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# Official Invitation

## Portuguese Canoe federation

Welcome back to the Montemor-o-Velho High-Performance Centre! The Portuguese Canoe Federation is delighted to host you for the 3rd time the ICF masters Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Our team is fully committed to delivering an exceptional event for all the teams traveling to Portugal to compete for the 2025 World Titles.

Renowned for our outstanding organization, we are determined to uphold this reputation once again this year. While we recognize the challenges ahead, we are confident that everything will be ready to provide an unforgettable championship experience for over 30 nations worldwide.

As the main local organizer of these World Championships, the Portuguese Canoe Federation is proud to promise you an experience to cherish. Together, let's make history!

Ricardo Machado  
President of the Portuguese  
Canoe Federation



*Machado*

## City Hall of Montemor-o-Velho

It is a great honor and an enormous privilege for Montemor-o-Velho to host the Masters Championships once again. We are confident that our National Nautical Centre provides the perfect stage for young athletes to make history once again. Montemor-o-Velho warmly welcomes all paddlers, with a strong commitment to ensure an exceptional and safe event for everyone involved. With outstanding natural, environmental, cultural and sporting conditions, Montemor-o-Velho offers state-of-the-art facilities and technology at the service of athletes, enthusiasts and canoeing fans. Our 900-year-long history, breathtaking natural landscapes, 300 sunny days a year, delightful gastronomy and the blue waters of the Mondego River create a special charm and a unique atmosphere that will dazzle everyone. We are confident that Montemor-o-Velho will once again surprise and inspire you! Be bold, embrace the challenge, and make this event unforgettable for all!

Emílio Augusto Ferreira Torrão  
Mayor of Montemor-o-Velho



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# Montemor-o-Velho

The Championships will take place in Montemor-o-Velho, Portugal



Montemor-o-Velho lays between the main cities of Coimbra and Figueira da Foz.

Montemor-o-Velho (Portuguese pronunciation) is a town and municipality of the Coimbra district, in Portugal. It has roughly 30,000 inhabitants.

Montemor-o-Velho, which was once a land of farmers, is now facing the tertiary sector activities, partly due to the installation of governments offices, financial institutions and services; such as small traders. The industry is represented by several manufacturing plants of small and medium size.

Agriculture continues to have great importance. People grow maize and rice using increasingly modern processes. The existence of a Vocational Agricultural School, together with the Cooperative and the services of the Agricultural Zone DRABL, contribute to technical expertise that improves the productivity of the fields.

The city of Montemor-o-Velho is the co-organizer of the Masters Canoe Sprint World Championships 2025, in partnership with the Portuguese Canoe Federation.





## Venue

This Championships will be held at Montemor-o-Velho High Performance centre, located in the village of Montemor-o-Velho and the only Canoe Sprint Olympic course in the country.



The Centre for High Performance Montemor-o-Velho [CAR], stands out for its importance nationwide. It is an anchor project with the capacity to generate synergies and commitment from both the public and the private sector, applying the strategic value of sport in the local development agenda.

This centre has a 2300 meters long and 3m deep main channel, with a side returning channel and also a cooling down channel, becoming the biggest artificial "pool" in the country.

The main building offers:  
16 hangars (24x6m each).  
Restaurant area  
Showers  
Bathrooms  
Gymnasium  
Many polyvalent rooms



