

World Elite and World Club Sprint Championships - Overview

World Club Championships / World Elite Championships - 2014 and beyond

The event will still take place every 2 years

The first 2-3 days will be for elite selection teams from each IVF Member Country

The following 4 days will be for Club teams. *Club teams are defined by each association as they wish, and they are responsible for policing themselves. Club teams may be defined differently for local versus international competition.*

Essentially there will be 2 events within the 6 day period.

Depending on Canoes and resources available there may be a crossover of the 2 events in the middle of the event.

This format of racing is to cater for the growth of the sport and provide a pathway for Elite/ top paddlers whilst at the same time catering for the development of the sport and the large club base.

This change has been a 4 year work in progress was voted unanimously at the meeting 2011 to take effect for the 2014 World Sprints in Rio.

Simple Rules:

All events will adhere to IVF Sprint Rules. IVF Sprint rules have been modified to accommodate new event structure and rules.

World Elite Championships

- Teams will be representing their IVF Member country/region
- Countries may enter 1 team per category
Only the following categories will be recognised:
 - Junior 19 Team male & female
 - Open team Male and Female
 - Master (40) team Male and Female
- **Countries may enter 1 V12 team per gender**
Team may be selected from any Elite V6 paddlers and V1 paddlers .
- **Countries may enter 3 x V1 paddlers per category (all categories J16 to M70) into the World Championship**
- Countries can earn up to a maximum of 6 x V1 Entries total based on the number of medallists in the previous World Sprints. One medal allows four entries, two medals allow five entries and three medals allow six entries.
- V1 paddlers may compete in V6 teams also.
- At the World Elite Championship uniform should be a national uniform of the County/region

World Club Championship

- The number of entries allowed by each member in the World Club Championship event are as follows:
 - V6 events: 5 entries
 - V12 events: 2 entries

- Any Club team V6 must contain no more than 2 paddlers who participated together in the World Elite V6 Championship.
- Elite paddlers may participate in both Elite and Club racing.
- No more than two elite paddlers may participate together in any one club team.
- Any Club team V12 must contain no more than 4 paddlers who participated together in the World Elite V12 championship
- Each IVF country/region must confirm that the club teams entered are infact members of bonafide clubs within their country.
- At the World Club Championship uniform should be representative of the IVF member region or club.

General

Each IVF Country/region is responsible for entering club teams and participants and is to act as the management between the host country and club teams.

Paddlers may paddle in more than 1 age category – However the race programme will not wait or change for paddlers should they be racing back to back . The general race schedule will be determined prior to entries being called for.

There shall be unique medals that identify the World Elite and World Club Championship

Scheduling of events

The overall event will be held over 6 Days - A draft Schedule of events will be made available prior to entries opening. *Depending on entries received the race schedule may change.*

The beginning of the week will be dedicated World Elite Championship races, the end of the week will be world club races. Depending on the canoes available there may be an overlap of events in the middle of the week.