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INVITATION



Dear friends of the sport, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to invite all lovers of the sport to the Canoe European Championships for juniors & U23, which will take place on 10-14 August 2022 in České Budějovice.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Czech Canoe Federation for the trust that the European Canoe Federation has shown in us by assigning us to host such significant event. The race will be organized by SK VS České Budějovice, a recognized organizer and partner of the Czech Canoe Federation. The team has been providing the organizational skills in organizing numerous junior and senior competitions at the national and international level for many years.

The racecourse in the Lída Polesná area has recently undergone extensive reconstruction, thanks to which the artificial slalom course meets the requirements for hosting great international competitions.

The Czech Canoe Federation has recently successfully organized a number of worldwide competitions, such as the World Championships in 2006 and 2013, the European Championships in 2018 and 2020, as well as numerous World Cups in Troja, Prague. I firmly believe that hosting the European Junior and U23 Championships will be a successful continuation.

I am also sure that the European Junior and U23 Championships in 2022 will bring all the young athletes not only a valuable experience of competing at a top international event, but also a lot of experience and knowledge from visiting one of the most beautiful regions in the Czech Republic.

I have to thank all the enthusiasts and volunteers for the preparation of this challenging event. My thanks also goes to the sponsors who are in any way involved in such an important event, which for some of the young athletes may be the gateway to the great world of sport and maybe one day to the Olympic Games.

I am looking forward to seeing you in České Budějovice at the Lída Polesná whitewater area.

Ing. Stanislav Ježek
President of the Czech Canoe Union, Wild Water Section

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LOCATION

The Czech Republic is a country of paddlers. Various forms of canoeing and activities around water do not only have a long tradition, the water slalom is historically and currently one of the most successful sports here.

In the South Bohemia, the effect is amplified by the traditional paddling terrains in Šumava, including the famous Lipno area, paddling classics such as the Vltava, Lužnice, Otava, and finally the vast water areas of the ponds around Třeboň.

Slalom course in České Vrbné

The area is located at the point where the Vltava River leaves the town of České Budějovice towards Hluboká nad Vltavou.

The artificial slalom course was created in the 1980s by converting a part of the original meandering Vltava riverbed into a slalom course and building the hydroelectric power station in České Vrbné that provides a course with sufficient water gradient.

The track was continuously improved and modified. The big evolution came in 2010-2012, when the middle part was completely rebuilt using brand new RapidBlocs system. Changes have also been made to other parts of the course (as well) so today it is possible to use two easier courses and one challenging for training or racing.

Background

The great asset of the artificial slalom course have always been the accompanied facilities.

Visitors can use the campsite or hostel, have a snack in the restaurant or hang out with their kids on the playground.

Everything is connected by a cycle path with nearby České Budějovice or the extremely popular chateau Hluboká nad Vltavou. Both are accessible by bicycle or roller skates, as well as by regular boat or public transport.

Thanks to this, the area has always been a popular place for multi-day sport(s) camps, various types of competitions, sport events, or even cultural events. The complex is actually an island between the slalom course (i.e. the original riverbed) and the straightened new riverbed of the Vltava River. And as an island of well-being, good mood and sport in nature, it always impresses.





CITY

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

With a population of 94,000, the Statutory city of České Budějovice is the capital of the South Bohemian Region. Located at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers surrounded by enchanting countryside, the city covers the area of 56 square kilometers.

Due to its numerous architectural and art heritage sites, the historic city center has been declared an urban heritage reserve and contains the greatest tourist sights. These include the renowned **Přemysl Otakar II Square**, named after the city's medieval founder. From the bird's eye view, the nearly regular square shape is surprising with a surrounding perpendicular grid of streets.

The dominant building among the Baroque and Renaissance buildings with arcades around the square is the **Baroque town hall**. The four stone statues set among the three city hall spires are an allegory of the civic virtues: Justice, Bravery, Wisdom and Caution.

The gem in the center of the square is the Baroque **Samson's Fountain**, the largest of its kind in Bohemia, featuring a sculpture of the legendary hero Samson fighting the lion.

The domination of the city center is the **Black Tower** – a 72-meter tall belfry and city watchtower. Its gallery provides a stunning view on České Budějovice and the surrounding area. The tower was built in the Renaissance style by the councilors in the 16th century. On the right of the tower is (located) the **Cathedral of St. Nicholas**. The austere Baroque structure

was built in the mid-17th century after the beautiful Late Gothic cathedral was destroyed by fire. The list of the sights is even longer: **the Dominican monastery with the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Salt Store, the remnants of fortification, the Rabenstein Tower and the Iron Maiden...**





ACCOMMODATION

We recommend using the internet website booking.com or you can contact the tourist information centres in České Budějovice and Hluboká nad Vltavou.