# Weather

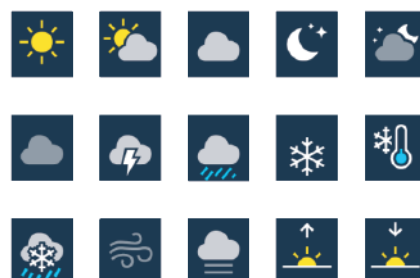
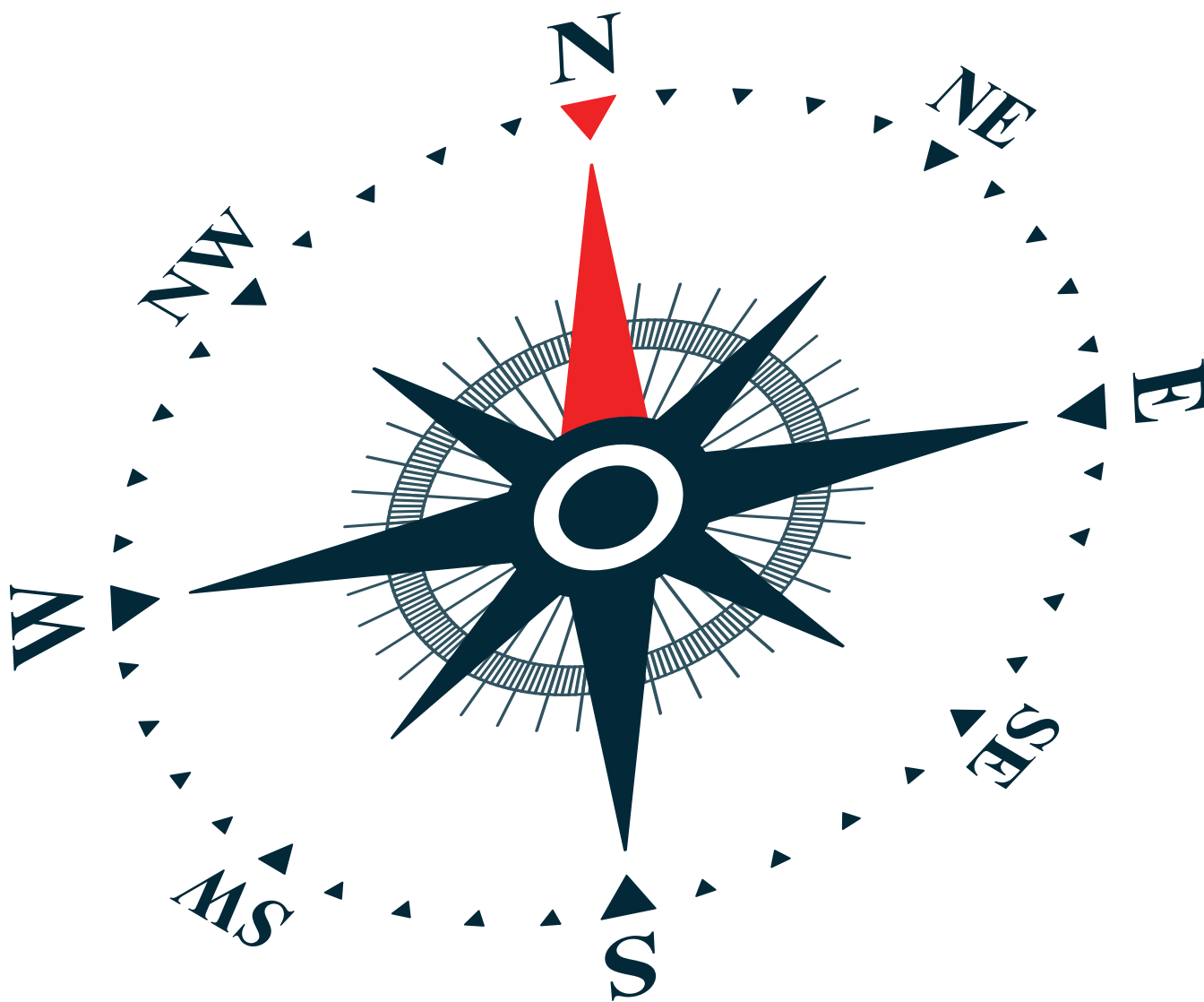
Portugal is known for it's hot and dry weather in summer, special in July and August, with temperatures around 25-30° C.

Montemor-o-Velho being, close to the Ocean, the high temperatures are normally accompanied by a cool breeze during this season.

From the collected data of the last 3 years, considering the week of the event it's fair to say that mostly the wind direction is coming from 270-350° which means NW wind [Almost side to the course].

From this data we also know that the time of the day with more wind is between 13:00 and 17:00.

Wind Speed 4,5m/s  
Temperature 22,2C





# How to get to Montemor-o-Velho

Montemor-o-Velho is reachable from the north and south of the country by car, taking the A1 Highway and then A14 in direction to Figueira da Foz. The use of A8 and A17 is also possible.

## Airports

Getting here by air. Portugal has two major International Airports

**Oporto airport:** The Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport is located in the heart of the industrial north of the country, 11km from the city of Oporto, making it a privileged access point to this valuable commercial area.

It is less than 150km away from the Venue in Montemor-o-Velho. The travel time by bus is around 1 hour and 30 minutes.



**The Lisbon Airport**, providing service to the capital of Portugal, is the busiest and most important airport in the country and the principal point of entry for travellers arriving in Portugal. There is a connection to the city centre and interface with Railway Stations by aero shuttle and bus. The train also connects Lisbon to Coimbra and then to Montemor-o-Velho. Both airports receive daily flights from low cost companies like ryanair and easyjet, among others, from all over Europe cities.



