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SENIOR RAFTING WORLD CUP

JUNIOR & U23 RAFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

From 20th to 26th April, the Whitewater Stadium Parc Aquasports of Pau-Pyrénées will welcome the 2026 Junior & U23 Rafting World Championship and 2026 Senior Rafting World Cup.

The city of Pau and its urban community have a strong sporting culture and have already proved their capacity to host top level events: Tour de France and Vuelta (cycling), CCI 5* (horse riding), Pelota world championships in 2010, and for Canoe Slalom, numerous ICF World Cups, the 2019 European Championships and the 2017 ICF World Championships.

Pau is an experienced canoeing centre, which always attracts large crowds to cheer on the athletes, knows how to make canoeing a spectacle and a celebration, and brings together a large number of delegations from all over the world. This year 2026, it's RAFTING that Pau and his Pau Canoë organizing committee will honor and shine.

To encourage the public to come along, since 2021 we proposed a "Sport Planète" sustainable development village with numerous associations working all along the year in this field. This year (2026), our aim is to strengthen the event's local roots by complementing the Village with a Market of local designers and producers: an opportunity for you to take away all the local products!

Feel free to come and join us for some thrills and spills through this exciting adventure!

The Organizing Committee



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For many years, the French Canoe Federation has gained a lot of expertise in hosting high-quality international competitions. Pau began to be involved in 2009 with the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup at the newly inaugurated Whitewater Stadium of Pau-Pyrénées. Then, it never stopped and confirmed the trust the international governing canoeing bodies placed in the Pau Organizing Committee and in the French Canoe Federation.

With the city of Pau, they prepared magnificent programs with the greatest athletes in the world, and built the success of the major Canoe competitions in Pau: World Cups organized in 2012, 2015, 2016, in 2020 during the COVID lockdown, in 2021, 2022 and 2025, the European Championships in 2019 and especially the World Championships in 2017 which still remain the benchmark worldwide.

The Pau Canoë organizing committee Pau Canoë has also shown its ability to organize events other than slalom or canoeing with the organization in 2023 of the Jeux Internationaux de la Jeunesse, welcoming 350 young people for 7 days with a dozen sporting, cultural or festive activities.

Based on these successes, the French Canoe Federation and the Pau Béarn Pyrénées Urban Community are joining forces with the same enthusiasm and passion to attract a large public to the banks of the Whitewater Stadium of Pau-Pyrénées for the coming 2026 Rafting Senior World Cup and Junior & U23 World Championship.

We are looking forward to see you soon in Pau !

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**PASCAL BONNETAIN,
FRENCH CANOE
FEDERATION PRESIDENT**



**FRANÇOIS BAYROU,
MAYOR OF PAU AND
PRESIDENT OF THE
PAU PYRÉNÉES
URBAN COMMUNITY**

GENERAL INFORMATION

KEY DATES

28th February 2026	Deadline for visa application
29th March 2026	Deadline for entries
20th April 2026	Opening of competition venue
From 20th to 23th April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free & Official training• Accreditation
23th April 2026*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team leaders meeting• Opening Ceremony
24th April 2026*	Competition day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sprint (RX Qualifications)• RX Knock-out stage (Mixed and Para-Rafting)
25th April 2026*	Competition day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RX Knock-out stage (Men & Women)
26th April 2026*	Competition day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slalom

*If there are a large number of entries, some races in the Junior and U23 World Championships may be brought forward to Thursday afternoon, and the order of races may change for everyone.