České Budějovice

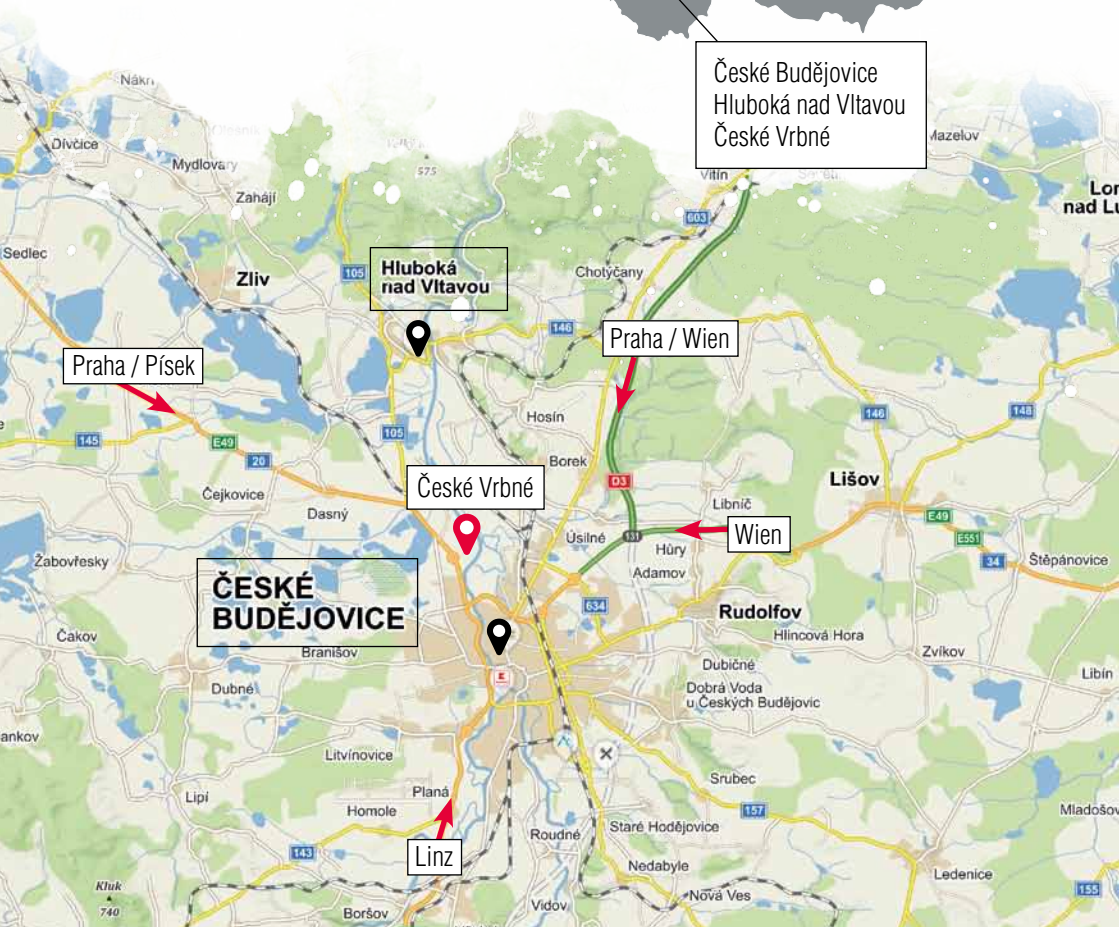
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HOW TO GET HERE



By plane

For regular access by plane, we recommend choosing one of the closest airports:

- Prague (PRG), • Linz (LNZ), • Vienna (VIE)

Then use the public transport (train, bus) to arrive at the České Budějovice railway station. In case of a private flight, it is possible to contact the České Budějovice Airport directly on their official website: www.airport-cb.cz/en/.



By car

Arrival from Písek/Prague (road no. 20): at the first traffic light turn the left towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800m you will arrive at the complex.

Arriving from the direction of Prague, Vienna (road no. 23): follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. At the last traffic light at the exit from the town (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.

Approach from the direction of Linz (road no. 3): transit through the town, no turning. Follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. Exit the town at the last traffic light (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.



By bus or train

Destination: České Budějovice bus/train station

Then take line 9 to the České Vrbné terminal station and walk from there about 800 m or ride a bike, which can be easily rented at the terminal station.

