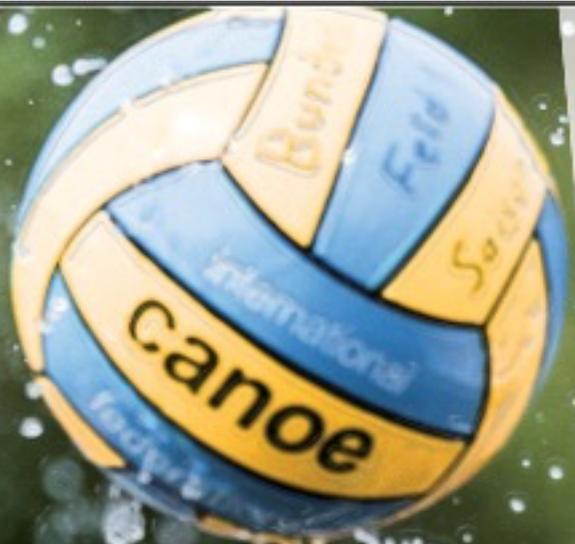


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## 1. Introduction

The President DEUTSCHER KANU-VERBAND E.V.

Welcome everyone to the 2023 European Canoe-Polo Championships here in Brandenburg.

From 6th to 10th September the 2023 European Canoe-Polo Championships will be held at the regatta course Beetzsee in Brandenburg/Havel. During this time the best European women's and men's teams as well as the best up-and-coming junior teams will gather on this facility, which is listed for historic preservation, to compete against each other and crown their champions. As president of the German Canoe Federation I personally and on behalf of the executive committee warmly welcome all athletes, their support teams as well as all officials and hopefully many spectators to this event.



It was an honour for us, the German Canoe Federation, to be granted the hosting of this Championship by the European Canoe Association and we were pleased that in consultation with the State of Brandenburg we could entrust this event to the capable hands of the Canoe Federation of Brandenburg. I would like to thank the federation's executive committee and all the volunteers who will take care in the remaining preparation time that everything will be perfect for the competition events this weekend on the Beetzsee in Brandenburg.

I would also like to thank all those responsible in the State of Brandenburg and the city of Brandenburg/Havel for their support in ensuring that all competing athletes and teams not only have excellent training facilities, but also the very best competition conditions as well as all sponsors and others who have supported this Championship event.

I hope that all the events in this forthcoming European Championship will be contested in equally good weather conditions providing all competing teams optimal conditions to produce their best performances. This would be the best way to showcase our Canoe sport in general and especially Canoe-Polo.



Jens Perlwitz  
President

The Lord Mayor of the City, Brandenburg an der Havel

Dear athletes,  
dear friends of the sport of canoe polo,

We Brandenburgers are very pleased that our city will be the venue for the European title bouts in your interesting sport in 2023. With our state-of-the-art natural regatta course on the Beetzsee and an experienced organisation team, we offer you the best conditions for fair competitions at the highest technical level.

It is a great pleasure and honour for us to welcome the best canoe polo teams from our continent. We are happy to contribute to raising the profile of your extremely interesting sport. For us Brandenburgers, the 2023 European Canoe Polo Championships are a good opportunity to present ourselves as cosmopolitan hosts who are enthusiastic about water sports. We will put all our energy and heart and soul into making sure that you feel at home with us and that the competition days in Brandenburg an der Havel will be an unforgettable experience for you. With a successful European Canoe Polo Championships, we want to further consolidate our city's good reputation as a top location for top-class national and international sporting events.



Steffen Scheller

Lord Mayor of the City of Brandenburg an der Havel



## 2. General information and data

The 2023 European Canoe Polo Championships will take place from 06.09.2023 - 10.09.2023 in Brandenburg an der Havel on the regatta course at the Beetzsee. A total of four performance categories will take part: men, women, U21 men and U21 women.

