regard to entries should be sent to Chief Official/Chief judge at cwoodgate@canoe-eca.eu prior to the respective deadline.
- Final entries must be confirmed at the Team Leaders meeting.



PARTICIPATION FEE



The Participation fee will be charged per athlete and team official for the access period, 19th – 26th September 2026.

The amount of the Participation fee is **€160** for the Access Period.

The participation fee will include the following services: Athlete's Village, Official video service, boat storage, security, internet access, access pass and parking, information regarding the accommodation, free training period, first aid, flat-water training, invitation letter for VISA applications.

The participation fee must be paid in advance by **14th September 2026** via bank transfer to make the accreditation process more convenient. Credit or debit cards will be accepted as well as payment in cash.

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:

Account holder:

Ivrea Canoa Club ASD

Via Dora Baltea, 1/D - 10015 Ivrea (TO)

Bank: Credit Agricole

IBAN: IT90Z0623030545000047006859

SWIFT: CRPP IT2P 372

Please ensure that payment reaches the organising committee in its full amount, net of all bank fees (in case of Swift payment, SWIFT charge has to be set as OUR).

CATERING



We kindly ask you to complete this short survey to let us evaluate the activation of a catering service for athletes and staff.

The service will be organized only if a minimum number of participants is reached, therefore your response is essential.

The menu costs €15 per person and includes:

First Course (2 OPTIONS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON A ROTATING BASIS):

- Pasta with tomato sauce or with butter/oil
- Gluten-free pasta (ALWAYS AVAILABLE)
- Parboiled rice with sauces or with butter/oil
- Couscous with vegetables
- Vegetable soup (ALWAYS AVAILABLE)

Second Course:

- White meat, eggs, red meat, fish (rotating)
- Cooked and raw vegetables with various dressings
- Fruit, puddings, vegan tarts
- Bread and breadsticks

Beverages:

- 0.5 L bottled water (still and sparkling)



[**CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE FORM**](#) !

Please complete this short survey to let us know if and when you might be interested in using the catering service during:

- Official training days (19–23 September)
- Official competition days (24–26 September)

The survey is non-binding and will help us plan the service more accurately. We will confirm the activation of the catering service by the end of April 2026.

PLEASE REPLY TO THE FORM BY 20TH APRIL 2026

Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFICIAL TRAINING DAYS

Saturday 19th

8:00 - 16:00 slalom training
16:30 - 18:30 kayak cross training

Sunday 20th

8:00 - 10:00 kayak cross training
10:30 - 18:30 slalom training

Monday 21st

8:00 - 16:00 slalom training
16:30 - 18:30 kayak cross training

Tuesday 22nd

8:00 - 10:00 kayak cross training
10:30 - 18:30 slalom training

Wednesday 23rd

8:00 - 14:00 slalom training
14:00 - 18:00 set team course/approval/demo runs



UNOFFICIAL TRAINING DAYS

Reservations are mandatory and can be made using our [website](#)

Prices

- Daily ticket: single 20€
- 10-entry pass: 180€ (18€ each)
- 20-entry pass: 300€ (15€ each)

The fee includes access to the channel (regardless of the number of training sessions), use of changing rooms, showers, and toilets, and canoe storage in designated outdoor areas.



[For access rules, click here](#)



COMPETITION DAYS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
8:00		Approval / Demo runs	Kayak Cross Training	Contingency to allow for unforeseen issues requiring rescheduling	8:00
8:30	Foreunners	Foreunners			8:30
9:00	WK1 Heat	WK1 Semi			9:00
9:30					9:30
10:00					10:00
10:30	MK1 Heat	MK1 Semi			10:30
11:00		Interval			11:00
11:30	WC1 Heats	WK1 Final			11:30
12:00	MC1 Heats	MK1 Final			12:00
12:30		Kayak Slalom Medals			Interval / Lunch
13:00	Lunch / Teams Course changes	Lunch	Foreunners	13:00	
13:30				13:30	
14:00	Foreunners	WC1 Semi	WX1I - Individual	14:00	
14:30	WK1 Team			14:30	
15:00				15:00	
15:30	MK1 Team	MC1 Semi	MX1I - Individual	15:30	
16:00	WC1 Team	Interval	Interval	16:00	
16:30	MC1 Team	WC1 Final	Interval	16:30	
17:00		MC1 Final	WX1 Heats	17:00	
17:30	Team Medals	Slalom Medals		17:30	
18:00		Set Kayak Cross Individuals Course	MX1 Heats	18:00	
18:30	Set Finals Course			18:30	
19:00			Interval	19:00	
19:30	Course Observation			19:30	
20:00			KX 1/4 final	20:00	
20:30			KX semi	20:30	
21:00			XK Final	21:00	
21:30				21:30	
22:00			KX Medals	22:00	

THE ORDER OF THE EVENTS IS CORRECT, THE ACTUAL TIMINGS WILL BE ALTERED/AMENDED WHEN THE ENTRIES ARE CONFIRMED AT: <https://www.canoe-europe.org/calendar/2026-eca-canoe-slalom-european-championships-587>

RESERVE DAY

All nations are advised that **the morning of Sunday, September 27th**, will be used to **reschedule any postponed races** in the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances. It is therefore **strongly recommended that you purchase tickets for the return leg after Sunday lunchtime.**

COMPETITION RULES

The 2026 Paddle Europe Slalom Championships will be run in accordance with the 2026 Paddle Europe rules.