KEY CONTACTS

HOC Competition Manager : Sylvain PUY sylvain.puy@paucanoe.com
General information : contact@paucanoe.com

 **United Rafting website :** <https://theflow.rsportz.com>

 **Facebook :** <https://www.facebook.com/paucanoe>

 **Instagram :** www.instagram.com/paucanoe

SOUTH-WEST FRANCE

BETWEEN THE OCEAN AND THE MOUNTAINS

WELCOME TO THE PARADISES OF NATURAL SPORT, GASTRONOMY, NATURE AND CULTURE - HERITAGE AREA



DISCOVER



LAKES, BEACHES AND RIVERS



GASTRONOMY



CULTURE



NATURE

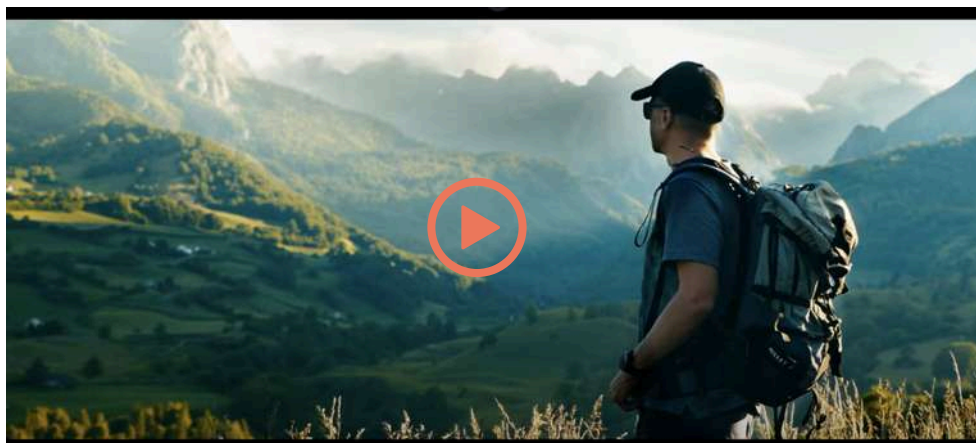


PAU AND THE BEARN

BEARN PYRENEES

WELCOME TO BÉARN PYRÉNÉES

Exploring the Bearn region : noble history and enchanting nature !



PAU, CAPITAL OF THE BEARN

PAU PYRÉNÉES TOURISME

Arrival in the capital of Bearn, a city of art and history, with the old-fashioned atmosphere of the castle district, the British elegance of its villas and the international class of its stud farms. A multi-faceted town that's alive with events and entertainment all year round. **Explore the city**

You can find the map of the town of Pau :

WWW.CALAMEO.COM

CURRENCY

The currency you can use in Pau is the euro (€).



LOCATION

HOW TO GET TO PAU

GPS COORDINATES > LAT 43.30 / LONG : -0.37

MOTORWAYS :

- A65 Bordeaux - Pau (2h30)
- A64 Biarritz - Pau (1h30)
- A64 Toulouse - Pau (2h00)
- A64 Tarbes/Lourdes - Pau (0h40)

PAU PYRÉNÉES AIRPORT :

35 minutes from the White Water Stadium

- Direct flight from Paris CDG to Pau (1.30hr)

TARBES LOURDES AÉROPORT :