15.06.2023		End of the registration period for federations and teams
01.07.2023		End of the roll call
May 2023		Bulletin 2
August 2023		Bulletin 3
02.09.2023	Saturday	Opening of the accreditation, arrival of the teams
03.09.2023	Sunday	Accreditation, Arrival Teams, Free Practice
04.09.2023	Monday	Accreditation, Arrival Teams, Free Practice
05.09.2023	Tuesday	Accreditation, free practice,
06.09.2023	Wednesday	Opening Ceremony Referees Meeting
07.09.2023	Thursday	Competition day
08.09.2023	Friday	Competition day
09.09.2023	Saturday	Competition day Semifinals U21 Final
10.09.2023	Sunday	Finale Closing ceremony Departure

02.09. Saturday 08-13	03.09. Sunday 08-14	04.09. Monday 08-15	05.09. Tuesday 08-16	06.09. Wednesday 08-17	07.09. Thursday 08-18	08.09. Friday 08-19	10.09 Saturday 8-20	11.09 Sunday 8-21
Official training/acceptance			Competition period 6 days					
Period 3 days Planned training on Sunday and Monday			Pool matches				U21 Finals	Senior Finals
Event period								

### 3. Accreditation and fees

All participants in the 2022 European Championships (athletes, coaches, support staff) must pay the participation fee. The fee for participation in the competition is € 240.00 per participant.

This package entitles each participant to the services listed below from 06 September to 10 September for 5 days:

- Accreditation
- Access to the Athletes' Village
- Participation in opening and closing ceremonies
- Safety on site
- Boat storage
- Drinking water
- W-Lan

Due to the current global economic situation, no prices for catering can be quoted at present. This will be added in Bulletin 2.



Stadt Brandenburg.  
Wassersport an der Havel



## Bank Details

The participation fee is to be paid to the following account, quoting the invoice number.

Credit institution: MBS Potsdam

Account number IBAN: DE19 1605 0000 1000 6407 67

BIC: WELAD1PMB

## Registration

The nations register for participation in the European Championships with the number of teams in the online registration process. After successful team registration, all athletes, coaches and staff will be registered by name. The registration and the registration by name will take place exclusively via the registration portal of the website <https://www.poloeca2023.org>.

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organiser will NOT be accepted.

## Cancellation conditions

If a booking is cancelled, a fee will be charged in the amount of the damage suffered by Kanupolo Brandenburg an der Havel. The amount of the fee is calculated on the following dates:

- 30% of the total costs for cancellations after 15.06.2023
- 50% of the total costs for cancellation until 01.07.2023
- 100% of the total costs in case of cancellation as of 02.07.2023

## 4. The venue

The European Canoe Polo Championships will be held at the "Beetzsee" regatta course in Brandenburg an der Havel.

The "Beetzsee" regatta course

At the regatta course 1

14772 Brandenburg an der Havel



### 4.1. Contact

Organiser:

Organisation Committee ECA EM23

At the regatta course 1

14772 Brandenburg

Internet: [www.poloeca2023.org](http://www.poloeca2023.org)

E-mail: [info@poloeca2023.org](mailto:info@poloeca2023.org)

## 4.2. Brandenburg on the Havel

Brandenburg an der Havel, the so-called "city on the river", is a city in the German state of Brandenburg. With a population of around 72,000, it is the third largest and, in terms of area, the largest independent city in the state.

The city lies on the Havel. In the city area, the Havel branches into several lakes and canals, which form a series of islands that characterise the cityscape. The city got its nickname "city in the river" because one fifth of the city area consists of water. Water and activities on, in and around the water are practically part of the city's genetics.

There is a 15 km<sup>2</sup> natural lake landscape, most of which is flowed through by the Havel or connected to it. No wonder, then, that Brandenburg an der Havel is considered the gateway to Europe's largest contiguous water sports area. In the north of the city lies the Beetzsee, one of the most beautiful natural regatta courses in the world.

Brandenburg an der Havel is where beautiful landscapes meet and offer seven nature reserves. Storks, cranes, eagles, herons, kingfishers and beavers are at home in this beautiful, Mark Brandenburg landscape. Venue Brandenburg an der Havel in Germany.



*Illustration 1 Brandenburg an der Havel with its three historic city centres | ©City of Brandenburg an der Havel, H. Lehmann*

## Arrival

It is located about 40 km from Potsdam and 70 km from Berlin, where the nearest international airport Berlin Brandenburg (BER) "Willy Brandt" is located. Therefore, there are very good possibilities to travel to the competition venue by public transport. Brandenburg an der Havel can be reached from Berlin by bus and train in a maximum of 1.5 hours. By car, the journey to the city takes one hour.