Lisbon - Portugal 12:00

Berlin  
13:00

Moscow  
16:00



# COMPETITION INFORMATION

## DATES AND SCHEDULE

The ICF Masters Canoe Sprint World Championships will happen between 29 and 31 of July 2025.



### Sunday, July 27th

08:00 - 19:00 Arrival of Participants  
Access period Begins Opening of Accreditation

### Monday, July 28th

08:00 - 19:00 Arrival of Participants  
Unofficial training  
General Briefing

### Tuesday, July 29th

08:00 - 19:00 Day 1 of competition

### Wednesday, July 30th

08:00 - 19:00 Day 2 of competition

### Thursday, July 31th

08:00 - 19:00 Day 3 of competition

Farewell dinner

Provisional timetable to be published by the International Canoe Federation at [canoeicf.com](http://canoeicf.com)

## Events

Men	Distance		Women	Distance		Mix	Distance		
	Boat	200		500	Boat		200	500	Boat
	K1	X	X	K1	X	X	K2	X	X
	C1	X	X	C1	X	X	C2	X	X
	K2	X	X	K2	X	X	K4		X
	C2	X	X	C2	X	X	C4		X
	K4		X	K4		X			
	C4		X						



# ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee is lead by members of the Portuguese Canoe Federation and the municipality of Montemor-o-Velho.

A special workforce inside Portuguese Canoe Federation was created to plan and organize this Championships.

**Race Manager** – Ricardo Machado

**Project Manager & Technical Organiser** – Marcos Oliveira

**Technical & Project Support & Logistics** – Juliana Dias

**Finance** – Nuno Tavares

**Human Resources** – André Almeida

**Volunteers** -Anderson Silva

**Accreditation & Protocol** – Andreia Oliveira

**Transportation** – Hugo Figueiras

**Accommodation** – Andreia Oliveira

**Media & Press** – João Martins

**Security** – Joaquim santos

**Medical** – TBD

**High performance Centre** – Vasco Cavaleiro

**IT** – Memosoft

## Contacts

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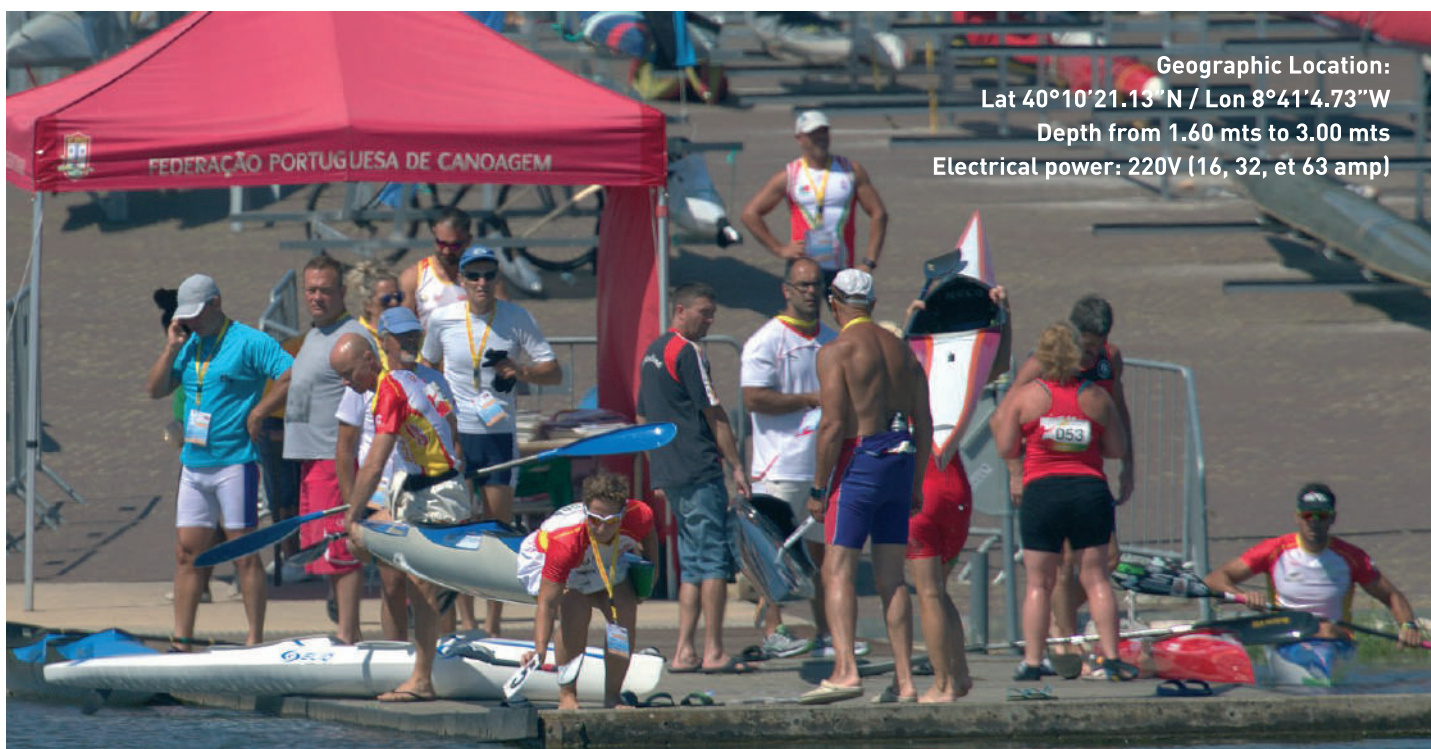
Transportation – Hugo Figueiras, [hugo@canoportugal.com](mailto:hugo@canoportugal.com)