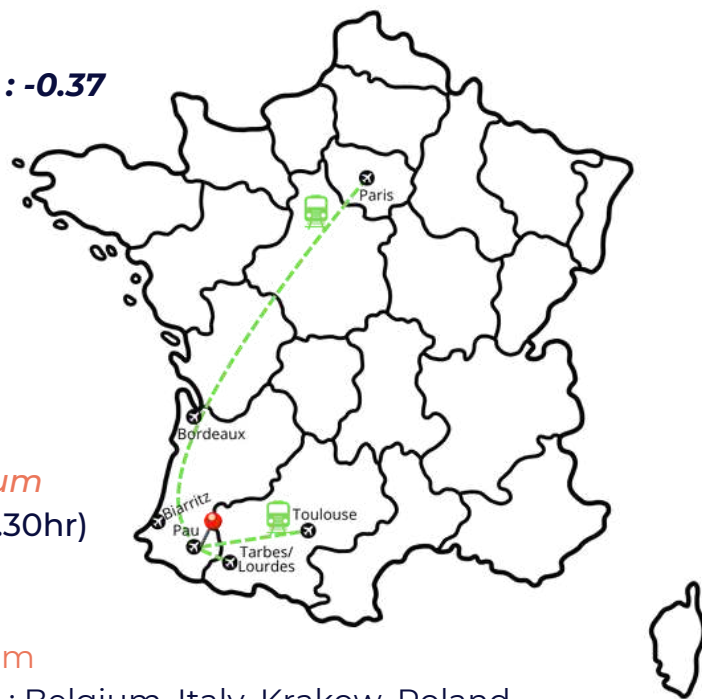
40 minutes from the White Water Stadium

- Direct flight from several destinations : Belgium, Italy, Krakow, Poland, Ireland, United Kingdom, Malta, Portugal.

TRAIN :

10 min walk from the White Water Stadium

- Direct TGV train from Paris (4hrs)
- Direct train from Bordeaux (2hrs) and Toulouse (2hrs)



ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE.

Link to accommodation guide to help you organize your stay in Pau :

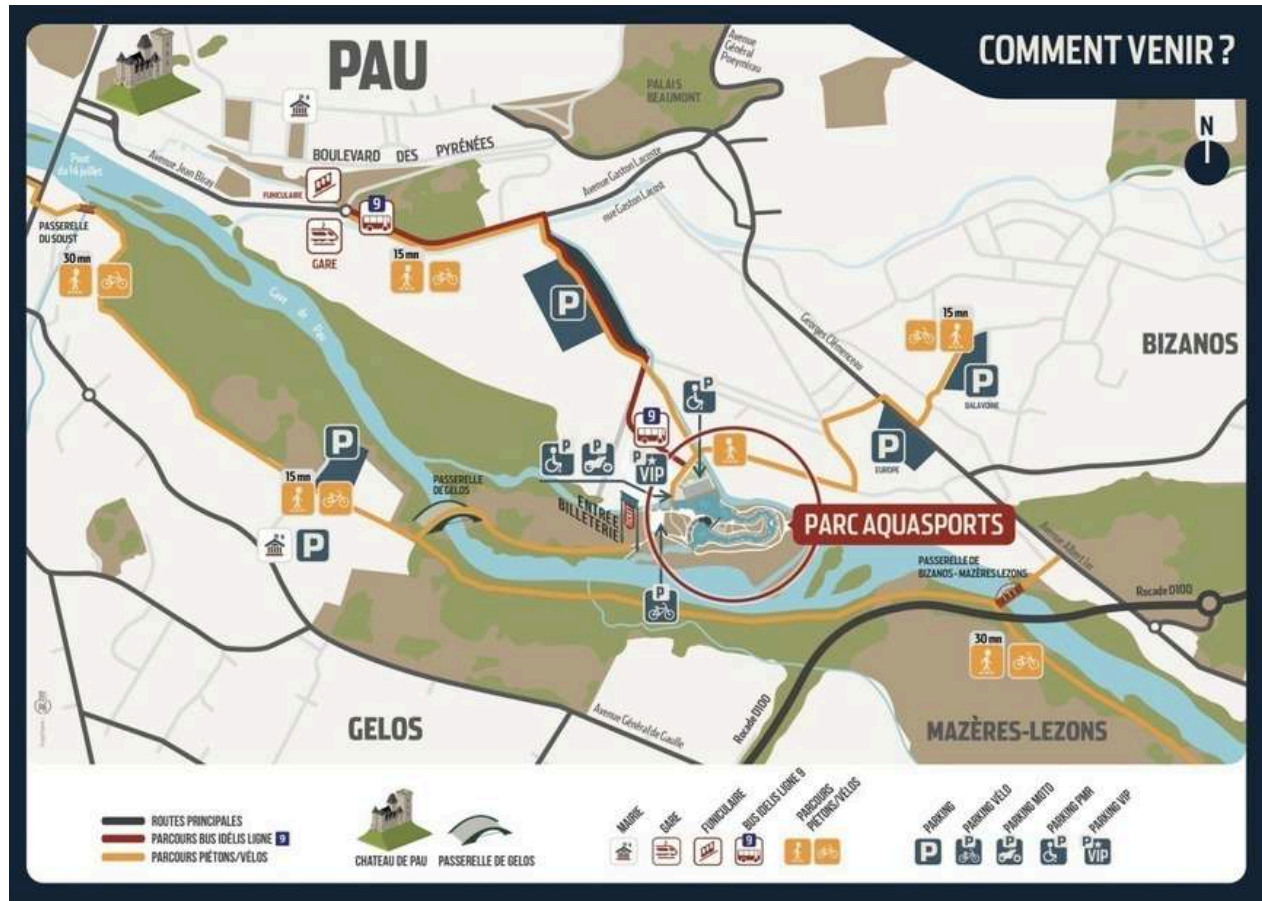
<https://www.calameo.com/read/0000554828dd5a641d999>