The organiser does not provide transfers to or from the airports or train stations. These are to be organised by the participants themselves.

### Arriving by train from BER Berlin Brandenburg Airport

From BER Airport, a train, RegionalBahn or Airport Express leaves approx. every 30 minutes in the direction of Berlin Ostbahnhof. From there, you can reach the Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof station in approx. 60 minutes by RegionalExpress 1.

### Travel by train from LEJ Leipzig Airport to Brandenburg

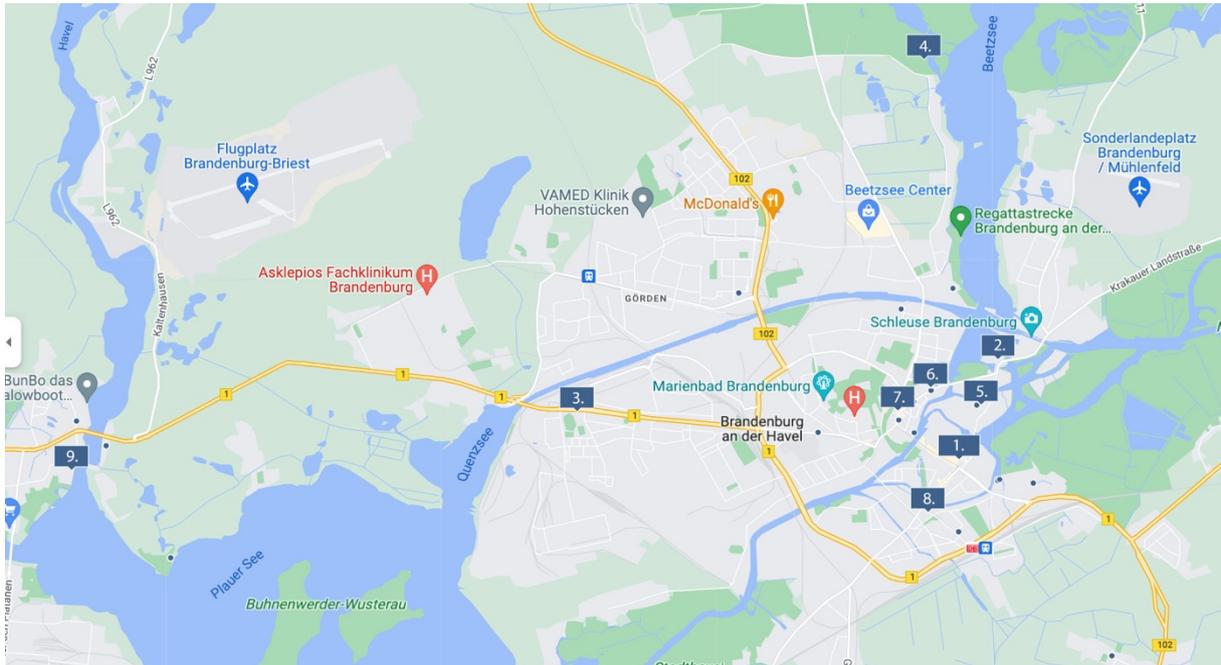
From LEJ Leipzig Airport, an ICE train departs once an hour in the direction of Berlin Hauptbahnhof (main station). From there, you can reach the Brandenburg Hauptbahnhof station in approx. 60 minutes by RegionalExpress 1.

### Public transport during the EM

Public transport in the city of Brandenburg an der Havel can be used free of charge with accreditation.

### Hotels and guesthouses

There are several hotels in Brandenburg an der Havel in the immediate vicinity of the venue.



