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CANOE SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Words of welcome – Mayor of Nova Gorica

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Guests,



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nova Gorica to all the competitors, team members, guests and visitors of the 2021 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships, together with the Wildwater World Championships two important international events, which we are very glad and honoured to be hosting. It is not the first time we have such an event here, as the organisers, namely the Canoe Federation of Slovenia and the Soške elektrarne Kayak Club, have a wide experience with international competitions. Over the past decade the Solkan Kayak Centre hosted the Junior canoe slalom World Championships in 2006 and the European Junior and U23 Championships in 2008, 2012 and 2016, but also the Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013. I do believe that the upcoming championships will once again be organised with utmost professionalism.

I would like to invite you to use the opportunity to visit the many historical sites and treasures of nature in our region and I am sure you will enjoy the richness and variety of our delicious local cuisine and the pleasant Mediterranean climate. I am looking forward to greeting you in the Goriška Region and the Soča Valley with our hospitality at its best and our traditional cross-border cooperation.

Dr. Klemen Miklavič

Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica

Words of welcome – President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia



When we are talking about Junior and U23 Wildwater and Slalom Slovenia pretty much takes it all in 2021. Three big and important sporting events are ahead of us. Starting in Tacen with the Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships in July followed by Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom Europeans and Junior and U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in Solkan. It is an honour to welcome all the competitors and other participants of the 2021 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan/Nova Gorica 2021.

We have taken over the organisation of those big events in belief that the youth is the most important part of the sport's development. They are equally important for the sport as the sport is important for their development. This has been and will be our organisational guideline of the competitions in Solkan. Kayak centre Solkan on the Soča River is one of the most recognised wildwater centres, primarily intended for the development of young competitors.

Competitions are of course part of the sport and a necessity, but we believe that both 2021 Junior & U23 major events - ICF Junior and U23 Wildwater Canoeing and ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan 2021 will be more than just another two championships for the young athletes. We will strive to achieve they will remember these championships mostly for good company, nice moments and of course beautiful places. We hope the events in Solkan will be an experience they will use and value not only in sports but also in private life.

Good luck and welcome to Solkan!

Andrej Ribič

President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Andrej Ribič, the President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia.

Key dates

Official championships period

18th – 22nd August 2021

Canoe Slalom Accreditations – Entries

5th July 2021 Numerical entries deadline

9th August 2021 Nominal entries deadline

The accreditations are possible only online via SDP (Sports Data Platform) – ICF entries system.

Entries must be made through the numerical and nominal online entry form. You must enter athletes and team members/staff.

Official training period

14th – 18th August 2021

Training in groups after registration

Training periods out of the official dates

Training on the course is possible all year long. Training sessions for participating teams can be arranged in agreement with the Kajak center Solkan. Please, contact the organisers:

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Facts and useful information

Name

2021 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships Solkan 2021

Period

From Saturday, 14th, to Sunday, 22nd, August 2021 (first day of competition 19th August)

Location

Solkan, Slovenia

River: Soča

Course: Semi artificial course with regulated water flow

Length: 295 meters

Width: 9 - 18 meters

Difficulty rate: II. – III. level

Flow rate: 15 – 70 m³

Organisers

European Canoe Association

Canoe Federation of Slovenia

Kayak Club Soške elektrarne

Website

www.socakajak-klub.si

<https://kayaksoca.wordpress.com/>

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Competition Rules

The 2021 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe European Championships in Solkan will be organised in accordance with the ICF/ECA Canoe Slalom competition rules. Anti-Doping-Education Certificate (ADeL-Certificate) is necessary.

Participation

The number of participants at all European Championships is defined according to the ICF and ECA rules.

Events

Canoe slalom:

Men junior: K1, C1 individual and team events
Women junior: K1, C1 individual and team events
Men U23: K1, C1 individual and team events
Women U23: K1, C1 individual and team events

Extreme canoe slalom:

Men junior: K1
Women junior: K1
Men U23: K1
Women U23: K1

Participation Fee

The participation fee - accreditation is 120 EUR (competitors, team leaders and team members). It includes free training sessions five (5) days prior to the competition, event organisation, technical video signal, team area, event T-shirt, wireless internet signal and logistic support for teams and other services in accordance with the ECA, ICF and hosting rules.