From the station it is also possible to use shared bicycles and take the cycle path leading through the historic centre to reach the place.



By bike

Cyclists can easily reach the area from the centre of České Budějovice or from Hluboká using the cycle path on the left bank of the river.



By boat

It is possible to use the boat service (line) and get off at the dock in České Vrbné.

If you leave České Budějovice by the main road number 20 in the direction to Písek, take the last light right (Bauhaus shopping mall on the left side) turn in České Vrbné, keep to on the left and after about 800 m you will arrive at the complex, which you cannot miss. You will enter the complex directly over the bascule bridge past the České Vrbné marina.



EVENT AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Please check the official www.ww-cb.cz website regularly.
The schedule will be precised (accurate) after the application deadline.

OFFICIAL TRAINING

DATE	START	FINISH	NOTE
Sat. 06 Aug	07:00	19:00	Slalom official training
Sat. 06 Aug	19:00	20:30	Extreme slalom official training
Sun. 07 Aug	07:00	19:00	Slalom official training
Sun. 07 Aug	19:00	20:30	Extreme slalom official training
Mon. 08 Aug	07:00	19:00	Slalom official training
Mon. 08 Aug	19:00	20:30	Extreme slalom official training
Tue. 09 Aug	07:00	19:00	Slalom official training
Tue. 09 Aug	19:00	20:30	Extreme slalom official training

For training sessions anytime before the schedule above, kindly contact:

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or visit our website ww-cb.cz
for further information.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
Tue. 09 Aug	Opening Ceremony	19:30 - 20:30
Wed. 10 Aug	Official Training	07:30 - 13:30
Wed. 10 Aug	First ITOs meeting	14:00 - 15:00
Wed. 10 Aug	Course tuning	13:30 - 20:00
Thu. 11 Aug	Heats	MK1, WK1 (JUN + U23)
Thu. 11 Aug	Team events	MK1, WK1 (JUN + U23)
Thu. 11 Aug	Team events - medal ceremony	MK1, WK1 (JUN + U23)
Fri. 12 Aug	Team events	MC1, WC1 (JUN + U23)
Fri. 12 Aug	Team events - medal ceremony	MC1, WC1 (JUN + U23)
Fri. 12 Aug	Final events course preparation	Preparation, approving
Sat. 13 Aug	Semi final & final	MK1, WK1 (JUN + U23)
Sat. 13 Aug	Medal ceremony	MK1, WK1 (JUN + U23)
Sat. 13 Aug	Extreme canoe slalom - time trials	All categories
Sun. 14 Aug	Semi final & final	MC1, WC1 (JUN + U23)
Sun. 14 Aug	Medal ceremony	MC1, WC1 (JUN + U23)
Sun. 14 Aug	Extreme canoe slalom - quarter final	
Sun. 14 Aug	Extreme canoe slalom - semi final	
Sun. 14 Aug	Extreme canoe slalom - final	
Sun. 14 Aug	Medal ceremonies - extreme slalom	
Sun. 14 Aug	Closing ceremony	





ENTRIES AND PARTICIPATION FEE

Registration is only possible through the ICF portal and standard procedures issued by ICF/ECA.

Deadline for submission of numerical applications: **27. 6. 2022**

Deadline for nominal applications: **1. 8. 2022**

All participants will pay the participation fee 125 € per person; excluding Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Federations.

The participation fee includes:

- Accreditation
- Technical video service
- Security and emergency medical services
- Official pre-competition training period and official training period
- Miscellaneous services (including but not limited to snacks, water, etc.)
 - Car parking
 - basic snacks and mineral water for free during the competition days
 - 40% discount on rental services (bicycles, inline skates, paddleboards and other equipment)
 - 15% discount in the boating equipment shop

INSURANCE & MEDICAL CARE

INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to get a medical insurance policy in their home countries.

MEDICAL CARE

The following medical services are provided for all the official participants of the above mentioned event. A medic will be on duty at the course. Ambulance and the first aid will be available on demand. All costs above the regular care will be covered by the medical insurance policy – the Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for such expenditures.

COVID-19 AND SAFETY RULES

Hand sanitizing points

There are several points for hand sanitizing in the venue area. The points are labeled by the sign POINT OF DISINFECTION. The information will be continuously updated. Follow our website and the websites of the relevant government institutions.

Place

The competition area is closed to the visitors. Entry to race zone is possible only for teams, ITO's, organizers and media. Entry is possible only with (the) accreditations. Current safety rules will be distributed to the team boxes before and during the race.





CONTACTS

Always check the **www.ww-cb.cz** website for up-to-date information.

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