

WOMEN CANOE CUP – SZEGED

14th-15th May, Szeged

Szeged is looking forward to host the most prominent women sprint canoeing athletes in 2018, in succession of the last year's fantastic competition. As we have always been striving for giving you the best, the Hungarian Canoe Federation will, again, do its best and guarantee to offer high quality service for this event to welcome sprint canoeing female athletes in Szeged Maty-ér course.

On these pages, we intend to sum up all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Szeged. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the regatta course the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, boat rental, visa issuance, board, lodging and training camp opportunities that can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you this year again at the Women's Canoe Cup between the **14th and the 15th May, 2018 in Szeged.**

For more information regarding the 2018 Women's Canoe Cup, in Szeged, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert (csaba.szanto@icfcanoe.com) or Andras Szabo, TIP Manager (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu).

SEE YOU IN MAY,
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

PROGRAMME

Venue: Maty-ér Regatta Course, Szeged, Hungary

Date: 14-15 May, 2018

Provisional list of events:

Senior and Junior women categories

- WC1: 200m, 500m, 2000m
- WC2: 200m, 500m

All national federations are allowed to enter 2 boats to each event

Competition Programme

14th – 15th of May (Monday - Tuesday): Competition Days

14th of May (Monday): WC1 Sprint Events

15th of May (Tuesday): WC2 Sprint Events and WC1 long distance, Medal Ceremony

Boats

Athletes may bring their own boats. If necessary, the Organizing Committee will also provide boats (model: Nelo, Plastex). Please note that the specific model of requested boats may not be available.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS / BOARD AND LODGING

Accommodation available from 13 May, Sunday

Rates (per day per person)

in double room per person	70 Euros
in triple or 4 beds room per person	60 Euros

The price includes the lodge and board, local transportation, participation fee and boat rental (for more details and information, please see below).

The ICF may financially support 1 or 2 (C2 team) athletes from Developing National Federations to participate in this programme. All female canoeists who are participating in the ICF/HUN TIP project will be automatically entered into the Women's Canoe Cup free of charge.

COURSE

The 2,400-metre long, 122-metre wide regatta course is located two kilometres south of Szeged. Being an artificial course, hydro dynamism is not an issue here and it is quite well sheltered from strong winds as well. It is equipped with Albano system and has nine lanes along with a separate warm-up canal. There will be electric time keeping with photo finish camera and video recording. Automatic starting system will be used for the start. The facility fully meets the ICF requirements.

ENTRIES and APPLICATIONS

To submit your preliminary entry, boat rental, numerical entry and all further official forms of the event are available from Mr Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert. You are kindly requested to fill out and send all the application forms by deadline: **15 March, 2018!**

Preliminary Entry:

Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert (csaba.szanto@canoefcf.com)

Hotel Reservation/Boat Rental:

Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert (csaba.szanto@canoefcf.com) and Tamas Varga (tamas.varga@mkksz.hu)

Final Travel Information (by 10th April):

Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert (csaba.szanto@canoefcf.com) and Tamas Varga (tamas.varga@mkksz.hu)

All applications for the Women Canoe Cup and for Financial Support:

Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert (csaba.szanto@canoefcf.com)

Visa Support: Upon request, please contact Andras Szabo (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu) for assistance in the process for obtaining visas to Hungary, if required.

Notification of acceptance will be sent from the ICF to the National Federation by Csaba Szanto, ICF Expert.

The application form is enclosed.

The Accommodation Package fee includes the following services:

- Accommodation
- Participation fee
- Three meals per day
- Shuttle bus service connecting the regatta course and the official hotels during the access period, according to timetable
- Right of common and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance of the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t)
- Mineral water during the access period
- Airport (Railway Station) transfer to and from Szeged

In case accommodation is booked independently and NOT through the Organising Committee you are still required to pay the Participation Fee of EUR 30/person/per day from the day of your arrival which includes the following services:

- Accreditation fee
- Right of common and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance of the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t)
- Mineral water during the access period

The Organising Committee cannot be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodation.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel, rooms will be accepted on a 'first-in, first-served' basis.

