

2010 Report on the Status of Women in Olympic Canoeing and Looking Ahead

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2010 Highlights:

- ▶ 1st year women's canoe official at Senior & Junior World Championships & World Cups (Sprint C1 200, Slalom C1 individual).
- ▶ Development camps @ 2 World Cups & World Champ. - supported by ICF & local organizing committees (LOC).
- ▶ Highest National Federation (NF) participation at World Championships.
- ▶ Higher quality in the Top 10 in both sprint and slalom World Championships and tighter competition.
- ▶ 3 continents (Americas, Asia, Europe) represented on the medal podium @ Senior Sprint Worlds.
- ▶ 2 continents (Oceania, Europe) represented on the podium @ Slalom Senior & Junior Worlds.
- ▶ ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking for first time - 64 women's canoe athletes from 24 national federations.
- ▶ More nations competing at a higher performance level – e.g., Sprint: Americas (Ecuador, Brazil, Chile) Asia (China, Vietnam); Europe (France, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary).
- ▶ Canoe Sprint development clinics for women's canoe in (but not limited to):
 - ▶ Africa. Zakaria Mahmoudi (Tunisia) leading educational seminars and/or clinics in Tunisia, Ghana, Algeria, Morocco, Libya and Sudan, with introduction to canoe for men and women.
 - ▶ Great Britain, USA, France, Canada. All are open to international participants.
- ▶ 2010 African Sprint Youth (Junior) Championships and 2nd Arabic Canoe Sprint Championships included women's canoe on the program.
- ▶ Sprint Regattas held in France (Decize, Boulogne), Romania (Orsova), Canada (Nova Scotia) included international women canoeists. Oceania Slalom Canoe Championships included international women canoeists.
- ▶ Athletes around the world working on the ground to lobby local canoe clubs to start women's canoe programs and secure equipment and lobby their federations to add women's canoe to the national program.
- ▶ More kayakers switching to (or trying) canoe in both sprint and slalom.
- ▶ Brasca produced new women's canoe paddle – on the market Fall 2010.

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2010 Summary: # of countries / # of continents per major event:

	World Cup #1	World Cup #2	World Cup #3	Junior World Champ.	Senior World Champ.	National Federations (NF) w/ WC @ National Champ.	Continental Champ. w/ Women's Canoe Events	Known Women Developing in Canoe ***
CANOE SPRINT	8/3 C1 200	12/3 C1 200	3/1 C1 200	n/a	20/4 C1 200 C2 500 (exhib)	14/3	4 *	32/5
CANOE SLALOM	9/4 C1W	12/4 C1W	10/4 C1W	15/4 C1W	16/4 C1W	14/4	4 **	29/5

*Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa. Americas included C1/C2 since 2001. 2009 made official. Americas include 6 events for Senior women (C1/C2 1000, 500, 200m) and 5 for Junior Women (C1/C2 1000, 500 & C1 200. All other continents began in 2010 and include C1 200 only.

** Americas, Europe, Asia, Oceans. Oceans Championships were open to international competition (included Canada, Kazakhstan, & Slovakia)

*** At any level.

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2011 Goals (building on 2010):

- ▶ 25 NFs with official events offered on the program of the National Championships (3 from Africa).
 - ▶ Slalom – C1 & C1 Team, C2W, consider C2 Mixed
 - ▶ Sprint – C1/C2 500, 200m all age categories; consider C4 “Open”
- ▶ National Championships open to international entries.
- ▶ ICF Rankings for Sprint – C1/C2 combined points (World Cup & Champ.).
- ▶ Exhibition events at 2011 Continental Games: Slalom – C1/C1 Team; Sprint – C1/C2 200m. Work with local organizing committees.
- ▶ All Africa Games to include women’s canoe. (Seif Patwa).
- ▶ Training camp – including women’s canoe - for all African and Arabic countries (Zakaria Mahmoudi)
- ▶ Consider development camps prior to Continental Games.

Official status for a more robust women’s canoe program at the international level gives the greatest incentive for NFs to accelerate development at the national level - now. Team boats & team events increase numbers and quality more quickly than singles only.

