

WORLD CUP
SPRINT
české Vrbné

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INVITATION



Dear friends of the sport, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great honour for me to invite all lovers of the sport to the World Cup in whitewater sprint race, which will take place on 30 - 31 August 2023 in České Budějovice.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Czech Canoe Federation for the trust that the World Canoe Federation has shown in us by assigning us to host such a significant event. The technical organisation of the race was delegated to the TJ Synthesia Pardubice team, a recognized organizer of whitewater sprint races. The team has been providing organizational skills in organizing numerous senior competitions at the national level since 2007, when they arranged the very first Czech wildwater sprint Championship on this artificial racecourse.

The racecourse in the Lída Polesná arena has recently undergone an extensive reconstruction, thanks to which the artificial slalom track meets the requirements for hosting great international competitions.

The Czech Canoe Federation has successfully organized a number of world competitions in classic race, such as the the World Championship in 2006 in Karlovy Vary, the Junior European Championship in 2003, and the World Cups 2003 - 2008. I firmly believe that hosting the World Cup in whiewater sprint race will be a successful continuation.

I am also sure that the World Cup 2023 will bring all the athletes not only a valuable experience of competing at a top international event, but also a lot of experience and knowledge from visiting one of the most beautiful regions in the Czech Republic.

I have to thank all the enthusiasts and volunteers for the preparation of this challenging event. My thanks also goes to the sponsors who are in any way involved in such an important event.

I am looking forward to seeing you in České Budějovice at the Lída Polesná whitewater area.

Ing. Stanislav Ježek
President of the Czech Canoe Union, Wild Water Section

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LOCATION

The Czech Republic is a country of paddlers. Various forms of canoeing and activities around water do not only have a long tradition, the water slalom is historically and currently one of the most successful sports here.

In the South Bohemia, the effect is amplified by the traditional paddling terrains in Šumava, including the famous Lipno area, paddling classics such as the Vltava, Lužnice, Otava, and finally the vast water areas of the ponds around Třeboň.

Slalom course in České Vrbné

The area is located at the point where the Vltava River leaves the town of České Budějovice towards Hluboká nad Vltavou.

The artificial slalom course was created in the 1980s by converting a part of the original meandering Vltava riverbed into a slalom course and building the hydroelectric power station in České Vrbné that provides a course with sufficient water gradient.

The track was continuously improved and modified. The big evolution came in 2010-2012, when the middle part was completely rebuilt using brand new RapidBlocs system. Changes have also been made to other parts of the course (as well) so today it is possible to use two easier courses and one challenging for training or racing.

Background

The great asset of the artificial slalom course have always been the accompanied facilities.

Visitors can use the campsite or hostel, have a snack in the restaurant or hang out with their kids on the playground.

Everything is connected by a cycle path with nearby České Budějovice or the extremely popular chateau Hluboká nad Vltavou. Both are accessible by bicycle or roller skates, as well as by regular boat or public transport.

Thanks to this, the area has always been a popular place for multi-day sport(s) camps, various types of competitions, sport events, or even cultural events. The complex is actually an island between the slalom course (i.e. the original riverbed) and the straightened new riverbed of the Vltava River. And as an island of well-being, good mood and sport in nature, it always impresses.



CITY

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

With a population of 94,000, the Statutory city of České Budějovice is the capital of the South Bohemian Region. Located at the confluence of the Vltava and Malše rivers surrounded by enchanting countryside, the city covers the area of 56 square kilometers.

Due to its numerous architectural and art heritage sites, the historic city center has been declared an urban heritage reserve and contains the greatest tourist sights. These include the renowned **Přemysl Otakar II Square**, named after the city's medieval founder. From the bird's eye view, the nearly regular square shape is surprising with a surrounding perpendicular grid of streets.

The dominant building among the Baroque and Renaissance buildings with arcades around the square is the **Baroque town hall**. The four stone statues set among the three city hall spires are an allegory of the civic virtues: Justice, Bravery, Wisdom and Caution.

The gem in the center of the square is the Baroque **Samson's Fountain**, the largest of its kind in Bohemia, featuring a sculpture of the legendary hero Samson fighting the lion.

