

MASTERS FAQ

Accreditation

- In the main building of EXPOLIMA and it's open from May 31st to June 3rd. Opening times: 8:00-12:30. 13:30-19:00
- There will be a ticket waiting system, to avoid confusion. Upon arrival to the Centre take your ticket and wait. There will be 3 tickets tolerance.
- We will check for your age and match it with the competitors' List. Please be aware and ready to provide your ID Card.
- Only paid participation will be allowed to receive the accreditation badge.
- If you did not yet provide payment we will accept payments in cash or card. For credit card use we will charge 1% tax.
- Accompanying people will have to pay to enter the team's area.
- There will be no individual picture in the accreditation badge
- You will be given your accreditation badge as well as your boat numbers for the race. In the end of the race, you may keep your numbers as souvenir.
- Please check the competitors list before going to the accreditation. If your name is not there you must first go to the sport department. If your name is there but you are not in any of the K1/C1 or K2/C2 columns you also need to go to the sport department first. Staff will guide you there.

Facilities

- The Masters Area will be located inside the EXPOLIMA pavilion. You can use the power plugs as well as the toilets available. This area is open to master's only
- Teams' area will be open to use the boat racks and access the venue. Please be aware the cabins are locked for the exclusive use of national teams and Elit competition.
- NELO and ELIO repair service will be available
- Water fountains will be available free of use

- An info point will be available during the competition for questions, it is located in the end of the cabins
- At the info point you can find free reusable bottles. You need to present your accreditation badge.
- Please check the venue layout for more detailed information at canoemarathonportugal.com in the documents area
- Two different Wi-Fi networks will be available to all participants and public.

Wifi4U, which is a permanent free connection provided by the city council and other one installed for the Event that will be called **Plima2025-Teams**. Password for that network is *Canoemarathonisgreat#2025*

Meals

All masters have included lunch at the venue (check the location of the restaurant) in the day(s) they are competing. If you are doing K1/C1 you have lunch included for June 2nd. If you are doing K2/C2 you have lunch included for June 3rd. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 14:30.

Meat and fish dishes are available. You need to bring your accreditation badge to validate your entrance.

Sport information

- Deadlines for late entries in single boats is Saturday May 31st and for double Sunday June 1st
- Timetable, start list and results available at [memosoft website](http://memosoft.com). Use QR CODE to access.
- There will be no start list or results printed. If you need any, please ask at info point
- Check the information regularly as changes are always possible. The start list will certainly change on Sunday 1 June (for the singles) and Monday 2 June (for the doubles).
- If you have any questions related to the start list or entries you need to go to the sport department, located in the first floor of EXPOLIMA. Permission needs to be given at accreditation first
- If you have any sport related questions before, during or after the competition, you need to go to the container next to the finish tower and talk to the chief official.
- Be aware not to lose your boat number, given by accreditation. We will not provide a second one. Keep in mind that you might be given 3 different numbers if you are doing 3 races. Also be aware that your K2/C2 partner may already have taken from accreditation that boat number.
- There will be no bib numbers given to fix in your uniform
- There is no mandatory rule of uniforms for this competition during the race. It is much appreciated if you can wear your country uniform and in K1/C2 have uniformity between the two athletes.



- To go to your race, YOU MUST pass the ID/Raft Marshall control. If you do not pass there you will be DSQ. At this location you must present your accreditation badge that will be scanned. Your boat number will be checked at this moment. Raft Marshall opens 30 minutes before your race time.
- Training is not allowed while other races are on. Use the gaps in schedule to train in the water.
- Start will be given in a pontoon under the bridge. The first portage is after you pass two times under the roman bridge after the start. Categories above 64 years old DO NOT MAKE PORTAGES. Starter will not wait for late boats to come to start, Start will be given with the words, READY-GO.
- Finish line is BETWEEN the two red buoys with a flag in front of finish tower.
- FIRST 3 Boats will be asked to go to post race boat control, located a few meters after the finish line on the left. ALL the other boats should go around the island and exit to the same place they got in the water, after the finish. BE Aware there might be some athletes still coming to the finish line. Give them priority.
- There is a pre-race boat control (weighing machine) available near the boat racks.
- Portage can be accessed by helpers of each athlete competing. ITOs may ask for the accreditation badge of the athletes being helped. Access is done next to the Competition committee container.
- Please check the course drawing and video animation available.