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Emergency phone: +351 932080306

## Venue Layout



The High performance Centre provides top level conditions, including a special wind barrier to avoid side winds during competitions. Venue Layout will be published later at [canoesprintportugal.com](http://canoesprintportugal.com)





# Sport Facilities

We divide the sport facilities into limited access zones and all access zones, being the limited zones, the ones for exclusive use of the NF's and all other accreditation persons at the event.

The all access zones will be access by any spectator free of charge during competition hours. Venue opens 1 hour before the 1st race and closes 2 hours after the last race, each day.

Sunday, July 27th, the venue will still be hosting the Junior & under 23 World Championships. The accreditation office will be open for all masters and there will be a location to deposit boats. During competition hours, team area will not be accessible.



Inside limited zones, different access will be given to different collectives  
According to ICF new accreditation guidelines:

**ICF - Blue**

**National Federation - Orange**

**Host Organising Committee - Navy**

**Broadcasters - Red**

**Media - Yellow**

The access zones will be divided into 7 different zones:

1. Officials' area
2. Competition area
3. Team quarters and areas
4. TV areas
5. Media areas
6. Operational areas
7. VIP area



## Parking

There will be special parking areas, only for Staff. Masters organized as national Team will have access to a secure zone inside teams area. Individual and private cars will need to park in public parking. Access to teams area parking will be controlled by access card in the car and plate number. This access will be given at the accreditation Centre upon request. Parking is free for all. Number of parking spaces to each team will be limited to a maximum of 2. Special cases will be evaluated at the accreditation office upon arrival.



## Team Quarters

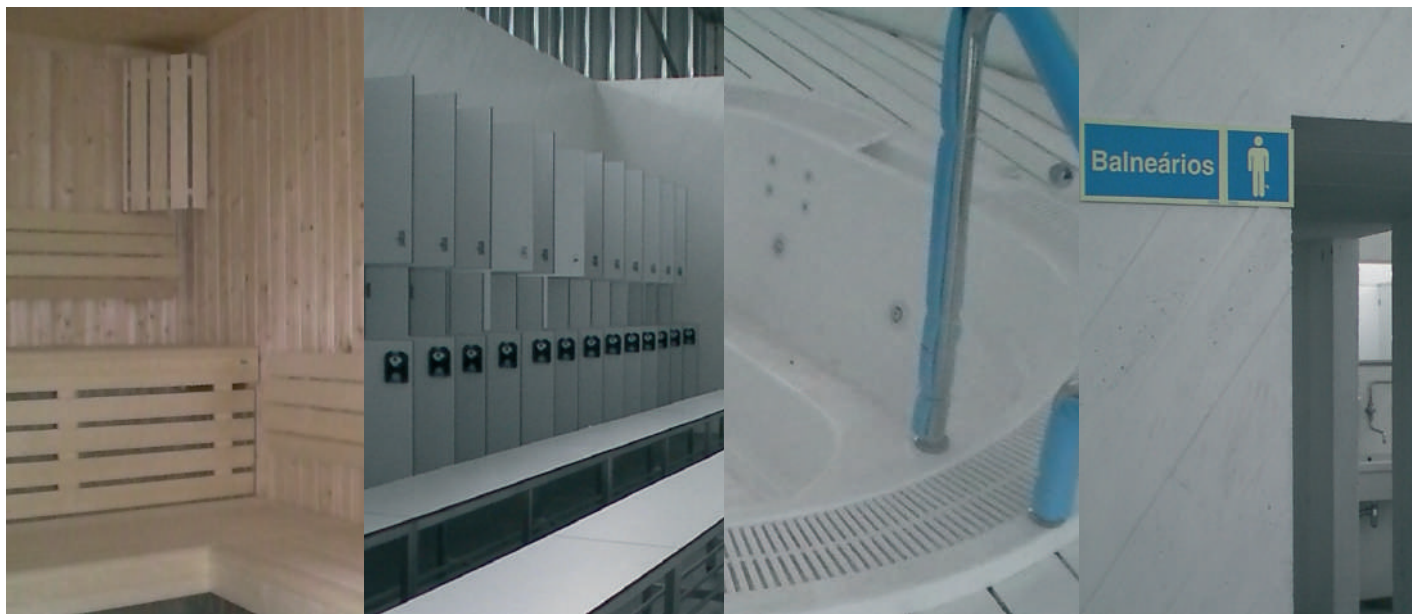
This area will be expanded from the hangars to the parking. In the exterior of this area will be for teams parking, exclusive access to the venue.



