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**Rule Changes to the program of Canoe/Kayak – Slalom**

**The addition of Semi-finals**

**ICF Slalom Racing-Rule Art. 8: “RUNS”**

**Rationale**

It is proposed that Semi-finals are included in the Competition Program for Canoe/Kayak – Slalom.

- a) Increase the attractiveness of the sport for television and spectators
- b) Assist smaller and less strong Nations to improve their performances and their chances to progress past the Qualification race.
- c) Increase the competitiveness and intensity of the Finals
- d) The Semi-finals could be added to the Competition Program without significantly increasing the overall number of competition runs.
- e) There would be no additional timing and scoring calculations required
- f) There would be no additional work required by the Organizer or the ICF to implement Semi-finals.
- g) Improves the chance for the ICF to easily increase the number of days for Canoe/Kayak – Slalom at the Olympic Games if required. Which increases ticket sales and revenue for the Organizer without increasing the number of medals or athletes.

**Rules**

- a) The Qualification Race will be conducted in the same manner in which it is conducted currently.
- b) The Semi-final will be 1 run (the first run of what is now the final). From the result of this run those that finish in the top 10 boats will progress to the Final.
- c) The Final will consist of further 1 run
- d) The score that the competitor obtains in the final is added to the score that the competitor obtained in the Semi-final.
- e) The following table outlines the boat progression from Qualification to Finals

Example table:

<b>Progression</b>	<b>Mens K1</b>	<b>Womens K1</b>	<b>Mens C1</b>	<b>Mens C2</b>
<i>Qualification</i>	>40	>30	>30	>20
Semi-final	40	30	30	20
<i>Final</i>	10	10	10	10

- f) If there are less or the same number of athletes starting in the event than the Semi-final number then there will be no Semi-final.
- g) The final ranking will be determined in the Qualification Race (over 2 runs) up to those athletes who go to the Semi-final, those athletes in the Semi-final will be ranked (1 run) up to those athletes who go to the Final, those athletes who go to the Final will be ranked on their final result (2 runs – Semi-final plus Final)

## Changes to the Rule Article 8

8.1 An International slalom competition consists of 2 runs. For the score the results of both runs are added together. The organizer may hold qualifying and final runs as in ICF competitions. The start of the final second run will be the reverse order of the final first run results. The final course must have no more than 6 gate changes from the original course. In team races the competition may be reduced to a single run.

### 8 RUNS ( International)

8.1 An International Slalom Competition usually consists of 2 runs. For the score the results of both runs are added together. The organizers of International reverse order of Competitions may hold qualification semi-finals and finals

#### 8.2 An ICF Slalom Competition

8.2.1 Consists of 2 Qualification runs ; 1 Semi Final run ; 1 Final run

8.2.2 For the score of the qualification result the both runs are added together.

8.2.3 For the score of the semi-final run the result will be determined on 1 run

8.2.4 For the score of the final run the result of the semifinal and the result of the final to be added together

8.3 In Team races the competition may be reduced to a single run.

8.4 The start order for the semi-final is the reverse order of the results of the qualifications.

8.4.1 The start order for the final is the reverse order of the results of the semi-final.

8.5 For the semi-final and final course the must be no more than 6 gate changes from the qualification course.

Gates may be added or removed from the Qualification course (when the numerical order of gates change but the gate sequence does not then this is not a gate change)

### 41.3 Runs (World Championships)

41.3.1 World Championships consists of 2 Qualification runs;1 Semi Final run;1 Final run

41.3.2 For the score of the qualification result the both runs are added together.

41.3.3 For the score of the semi-final run the result will be determined on 1 run

41.3.4 For the score of the final run the result of the semifinal and the result of the final to be added together

41.4 In Team races there must be 2 runs.

41.4.1 For the score of the Team result the both runs are added together.

41.5 The start order for the semi-final is the reverse order of the results of the qualifications.

41.5.1 The start order for the final is the reverse order of the results of the semi-final.

41.5.2 The start order for the second team run will be the reverse order of the results of the first run

41.6 For the semi-final and final course the must be no more than 6 gate changes from the qualification course.

41.6.1 For the semi-final and final course gates may be added or removed from the Qualification course.(when the numerical order of gates change but the gate sequence does not then this is not a gate change)



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