BOAT STORAGE

Boats must be stored in the boat storage area. If boats are not in the boat storage, they will not be watched by the security crew. It is not possible to store the boats in the park or around the venue, it is only allowed in the dedicated area.

WATER SAFETY

Rescue service in the competition area will be organized during the competition days and during the official trainings.

THE VENUE

The Canoe Stadium is the core of the Ivrea Canoa Club. The park, the river and the white-water course are the essence of a venue admired by all of those that choose a relaxing and exciting experience. The white-water course has gone through several re-designs since the foundation of the Club.

After Slovakian and French designers in the early 2000s, the current race course is the result of a joint project among the Czech Technical University in Prague, the Engineering Department of Cundall University (UK) and the Whitewater International Park, an American company that in 2015 shaped the course as we know it today.

COURSE TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Length: 300m | Width: 2m | Drop: 4 m | Water flow: 10 m³/s

Training course: 250 m, warm-up and cool-down area



[LIVE CAMERA](#)

[CHANNEL MONITORING](#)



SERVICES



The Athlete's Village

Athlete's village will include private tents for participating team. Toilets will be available near the village.



Internet Access

High speed wireless internet access will be available at the venue in the competition area, all office spaces, including jury offices, accreditation office and media centre.



Access pass and parking

A free access pass and car parking near the athlete's village will be guaranteed for up to **TWO** accredited vehicles. Ask for your parking pass at the accreditation area.



Official video service

Technical video signal will be provided during the competition days and all demonstration runs. Only a download solution will be available. Each national tent will be equipped with its own download cable. Each National Federation needs to bring its own 20m LAN cable.

HEALTHCARE



Insurance

All participants are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.



Medical Care

Ambulance first aid will be available for all official participants of the 2026 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships. All costs above the regular emergency care have to be covered by your medical insurance policy. The HOC does not take responsibility for such expenses.



Anti-doping

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 PEU Slalom Technical Chair** at sara.seprenyi@mkksz.hu

Previous certificates are still valid for this season.

There is no need to repeat the program unless the persons role changes (e.g. athlete becoming coach).

Accreditations will not be issued until the certificates are marked off.

More information at:

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

TRAVEL INFORMATION



Arriving by Car: the Canoe Stadium is 10 minutes away from the highway exit:

- from Turin: Highway A5 Torino-Aosta – exit Ivrea
- from Milan: Highway A4 Milano-Torino; junction A4-A5 Santhià-Ivrea; Highway A5 direction Aosta – exit Ivrea
- from France: Tunnel du Mont Blanc, E25 direction Courmayeur; Highway A5 Aosta-Torino – exit Ivrea; Tunnel du Fréjus, E70 / T4 direction Turin, A32 / E70, Highway A5 direction Aosta – exit Ivrea
- from Switzerland: Tunnel du Grand Saint-Bernard E27/T4, Highway A5 direction Turin – exit Ivrea



Arriving by Train: the Canoe Stadium is 10 minutes walking distance from the central railway station; all trains schedules can be found on the Trenitalia SpA website.



Arriving by Airplane: you can land in one of the major airports of the northwest of Italy.

- Torino-Caselle: International Airport “Sandro Pertini” (TRN) - by train: (2h+)
- Milano: Intercontinental Airport of Milano-Malpensa (MXP) - by train: (3h+)
- Milano: International Airport of Milano-Linate (LIN) - by train (3h+)
- Milano-Orio al Serio: International Airport “Il Caravaggio” (BGY) - by train (3h 15min+)



ACCOMMODATION

We will suggest the best available proposal according to your needs. In case Ivrea is overbooked, we will find other solutions in the area:

- Biella, 27 km from Ivrea
- Rivarolo Canavese, 25 km from Ivrea
- Candia Canavese, 17 km from Ivrea
- Viverone, 18 km from Ivrea
- Pont Saint Martin, 25 km from Ivrea

List of the accommodation in Ivrea and surroundings.

For more informations please contact:
accommodation@ivreacanoaclub.info





VISA

BEFORE TRAVELLING TO ITALY, PLEASE CHECK WHETHER YOU NEED A VISA:
https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/?lang=en_US

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Italian Embassy or consulate in their respective countries in time. VISA to Italy takes an issuing period of **almost 45 days**.

The usual steps of obtaining VISA are as follows:

1. Booking accommodation via the HOC or sending the confirmation of your hotel booking to the HOC (if booked individually) - please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of VISA issuance
2. Sending the filled-in VISA application form to the HOC at: **raceoffice@ivreacanoaclub.info** (application form available at <https://www.ivreacanoaclub.info/slalomivrea/visa-requirements-2/>)
1. Contacting the Italian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and completing the required paperwork
2. The HOC issues the Letter of Invitation
3. VISA issuance

Please note that the HOC will not send you an invitation letter without details about your teams' arrival/departure dates, where you are staying, how many people there are in your team and who they are! The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asks for the same information from us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VISA PLEASE CONTACT

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