



## Asia Pacific Sprint Cup

LAKE KIBA 2025 | Komatsu, Ishikawa – JAPAN

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## The Event

Asia Pacific Sprint Cup was founded by Australia, New Zealand and Japan as host nations to develop U21 paddling sports in the Asia Pacific region, and host nations were extended to Singapore in 2024. In 2025 Japan is hosting the cup at Lake Kiba in Komatsu city, Ishikawa. For the event, the Organizing Committee consists of Japan Canoe Federation, Ishikawa Prefecture, Komatsu City, and Ishikawa Canoe Association.

This competition is open to athletes from all ICF member NFs, especially those belonging to the Oceanian Canoe Association and the Asian Canoe Confederation.

## The Cup

Not only host nations but also other nations and regions, and all competitors entering this event, will be entitled to win the Asia Pacific Sprint Cup, medals and titles as appropriate by permission of the host nations.

## Age Groups

There are three age groups competing: U16 (age 16 and under), U18 (age 18 and under) and U21 (age 21 and under) based on age as at 31 December 2025 as the competition year. Note that C discipline is applied by U18 (age 18 and under).

## Races

Events raced will be (per age group):

	Events	200m	500m	1000m	Relay
Men	K1 (U16/U18/U21)		○	○	
	C1 (U18)		○	○	
	K2 (U16/U18/U21)		○		
	C2 (U18)		○		
	K4 (U16/U18/U21)		○		
Women	K1 (U16/U18/U21)	○	○		
	C1 (U18)	○	○		
	K2 (U16/U18/U21)		○		
	C2 (U18)		○		
	K4 (U16/U18/U21)		○		
Mixed	K2 (U16/U18/U21)	○			
	C2 (U18)	○			
Mixed Relay	K1 (U16/U18/U21)				○200m x4
	C1 (U18)				○200m x4
	K1 Mega (U16&U18&U21)				○200m x6

- \* All events must have at least two countries and/or regions entered, or they will not be raced.
- \* If the team is composed of several countries and regions, the points will not be given to them.

## Rules

This Event is being conducted under the ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules.

## Race Schedule

The provisional race schedule will be shown in the attached file.  
It will be also updated in web site in due time.

## Event Schedule

The provisional schedule of events will be updated in web site in due time.

## Team Leader Meeting

Team Leader Meeting will be held at the Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course on Thursday, May 8th.

## Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony will be held at the Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course on Thursday, May 8th. Please be in national team uniforms.

## Entries

For the entry, please contact [asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com](mailto:asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com)

You will receive the entry form.

Maximum Entries for each country or region:

- K1 = Three (3) entries per age group, per gender, per country or region
- K2 = Three (3) entries per age group, per gender, per country or region
- C1 = Three (3) entries per age group, per gender, per country or region
- C2 = Three (3) entries per age group, per gender, per country or region
- K4 = Two (2) entries per age group, per gender, per country or region
- Relay = Two (2) entries per age group, per country or region
  - ※ A maximum of 48 competitors per country or region will be permitted.
  - An athlete can compete in a team boat in a higher age group.
  - An athlete can compete in up to one K1, one K2, one K4, one mixed K2, one mixed relay, and one mega relay in each distance available.

## Key Dates for Entries

Preliminary Entry	<u>up to Feb. 7</u>
Name list for Visa Application	<u>up to Feb. 7</u>
Boat Rental Application	<u>up to Mar. 13</u>
Numerical Entry	<u>up to Apr. 10</u>
Nominal Entry	<u>up to Apr. 24</u>

## Boat Rental

For the boat rental, please contact [asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com](mailto:asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com)

You will receive the boat rental form.

- ※ There is a deposit for the rental boats. The deposit will be refunded when the boats does not have any damages and if the same condition is maintained as when boats were lent.

## Progression System

The progression system will be decided upon close of entries.

## Start and Finish Procedures

The starts for 500m will be with automatic starting system.

## Boat Number Distribution

Boat numbers will be distributed at the desk near the ID control.

## Photo Finish

Photo Finish System will be used for all the races.

## Equipment

It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that their boats meet the construction requirements of the ICF rules. The scales are arranged for competitors to check the weight of their boats.

## Results & Live streaming in YouTube Channel

No result paper will be distributed. The results will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and it will be uploaded in the web site. We will provide the Live Streaming via YouTube Channel.

## Point Score

Point scores will be allocated to Finals as per the table below (per ICF).

place	points
1st	10
2nd	8
3rd	7
4th	6
5th	5
6th	4
7th	3
8th	2
9th	1

In the K1 and K2, only the top 2 boats from each country and region are eligible for points.