Championships venue

Kayak centre Solkan already hosted the ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships in 2013, ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom/Wildwater European Championships in 2008 as well as in 2012 and 2016. We can all agree that all events were a great success. Nevertheless, the organisation of the championships is an additional challenge for our organisational committee and many others taking part in realisation of this sporting event. Once again, we are preparing ourselves to carry out professional and attractive championships, accompanied by an interesting additional programme in relaxing surroundings and in pleasant natural environment. For the upcoming event the organiser is paying special attention to the Covid -19 and health issues in order to guarantee a safe environment for all participants.



The local canoeing club built a new kayak centre in 2005 with the help of a city and the government. A modern sports centre had grown at the site of a former sawmill and paper mill also with additional help of the European funds.

Kayak centre includes a partially artificial channel in the natural channel of the river which is suitable for training at different water levels. An almost 300 meters long track and a modern facility adjacent to it allows the organisation of any competition and training session for beginners and the best paddlers as well.

The course on the Soča river is made of stone and is 450 meters long and has a 2.7 meters fall. The water flow is controlled by hydropower plant with a lot of water coverage. The power plant is situated 750 meters up the river. The course has arranged access to water, trails for paddlers and stands for spectators. In a few years of its existence the kayak centre has become well known for popular and interesting events during the day and in the evenings, when floodlights illuminate the course which makes the venue even more attractive for the audience.



Nova Gorica & Solkan

Goriška is a region divided between Slovenia and Italy. It stretches from the sea to the high peaks of the Alps. Its proximity to the Adriatic Sea and the Alpine peaks gives it a mild climate throughout the year, making it one of the nicest places to live in.

Slovenian Goriška is a region with 118,000 inhabitants, located in the westernmost part of Slovenia. After the Second World War Nova Gorica (with 32,000 residents) became an important university, scientific, cultural, commercial and sports centre. Nova Gorica, also called the city of roses, boasts a number of hotels of all categories, small guesthouses and apartments, which are known for excellent cuisine and superb wine.

Main aorta of Goriška is the Soča River, which originates in the heart of the Julian Alps. In its almost entire 138 km length to the sea Soča River is a paradise for paddlers and other water sports enthusiasts.



Solkan is a place known for its carpentry and also canoeing. Kayakers have become active in particular before the Second World War and shortly after, when they formally organised themselves into a club that still exists today. Canoe racing is here at home. Names such as Prijon, Bone, Špacal, Jug, Pellegrini, Poberaj, Abramič, Štrukelj and others have carried the good name of Solkan kayakers into the world with many world champion titles and other successes, and with their knowledge and enthusiasm to develop the canoeing sport as we know it today.

Competition programme (TBC)

**Provisional programme of the 2021 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships.
Solkan/Nova Gorica, 18th – 22nd August 2021.**

Saturday, 14/08

09:00 – 19:00 Official trainings in groups

Sunday, 15/08

09:00 – 19:00 Official trainings in groups

Monday, 16/08

09:00 – 19:00 Official trainings in groups
16:00 – 19:00 Accreditations

Tuesday, 17/08

09:00 – 19:00 Official trainings in groups
10:00 – 17:00 Accreditations
19:15 – 20:15 Team leaders meeting

Wednesday, 18/08

08:00 – 18:00 Official trainings in groups
10:00 – 17:00 Accreditations
10:00 – 16:30 Equipment control
19:00 Opening ceremony

Thursday, 19/08

10:00 Demo run
13:00 HEATS – 1st GROUP (WK1, MK1)

Friday, 20/08

08:15 HEATS – 2nd GROUP (WC1, MC1)
13:00 TEAM EVENTS
16:30 **Medals ceremony for TEAM EVENTS**
17:30 Extreme canoe slalom time trials