We will keep the usual conditions in the hangars, including dressing rooms, places to sit and relax as well as fixed services in this Centre like gymnasium, showers, toilets, nursery, medical services and anti-doping facilities. All teams are invited to bring their own inflatable or other kind of tents to maximize the space for your team. The hangars will be shared for most of the teams and with around 100 persons per hangar.

Also a lot more facilities will be provided:

- Athletes Lounge
- Info Desk
- Portable showers
- Boats Service Center [where ICF sponsors will install their services]
- Medals customization service
- Technical commercial area
- Bags drop office
- Bike rental & parking
- Special access and exclusive use of the cycle path [ maximum of 2 persons per country]
- Commentary of the race [Sound speakers around all zones]
- Boat racks for 900 Boats
- Free boat control area [weight]





# DEADLINES, ENTRIES and REGISTRATION

Registration and entries must be done at [www.canoesprintportugal.com](http://www.canoesprintportugal.com)

There are 3 steps to register:

1st - To start the registration process you must go to [canoesprintportugal.com](http://canoesprintportugal.com) and use the menu MASTERS.

Please do not use TEAMS AREA, as this is for National Federations World Championships ONLY.

Here you should complete registration and use a valid email.

After this registration you will get one automatic email with your unique ID. Example: POR001

Please do not register more than once. If you don't get the email, please check your spam mailbox or contact the organizing committee at [marcos@canoportugal.com](mailto:marcos@canoportugal.com)

2nd - Go again to [canoesprintportugal.com](http://canoesprintportugal.com) and use the menu MASTERS. After that click in make entry.

Here you should use your unique ID to build a boat. If you want to add a K2/C2 or a K4/C4, you must have all the unique IDs of the athletes you want to add to that boat. Make sure that later the same K2/K4 or C2/C4 is not added again by your partner.

3rd - After making the entry check the updated Entry list, available in [www.canoesprintportugal.com](http://www.canoesprintportugal.com) [ this list is updated every 15 days]. If you are not in the list please contact the organizing committee at

[marcos@canoportugal.com](mailto:marcos@canoportugal.com)

If you are in the list, you are ready to go.

## Deadlines:

The deadline to make the registrations and entries at [canoesprintportugal.com](http://canoesprintportugal.com) is set to June 29, one month before the start of the championships.

Later entries in K2/C2 and K4/C4 boats will be accepted at the venue if there is space in the existing heats, until the end of the previous day of the specific race.

