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## Günther Briedl

President · Österreichischer Kanu Verbandes

Dear athletes, welcome to Styria, to the beautiful Mur Valley! Motivated athletes from all across Europe have gathered to demonstrate their skill and passion at the European Masters Championships. The course section in St. Ruprecht ob Murau offers perfect conditions for exciting whitewater competitions.

On behalf of the Austrian Canoe Federation, I wish all participants fair and successful races, unforgettable sporting

moments, and many new encounters. Special thanks go to the organizing team, the volunteers, and all supporters whose commitment makes the »Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships« possible.

Wishing you great sporting success and a wonderful time on the Mur.

Sporting regards,  
Günther Briedl



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## Patrick Weilharter

Major of the community St. Georgen am Kreischberg

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the »Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships« in the district of St. Ruprecht-Falkendorf. I would like to express my special thanks to the UPC Wildente Canoe Club and the Austrian Canoe Federation, whose dedication and wealth of experience have made this important international sporting event possible in our region. Canoeing is a sport that embodies passion, technique, a love of nature, and athletic ambition. Slalom in particular demonstrates how much skill, experience, and endurance are required to successfully master the challenges of white water. The fact that athletes from many European countries are competing here with us is a

great honor for our community and a strong sign of the importance of sport across generations. Such events thrive not only on sporting excellence, but also on community, encounter, and mutual respect. They bring people from different countries together and make our region a place of international sporting friendship. I wish all participants fair, accident-free, and successful competitions, visitors exciting races, and all guests unforgettable days here in the community of St. Georgen am Kreischberg.

With sporting regards,  
Patrick Weilharter



## 2026 Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships · July 10 – 11

The Championships in Canoe Slalom will take place in St. Ruprecht ob Murau, Austria. This special event is open to all paddlers aged 35 and above who want to share their passion for canoe slalom with like-minded athletes and test themselves in competition.

Whether you are an experienced competitor or participating in an international race for the first time, everyone is warmly welcome. The European Masters Championships not only offer exciting races on a challenging slalom course but also the chance to become part of an international canoeing community.

The event emphasizes fair play, enjoyment of the sport, and creating an unforgettable experience for all participants.

Here you will find all the essential information: the event announcement, the link to the bulletin, the registration forms, and the start and results lists. Don't miss the chance to register for this historic event and become part of the »Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships«.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing days full of sport, camaraderie, and thrilling competition!



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**Sankt Ruprecht ob Murau** is a charming village in the Murau district of Styria, central Austria, located in the scenic Murtal valley. Known for its proximity to the Kreischberg ski resort (approx. 6 km away) and as home to the

Styrian Wood Museum, it offers year-round recreational activities, including skiing, hiking, of course paddling, and nature-focused experiences in the surrounding Lower Tauern mountains.

### Distances

Ljubljana · SLO, 173 km	████████████████████
München · GER, 271 km	████████████████████
Bratislava · SLK, 333 km	████████████████████
Verona · ITA, 441 km	████████████████████
Praha · CZE, 458 km	████████████████████
Zürich · SUI, 579 km	████████████████████

**St. Ruprecht  
ob Murau**  
Austria



## Entries and Deadlines

### Principles

All slalom paddlers aged 35 and over are warmly invited to compete in the »Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships«. No qualification is required—anyone can register directly to participate.

Entries for this event need to be registered via the form on the web site: <https://ies.memsoft.app/>

Please ensure that no duplicate entries are registered for C2 and the team races. It is sufficient if a participant submits the entries for a team. Please provide a self-assessment of your performance to help us determine the starting order.

We also invite you to share your career highlights so our commentator can provide engaging and detailed coverage of your race.

Changes can be made afterwards, including adding or updating team entries.

Entries closing: 09 July 2026, 17:00

If you have any questions or problems regarding entries or accreditation, please contact [Info@emc-slalom.at](mailto:Info@emc-slalom.at) before the respective deadline.



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### Liability and Insurance

Participation in the event is at the participant's own risk. The organizer assumes no liability for accidents, injuries,

or damage to equipment. Participants are responsible for their own insurance coverage.

## Participants Classes

The competition program includes the following events:

### Canoe Slalom Individual:

MK1 = Men's Kayak Single  
WK1 = Women's Kayak Single  
MC1 = Men's Canoe Single  
WC1 = Women's Canoe Single  
MC2 = Mens Canoe Double  
WC2 = Women's Canoe Double  
XC2 = Mixed Canoe Double

### Age groups:

35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+ (age by 31.12.2026)

A minimum of 3 boats need to be entered for the category to compete. If less than 3 athletes, those entries will be added to a younger age group.

