



SPRINT, PARACANOE & MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Montemor-o-Velho



OFFICIAL INVITATION

Portuguese Canoe federation

Welcome once again to all canoeists from across Europe!

Portugal and Montemor-o-Velho are proud to return to the European Canoeing calendar. More than a decade after hosting our first and only Senior Canoe Sprint European Championships, we are honored to welcome you back for the 2026 edition — and this year brings something truly special.

For the first time in European history, the Senior Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe European Championships will be held together with the Masters Canoe Sprint European Championships. Two age groups, 3 categories, one event, united by the same passion for our sport.

We are thrilled to host this unique moment and believe that bringing both championships together will help build a legacy for canoe sprint and strengthen the future of our sport.

In 2026, every detail matters. We are committed to providing the best possible conditions and creating an unforgettable championship experience for athletes, teams, and fans.

Welcome to Montemor-o-Velho.
Welcome to Portugal.
Welcome to an event that will make history

POR NF President

Ricardo Machado



CITY HALL OF MONTEMOR-O-VELHO

It's a great honor and an enormous privilege for Montemor-o-Velho to host one more canoe Sprint Championships in our High Performance Centre.

We're certain that our National Nautical Centre will be at its best for the 2026 Senior, Paracanoe and Masters titles.

Montemor-o-Velho welcomes all paddlers, setting priority on providing an exceptional and safe event for all.

With exceptional natural, environmental, cultural and sports conditions, Montemor-o-Velho has the best facilities and technology at the service of athletes, enthusiasts, and canoe supporters.

Our 900-year Long History, a breath-taking natural Landscape, the Mondego river's blue waters, the 300 sunny days a year and our exciting gastronomy sets the pace to a special charm that will dazzle both canoe athletes and fans.

We are confident that Montemor-o-Velho will surprise you once again! We dare you to be bold and make this event memorable for all!

Mayor of Montemor-o-Velho

José Veríssimo



GENERAL INFORMATION

Event title: 2026 Paddle Europe Sprint, Paracanoë and Masters Championships

LOCATION:

Montemor-o-Velho High performance Centre GPS: 40°10'29.9"N 8°39'17.8"W

DATE:

10th to 14th June, 2026

THE 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.

Chairman | Ricardo Machado

Event Manager – Ana Rita Gonçalves

Project Manager & Technical Organiser - Marcos Oliveira

Project Support & Logistics - Juliana Dias

Finance - Nuno Tavares

Accreditation, Accommodation & Protocol - Andreia Oliveira

Transportation – Paulo Leão

Media & Press - Joao Martins

Security- Joaquim santos

IT Services – Memosoft

Contacts

All general queries from teams should be addressed to marcos@canoportugal.com or in case of emergency by **WhatsApp** to **+351932080306**.

Official NFs TEAM LEADERS and Masters Paddle Europe Whatsapp groups, **please Join**.

PEU Sprint-MASTERS



PEU Sprint- Paracanoë



VENUE, COURSE AND SPORT FACILITIES

The Montemor-o-Velho High Performance Centre offers world-class conditions for athletes and teams. The venue features a unique wind-barrier system, specifically designed to reduce crosswinds and ensure fair racing conditions.

The Teams Area is supported by 16 hangars, each equipped with water, electricity and internal CCTV providing live race footage. Hangars will be shared between teams, with an average capacity of approximately 80 people per hangar.

For the 2026 edition, a dedicated Masters Area will be implemented, guaranteeing the same high-level conditions as those provided to the Participating National Federations, including changing rooms and comfortable spaces to rest and relax.

A new catering system is being introduced, ensuring better flow, improved service and enhanced comfort during lunch periods. Additional improvements to athlete support and physical conditions are also planned for the event.

Parking will be clearly organized into separate zones for Public, Teams, Staff, Team Buses, VIPs and Media.

