

MARATHON INTERNATIONAL DES GORGES DE L'ARDECHE EN CANOË KAYAK

GENERAL RULES

The organisers can not be held responsible if these rules are not adhered to. Especially in relation to any competitor who chooses to undertake a descent outside the official race programme.

The number of competitors on the day of the competition is limited to 2000, decided by the order in which inscriptions have been paid.

Maximum of 100 boats participating in the Challenge des Gorges de l'Ardèche.

Maximum of 100 SUP participating in the "Ard'river paddle".

The organising committee reserve the right to accept more than 100 boats in the "Challenge", as long as the total number of inscriptions for the event doesn't exceed 2000 competitors.

Incorrect positioning, a false start or the display of unsporting behaviour could result in a decision of disqualification by the race jury.

The finish of the race takes place on the left bank of the river at Saint Martin d'Ardèche, after having turned round the buoy situated under the bridge. The arrival to the finish line is by paddling back upstream.

All participants may be asked to do an anti-dope test.

ENROLMENT CONDITIONS

The final date for registration is the evening of **6th November internet booking only.**

FRENCH COMPETITORS

1. You possess a 2018 FFCK competition licence
You are over 18 years of age
You do not need to supply a medical certificate
2. You possess a 2018 FFCK competition licence and born between 2000 and 2003
You do not need to supply a medical certificate
Your inscription **MUST** be made by your club that is affiliated to the FFCK
You are noted on the ministerial list
Your enrolment will be validated after examination of your application by the organisation
3. You do not have a licence or you only have a FFCK "leisure" licence
You are over 18 years of age
You **MUST** supply a medical certificate, that is dated less than a year, which specifies that "there are no medical reasons preventing participation in a canoe kayak competition".

OVERSEAS COMPETITORS

1. You do not have a licence

You are over 18 years of age

You **MUST** supply a medical certificate, that is dated with a year of the race date, and specifies that “there are no medical reasons preventing participation in a canoe kayak competition”.

2. You possess a competition licence with your National Canoe Kayak Federation

You are over 18 years of age or you are born between 2000 and 2003

You have two options:

You can enrol directly by supplying a medical certificate, that is dated with a year of the race date, and specifies that “there are no medical reasons preventing participation in a canoe kayak competition”

Enrolment can be made via your federation before the 27th October 2018. Your enrolment will then be transmitted to the Fédération Française de Canoë Kayak - FFCK. If you choose this option, you will not need to supply a medical certificate.

A copy of the format for the medical certificate (in French and English) can be downloaded when you are registering your enrolment.

ENROLMENT CONDITIONS

The electronic timing chip must be fixed to the helmet of the first paddler of each craft. The timing chips are pre programmed for each start line and help ensure a trouble free recording of the start and finish time for each craft.

IT IS OBLIGATORY TO WEAR A HELMET AND BUOYANCY AID

For the Challenge des Gorges de l'Ardèche, an embarcation with more than 12 people is forbidden.

All boats made from polyethylene - tourist hire boats - must remain behind all other boats at the start line.

Inflatable kayaks are forbidden to participate in the Challenge or the Marathon

The helmsman of a C9 must be equipped with a security throw rope and security knife

Teams entering the Challenge, may adopt fancy dress, as long as it doesn't interfere with the safety of individuals. The buoyancy aid and helmet must remain visible.

CANCELTION

A decision “préfectorale” could be taken to cancel the event.

The SDIS (Service Départemental d'Incendie et de Secours) and the Gendarmerie Nationale assure the safety of the event. Medical personnel have the final decision to stop a participant continuing in the event, if they feel the participant is placing themselves or their health at risk.

Cancellation of the event will happen if navigation is not possible due to:

- the water level is superior to 0.8m on the level gauge situated on the Salavas bridge.
- insufficient water
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If the event is canceled for the above reasons, only those participants who have taken out the cancellation insurance will be eligible for reimbursement of their inscription costs.

The organisers reserve the right to modify the start times of the Challenge, SUP and Marathon, if required, due to unforeseen circumstances.

CANCELTION INSURANCE

When you do your on-line inscription, you will also be offered the option to take out a cancellation insurance.

The cost of the insurance is 5€ and will cover the cost of your inscription, should you not be able to participate in the race in the case of the criteria indicated below.

Claims for reimbursement of inscription costs will not be accepted if the cancellation insurance hasn't been taken out.

The totality of your inscription cost will be reimbursed in the following cases:

The organisers cancel the Marathon International des Gorges de l'Ardèche. You do not need to do anything. Your inscription costs will be reimbursed directly to the bank account from which the inscription costs were paid.

A competitor is unable to participate in the Marathon International des Gorges de l'Ardèche due to medical circumstances. A written request must be sent to the organisers, by letter or email with a medical certificate explaining the medical reasons why participation in the race wasn't possible. The written request must arrive with the organisers no later than 10th November 2018. Any requests received after this date will be automatically refused.

If a competitor, is part of a team, and is unable to participate in the race, only the inscription cost for this competitor will be reimbursed.

The organisers will study each request received on or before the 10th November, within 8 days, and inform the competitor if the decision to reimburse the inscription costs has been



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accepted or not. If the remboursement request is refused, the organisers will justify their decision in writing.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

All confirmations must take place on Friday 9th November 2018 between the hours of 10h00 and 22h00 at Vallon Pont d'Arc in the "salle des fêtes". Under **NO** circumstances will any confirmations be accepted on the day of the competition.

During the confirmation process you will be given a technical fact sheet, that will specify the details of boat registered for the race. The competitors must verify that these details are correct, especially the category and signal any changes that need to be made. After the verification process, there can be no reclamation that the details on the fact sheet are incorrect. The organisers cannot be held responsible for false or wrong information given at the time of registration, for errors not signalled by competitors, nor for the possible consequences caused by the giving of mis-information.

IMAGE RIGHTS

By accepting these general rules, the participant is allowing his or her image (photo, video) to be used by the organisers of the Marathon to promote the event and by all means of distribution (video, printed photos, newspapers, internet, etc...).

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- **L'arrêté (decree) préfectoral authorises the 34^{ème} Marathon to take place on the 10 November 2018**
- L'arrêté inter-préfectoral concerns the navigation in the Ardeche Gorges
- L'arrêté from 4 May 1995 Sports Code applies (reference to - unsinkable boats, the wearing of buoyancy aid and helmet with CE labelling, closed footwear)
- Rules for the sporting bodies - the French Federation for Canoe Kayak (FFCK) and the International Canoeing Federation (ICF) apply

All participants must abide by and respect the rules of the Ardèche Gorges Nature Reserve (link to the rules)