## Special rules:

- there is no limit of boats entered per country in each event
- In all categories there will be 5 year age groups.
- Maximum age group will be 75+ for all categories
- One athlete can only compete in kayak or in Canoe
- One athlete can only compete in one age group inside each category(K1,K2,C1,C2,K4,C4)
- A minimum of 3 boats need to be entered for the category to compete. If less than 3, those entries will be added to the younger age group
- In Team boats, athletes from different countries may get together. These boats will have no country defined in the entries
- In teams boats the age group is set according to the age of the youngest athlete
- Each athlete can compete in a maximum of 2 single events and 3 team events. ( Events = category+distance)
- All categories competing will be awarded with the same medals provided by OC and official ceremony with anthems will be played. If winner is a combined country boat, there will be ICF anthem.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

There will be a participation fee of 170 euros/person which includes the following:

- Accreditation card
- Entry in 5 events
- Shuttle bus service connecting Venue and Coimbra, twice a day
- Lunch at the venue in the 3 days of the competition
- Barbecue party and drinks in the 3rd day of competition in the evening
- Use of the High performance Centre facilities
- Security service at the venue
- Medical care at the venue
- Free water at the venue
- Free parking at the venue
- T-shirt of the event



The participation Fee will not be charged to ICF Officers [including JCF Jury, Technical Officials, ICF Sponsors and Suppliers, Board of Directors, ICF Staff]. ICF future Championships organizers up to 4 people from each organizing committee, NF Presidents and Secretary Generals, not competing in the event.

The participation fee does NOT include the transport from and to the airport. This service is not supplied by the OC.

The participation fee does not include any kind of accommodation.

Link for payment of the participating fee:

<https://buy.stripe.com/eVabLD2Do8vd1X0aES>



# LODGING OPTIONS

The organizing committee has established a protocol with one hotel in Coimbra and one hotel in Montemor-o-Velho, with special prices to all masters interested in booking accommodation through our organizing committee.

Athletes are free to choose this accommodation or book any other at your choice.

Athletes willing to book this Hotels should fill the following online form <https://forms.office.com/e/Zbdyf0JfA2>

## Hotel D. Luis

With panoramic views over the city of Coimbra, the Hotel D. Lufs is located just a few minutes from the city centre.

The hotel's guest rooms feature seating areas where guests can relax and watch satellite TV Each is fitted with a mini fridge.

Hotel D. Lurs- restaurant offers picturesque views and an extensive range of traditional, regional and international cuisine. After dinner, guests can unwind on the terrace with a drink from the bar.

Portugal dos Pequenitos is Less than a 5-minute drive away. A car rental service is provided by Hotel D. Lufs and free private parking is available on site. A shuttle service to the city centre is provided for guests of the hotel.

### Prices, with half board

Single room -85€/per person/night

Twin Room -65€/per person/night

## Hotel Abade João

Refurbished in 2012, HOTEL Abade Joao is located in Montemor-o-Velho. It features a meeting room seating up to 30 people, and a dining room. Free WiFi access is included.

Providing views over the plains, each room at Abade Joao includes a flat-screen cable TV, and air conditioning. The private bathroom comes with a shower and a hairdryer.

### Prices, with half board

Single room 60€/per person/night

Twin Room -45€/per person/night

Half board includes dinner at the hotel in Coimbra and at the venue for the hotel in Montemor-o-Velho

## Transport Services

The OC will supply daily shuttle service from Coimbra to the Venue and vice versa from 27 to 31 of July.

This shuttle will be made twice every day. One in the morning and other in the afternoon.

Timetable will be available at least 8 days before the event week, as well as the pickup point.

Only accredited persons may use this transportation system.

This shuttle service can take up to 35 minutes between Coimbra and Venue.

Oporto and Lisbon airports will be available for teams of more than 7 persons. Quotations may be requested to [hugo@canoportugal.com](mailto:hugo@canoportugal.com), until June 30.





## Boat Rental Options

The official rental service for the ICF Masters Canoe Sprint World Championships will be NELORENTAL provided by our partner NELO.

## Language

The official language of the competition will be English.

All the information documents, forms, local identity signs & comments will be in English and in the official language of the host country, Portuguese.

In order to ensure the equal access to information to all the delegations, we will provide Volunteers with interpreter services for French & English.

## Security System

There will be local police force at the venue to ensure that everyone is safe and to guarantee that only authorized athletes can enter go into the athletes area, for example. All the athletes must wear their identity cards and show them at the venue entrance to prove that they are in the race.

The security plan will be assured by the local security authorities: Portuguese National Guard, Police, Civil protection, fire brigade and Portuguese Red Cross.

## Anti-doping control

The Doping control will be provided according to the ICF standards, in partnership with the Nationals entities ADOP. It will be located in a specific room at the venue.

All athletes must apply for the ADEL certificate. More info at <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

## Visa information

All information about visa requirements for all participating teams can found in the Ministry of Foreign affairs website at <https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/>

Additional information and request for invitation letter please contact [marcos@canoportugal.com](mailto:marcos@canoportugal.com)



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