The venue also offers a full range of facilities, including:

- Gymnasium

- Showers and sufficient toilet facilities

- Nurses Station

- Medical and physiotherapy services

Additional services available to all participants include:

- Bike rental

- Special access and exclusive use of the cycle path

- Live race commentary through sound systems installed across the venue

- Boat racks with capacity for 600 boats

- Free boat control (weight check)

The venue is fully equipped for accessibility, with ramps, designated access routes, accessible restrooms, and an elevator available in the finish tower.



LIST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMME

Men					Women				MIX
SPRINT	200	500	1000	5000	200	500	1000	5000	500
K1	X	X	OLY	X	X	OLY	X	X	
K2		OLY				OLY			
K4		OLY				OLY			
C1	X	X	OLY	X	OLY	OLY		X	
C2		OLY			OLY	OLY			
C4									X

	Men	Women
PARACANOE	200	200
KL1	PLY	PLY
KL2	PLY	PLY
KL3	PLY	PLY
VL1		
VL2	PLY	PLY
VL3	PLY	PLY

Men				Women		MIX
MASTERS	200	500	10000	200	500	500
K1	X	X	X	X	X	
C1	X	X	X	X	X	
K2	X	X		X	X	X
C2	X	X		X	X	X
K4						X
C4						X

MASTERS RULES

An athlete can compete in a masters' event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters' age groups are defined with a minimum age of 35 years. (ICF 1.4.7)

In all* categories there will be 5 year age groups, starting in 35-39;

Maximum age group will be 75+ for all categories;

There is no limit of boats entered per country in each event; (ICF 13.13.1)

One athlete can only complete either in kayak or Canoe;

One athlete can only compete in one age group inside each boat type (K1, C1, K2, C2). This does not apply for Mix boats.

A minimum of 3 boats needs 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 compete together. (ICF 13.13.3). These boats will have no country defined in the entries

In K2/C2 or K4/C4 events the age of the youngest competitor will determine the age group in which a crew can compete. (ICF 13.13.2)

Each athlete can compete in a maximum of 2 single events and 3 team events. An additional 4th entry in team events is possible only if in mixed K4/C4.

[Events= e.g. K2 Men 500m 40-44]

Only categories competing with at least 3 participants will be awarded medals.

Anthems will only be played when the category fulfills the minimum number of countries for a European Title (5). If winner is a combined country boat, the ECA anthem will be played.

*The Men`s 10k event, will only be opened for the 35-39 40-44 and 45-49. Older athletes will be allowed to compete within this age group.

GENERAL PROGRAM

June 4th Thursday

ONLINE Team Leaders' meeting for Sprint and Paracanoe

June 8th (Monday)

Access period starts

Accreditation opens

Regatta Course opens for training

June 8th – 10th (Monday–Wednesday)

Official training times for all disciplines

Paracanoe classification

June 10th (Wednesday)

Official training times with starting machine test

Opening Ceremony

June 11th – 14th (Thursday–Sunday)

