

80 DESCENSO INTERNACIONAL DEL SELLA

ICF World Classic Series

Saturday, 6 August 2016

RULES

1. ORGANISACIÓN.

Organised by the Real Federación Española de Piragüismo (Royal Spanish Canoeing Federation) and by delegation to the Comité Organizador del Descenso Internacional del Sella or C.O.D.I.S. (Organising Committee of the Descenso Internacional del Sella).

2. HOUR OF THE RACE.

The official start is at 12:00 hours.

3. PARTICIPATION.

The race is open to all Spanish and foreign competitors in possession of the necessary competition licence for the current year.

4. CATEGORÍES Y MODALITIES.

Participation in the race is available to the following Categories and Modalities:

| CATEGORÍES | | |
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| MEN | WOMEN | MIXED |
| Senior | Senior | Sole |
| Sub-23 | Sub-23 | |
| Junior | Junior | |
| Cadets | Cadets | |

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| Veterans until 50 years | Veterans until 50 years | |
| Veterans from 50 years | Veterans from 50 years | |
| Centenarians | Centenarians | |
| <p>- The participation of canoeists from different clubs in K2 and C2, is only permitted for those competitors in possession of the “Combined Licence” in accordance with the norms of the Real Federación Española de Piragüismo.</p> | | |

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| MODALITIES |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K1, K2, C1, C2 and RR type (White-water rudderless kayaks). For RR type vessels and the Mixed category, there will be a sole ranking. - Centenarian embarkations are those formed by two persons over 50 years of age. - The mixed category is formed by a man and a woman. |

5. ORDER OF DEPARTURE, DRAW AND TIME TRIAL

5.1. Order of departure

The order of allocation will be by categories. First, will be situated categories that finish the race in Ribadesella and, after these, the categories that have the finish line in Llovio.

5.2. Draw

The order of departure of the participants will be determined by a computerised draw in the Casa de Cultura of Ribadesella at 19.00 hours on Thursday 4th August. The Act will be public.

5.3. Time Trial

This will be held in Ribadesella on the afternoon of Thursday 4th August for the senior category.

The information concerning the time trial will be published as an annex, at least a month before the race.

6. FORMATION OF SEEDS FOR THE TIME TRIAL.

All the canoeists of the last edition of the Descenso Internacional del Sella ranked in the top ten for the K1 y K2 senior men categories, are, in their own right, the seeds in any of the kayak modalities in which their Clubs/ Federations participate, be it in K2 (with a different companion or the same one) or in K1. Also considered as seeds are the members of the National Selections of the different countries, who have been registered as such by their respective Federations, as well as those designated by the Autonomous Spanish Federations, being able to register one K1 and one K2 Senior by Country/Autonomous Federation, except the exceptions CODIS could establish.

7. START.

The vessels should be situated one hour before the start (11:00 a.m.) in the starting position allocated by the Draw, where they will be verified by the Riverside Judges.

The vessels must be situated completely out of the water, with the participants on the shore, in front of the metallic structure (clamps) where the oars should be placed. The clamps will remain shut until fifteen minutes before the official start (11.45 a.m.) and no canoeist will be able to position them once the clamps have been shut.

After finalizing the protocol ceremony (start following the verse of the Race Speaker (Pregonero) and the singing of “Asturias Patria Querida”), the Judge

will notify the start by changing the light of the traffic lights on the shore, red until that moment, to green, moment at which the clamps will be opened liberating the oars.

It is prohibited to undertake any training in the race departure zone an hour before the official start.

8. ARRIVAL.

The finishing line is situated below the arch of the Bridge at Ribadesella bearing the corresponding signpost META (distance 20 Km).

The categories for Cadets, Centenarians, K1 and C1 over 50 years old, Mixed and RR type have their finishing line or Meta at the Railway Bridge at Llovio (distance 15 Km).

The vessels with their finishing line in Llovio may continue to the finishing line at Ribadesella thus figuring in the general ranking.

6. ITINERARY.

- Itinerary A: Section of the River Sella between the Bridges of Arriondas and Ribadesella (20km).
- Recorrido B: Section of the River Sella between the Bridge of Arriondas and the Train Bridge of Llovio (15km).

10. DORSALS.

The number dorsals can be collected by the Club Delegates, on Friday 5th August, from 9:00 hours onwards, in the Casa de Cultura de Arriondas.

The dorsals provided by the Organizer, should be maintained intact during the race and the posterior protocol acts. Any canoeists arriving to the finishing line or accessing the Winning Podium without the corresponding dorsal or bearing a manipulated dorsal, will lose the right to the prize established for the Sella Winners (See PRIZE annex), and will additionally deprive their Club from obtaining the amounts established as PRIZES which appear in the prize annex.

