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DIFFERENCES IN THE COMPETITION RULES BETWEEN PEU EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCEAN RACING

Taking effect from 1st January, 2026. The Ocean racing rules are based on the International Canoe Federation Ocean Racing rules. All competitors can consult the international rules, linked with this document. Some articles are modified to correspond with the wishes of the European Ocean Racing development.

The numbering in this document follows the numbering and structure of the international rules.

International Canoe Federation Ocean Racing Rules:
https://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/canoe-ocean-racing

All the articles dealing with "World Championships"," CORC" and "ICF" are modified, respectively, by "European Championships", European technical Committee Ocean racing" and "Paddle Europe".

1.7 Validity of a competition

1.7.1.b A valid European Championship is held only if there are at least 5 different national federations entered in an event. If during the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected

The above criteria need to be met 10 days before the start of the first day of competition.

If these criteria are not met, the competition can still take place but no European titles will be awarded

12. European Championships

12.1.1 : European Championships for Ocean racing will be held every other year. European Championships may be arranged with the consent of the PEU Board of Directors, at a time and place approved by it, and in accordance with the PEU Ocean Racing Rules. The European Championships shall be open to National Federations of the PEU.

The classes mentioned in 12.2.4 and 12.11.4 of the ICF rules are the classes for European titles and are listed below:

- MSS-1 Men Surfski single
- WSS-1 Women Surfski single
- U23MSS-1 Under 23 Men Surfski single
- U23WSS-1 Under 23 Women Surfski single
- JMSS-1 Junior Men Surfski single
- JWSS-1 Junior Women Surfski single
- XSS-2 Mixed surfski double
- U23XSS-2 Under 23 mixed surfski double
- JXSS-2 Junior mixed surfski double

- Masters MSS-1 Surfski single
- Masters WSS-1 Surfski single
- Masters XSS-2 Surfski single

The first year an athlete can compete in European competition is the year of their 15th birthday.

The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.

The last year an athlete can compete in the under 23 age group is the year of their 23rd birthday.

The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years. Please see below age brackets (12.11).

12.6 The Course

12.6.1 The downwind course at the European Championships should be preferably from point to point predominantly with downwind conditions.

If safety makes another long distance solution necessary, the decision can be taken to alter this course.

12.8.5

European titles will be awarded in a class with a minimum of 5 boats from a minimum of 5 different national federations in an event. Medals will be awarded, anthem played and flag raised.

If there is less than 5 national federations in an event, only medals will be awarded, no anthem no flag.

Less than 3 National Federations in an event, no ceremony will take place.

12.9 Prize money

Prize money is not mandatory to receive at Paddle Europe Ocean Racing Championships. Possible prizes are left to the free choice of the organizer of the Championships.

12.11 Masters European Championships

12.11.4.d Master age groups are defined by 10 years age brackets

12.11.4.e Master SS2 mix is defined by 20 years age brackets (ages both athletes combined)

12.11.4.f The 2 athletes in the SS2 have to be from the same national federation.

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