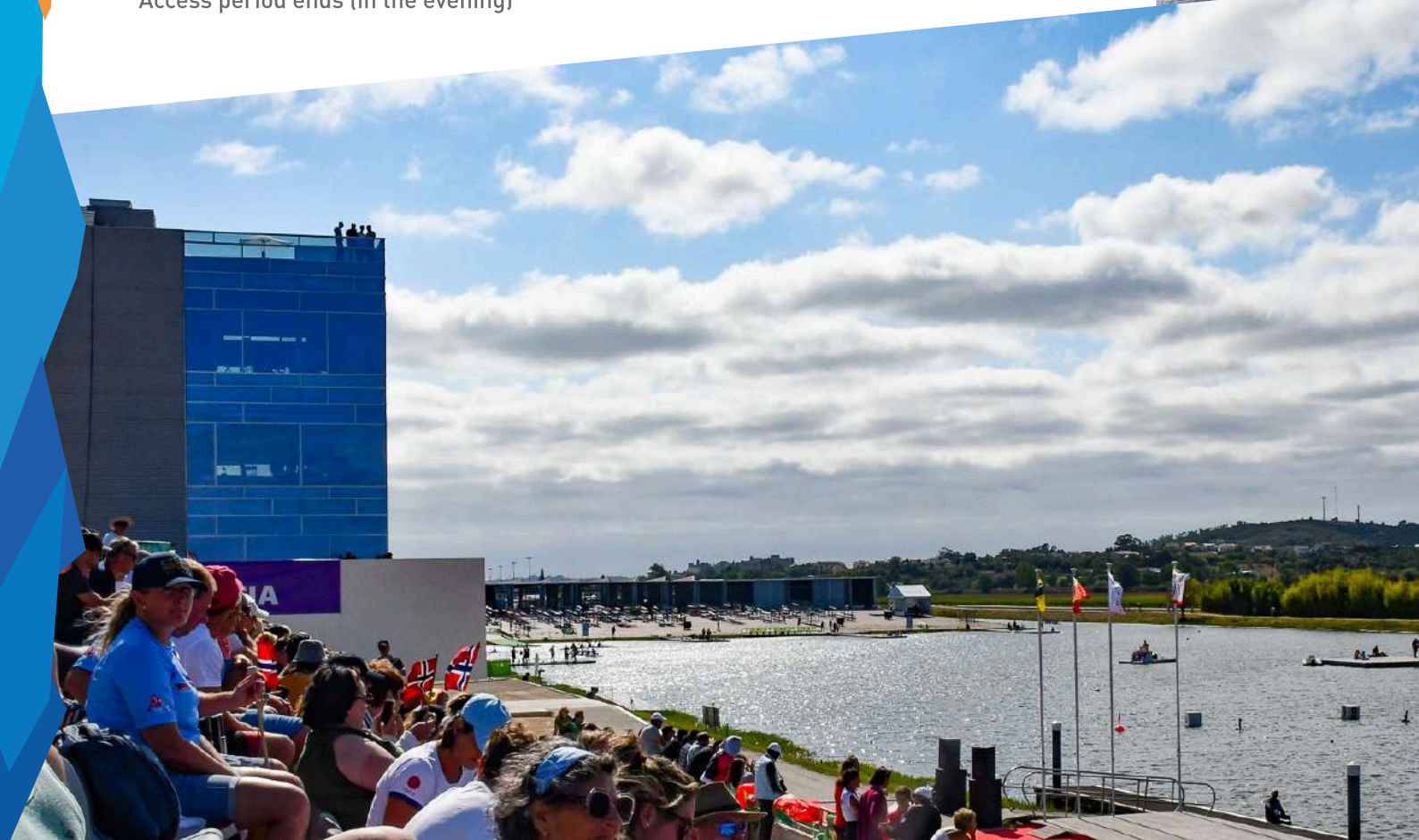
Competition Days

*Masters will compete in the same days as Sprint and Paracanoe, but in separated slots.

Depending on the number of entries in masters races may start 1 day earlier.

14 June (Sunday)

Access period ends (in the evening)



DEADLINES, ENTRIES and REGISTRATION

Senior & Paracanoe

Numerical and Nominal Entries must be submitted via ICF SDP online system:

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

(In case you need help with the SDP, please contact the directly at: jstanojevic@canoe-eca.eu)

Summary of Deadlines:

Numerical Entries: 27 April 2026

Nominal Entries: 1st of June 2026

Masters

Registration and entries must be submitted via individual entry system from memosoft at IES.memosoft.app

(In case you need help with the system, please contact the directly at: marcos@memosoft.pt)

Deadline for nominal entries: 10 May 2026

Masters will be able to add accompanying people to their private profile and then add them to the competition.

A limit of 2 people per competition is set. Under 16 are not allowed to access the Teams Area.

PARTICIPATION FEE:

SENIOR and PARACANOE

The Participation Fee is €40/person/day for Seniors and Paracanoe. This amount will be charged from the day of arrival of each person until the last day of the championships.

