



***EUROPEAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER***

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***ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP AND  
PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS***

***DEAR FRIENDS,  
DEAR FUTURE GUESTS,***



It is a great honour and great pleasure to once again host the world's best sprinters and para athletes, their coaches, sports leaders, friends and, last but not least, fans from all over the world at the legendary Maty-ér Regatta Course in Szeged, Hungary.

2024 is the year of the Olympics. It is the dream of each athlete to be able to participate at least once in the world's biggest sporting event. That is why our competition, which will also be the opening event of the international kayak-canoe season, is preceded by heightened anticipation. In European terms, Szeged is the last chance to get a quota, and it is also a great test of strength for everyone, so I am sure that we will witness fantastic battles again. I do not think anyone needs to introduce the venue and the track. We can recall countless memorable moments and competitions in the more than four-decade history of Maty-ér. We also received a lot of positive feedback regarding the organisation of the competition in previous years, which suggests that the kayak-canoe family always returns with pleasure. Of course, together with my colleagues, we will also try to be hosts worthy of the rank and traditions of our beloved sport.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I can say that we are excited to see everyone between 8–12<sup>th</sup> May to Szeged! Let's make the 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup and Paracanoe World Championships memorable together!

In the meantime, I wish everyone all the best, and an injury-free preparation for the athletes.

Friendly regards,

Bálint Szakács  
Managing Director of the Hungarian Canoe Federation  
Chairman of the Host Organising Committee

# ***ISTEN HOZOTT AND WELCOME!***

On the following pages, we walk you through 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, visa issuance, board, lodging and training camp opportunities can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup and Paracanoe World Championships between 8–12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Szeged.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition: [www.szeged2024.com](http://www.szeged2024.com)

The most relevant information will also be available at the following websites:

[CANOE SPRINT EUROPEAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER](#)

[ICF PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS](#)

[ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP](#)

**SEE YOU IN MAY  
THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE**



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## ***HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE***

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# LIST OF EVENTS

**VENUE:** Maty-ér Regatta Course, Szeged, Hungary

**DATE:** 8-12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

## WOMEN

<b>K1</b>	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
<b>K2</b>	500m
<b>K4</b>	500m
<b>C1</b>	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
<b>C2</b>	200m, 500m
<b>VL1, VL2, VL3</b>	200m
<b>KL1, KL2, KL3</b>	200m

## MEN

<b>K1</b>	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
<b>K2</b>	500m
<b>K4</b>	500m
<b>C1</b>	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
<b>C2</b>	500m, 1000m
<b>VL1, VL2, VL3</b>	200m
<b>KL1, KL2, KL3</b>	200m

## MIX

<b>K2</b>	500m
<b>C2</b>	500m

# PROGRAMME

## 5<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)

- Access period starts
- Regatta Course opens for training

## 5<sup>th</sup> May–7<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday–Tuesday)

- Paracanoe classification
- Official training times

## 6<sup>th</sup> May (Monday)

- Accreditation opens

## 7<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday)

- Team Leaders' meeting of the Canoe Sprint European Qualifier and the Paracanoe World Championships and Paralympic Qualifier
- ITO's meeting
- Official training times with starting machine test

## 8<sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday)

- Team Leaders' meeting of the Canoe Sprint World Cup

## 8<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday–Thursday)

- Canoe Sprint European Olympic Qualifier competition days

## 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday–Saturday)

- ICF Paracanoe World Championships and Paralympic Qualifier competition days

## 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> May (Friday–Sunday)

- ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup competition days

## 12<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)

- Access period ends (in the evening)

## COURSE

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

## ANTI-DOPING

For the ICF World Cup and Paracanoe World Championships each athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role. More information on the website: <https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

## ENTRIES IN THE ICF SDP SYSTEM

The Host Organising Committee requires you to use the online entry system (SDP) of the ICF to submit your numerical and nominal entries. The system can be reached at: <https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp>

(In case you need help with the SDP, please contact the administrator directly at: [sdp@canoeicf.sport](mailto:sdp@canoeicf.sport))



# HOTEL BOOKING AND TEAM REGISTRATION

Kindly note that hotel reservations and team registrations (without a hotel reservation) have to be submitted via the HMS (Hospitality Management System) at <https://hms.digicorp.hu/login>. The system will open on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

Please, be informed that registering your team in the online system (arrival & departure dates, no. of persons) is a must even if you are planning to book your accommodation independently from the Host Organising Committee.