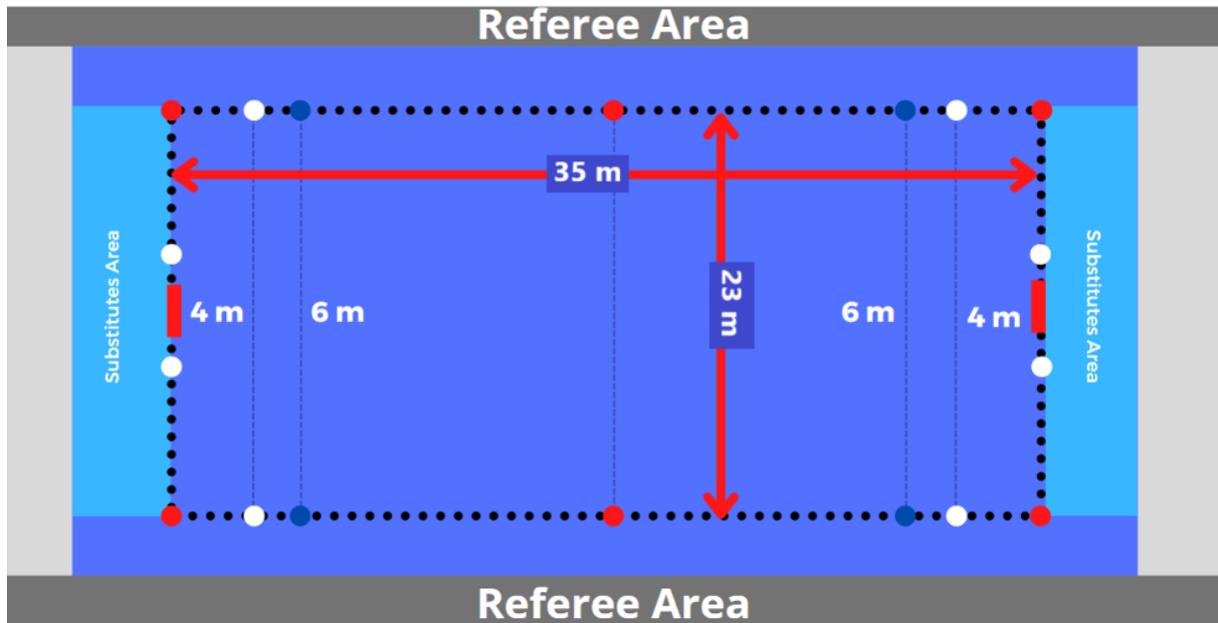
1.	<p>Hotel at the Molkemarkt</p> <p>Molkenmarkt 29, 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.hotel-am-molkenmarkt.de">www.hotel-am-molkenmarkt.de</a></p>
2.	<p>Havelhotel</p> <p>Krakauer Str. 21-23 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.havelhotel.de">www.havelhotel.de</a></p>
3.	<p>Axxon Hotel</p> <p>Magdeburger Landstraße 228 14770 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.axxon-hotel.de">www.axxon-hotel.de</a></p>
4.	<p>SEEHOTEL Brandenburg a.d. Havel</p> <p>Am Seehof 22 E 14778 Beetzsee <a href="http://seehotel-brandenburg.travdo-hotels.de">seehotel-brandenburg.travdo-hotels.de</a></p>
5.	<p>Hotel Brandenburg Cathedral</p>

	<p>Burghof 11 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.hotel-brandenburger-dom.de">www.hotel-brandenburger-dom.de</a></p>
6.	<p>Pensin la Rose  Mühlentorstraße 17 14770 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.pension-larose.de">www.pension-larose.de</a></p>
7.	<p>SORAT Hotel Brandenburg  Altstädtischer Markt 1 14770 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.sorat-hotels.com/de/hotel/brandenburg.html">www.sorat-hotels.com/de/hotel/brandenburg.html</a></p>
8.	<p>City Hotel Pension Brandenburg  Große Gartenstraße 2 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.cityhotel-brandenburg.de">www.cityhotel-brandenburg.de</a></p>
9.	<p>Plaue Castle  Schloßstraße 27a 14774 Brandenburg an der Havel <a href="http://www.schlossplaue.de">www.schlossplaue.de</a></p>

Hotels and accommodation are to be booked by the participants themselves. The organiser does not accept any booking or liability.

#### 4.3. Sports area Playing fields etc.

The playing fields: Playing field size 35x23 metres



Athletes have a quiet area out of sight on the lake along the competition area to warm up

#### 4.4. Sports village

An area reserved exclusively for athletes will be set up. The delegations will each have a reserved box of 15m<sup>2</sup> depending on the number of teams present per delegation.