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CANOE SPRINT	12/5 C1/C2 200	12/5 C1/C2 200	12/5 C1/C2 200	25/5 C1/C2 200	25/5 C1/C2 200	25/5 Minimum C1/C2 200	5 C1/C2 200 (Exhibition)	35/5
CANOE SLALOM	9/4 C1/C1 Team	12/4 C1/C1 Team	10/4 C1/C1 Team	25/5 C1/C1 Team	25/5 C1W/C1 Team	25/5 C1/C1 Team/C2W/ C2 Mixed	5 C1W/C1 Team (Exhibition)	35/5

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2012 and Beyond

- ▶ All 5 Continental Championships include women's canoe.
 - ▶ Slalom – C1/C1 Team
 - ▶ Sprint – minimum C1/C2 200m. (Americas offers full program C1/C2 @ 3 distances)
 - ▶ C1/C2 development camps included.
- ▶ 2013 Sprint Junior World Championships hosted in Canada. Request consideration of adding C1/C2 500m in addition to 200m.
- ▶ 2015 Pan American Games hosted in Canada. Seeking C1/C2 200m exhibition events and development camp.
- ▶ **2016 – Target for C1W Olympic inclusion. Program set in 2013.**

Government funding for many countries is often tied to earning medals or reaching a final at Olympic and World/Continental/Regional Championship events. (e.g., in South America). This funding can support development and participation at major international events.

2012 Goals: # of countries / # of continents per major event:

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CANOE SPRINT	20/5 C1/C2 200	20/5 C1/C2 200	20/5 C1/C2 200	n/a	n/a	30/5 Minimum C1/C2 200	5 C1/C2 500 200	40/5
CANOE SLALOM	9/4 C1/C1 Team	12/4 C1/C1 Team	10/4 C1/C1 Team	n/a	n/a	30/5 C1/C1 Team/C2W/ C2 Mixed	5 C1W/C1 Team	40/5

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Suggestions for Consideration:

1. DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

- ▶ Continue with development camps Pre-World Cup and World Championships.
- ▶ Include development camps at next Continental Championships (not the “Games”)
- ▶ Under 23 (U23) only.
- ▶ 3-5 coaches per camp (including at least 2 “coaches in training”) to enhance coach/athlete interaction.
- ▶ Ensure adequate practice time in lanes and at the race course, including using the starting system.
- ▶ If 20 athlete slots per camp, allocate 6-10 athlete slots for 3-5 C2 crews from developing countries.
- ▶ Developing athletes and developing countries only. (*developing athletes are new to the sport*).
- ▶ Ensure high quality equipment made for smaller paddlers is available.
- ▶ If athletes at the camps are not ready to race, they should not be required to compete.
- ▶ If funds available, Continental Associations should send a canoe coach to countries in need of canoe coaching for men and women.

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Suggestions for Consideration (continued):

2. EVENTS

- ▶ Expand U23 European Championships format to other Continents and include C1/C2.
- ▶ Eliminate all B Finals (World Cups/World Champ.) until quality improves.
 - ▶ 3 Heats – top 2 straight to final (total 6). 1 semi-final – top 3 to final to make a 9 boat final. This assumes heats are seeded properly, and no one heat is “stacked”.
 - ▶ OR, 3 Heats – 9 fastest times.
- ▶ ICF incorporate Sprint Rankings for athletes and Federations (to coincide with slalom ranking). Include C1/C2 combined points from World Cups & World Championships.
- ▶ Need NFs to continuously encourage and promote development and competitions at the Club level.
- ▶ NFs need to include women’s canoe events at national team selection races.

3. CONTINUOUS REFINEMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN & ACTION PLANS

- ▶ Request the ICF Slalom and Sprint Committees to collaborate on action planning and best practices, and seek feedback from the Women’s Commission and other stakeholders.
- ▶ Continue data collection and information sharing for more informed decision-making.
- ▶ Include canoe technique & development specifically for women’s canoe at all national and international level coaching symposia.



	Senior Sprint Worlds	Senior Slalom Worlds	Junior Slalom Worlds
Canada	X	X	X
Ecuador	X		
Brazil	X		X
USA	X	X	X
Chile	X		
France	X	X	X
Hungary	X	X	
Germany	X	X	
Poland	X		
Russia	X		
Israel	X		
Romania	X		
Ukraine	X	X	X
Czech Republic	X	X	
Bulgaria	X		
Belarus	X		
Latvia	X	X	
Spain		X	X
Slovakia		X	X
Netherlands		X	
Slovenia		X	
Great Britain		X	X
Switzerland			X
Greece			X

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List of National Federations participating at World Championships



	Senior Sprint Worlds	Senior Slalom Worlds	Junior Slalom Worlds
China	X	X	X
Chinese Taipei			X
Thailand			X
Vietnam	X		
Kazakhstan		X	
Uzbekistan		X	
Angola	X		
Australia		X	X
New Zealand		X	X
Cook Islands		X	X

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THANK YOU, ICF and NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN'S CANOE!