

Junior International Championship Kaniow 2026

Bulletin 2



29.7. - 2.8. 2026

Current registration update, kayakers.nl platform, referee call, personal coaches' exchange invitation and next steps

Introduction

Preparations for the Junior International Championship Kaniow 2026 are continuing. Bulletin 1 remains the main source of general information about the event, including the venue, accessibility, programme, registration process, entry fee, accommodation options and catering concept.

Bulletin 2 provides an updated overview of the current registrations, categories and teams. It also summarises the next steps for teams, including registration through the kayakers.nl system, confirmation of catering numbers, referee support and other practical updates. It also includes a personal invitation from Petr Ježdík to try a small coaches' exchange and open training idea during the event.

As of 20 May 2026, we have 34 team confirmed entries and a few pending. Registration remains open and we would like to encourage more teams to join the event. We are also actively looking for more referees to help us prepare a good, fair and meaningful international junior tournament.



Current registration overview

We would like to thank all teams that have already registered for the Junior International Championship Kaniów 2026. At the same time, registration remains open. We would like to encourage more clubs and national teams to join the event, especially in categories where there is still space for additional teams. More teams will help us create a stronger, more balanced and more international tournament.

As of 20 May 2026, we currently have 34 team entries across 7 working categories.

The current category structure is still provisional. The U23 category remains possible depending on final interest. A separate U18 women category may also be opened if enough teams confirm their interest. If not, women's teams in this age range may be included in U21W.

The following list shows the current working registration overview. Team names are shortened for readability and may still change as teams confirm their final categories and complete the official registration.

categories	teams	registered teams
U12	4	Nagymaros, Katowice, Kaniów, Czechia
U14	5	Denmark, Katowice, Kaniów, Czechia, Portugal
U16	8	Denmark, Trakai, Katowice, Leśna, Kaniów, Swansea, Czechia, Portugal
U18M	8	Nagymaros, Kaniów, Kalisz, Ukraine, Alytus, Czechia, Portugal, CKCIR France
U21M	4	Denmark, Austria, Kalisz, Czechia
U21W	3	Katowice, Kaniów, Czechia
U23	2	Czechia, Trakai, <i>possibly Poland and France</i>

The list remains open for updates and additional registrations. Teams that are interested in joining the tournament are encouraged to contact the organisers as soon as possible.



CPT kayakers.nl platform

We would like to thank CPT kayakers.nl for their support and for providing an online platform for the tournament. Teams that have already registered through the first registration form are kindly asked to also enter or confirm their teams in the official kayakers.nl system. The platform will become the main working tool for team management, player lists, match scheduling and tournament information.

<https://cpt.kayakers.nl/Registration/junior-int-2026>

Official tournament information, including current bulletins and registration updates, will also be available on the CPT kayakers.nl tournament page.



Fees

The tournament is non-profit. The entry fee is set to cover direct tournament costs only (mainly referees).

Entry fee: €150 per team

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Registration is confirmed after payment. As registration remains open, the organiser reserves the right to adjust the final start list according to capacity, category structure and payment status.

Programme

Event dates: 28.7.– 2.8. 2026

- **28.7. (Tuesday)** venue opens, free training sessions
- **29.7. (Wednesday)** official training sessions + opening ceremony
- **30.7. (Thursday)** match day 1
- **31.7. (Friday)** match day 2
- **1.8. (Saturday)** match day 3
- **2.8. (Sunday)** match day 4 - finals (the last match will start at 15:00)
- **3.8. (Monday)** teams depart, venue closes

Personal note from Petr Ježdík: Coaches' Exchange / Open Training Ideas

The four-day format of the Junior International Championship gives us a rare opportunity to do more than simply play matches. In some younger or smaller categories, teams may otherwise meet the same opponents several times. Instead of treating this as a limitation, I would like to try a simple positive experiment: use part of the free training time and suitable gaps in the programme for shared practical learning between clubs and countries.

The idea is voluntary and informal. Coaches, players, physiotherapists, parents or support staff who have something useful to share could offer a short practical session, demonstration or discussion for players or coaches from other teams. This could include, for example, warm-up routines, stretching, injury prevention, physiotherapy basics, goalkeeper drills, shooting practice, youth coaching methods, simple tactical principles, communication and behaviour on the water, or any other practical topic that may help young players and coaches.

This is not meant to become a formal coaching conference and it is not an additional obligation for teams. It is just something I would like to try. If only a few people offer something useful, we will keep it small and simple. If there is more interest, we can prepare a light optional programme alongside the tournament schedule.

For me, the main value of this championship is not only the match results, but also the possibility to build a stronger international junior canoe polo community. A little education and shared experience can only help. If you would like to offer a short session, demonstration or practical idea, please contact me directly.

Petr Ježdík

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Catering - Canoe Polo Kitchen

The catering concept introduced in Bulletin 1 remains valid. It will be possible to order catering for the whole tournament, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, fruit, bread/rolls and snacks available throughout the day. The main benefit of this model is that food will be available flexibly, so teams and players can fit their meals around the match schedule.

Based on the current registrations, we expect approx. 160 people to use the catering option. This number is still provisional and will be updated after teams confirm their final numbers.

We would like to thank all teams that have already offered non-playing volunteers to help with the Canoe Polo Kitchen. This support is very important for the shared cooking model and for the overall atmosphere of the event. We kindly ask other teams to consider bringing 1-2 volunteers, typically parents or other non-playing members, who could help with meal preparation during the tournament, for example for 1-2 days.

The catering price remains approximately €12 per person per day, to be confirmed based on the final number of registered athletes, volunteers and catering participants.



Referees

ICF referees have already been invited to the tournament. We would also like to invite developing referees, junior or senior, who are considering becoming ICF referees in the future, as well as referees who do not yet hold a licence but would like to gain more international experience.

We are pleased to confirm that, at this stage, ICF referees **Zuzana Dolezalova**, **Thomas Winters** and **Brian Anderson** have confirmed their participation in the tournament. We will continue to update the referee team as further confirmations are received, and we are very grateful to all referees who are willing to support the event and help us create a fair and high-quality tournament for the young players.

At the same time, we would like to make a strong call to all participating teams and national federations: we still need more referees for the tournament. A sufficient number of referees is essential for preparing a good match schedule, keeping the tournament fair and giving all teams the best possible playing experience.

We kindly ask each team to let us know if they can provide a referee or a referee candidate. This can include experienced referees, developing referees, club referees or players/coaches who are willing to help with refereeing during the event.

The organising team will try to support referees with travel costs, accommodation and meals, depending on the final budget and number of confirmed referees. If anyone is interested in attending the tournament as a referee, please contact us at juniorkaniow2026@gmail.com.

Next steps for teams

To help the organisers prepare the final structure of the tournament, we kindly ask all teams to complete the following steps as soon as possible:

- confirm or update your team entry in the kayakers.nl system;
- check that your team name, category and contact person are correct;
- confirm provisional catering numbers and let us know if you can bring 1-2 non-playing volunteers to support the Canoe Polo Kitchen;
- let us know if your club, team or federation can provide a referee or referee candidate;
- contact Petr Ježdík directly if you would like to offer a short open training session, demonstration or practical coaching idea;
- inform us early about any boat rental, transport or accommodation questions that may require organiser support.



Accommodation

Accommodation options:

- camping in your own tents directly at the venue (free of charge)
- guesthouses and hotels near the venue
- if needed, we can help you choose and book accommodation

For more information, team updates, referee offers, catering questions or accommodation support, please contact us at juniorkaniow2026@gmail.com. For the optional coaches' exchange and open training idea, please contact Petr Ježdík directly.

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