The domination of the city center is the **Black Tower** – a 72-meter tall belfry and city watchtower. Its gallery provides a stunning view on České Budějovice and the surrounding area. The tower was built in the Renaissance style by the councilors in the 16th century. On the right of the tower is (located) the **Cathedral of St. Nicholas**. The austere Baroque structure was built in the

mid-17th century after the beautiful Late Gothic cathedral was destroyed by fire. The list of the sights is even longer: **the Dominican monastery with the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Salt Store, the remnants of fortification, the Rabenstein Tower and the Iron Maiden...**



ACCOMODATION

We recommend using the internet website booking.com or you can contact the tourist information centres in České Budějovice and Hluboká nad Vltavou.

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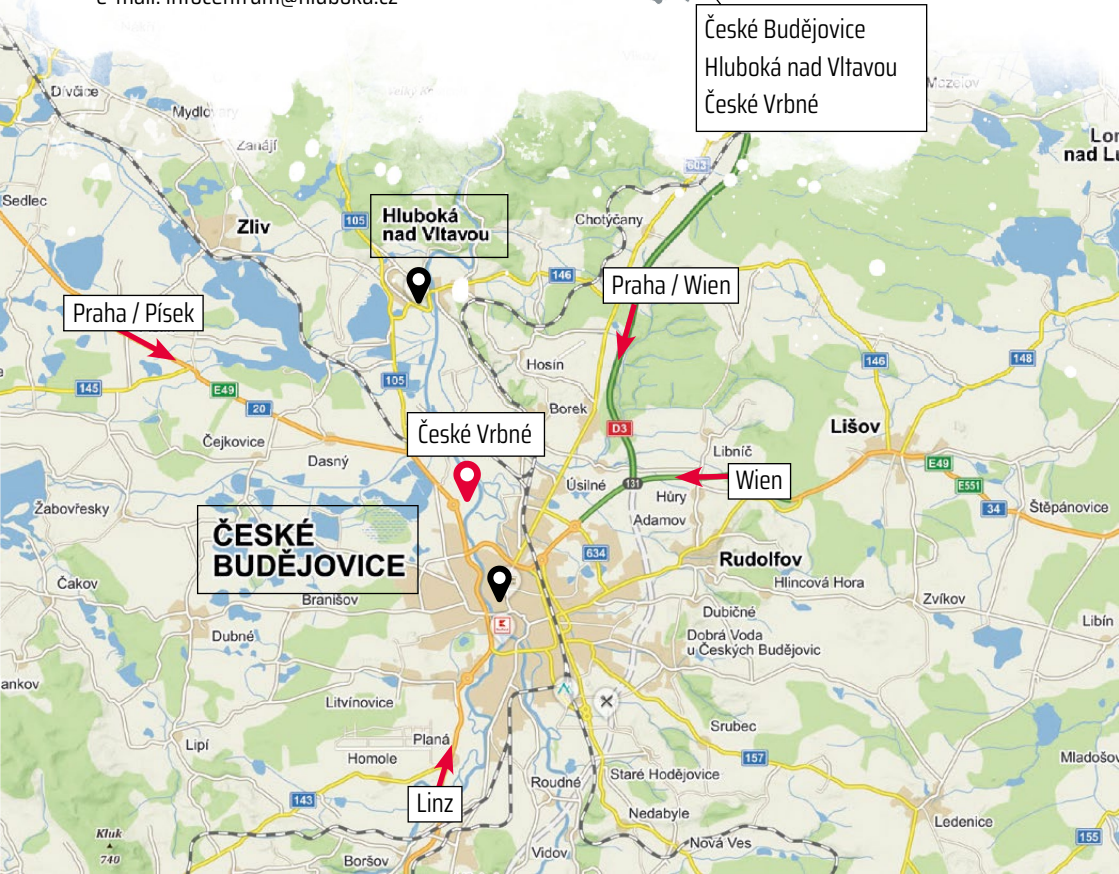
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České Vrbné



HOW TO GET HERE



By plane

For regular access by plane, we recommend choosing one of the closest airports:

- Prague (PRG), • Linz (LNZ), • Vienna (VIE)

Then use the public transport (train, bus) to arrive at the České Budějovice railway station. In case of a private flight, it is possible to contact the České Budějovice Airport directly on their official website: www.airport-cb.cz/en/.