Prior to logging in for the first time, please, send an email to Ms. Orsolya KOVÁCS at [booking@szeged2024.com](mailto:booking@szeged2024.com) even if you have used the system earlier, since we need to add the new event to your profile.

**PLEASE, NOTE THAT THE SPRINT WORLD CUP AND THE PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE TWO DIFFERENT EVENTS IN THE HMS, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU LET US KNOW IN CASE YOU NEED ACCESS TO BOTH PLATFORMS** (this means that you need to submit your reservation, rooming list, airport transfer reservation, etc. for the sprint and the paracanoe teams separately).

Please, note that email modification requests cannot be accepted and will not be considered: all changes should be indicated exclusively – before and after the deadlines – in the online system. Please, remember that no booking or modification request can be considered as confirmed until you get a notification on it from the HOC.





## ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARACANOE TEAMS***

Please, note that the number of accessible rooms in and around Szeged are lower than in the previous years. We would like to kindly ask you to contact the HOC at [booking@szeged2024.com](mailto:booking@szeged2024.com) before submitting any reservation in the HMS for your paracanoe team, so we can discuss the different options and will find the best solutions. Please, also inform us on the no. of female / male wheelchair athletes in your paracanoe team, so we can make an appropriate offer for your team.

## ***DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRIES AND FORMS:***

**Hotel Reservation (HMS):** 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024

**Team Registration without Hotel Booking (HMS):** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024

**Airport Transfer Reservation (HMS):** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024

**Rooming List (HMS):** 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**2024.05.08-09. ICF CANOE SPRINT EUROPEAN QUALIFIER**

**Numerical Entry (SDP):** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Nominal Entry (SDP):** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**2024.05.09-12. ICF PARACANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
AND PARALYMPIC QUALIFIER**

**Numerical Entry (SDP):** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Nominal Entry (SDP):** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**2024.05.10-12. ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP**

**Numerical Entry (SDP):** 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Nominal Entry (SDP):** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024



# BOARD AND LODGING

The Accommodation Package fee is to be paid for the length of your team's stay during the access period on a daily basis, which starts 5<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday) and ends on 12<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday) when the services below are provided. For bookings outside this period please, see the chapter about training camps.

## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

### **CATEGORY 1 (4-STAR HOTELS, REGATTA COURSE HOTEL<sup>1</sup>)**

- single occupancy<sup>2</sup> 190 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy<sup>3</sup> (twin/double room) 155 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy – accessible 155 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy<sup>4,5</sup> 125 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy – accessible 125 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 2 (3-STAR HOTELS)**

- single occupancy 155 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy (twin/double room) 130 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 110 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 3 (2-STAR AND 3-STAR HOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES)**

- single occupancy 130 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy 120 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 105 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 4 (2-STAR MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES)**

- single occupancy 110 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy 105 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 95 EUR/person/day
- quadraple<sup>6</sup> occupancy 85 EUR/person/day

<sup>1</sup> at the Regatta Course Hotel only wheelchair athletes can book their accommodation, exclusively in twin or triple rooms, no single occupancy can be reserved. Please, always contact our Hospitality Department before submitting a reservation for your paracanoe team to discuss availability

<sup>2</sup> one person in the room, the type of bed can be either a single or a double bed

<sup>3</sup> two persons sharing the same room. Please, choose a twin room in case you need two single beds or a double room in case the 2 persons would share a double bed

<sup>4</sup> only a limited no. of triple rooms is available in category 1, please, contact the HOC before booking

<sup>5</sup> three persons sharing the same room

<sup>6</sup> four persons sharing the same room

## ***THE ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:***

### **NON-COMPETITION DAYS:**

- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- Accreditation services
- Info desk
- Boat storage facilities
- Boat measurements and control facilities
- Boats and equipment repair services
- Shuttle bus service to and from 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 for the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t) /team
- Drinking water during the access period

### **COMPETITION DAYS:**

- All the above
- Doping control
- Live streaming of the races
- Timing and results system
- Boats numbers distribution
- Results and information announcements
- EXPO village
- Athletes Lounge

## ***THE ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:***

- Airport (Railway Station) transfer to and from Szeged

In case your accommodation has been booked independently and NOT through the HOC, you are required to pay a Participation Fee of 40 EUR/person/per day from the day of your arrival, which includes all additional services and lunch at the Regatta Course.