This area is exclusively available to athletes and contains, among other things:

- Catering & Drinks
- An area for relaxation
- Game display
- Medical care
- Sanitary facilities

#### 4.5. Catering

Good food is an essential key to the success of an event for everyone involved. It contributes decisively to the satisfaction of athletes, organisers, helpers and visitors and has an influence on the overall mood of the event.

Sustainability and climate neutrality are important topics that we take very seriously. On the way to becoming more climate-friendly, we would also like to focus on sustainability in our catering offer. Depending on the requirements in connection with the Corona pandemic, which is still ongoing at the time, we will pay particular attention to the following elements:

- environmentally friendly alternatives to disposable tableware,
- Provision of vegetable dishes to choose from,
- seasonal and regional ingredients,
- Avoidance of food waste and
- short access routes (transport).

The Food & Drink section is divided into the following three subsections:

- Visitors "Food Mile
- Catering for athletes, organisers and helpers
- VIP catering, VIPs will be catered for in the VIP area next to the competition tower.

#### 4.6. Medical & Doping

As part of the administrative complex of the regatta course, located directly at the entrance to the athletes' area on the right-hand side, the Medical Centre is easy to find. Its access is barrier-free. This is where the medical care is located. Not far from the regatta course there are 2 hospitals at a distance of 3 km.



There is a separate room for doping controls in the sanitary and washing facilities, which is accessible through the anteroom of the entrance to the men's toilet and is also barrier-free.

#### 4.7. Press area

In addition to the press centre in the function building, designated press areas will be set up for the press representatives near the competition tower with the best view of the pitches and plenty of space for taking photos. One area is located in a covered segment of the visitors' stands



#### 4.8. Accreditation

The accreditation is located in the entrance to the regatta course in a building about 200 metres away from the regatta course. There, participants will receive their access badges before the access control at the entrance area of the competition area.

#### 4.9. Visitors

There is an area at the regatta course for travelling fans. Camping is possible here. Caravans and campers can also be accommodated there. In order to stay overnight here, it is absolutely necessary that the fans register in advance. With the registration, fans will then be accredited and have free entry to the event. Prices and modalities will be announced in Bulletin 2. Selected hotels and guesthouses can already be found in the section 4.2.

#### 4.10. VIP

A special feature of the "Beetzsee" regatta course is the VIP grandstand under the large roof that spans the competition tower and is intended as the VIP area for this ECA European Championship.

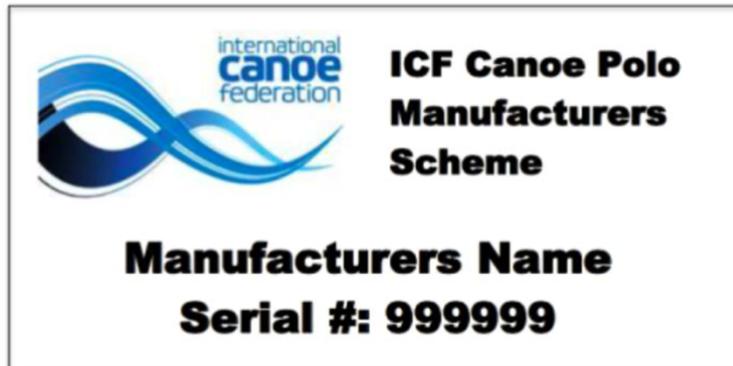


#### 4.11. Security

For the safety of the entire site, the sports equipment, all participants and also the campsite on site as well as for the visitors, a high level of security is guaranteed around the clock from Tuesday to Sunday with the help of an experienced and proven service provider.

## 5. Equipment and safety regulations

All equipment must comply with the current international technical rules for ICF Canoe Polo<sup>1</sup>. Each of the boats used in ICF events must carry the ICF label and the boat manufacturer must be registered with the ICF<sup>2</sup>. This regulation may lead to spot checks.



Further equipment according to ICF Canoe Polo Rules:

Each athlete must wear appropriate equipment. This includes a safety helmet with a strap attached to the chin underneath and a face mask. The helmet must be properly adjusted to provide maximum protection (from the base of the chin to the base of the skull). The grille has a minimum distance of 10 mm from the athlete's nose. The athlete must also wear a buoyancy aid.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules\\_canoe\\_polo\\_2022.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules_canoe_polo_2022.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> List of registered manufacturers: <https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/canoe-polo/manufacturer-scheme>