By car

Arrival from Písek/Prague (road no. 20): at the first traffic light turn the left towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800m you will arrive at the complex.

Arriving from the direction of Prague, Vienna (road no. 23): follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. At the last traffic light at the exit from the town (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.

Approach from the direction of Linz (road no. 3): transit through the town, no turning. Follow the signs in the direction of Písek / Plzeň. Exit the town at the last traffic light (you will see the Bauhaus shopping centre on your left) turn the right towards Ceske Vrbne and after 800 m you will arrive at the complex.



By bus or train

Destination: České Budějovice bus/train station Then take line 9 to the České Vrbné terminal station and walk from there about 800 m or ride a bike, which can be easily rented at the terminal station. From the station it is also possible to use shared bicycles and take the cycle path leading through the historic centre to reach the place.



By bike

Cyclists can easily reach the area from the centre of České Budějovice or from Hluboká using the cycle path on the left bank of the river.



By boat

It is possible to use the boat service (line) and get off at the dock in České Vrbné.

If you leave České Budějovice by the main road number 20 in the direction to Písek, take the last light right (Bauhaus shopping mall on the left side) turn in České Vrbné, keep to on the left and after about 800 m you will arrive at the complex, which you cannot miss. You will enter the complex directly over the bascule bridge past the České Vrbné marina.

EVENT AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The schedule will be precised (accurate) after the application deadline.

For training sessions anytime before the schedule above, kindly contact:
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TIME SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

28rd August, Monday

10:00 – 18:00 hod free training

29rd August, Tuesday

9:00 – team leader meeting

10:00 – 18:00 hod free training

18:00 – 20:00 hod – distribution of the starting bibs

TIME SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

30rd August, Wednesday

World Cup Sprint

8:00 hod – distribution of the starting bibs

9:00 – 10:30 hod - free training

11:00 hod – 1st round start (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)

Start of Final B and Final A, 1 hour after the end of the qualifications

18:00 hod Medal Ceremony (stage)

19:00 hod – performance, cultural program.

31rd August, Thursday

World Cup Sprint

9:00 – 10:30 free training

11:00 hod – 1st round start (categories order: C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W)

Start of Final B and Final A, 1 hour after the end of the qualifications

18:00 hod Medal Ceremony (stage)

19:00 hod – BEER PARTY + PUNK CONCERT – band Akia

Warning !! We would like to invite all participants of the World Cup to the Czech Sprint Cup + ECU Cup, which takes place only 1 day after the end of the World Cup. On the weekend of 2.-3.9. you have the opportunity to take part in the biggest sprint race in Europe. More on the video here:



Applications here:



ENTRIES AND PARTICIPATION FEE

Registration is only possible through standard procedures issued by ICF.
(the form is part of the newsletter)

Deadline for submission of numerical applications: **7. 8. 2023**

Deadline for nominal applications: **21. 8. 2023**

All athletes will pay the participation fee 80 € per person;
All team leader will pay the participation fee 60 € per person;
excluding Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Federations.

The participation fee includes:

- Accreditation
- Security and emergency medical services
- Official pre-competition training period and official training period
- Car parking

INSURANCE & MEDICAL CARE

INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to get a medical insurance policy
in their home countries.

MEDICAL CARE

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The following medical services are provided for all the official participants of the above mentioned event. A medic will be on duty at the course. Ambulance and the first aid will be available on demand. All costs above the regular care will be covered by the medical insurance policy - the Organizing Committee does not take any responsibility for such expenditures.

COVID-19 AND SAFETY RULES

Hand sanitizing points

There are several points for hand sanitizing in the venue area. The points are labeled by the sign POINT OF DISINFECTION. The information will be continuously updated. Follow our website and the websites of the relevant government institutions.

MEDICAL CARE

Place

The competition area is closed to the visitors. Entry to race zone is possible only for teams, ITO's, organizers and media. Entry is possible only with (the) accreditations. Current safety rules will be distributed to the team boxes before and during the race.



CONTACTS

Always check the www.kanoepardubice.cz website for up-to-date information.



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