



INFORMATION BULLETIN 1

OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Asian National Federations,

The Singapore Canoe Federation welcomes you to our beautiful country! Thank you for your wonderful support for our Sport of Canoe Polo. For the first time ever, Asia's largest biennial canoe polo event, the Asian Canoe Polo Championships, will be held in November 2023 in Singapore.

Located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula near the equator, Singapore's tropical climate welcomes both leisure and business travelers year-round. The island republic's excellent infrastructure enables visitors to enjoy its many sites and attractions in a safe, clean and green environment. Award-winning Changi Airport provides airlinks to major cities around the world. Our train systems are clean, fast and efficient. In addition, our state-of-the-art cruise terminal has established Singapore as one of the premier cruising centers in the region. There is something here for everyone!

Singapore's distinctive location along some of the busiest trade routes has been attracting visitors of varied ethnicities, cultures and religions since its founding in 1819. From this amazing melting pot, you can find the best of the East and the West wonderfully forged with the unique identities of Southeast Asia. This strong embrace of different cultures, languages and religions has evolved into the widest range of business, sightseeing and culinary opportunities. It is no wonder Singapore ranks amongst the most visited cities in the world.

Asian Canoe Polo Championships 2023 will feature four categories (Senior Men, Senior Women, U21 Men, U21 Women). We cordially invite friends from all over Asia to join us at this exciting and prestigious event.

We sincerely look forward to your arrival!



Mr Yip Kwan Guan President of Singapore Canoe Federation

ABOUT SINGAPORE



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Singapore is a sovereign island country and city-state in maritime Southeast Asia. With a land area of only 728.6 km² and a population size of 5.64 million, it has the third highest population density in the world.

LANGUAGE

Despite its small size, Singapore has a diversity of languages, religions, and cultures. With a multicultural population to respect cultural identities of the major ethnic groups within the nation, Singapore has four official languages: English, Malay, Mandarin, and Tamil, with English being the main language used in business, government, law and education.

WEATHER

Singapore has a tropical rainforest climate with no distinctive seasons, uniform temperature and pressure, high humidity, and abundant rainfall. Temperatures usually range from 23 to 32 °C (73 to 90 °F). While temperature does not vary greatly throughout the year, there is a wetter monsoon season from November to February.



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COMPETITION INFORMATION

Host	Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC)
Organizers	Singapore Canoe Federation (SCF)
Dates	6 Nov 2023 to 12 Nov 2023

Asian Canoe Polo Championships 2023 is sanctioned by Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC) to be the qualifying event for 2024 ICF World Canoe Polo Championships. The latest ICF rules for Canoe Polo 2023 will be implemented during this competition.

CATEGORIES

There will be a total of 4 categories competing in this Asian Championships.

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Under 21 Men
- Under 21 Women

KEY DATES & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
30 Jun 2023	Registration Deadline for Numerical Entries
15 Aug 2023	Registration Deadline for Nominal Entries
6 Nov 2023	Arrival of Teams, Accreditation
7 Nov 2023	Official Training, Scrutineering, Accreditation
8 Nov 2023	Official Training, Scrutineering, Accreditation, Team Leader's Meeting, Referee's Meeting, Opening Ceremony
9 Nov 2023 - 11 Nov 2023	Match Day
12 Nov 2023	Match Day, Finals, Awards and Closing Ceremony
13 Nov 2023	Departure of Teams

More information will be provided in the next few bulletins.

ICF CANOE POLO REFEREE ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION

To facilitate the development of refereeing in Asia, there will be opportunities for national referees who are nominated by their National Federations to undergo the ICF Referee Accreditation. For every candidate applying for the examination, the National Federation will be charged SGD 300, which includes referee assessor fee, event accreditation fee, venue hire, theory and practical assessment. More details will be provided in the next few bulletins.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

To check if you need a visa to enter Singapore, please refer to the Singapore Immigration's website below. If you need help / support with visa application, please email <u>sgcanoepolo@gmail.com</u>.

https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore/visa_requirements

ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

The Asian Canoe Polo Championships 2023 is open to all members of the Asian Canoe Confederation. Registrations must be done through the National Federation or Association and submitted by the closing dates stated in this bulletin.

To submit your entries, please log in to ICF registration portal (SDP): <u>http://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp</u>.

You may refer to the user guide below on the usage of the portal: <u>https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/sdp_competition_entries_and_pre-accre</u> <u>ditation - quick_guide.pdf</u>

Deadlines for registrations are as follows:

- Submission of numerical entries through ICF SDP by: 30 Jun 2023
- Submission of nominal entries through ICF SDP by: **15 Aug 2023**
 - Each competing athlete must be entered by name.
 - Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation. These entries will be used to produce accreditation passes for all teams.

Note that entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizer will NOT be accepted.

If you encounter any issues with the registration, please send an email to sgcanoepolo@gmail.com before the registration closing date.

CONTACT

For any questions related to the information within this bulletin, please email <u>sgcanoepolo@gmail.com</u>.