The Participation Fee is already included in the prices of the Accommodation Package Fee for National teams, not in Masters.

The Participation Fee will be charged to Teams who did not book accommodation with the OC.

Included in the participation fee:

Shuttle bus service connecting the regatta course and the official hotels on competition and training days, according to the timetable

Accreditation services

Fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities

Medical care at the course

Security services at the course

Access to Internet

Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle

Drinking water

Boat storage facilities

Limited Electricity access

Official ECA suppliers repair service

Boat measurements and control facilities

Live streaming of the races

Timing and results system

Boat number distribution

Results and information announcements



The participation fee does NOT include LUNCH at the venue. Only teams that have booked accommodation with the OC will have lunch included.

It will be possible to book lunch with the OC at arrival, but limited to the availability. Price is set at 20€/meal.

MASTERS:

Masters participation fee is 215€ and includes access for the all period and participation in all categories, according to the entry rules, as well as lunch at the venue during the 4 competition days.

The amount of 15 EUR will be transferred to Paddle Europe for facilitation of ITOs travel costs and individual entry system used for this competition.

Accompanying persons fee is set in 50€ for access for the all period. Accompanying people can only access into teams' area on the same dates of the athlete they are supporting. This fee does NOT include lunch at the venue.

For the Masters, Lunch is included in the Participation Fee in the 4 competition days.

For the rest of the days, Masters may buy Lunch at the main restaurant at 20€/meal.

The Participation Fee does NOT include airport or other arrival and departure means transfer to/from. This must be booked through the Organizing Committee separately.



LOCAL SERVICES for NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The preliminary registrations, travel and accommodation requests must be done at www.canoesprintportugal.com at teams area Tab.

Each NF will need to register and standby for the approval. After approval you may log in and fill in your data. IF you have any issues or questions, please contact marcos@memosoft.pt

Preliminary registration is important, please submit the predicted number of participants and other important information, for example, date of arrival and departure. This will help OC determinate the size of the overall competition and the integration of your team inside the venue and organization.

TRANSPORTATION - Arrival and departure

For teams larger than 3 persons arriving together at the same time we provide transport service from Oporto and Lisbon Airports to the Venue.

Oporto-Venue – 35€/person | Venue-Oporto -35€/person
Lisbon-Venue- 50€/person | Venue-Lisbon- 50€/person



In case of individuals or teams of less than 3 people please ask OC for individual price.
Contact paulo@canoportugal.com

If the arrival and departure transport requests, to be filled out online, is not done before the deadline of May 8th, OC will apply a 20% extra fee to the total invoice of the transportation.
This will not be applied when there are changes or cancelation flight issues, as long as they are proved to have original in the flight company.

For MASTERS, OC will also provide arrival and departure transportation with the same prices as above, but athletes will need to adapt to the NF team's transportation schedules. Masters must request the transportation service online in the individual entry system(IES).

Daily shuttles

OC will supply daily shuttle service from official hotels to the venue and return.
Timetable will be provided in last information document, closer to the championship dates.
Only accredited persons from teams and masters may use the transportation system.
Be aware of the distances and maximum time predicted for each hotel location:
Coimbra -Venue 25 kms , from 25 to 45 minutes
Figueira -Venue 25 Km from 20 to 40 minutes
Soure -Venue 10-20km up to 15-25 minutes
The time displayed above does not mean that the interval between shuttles for the venue will be the same.

Accommodation

Hotel reservations can be made through the HOC in four different categories, based on the room types and prices listed below. Each accommodation package includes three meals per day: breakfast and dinner served at the designated hotel and lunch provided at the Regatta Course. The package is required to be paid on a daily basis. Changes regarding accommodation will be accepted only if made by the online system.
Confirmation of reservation, as well as provisional invoicing will be available online.
For reservations outside of the competition timeframe, please contact andreia@canoportugal.com

- All booking requests will be addressed to one hotel inside the chosen category. This hotel may change at any time in case of need of the Organizing committee. The hotel information will be given to the team after June 1st.
- If a team desires a specific hotel, please add that information in the observation box at the online booking form. Please keep in mind reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. This means your team may be redirected to a different hotel or even category than initially requested unless there is sufficient space available.
- In case there are no options inside the same category and location chosen, our accommodation department will inform you before any booking is done.
- In case of damages Hotels are entitled to request a deposit credit card in the event of damages or extra service. Please be ready to provide your personal credit card during check-in to guarantee any possible extra services.
- The Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for extra services at the hotel [mini bar, telephone, parking, paid internet, etc.