The Organising Committee does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like minibar, telephone, parking, etc., these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

Check-in and check-out time can vary, so please inquire at the hotel's reception. On big average, check-in time is 15:00PM and the rooms are to be vacated until 11:00AM on the day of departure. (Upon request the hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee.)

INFORMATION

Terms of payment

The participation fees are to be paid as below:

Hotel reservation deadline is the 10th March, 2018. After the Organising Committee confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with 8 days payment terms. Kindly note the booking shall be provisional until the payment of the invoice has arrived to our bank account hence the Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. With the arrival of the payment it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the Organising Committee verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account. The balance of the total amount needs to be paid upon arrival.

Bank: Granit Bank Zrt.

Bank address: 8. Lechner Ödön fasor, Budapest, Hungary, 1095

Account No: 12100011-10208890-00000000 BIC CODE: GNBAHUHB

IBAN: HU65 12100011 10208890 00000000

Beneficiary: Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség 2. Latorca utca, Budapest, Hungary 1138

The currency of the account is Euro so please make sure that your payment is in Euros. Please do not forget about the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to pay these extras when transferring money to our bank account.

Accepted methods of payment at accreditation

Besides cash (only Euros and US Dollars are accepted) we accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

Cancellation terms

Should you cancel your booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Organising Committee, as itemized below. The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the participation fee according to the following period of notice given:

No forfeit if cancelled until the 10th of April, 2018

50% forfeit if cancelled in the period of 10th of April-24th of April, 2018

100% forfeit if cancelled after the 24th of April, 2018

Boat transportation

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

Insurance

All official participants of the Women's Canoe Cup are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

Medical care

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the Women's Canoe Cup: doctor on duty, hospital and clinic assistance. A medical centre will operate at the regatta course with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid, ambulance and physiotherapeutic services are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the Organising Committee is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

HUNGARY

Visa

All participants are kindly requested to contact the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest in your region) in time regarding visa requirements. The difficulty of obtaining visa to Hungary varies by regions but you should calculate with a 45-day long issuing period to ensure the safe attainment of the visa.

For Invitation / Support Letters, please contact Andras Szabo: andras.szabo@canoekft.hu

Please note that the Organising Committee will not send you an invitation letter without knowing:

- your teams' exact flight plans with arrival/departure dates,
- name of the hotel, you are staying,
- list of names of your team, with passport numbers, birth dates, passport issue and expiry dates and position (e.g. athlete, team leader or coach) each applicant may hold!
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asks the same information from us so we cannot stand up for you without you standing up for yourself by providing this information.

Training camps in Hungary

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports, Hungary is a popular location for training camps again in 2018. Because of usual high demand please plan your training camps and contact Andras Szabo from the Hungarian Canoe Federation (andras.szabo@canoekft.hu) well in advance so we can prepare you a custom-tailored package complete with transportation and motorboat.

City of Szeged

Entitled as the capital of sprint canoeing Szeged is the seat of Csongrád County and the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is situated near the southeaster border of Hungary right by the Tisza River. A large part of the town lies on the right bank while Újszeged (New Szeged) a suburban district of residential homes and parks is on the left bank of the Tisza. Szeged is the cultural and economic centre of South-Eastern Hungary and a thriving university town which is also famous for its open-air theatre. The city centre is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Votive Church. This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20th century to commemorate the revival of the city after the devastating flood of the river in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city, with a population of 177,000. The climate is very favourable of canoeing; the annual mean temperature being about 11 °C (52F), somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as there is an average of 2,000 hours of sunshine annually.

General Information on Hungary

Population: 10.2 million

Area: 93.036 km²

Capital: Budapest (Territory: 525 km²)

Time zone: GMT +1 hour

Official language: Hungarian

State form: republic

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers. Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5F). Temperature extremes are about 38 °C (100F) in the summer and -29°C (-20F) in the winter. Average temperature in the summer is 27 to 32 °C (81 to 90F). The average yearly rainfall is approximately 600mm (24 in).