For teams larger than 3 persons arriving together at the same time we offer the transfer between Budapest and Szeged for 34 EUR person/one-way. Individuals and teams of 3 or less requiring transfer should contact the HOC for an individual price.

In case the airport transfer reservation form will not be sent to the HOC by the deadline (1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024) or your exact departure date & time will not be known by the time of accreditation, the transfer fee will increase to 45 EUR/person/one-way.

The HOC cannot be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodations.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories, reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, which means your team will automatically be redirected to a different category than initially requested, unless there is enough space left in the required category.

The HOC does not take responsibility for any extra services of the hotel, such as minibar, telephone, parking, etc, these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

Check-in is from 15:00. The rooms are to be vacated until 10:00 in the morning on the day of departure. (Upon request the hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee, that should be paid directly to the hotel.)

## **PARKING**

Teams will receive one parking pass for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t). The sticker is valid for a maximum 9-seated minibus size vehicle to the parking behind the Athletes Area. Further parking stickers are available for 50 EUR/car/competition.



# INFORMATION

## TERMS OF PAYMENT

The accommodation and participation fees are to be paid as below:

Hotel reservation deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024. Once the HOC confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with 8 days payment terms. Kindly note that 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.

Participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation on their own and not through the HOC) has to be paid upon the proforma invoice sent by the HOC. Please, keep the deadline of submitting the nominal entry.

100% of the accommodation and/or participation fees have to be paid until 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**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, Latorca utca 2., Budapest 1138, Hungary

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 ON-SITE IN THE ACCREDITATION CENTRE

Besides cash (only Euro is accepted) we accept Visa and MasterCard credit/debit cards.

## CANCELLATION TERMS

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

No forfeit, if cancelled until 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024

50% forfeit, if cancelled between 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

100% forfeit, if cancelled after 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024

Please, note that in case you submit your room reservation after the reservation deadline (1<sup>st</sup> February, 2024) and we are able to confirm your request, the relevant cancellation terms will come into effect immediately from the moment of your reservation.



## ***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 World Cup and Paracanoe World Championships 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 World 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 the athletes own 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 to you) 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..

## **THE TYPICAL STEPS OF OBTAINING VISA ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Booking accommodation via the HOC or sending the confirmation of your hotel booking to the HOC (if booked individually) - please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of visa issuance
2. Sending the filled-in visa application form to the HOC ([booking@szeged2024.com](mailto:booking@szeged2024.com))
3. The HOC issues the Letter of Invitation
4. Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request from you
5. Visa issuance

Please note that the HOC will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your teams' arrival/departure dates, where you are staying, how many people there are in your team and who they are. 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 2024. Because of usual high demand, please plan your training camps and contact the Hungarian Canoe Federation at [booking@szeged2024.com](mailto:booking@szeged2024.com) well in advance, so we can prepare you a custom-tailored package completed 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 south-eastern 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 km<sup>2</sup>