The organizing committee has selected one of the hotels as the official hotel for Paracanoe. We will only guarantee adapted rooms and adapted daily shuttle for wheelchair athletes in this hotel. That hotel is identified in the table below.

Category	Location	Single room	Double room
1APlus	Figueira da Foz	240,00 €	175,00 €
1A	Figueira da Foz	210,00 €	155,00 €
2A	Figueira da Foz	170,00 €	135,00 €
3A	Figueira da Foz	150,00 €	125,00 €
1B	Soure (priority paracanoe)	175,00 €	145,00 €
1C	Coimbra	175,00 €	145,00 €
MASTERS	Coimbra	105,00 €	85,00 €

Prices of the accommodation are per person per day

Terms of payment

30% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid after the reception of the proforma invoice to secure booking/reservation.

75% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid before April 30th

100% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid before May 31st

No reservations are confirmed until 30% of the reservation is paid. The organization may cancel any reservation if no regular payments are made.

Transport from airport and accreditation cards will only be granted upon 100% payment.

For MASTERS, OC will provide one hotel only for them, in order to provide the daily shuttles in a more effective way, according to the competition schedule.

Booking and payment for Masters should be done in the individual entry system(IES). Any questions should be sent to andreaia@canoeportugal.com

Account Details

ALL payments should be made to the following Account Beneficiary:

Federacao Portuguesa de Canoagem IBAN : PT50 0010 0000 2597 5600 007 6 9

SWIFT/BIC- BBPIPTPL

Cancellation Terms

Until March 10th - Refund 100%

Until April 10th - Refund 50%

Until April 30th - Refund 25%

From May 10th - No Refund

Payments should be made in Euros, and all bank Costs must be paid by the remitter

Debit and credit cards will be accepted at the venue. Extra taxes will apply.



OTHER SERVICES

Boat Rental

NELO is the official partner of the OC and will supply the official boat rental service, online at nelo.eu. Service will be available soon at nelo rental page nelo.eu/nelo-rental. Sport-Camps will also have boats available at the venue, but you need to pre book them via email at contact@sports-camps.net.

Visa

Portugal is a part of the European Union (EU) and belongs to the Schengen Area. Most of the countries enjoy visa-free entry to the Portugal. However, citizens from some non-EU countries are required to have a valid visa when travelling to the Schengen Area. If a visa is required, be sure to apply at least a month before. Local OC will only issue invitation Letters to persons entered in ICF SDP system or for the Masters in IES at request.

Training Camps

Montemor-o-Velho High performance Centre is available to offer everything you need to make your preparation a real pleasure or to make your training as efficient and enjoyable as possible. In Montemor-o-Velho you can find perfect and affordable accommodation. If you plan on coming to the venue before the access period, please contact the local administration at CarMontemor@cm-montemorvelho.pt. In terms of accommodation feel free to ask for help to our accommodation department andreia@canoportugal.com.

Medical Services

All participants are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries. A Medical Centre will operate at the Regatta Course with ambulance and First Aid as well as an official doctor. The cost above the regular care is to be covered by the medical insurance policy, the Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for such expenditures.

Media Link

To apply for a media accreditation, please complete the form on OC event website. You will receive a confirmation email for submitting your application. A further confirmation email will be sent if your application is accepted, or an email from an PEU media representative to find out more about your media outlet. For further information please contact PEU media representative or local media officer at joao@canoportugal.com.