Saturday, 21/08

09:00 Demo run for finals
10:30 SEMIFINALS WK1, MK1
15:00 FINALS WK1, MK1
17:15 **Medals ceremony (GROUP 1)**
19:00 Extreme canoe slalom – FINAL phase

Sunday, 22/08

10:00 SEMIFINALS WC1, MC1
14:00 FINALS WC1, MC1
16:30 **Medals ceremony (GROUP 2)**
18:15 **Closing ceremony**



VISA requirements

The Organising Committee will assist in processing Immigration visa applications for all participants of the event. Further information can be found at http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/for_visa_applicants/

COVID-19 protocols

COVID PROTOCOL: In accordance with the ICF and ECA protocols the HOC will publish a specific COVID-19 security plan where all health measures and requirements will be described.

Official updates: <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

The updated information will be published (www.socakajak-klub.si and www.kayaksoca.wordpress.com) every ten days starting from 1st June until the championships date.

Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary in quality as well as in price.
Please contact us to help you find the most suitable solution for you.

Booking help and logistics:

Please contact:
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Other useful information

How to get here:

Location

Solkan is located in the lower part of the Soča river valley near the town of Gorica/Gorizia. Highways, railways and International airports are located nearby, in a radius of 30 km. Canoe center as the main venue place in Solkan is located 2 km from the City centre of Nova Gorica.

Transport

Teams should provide their own transport of participants and equipment. The organiser offers logistic support to all the teams upon demand. Upon request the organiser arranges the transportation of equipment and accredited participants.

Location of airports, rail network and roads to the venue/city

Nova Gorica has a railway station connected with Ljubljana and Venice as well. The nearest airports are:

Ronchi – Trieste airport: 30 km
Ljubljana – Jože Pučnik airport: 100 km
Venice Treviso airport: 110 km
Venice Marco Polo airport: 115 km

Arriving by car

The majority of drivers enter Slovenia by motorway. To drive on motorways in Slovenia you must have a vignette or you can face heavy fines.

More information on vignette:

http://www.dars.si/Dokumenti/Toll/Methods_of_payment/Vehicles_up_to_35_t/Vignette_308.aspx

Athletes Area at the venue

A section of the public viewing place will be made available exclusively for the competitors. The separate area will be provided for all the teams. Teams can also apply for limited space to build their area - tents. The area will be assigned by the organiser.



Boat Hire: available quantity and rental fees (if required)

There are limited boats available for hire; however they will not be the top competition models.

Transport of athletes and officials during the competition

The transportation of competitors from the place of accommodation to the competition venue is the responsibility of the respected teams. The OC will organise the transport for the race officials on the basis of the individual needs.

Access to transportation for leisure

Solkan is a suburb of the city of Nova Gorica. The bus stop of the city transport is approximately 350 metres away from the venue place itself. The proximity of the city to the Solkan venue guarantees a number of visitors who will arrive with bicycles and by foot.

Medical support

Location of local hospitals

The Clinical Hospital with 24-hour medical services is 6 kilometres away. Ambulance crew and doctor will be on a standby in the area daily during the competition days. By demand we are able to provide a sport massages and therapies at the event venue for the whole duration of trainings and competitions. Sport massage and therapies services are at your own cost and not covered by the organiser.

First aid

A first aid point will be located in the competition area.

Water safety

Rescue service in the competition area will be organised during the competition days.

Medical Insurance

Organising Committee kindly asks all participants of the event to ensure medical insurance policy in their countries. Organising Committee will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital or dental treatment.

Security at the venue

All competitors as well as officials will have accreditation passes enabling them the access to their designated areas. General security will be delivered by a local security agency.

The organiser will not accept any responsibility for missing equipment and other goods.

Access pass and parking

Parking places will be organised. Every team will be allowed to park one van with the trailer.

Internet access

Available in most areas of the Kayak centre Solkan.



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MESTNA OBČINA
NOVA GORICA



Občina Tolmin



Kajakaška zveza Slovenije



Krajevna skupnost Solkan



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