**Capital:** Budapest (Territory: 525 km<sup>2</sup>)

**Time zone:** GMT +1 hour

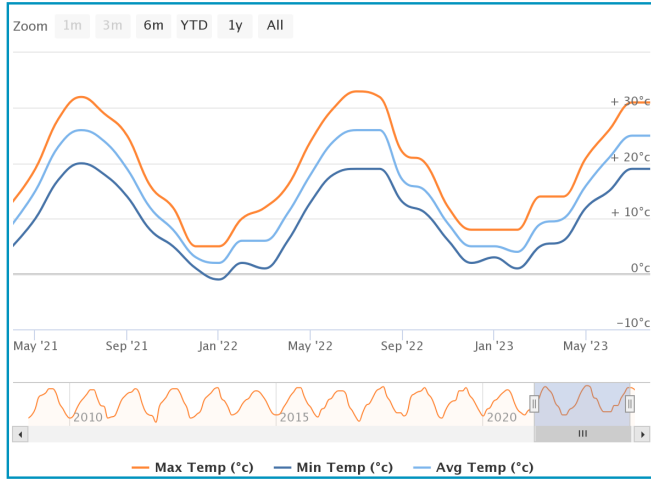
**Official language:** Hungarian

**State form:** republic

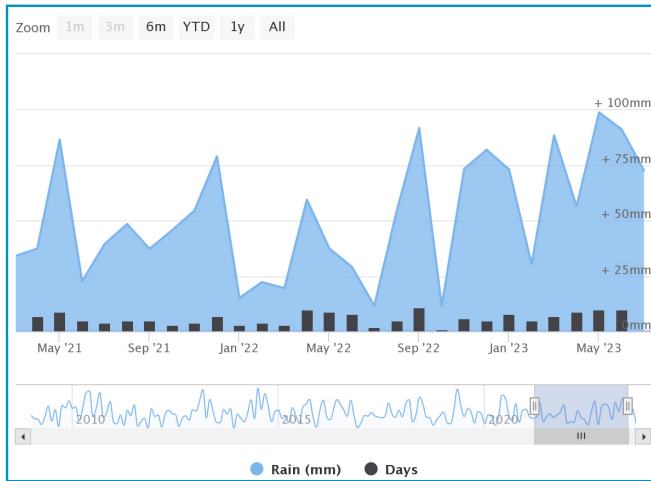
Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling 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).



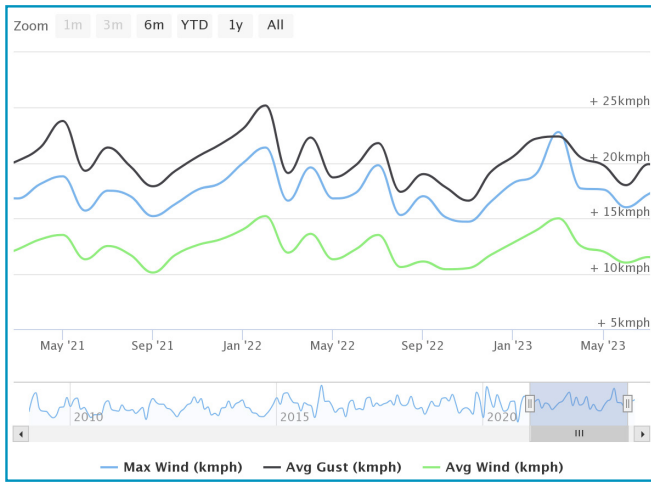
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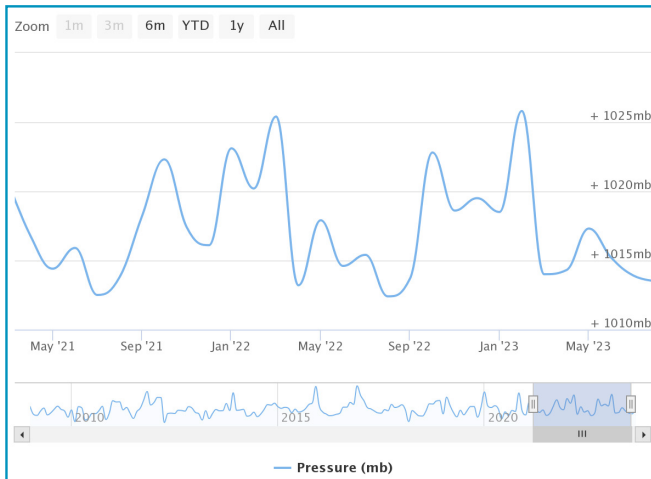
**MAX, MIN, AND AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°C)**



**AVERAGE RAINFALL AMOUNT (MM) AND RAINY DAYS**



**AVERAGE AND MAX WIND SPEED AND GUST (KMPH)**



**AVERAGE PRESSURE (MB)**