**Teams:** Canoe Slalom Team: MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1, XC2

If there are three or more Teams from at least two nations in which all team members are 55 or older, a separate race will be held.

**Scoring Rules:** For all individual races, there will be two runs, and the better run will count for the final result. For the team races, there will be one run each.

## Bring youngsters, relatives & friends

There are guest races for women and men, in the Kids, Junior and Senior categories and as well for Non-European Athletes. Guest races can be entered in all categories of the Masters races, but since all guest races take place at the beginning of the event, it will probably not be possible to start in multiple categories.



## Participants Fee

The registration fee not only allows you to participate in the »Paddle Europe Slalom Masters Championships«, but also entitles you to a starter goodie, water safty on the race and participation in an official party on Saturday evening.

**Entry Fee until 20. 6. 2026 incl. Bank transfer:** € 80,-  
**Late Entry Deadline: 9. 7. 2026, 17:00:** € 110,-

**Guest Class reduced Entry Fee until 20. 6. 2026:** € 40,-  
**Late Entry Deadline: 9. 7. 2026, 17:00:** € 70,-  
Goodie & Party participation only with additional payment

### How to pay:

By bank transfer until 20 June 2026. By cash during stay in Sankt Ruprecht ob Murau in the accreditation office.

The bank details for transfer are:

Sportunion St. Ruprecht/Falkendorf  
Raiffeisenbank Murau · BIC: RZSTAT2G402  
IBAN: AT20 3840 2000 0980 7587



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Race venue with camp ground

## Accommodation

Camping is permitted directly at the race course for tents, caravans, and motorhomes at a rate of € 5,- per person/day. (4. - 12. July). Please note that the ground is on a slight slope; we strongly recommend bringing heavy-duty leveling ramps or wooden blocks. A few level areas will be reserved specifically for tents. Please be aware that while toilets are available on-site, there is only one showers and Only a very

limited number of electrical connections.

For those seeking more comfort, there are numerous hotels and apartments available in town. These can be booked through the local Tourism Office:

<https://www.steiermark.com/de/Murau>

A campsite is in the immediate neighbourhood:

<https://www.olachgut.at/de>

## Training Opportunities

The course will be available for free training for all participants from July 4 to July 9. Depending on the number of entries, it may also be available on the morning of July 10. No reservation is necessary or possible.

The organizer will set the gates for training and change them regularly. Training is at your own risk, and no water rescue service will be provided.

## Photo, Video, and Data Processing

The organizer is entitled to take photographs and video recordings during the event and to use, reproduce, publish, and distribute such material in which participants may be identifiable, for the purposes of event coverage, public relations, documentation, and promotion of the event, in all media formats (including print, online, and social media), without entitlement to compensation. By registering for

the event, participants expressly consent to such use.

Furthermore, participants consent to the collection, storage, and processing of their registration data for all necessary actions in accordance with ICF rules, including, in particular, the publication of start lists and result lists on the internet.



## Event Communication

For communication between the organizer and the jury, as well as among the participants, two WhatsApp groups have been set up.

By scanning this QR code, you will join a WhatsApp group. WhatsApp (Meta Platforms, Inc., 1601 Willow Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025, USA) may collect and process your personal data such as your phone number and IP address. For more information, please see the WhatsApp Privacy Policy:

<https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/privacy-policy/>

We would like to expressly point out that membership in a WhatsApp group is voluntary. This does not require registration for the European Masters Championships.



We will try to provide a T-shirt for all participants, so please indicate your size when registering. Additional event T-shirts without sponsor logos can be purchased for € 20,- each, if you wish.



## Venue of the Competition

The canoe slalom course set on a natural river offers an authentic and dynamic racing environment.

The water depth is consistently sufficient, ensuring safe and fair racing conditions for all competitors.

The course featured a beautiful wide riverbed, allowing for a diverse range of gate placements and creative course designs.

The difficulty of the course corresponds to Whitewater grade 2-3.



Slalom Course, upper section, Grade 2



Slalom Course, middle section, Grade 3



Slalom Course, lower section, Grade 2

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#### Umbrella Organization

Österreichischer Kanu Verband <https://kanuverband.at/>

#### Implementation

Union Paddel Club Wildente <https://sportunion.at/vereine/sportunion-st-ruprecht-falkendorf/>

#### Patronage

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