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CANOE OCEAN RACING RULES

European Championship

2021



Taking effect from 1st January, 2021.

The Ocean racing rules are based on the International Canoe Federation Ocean Racing rules.

All competitors can consult the international rules, linked with this document.

Some articles are modified to correspond with the wishes of the European Ocean Racing development.

International Canoe Federation Ocean Racing Rules:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/discipline/canoe-ocean-racing>

All the articles dealing with “World Championships” and “ICF” are modified, respectively, by “European Championships” and “ECA”.

By extension, all the articles describing craft characteristics are extended to Outrigger Canoe and Stand Up Paddle board.

4 CLASSES

Downwind races may be run in the following classes:

Titles	Craft	Junior Men	U23 Men	Senior Men	Master Men	Junior Women	U23 Women	Senior Women	Master Women	
Official title of European Champion <i>ECA Medals</i>	SS1	x	x	x	/	x	x	x	/	
Federal title of European Champion (depending on the organizer program) Organizers prices	SS2	One title for mixed SS2								
	SS1	One title Master Men and One title Master Women								
	OC1	x	x			x	x			
	OC2	1 title for mixed OC2								
	SUP	x				X				
	Para	Title depending on specific categories								

The organizers are allowed to open races for others categories but the titles will only be given as described above. The mentioned categories enter a new development of craft in Ocean racing. They could be modified with the evolution of practice.



8 CONSTRUCTIONS

8.1 All the crafts shall be boats which the competitor sits on or stand on with one watertight compartment, and self-bailing.

19 COURSES

19.1 Courses may be held on any open water or the open sea, in a variety of formats and conditions but predominantly with downwind conditions. The organizers try to use as few buoys and marks as possible on the course except to identify start lines and arrivals and eventually to secure a specific danger on the course.

22 MEANS OF PROPULSION

22.1 Ocean Racing shall be propelled solely by a paddle per competitor. Paddles may not be attached to the boats in any way while being used, except by a safety leash that is kept slack at all times while paddling.

23 START

23.6 e) Interval starts

Where a simultaneous start is impracticable or undesirable, an interval start may be used. The order can be determined by the classification by grades of the competitors.

A list of competitors with their starting groups shall be displayed on a notice board at least one hour before the start of each competition.

SPECIAL RULES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

38 ARRANGEMENTS

European Championships may be arranged with the consent of the ECA Board of Directors, at a time and place approved by it, and in accordance with the ECA Ocean Racing Rules. The European Championships shall be open to National Federations of the ECA.

A valid European Championships is held only if at least 5 Federations take part in the event. If during the event some federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

Championships are restricted to the classes described in Article 4.

The number of competitors in each class does not affect the awarding of the title.

Quotas are fixed per nation for 2021. These quotas permit the athletes to access a **first line start**. Other athletes are allowed to participate and to compete for the European title. The start should be geographically separated from the selected athletes (second line).

Quotas for 2021 are (per nation):

Titles	Craft	Junior Men	U23 Men	Senior Men	Junior Women	U23 Women	Senior Women
Official title of European Champion <i>ECA Medals</i>	SS1	3	3	3	3	3	3

Unselected athletes have to be confirmed by their national federations before being registered.

The organizer of the event can determine a maximum number of unselected athletes, for obvious reasons of security, by taking into account aspects of secure democratization of the practice of downwind paddling. These conditions have to be fixed in the program.

Among the unofficial categories describe in article 4, the organizer of the events has to open the event, to least, one of these categories in addition to the master's categories. Those ones being important priorities of development and current practice.

The race, for open categories, can be separated from the official race.

46 PRIZE MONEY

Prize money is not mandatory to receive an ECA Ocean Racing Championships.

Possible prizes are left to the free choice of the organizer of the Championships.