11. RANKING AND POINTS.

This is individual, by Clubs, Nations and Autonomous Communities.

Ranking by Nations.

The ranking y nations will be done by taking into account the time of the first two vessels of each country belonging to the national team which reach the finishing line at Ribadesella.

Ranking by Autonomic Federations and Clubs.

All the canoeists reaching the finishing line within the Control time will receive points, **each canoeist** receiving the same number of points as vessels classified in their modality and Category, with the first three, obtaining a bonus of 3, 2 and one points, respectively.

12. CONTROL TIME.

This is 30 minutes for both finishing lines, running from the arrival time of the first vessel for each Category and Modality.

13. REGISTRATION.

The registration cost includes the following:

- Inscription fee.

- Backpack of the 80th Descenso Internacional del Sella.
- Technical tee-shirt of the 80th Descenso Internacional del Sella.
- Food Bag.

Registration closes on 25 July 2016 for all the teams. No new inscriptions will be admitted after that date. Phone inscriptions and those received after the aforementioned date will not be admitted either.

The inscription will be done through the web <http://www.descensodelsella.com>

The amounts corresponding to the inscriptions should be credited to CODIS by credit/debit or PayPal, via the registration section of the web.

14. TECHNICAL MEETING.

This will take place on Thursday, 4 August at 11:00 hours in the headquarters of the Organizing Committee.

The registration lists will be available in the headquarters of the Organizing Committee as well as the web www.descensodelsella.com, on 4 August, so that Club delegates can check the inscriptions and at the end of the Technical meeting finalize with the presentation of any claims.

15. OPENING CEREMONY.

The hoisting of the Autonomic flags, will take place on Thursday 4 August, at the podium of the finishing line at Ribadesella previous the time trial. Competitors are able to participate in this Ceremony if they so desire.

The Opening Ceremony, with the hoisting of the National flags, will take place on Friday 5 August at 20:00 hours, commencing in the Plaza del Ayuntamiento (Town Hall Square) of Arriondas. Afterwards on the right-hand shore of the

River Sella, the River Bidasoa will be twinned with the River Sella, by mingling the water of the Bidasoa in the Sella. To finish, the flags of the participating countries will be hoisted. Spanish Competitors are able to participate in this Ceremony if they so desire.

16. PRIZES AND SUBSIDIES.

The Medals and Monteras (traditional Asturian hats) for the first three classified vessels classified in K1 y K2, men and women and the first three C1 and C2 men, will be awarded at the podium of Ribadesella immediately after arrival to the Finishing line.

The prize-giving ceremony for the best ranking participants of the different Categories and Modalities, will take place in Ribadesella, at 17:30 hours onwards.

It is obligatory to access the podium wearing team clothing (competition or street-wear). Access is only permitted to the competitors classified amongst the top three. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to a loss of both the individual and team subsidy.

The monetary awards to participants will appear in the annex to the rules at the end of June.

The prizes for Clubs will be paid by nominative cheques to be sent by mail later on.

17. PRIZES FOR NATIONS AND AUTONOMIES

Trophies will be awarded to the first three classified.

18. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL.

Anti-doping controls may be conducted upon any participant in line with national and international regulations.

19. REGULATION.

The race is subject to the norms established by this circular and by the Regulation of Marathon Races of the International Canoeing Federation (ICF).

20. PUBLICATION OF LISTS

The provisional lists will be published in the Office which the Organization has installed in Ribadesella where the trophies will be awarded at about 17:30 horas.

21. CLAIMS.

Any type of claim should be presented in writing and accompanied by the payment of 20,00 €, to the Competition Committee, up to 20 minutes after having delivered the Minutes of the Provisional Results. Said Committee will be situated in the Organization's Office in Ribadesella. Furthermore, participation in the race supposes the acceptance of this Circular, and such modifications and interpretations of it as can be made by those persons with capacity to do so.

22. RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Organizing Committee of the Descenso Internacional del Sella, will not be liable for any damages or losses as may be occasioned during the Competition.

The signatory of the Inscription Sheet declares, under his/ her responsibility, that the competitors included thereunder are of an amateur status as defined by the ICF, that they are capable of swimming 50 metros in sports gear and that they possess a current Federal Licence for the practice of Canoeing, accepting for themselves as signatories and thereby exonerating the Race Organizers both by fact and law, of any responsibilities that could arise from their participation in the Descenso Internacional del Sella, be they in the form of persons, vessels, vehicles of all types and accessories before, during and after the race, renouncing formally to any claim against the Organizers which may legally correspond to them.

The request to participate in this race supposes full acceptance of the Norms included under the present Rules.

WARNING

**The CODIS reserves the right to make changes to the present Rules until
30 June de 2016**

Arriondas 26 April 2016

THE PRESIDENT

Juan Manuel Feliz