

**TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2026**

**ENGLISH VERSION**

1. **To take part in the tournament each team must have paid their registration fee(s)** to the Organizing Committee within the expiry date of 30 June 2026. It will NOT be possible to pay and register after that date or at the Tournament.
2. **The Tournament game rules will be based on the current I.C.F. Canoe Polo Rules**
3. **A nominated Jury** made up of three members representing all of the participating divisions will be formed at the Team Captain's Meeting. *The eventual decision of this Jury during or after any game dispute will be binding on any of the instances that might or could occur during the entire Competition.*
4. **In Division I, II, III & IV each team will play a minimum of 6 matches each.** Each match session lasts 30 minutes with 2 halves of 10 minutes each and an interval for changing sides and rest of 2 minutes (10+10=2 minutes). The safety gap between matches is 8 minutes.
5. ***Any team not present at the indicated time*** *will be punished by a forfeit score of  0 – 5 when starting their next match. The referee’s team arriving later than five minutes will also start their next game by a score 5 - 0 awarded for the opposite side.*
6. **Time stopping on the chronometer** will not be stopped after scoring a goal. It can only be stopped in certain cases with the ruling of a referee. However in all semi and final matches the chronometer could be stopped after a goal is scored.
7. **The Captain's Meeting** will be held inside the restaurant area starting precisely at 08:00 AM on Saturday 12th July 2026 . All the team leaders must be present and take part in the meeting. Please limit one official representing each team to avoid confusion or delays.
8. **All team leaders must present their final team data forms within 08:30 a.m. of the Captain's Meeting on Saturday morning**. After this time there cannot be any changes to the list of the athletes taking part in the Tournament neither can any new names be added during the event. The athletes must also play with the same vest numbers submitted on the 'team data sheets' by their captain. Failure to do so may cause the individual to be excluded from starting their match.
9. **It is absolutely prohibited for athletes who are registered to play in a specific team in a specified division** cannot change from one group to play in another team. This becomes an automatic disqualification for that person for the duration of the Tournament.
10. **All kayaks belonging to the same team are advised to have be the same color top.** Also all  vests and helmets must be the same colour and have identical numbers perfectly visible for the referees.
11. **All athletes are advised to remove their watches, bracelets and rings** which may increase the risk of causing bodily harm on accidental contact during the game that they play in.
12. **It is prohibited** **to leave your kayaks, spray-decks, helmets and personal belongings in and around the grassy area of Pitch 1 before, during and after the entire duration of the Tournament.** This exclusion is applied for the area in front of the outside gazebo and restaurant area. They should be kept in the ‘kayak designated area’ clearly indicated outside these areas.
13. **Please do not leave your empty bottles of water or other rubbish** lying around the grounds but place them in the provided trash bags distributed around the grounds.
14. **Please note that in the area designated for camping free of charge there is no electricity outlets to plug into. Please do not abuse this rule by trying to connect to plugs into any outlets in the outdoor toilet building or surroundings.** However at the **Info Point** in front of the restaurant electric connections will be provided but only for charging cellular phones and not for heavy duties appliances.
15. **We provide a facility unit for showers in the box unit just outside the camping area** but hot water is not provided for showering. Adequate portable toilets will be placed near the box shower units for use. The toilets inside the restaurant are off-limits to the athletes.
16. **Prize-giving is scheduled for Sunday 12 July at 16:00 hours**. The winning teams are requested to be dressed in their club colors or other respectable clothing when they appear on the winner’s podium. Please refrain from appearing shirtless and shoeless or in any other inappropriate manner.
17. **The first teams classified in Division I, II, III and IV will be awarded special commemorative printed t-shirts**. The winners are asked to wear them when they stand on the podium.
18. **The 'Franco Baschirotto Memorial Challenge Trophy' will be awarded permanently to the first National or Club team who wins the Tournament five times, not necessarily in consecutive years.** Until that time the winning team will not be permitted to return back home with the Trophy. Minor prizes offered by our sponsors may also be awarded to the teams and/or individuals. Wins by teams starting in 2014 for Division I  will count as valid for the permanent retention of the new Trophy. All previous wins by teams from 1979-2013 will not be counted.
19. **The 'Minin Cup Trophy' will be awarded permanently to the first National or Club team who wins the Tournament five times not necessarily in consecutive years.** Until that time the winning team will not be permitted to return back home with the Trophy. Minor prizes offered by our sponsors may also be awarded to the teams and/or individuals. The wins by any teams from 2019 onwards will be counted as valid for the permanent retention of this Trophy.
20. **All the athletes participate at the Tournament at their own risk and responsibility,** eventual damages or loss before, during or after the Event, to property, to each other or to themselves, will not be the responsibility of the Organisers. However as a caution, an ambulance with a fully trained medical staff will be on stand-by on the premises in the case of any accidents that might occur during the games.
21. **Please keep in mind that there is no surveillance at the camping or parking area**, so please do not leave any valuable objects in your tents or in your transportation. Keep them in alternative safe locations at all times. This rule is also applicable to your playing gear, because it is sadly not uncommon to be deprived of some equipment after being left carelessly around.
22. **Use of unbecoming language or unsporting actions** in the playing fields either by any player or by their coach will not be tolerated and will result in that person or team being penalised for this negative behaviour.
23. **The Tournament will end on Sunday 12 July at 17:00 p.m.**

**The Organizing Committee 33050 Castello, Italy.**