Protocol

- Medals ceremonies will take place in front of public stands and according to the schedules in the timetable
- National anthems will be played, national flags raised for the races following the European Championships criteria with participation of minimum 4 nations. Please do not bring caps, sunglasses or flags. The Medalists should come to the protocol container 10 minutes before the schedule award ceremony. Please don't be late for your ceremony.
- If your race does not fulfill the European Championships criteria but has at least 3 participants finishing, there will be a ceremony without flags or anthems.
- If your race does not fulfill the European Championships criteria and has less than 3 participants finishing, there will be NOT ceremony, and you should collect your medals at info point until the end of the day. Bring your accreditation badge.

RULES

ICF Canoe Marathon rules will apply to all races of the Masters European Championships.

The Chief Official, who is also the Chair of the Competition Committee, will decide on all matters arising during the actual competition, which are not dealt with in the rules.

Here are some of the rules highlighted!

13. 9 Paddling on the course

13.9.1 - Athlete must not wash riding an athlete in another class. **THIS RULE will NOT be applied for the Masters Races.**

13.9.3 - Athletes who have been lapped will end their race at the most suitable time and location and as soon as possible after the race leader has passed the last portage. The normal location for ending a lapped paddlers race will be at the portage. They will be recorded in the place where they are at that point in the race.

10.12.1 DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any athlete who attempts to compete in a race by any other than honorable means or who breaks the racing rules, or who disregards the honorable nature of the racing rules will be penalized or disqualified for the duration of the race concerned.

10.12.2 - Should an athlete have failed to follow the correct course of the race (for example missed a turning buoy) the athlete has broken the racing rules and will be subject to a penalty:

10.12.2.a If the Race Umpire believes the athlete has gained a small advantage on other athletes: Time penalty of 15 seconds will be given.

10.12.2.b If the athlete has gained a major advantage a disqualification (DSQ) will be imposed.

10.12.2.c Should a buoy be missed as a result of a collision in group racing during a turn this will be investigated and the boat that caused the collision will be disqualified (DSQ), see article 10.12.3. The athlete who missed the buoy due to collision will not be penalized.

10.12.3 - Collision or damage:

10.12.3.a Any athlete who is considered by a Course Umpire or Race Official to have been responsible for a collision (10.7.3 A collision will be an event where an athlete or any part of their boat or paddle touches another athlete, boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages others in the race), or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another athlete or unnecessarily deviates from the direct racing line or deliberately blocks the path of an athlete may be penalized or disqualified.

10.12.3.b If it is considered that other paddlers have only had some minor disadvantage compare to other athletes as a result of the incident the responsible athlete will get a time penalty of 30 seconds;

10.12.3.c If it is considered that the incident has given other paddlers a major unfair disadvantage the penalty will be disqualification (DSQ).

10.12.6 - Handling of penalties for Masters (level 4 race)

10.12.6.a Time penalties as decided by the Chief Course Umpire are not subject to protest.

10.12.6.b Time penalties must be executed in a designated area at the portage and supervised by a Race Official or will be added to the athletes finishing time if a time penalty stop is not used in the competitions; For those not doing portages, time will be added to the finish result time and identified in the results as a note.

10.12.7 - If an athlete is observed by a race official to discard any waste item or rubbish such that it ends up in the water, they will receive a 30 second penalty. The decision is to be confirmed by the Chief Course Umpire and cannot be the subject of a protest.

Competitors must not dispose of their drink bags or small plastic energy syrup packets while on the water or on the portage pontoons and ramps. Drink bags and small plastic energy syrup packets must be discarded only on the portage anywhere between the pontoons/ramps.

Applying of Penalties

-Penalties that are incurred during the race will be imposed at the portage in the penalty box or added to the competitor's time if not possible to be taken during the competition.

-A yellow flag will be displayed in the beginning of the portage area when a penalty has been imposed There will be a notice board at the beginning of the portage indicating which boat number has been given a penalty and the length of the penalty.

It is the paddler's responsibility to check the penalty board.

The penalized competitor will be required to stop in the penalty box for the designated period at that portage.

The penalty box will be at the end of the portage on the right-hand side. A timing clock is at the penalty box indicating the penalty time.

10.12.8 - All penalties or disqualifications must be confirmed by the Competition Committee in writing immediately, giving the reasons.

13.10.8 - Final results should be prepared, and medals and trophies presented after the Competition committee decision is announced or the time limit for protest has expired (whichever is the latter).

Protests and Appeals

There is no Jury for Masters Championships, so no appeals are possible. The highest authority for protest is the Competition Committee.

11.1.2 - A protest made during a competition (against a decision from a Competition committee) must be in a written form, addressed to the Chief Official and handed to the Competition Committee not later than 30 minutes after the official result is published.

The protest form will be given in the Competition Committee office (see map for exact location). All protests must be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld (11.1.6)

The decision of the Competition Committee is final.

Matters of fact considered during the competition cannot be contested further.