In the K4, only the top 1 boat from each country and region are eligible for points.

All race will only be eligible for points if there are 3 or more countries and regions entered.

## Medal Ceremony

All events will be awarded medals. Medal presentations will be scheduled throughout the event. The time of each medal presentation will be shown in the race schedule. Competitors must present themselves in national team uniforms.

## Training Day

You can have training for the days before the event. If you would like to have an advance training camp, please contact [asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com](mailto:asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com). During the event, there are no sub-lakes for training. To warm up during racing, this will have to occur beyond the start line.

## Entry & Visas

Japan Canoe Federation will send an official invitation letter to teams and officials on demand.

If you need support to obtain visa, please download the form from [here](#), then fill and send it to the following email by February 7th, 2025: [info@canoe.or.jp](mailto:info@canoe.or.jp)

\* Please attach a photo of the face page of the passport for all applicants.

## Access to Komatsu

There are direct international flights to Komatsu airport from Taipei by BR (7/week), from Shanghai (PVG) (4/week) by MU and from Seoul (ICN) (3/week) by KE. Komatsu is a convenient destination from your countries.

There are also 10 flights a day between Tokyo Haneda International Airport and Komatsu Airport by JL and NH, which takes only 1 hour.

It will be also a good idea to fly to Komatsu via Fukuoka International Airport.

The travel from Tokyo to Komatsu by railway is also available. The SHINKANSEN, Bullet train connects directly between Tokyo and Komatsu in about 3 hours.

It takes 4 hours from Kansai International airport to Komatsu by train.

The Organizing Committee is happy to provide the suggestions to help teams choose the best way of domestic travel.

## Accommodation

Hotels in Komatsu City will be recommended by the Organising Committee.

Room rates are the preferential rates for this competition.

Mainly Japanese style hotels will be proposed based on the number of people in your team, so please consult the Organizing Committee with the date of your stay, number of people, and number of rooms: [asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com](mailto:asia.pacific.cup.japan@gmail.com)

## Lunch

Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course is in a big park, and there is no shop to eat and drink on foot near Lake Kiba.

The food stall will sell lunch box and local food during the event. Teams and competitors can order lunch boxes in advance before the event.

## Doping Control

In line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF Doping Control Rules, the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) will conduct random testing at this competition.

## Insurance and Liability

The Organizing Committee will take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the property of teams and visitors at the venue but accepts no responsibility for loss of or damage to such property, however caused. Likewise, the Organizing Committee will take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of persons at the venue, but accepts no responsibility for injury to such persons, unless caused by the negligence of its members, employees or voluntary helpers. It is the responsibility of visiting teams to ensure that they have adequate insurance to cover their own persons and property. It is a requirement for teams to have insurance in force to cover their legal liability for injury to other persons or damage to their property, in relation to both on and off water activities.

## Smoking & Alcohol

Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course is a non-smoking venue.

Alcohol consumption is not permitted to any competitors, anywhere on the venue.

## Keeping in good shape

It is recommended that paddlers stay hydrated carefully, wear protective clothing and remain under shelter as much as possible.

## Press and media Information

Please note there will be media conducted by JCF, Ishikawa prefecture, Komatsu city as well as other media organizations. Competitors may be requested for interviews and/or photos.

## Queries

Asia Pacific Sprint Cup Organizing Committee

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## Additional information

### Features of Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course

Lake Kiba Canoe Sprint Course was established in 1991 for Japan National Sports Meet. After that, many competitions have been held here, including high-level international championships such as the ICF Junior World Canoe Championships in 2003, the ICF World Cup in 2002, and the Continental Qualifier for Olympic Games in 2004 & 2008.

The Course is specially designed as a venue intended only for canoe and kayak sports with its high-level facilities, such as the automatic starting system. It is also the best training place for canoeing in Japan, offering you the great opportunities and conditions for your national team. The venue has been designated an Event-Specific Affiliated Centre Facility for canoe and kayak sports since 2009 by Japanese government and the Japanese Olympic Committee; the Japanese national team organizes the training camp and they stay here more than 150 days a year. New Zealand team held a Pre-Games training camp here prior to the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

- Special sprint course for canoe and kayak with:
  - 9 fixed lanes, 9 meters wide course, 1000 meters long lanes, Automatic starting system
- The national training center for the Japanese national team of canoe sprint
- 10 teams held the training camps for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.