Link to accommodation guide to help you choose your accommodation :

All accommodations / Pau Pyrénées Tourisme



THE VENUE IN THE CITY



VENUE NAME / ADDRESS

**Parc Aquasports, Whitewater stadium Parc Aquasports of Pau Pyrénées,
39, avenue de l'Yser, 64320 BIZANOS - FRANCE**

+33 5 59 40 85 44

www.parcaquasports.fr – contact@parcaquasports.fr

WHITEWATER STADIUM



TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE COURSE

- **Competition course** : Whitewater stadium Pau
 - Class: III
 - Length : 280 meters
 - Width : 15 meters
 - Drop : 5 meters with an average slope of 2%
 - Water flow during the World Cup : 12 m³
 - 50-meter conveyor belt system

TRAINING

OFFICIAL TRAINING

The competition venue will be open to all the National Federations and secured from **the Monday 20th April 2026 to Sunday 26th April 2026**.

Official training sessions will take place from Monday 20th to Thursday 23th April.

UNOFFICIAL TRAINING BEFORE THE 20TH APRIL 2026

Before the competition, for all **training sessions before 17 April**, very few slots are still available, so please **book them as soon as possible**. The price of a training slot is 15€ per person per hour.



Training slots at the Whitewater stadium Parc Aquasports of Pau Pyrénées will not be available from 17 to 19 April due to the Canoe-Kayak Slalom competition.

However, **other sites are available** on the following page.

Raft rental is available for €50 per day. A deposit of €1,000 will be required.

Information and booking:

Parc Aquasports, Whitewater stadium Parc Aquasports of Pau Pyrénées,
39, avenue de l'Yser, 64320 BIZANOS - FRANCE

+33 5 59 40 85 44

www.parcasports.fr

contact@parcasports.fr

OTHER TRAINING OPTIONS NEARBY

Whitewater Stadium at Pont d'Espagne in Jurançon :

- Pau Canoë-Kayak Club Universitaire
- 10 bis, avenue Corps Franc Pommiès, 64110, JURANCON
- Phone : +33 766 07 41 49 - Mail : accueil@pau-ck.org
- Website : <https://www.pau-canoë-kayak.fr>



Whitewater Stadium at Pont des Grottes in Saint-Pé de Bigorre :

- Hautes Pyrénées Sport Nature
- Impasse de la Pradette 65270 ST PE DE BIGORRE
- Phone : +33 5 62 41 81 48 - Mail : sport-nature@cg65.fr
- Website : <http://www.sport-nature.org>



Whitewater Stadium in Orthez :

- Route de Biron 64300 ORTHEZ
- Mail : ortheznautique@gmail.com
- Website : www.onck.fr
- Booking :

<https://www.onck.fr/planning-de-reservation-du-bassin/>



ENTRIES, ACCREDITATION AND DEADLINES

JUNIOR & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Principles

- Entry and accreditation requests must be made by the **National Federation** using the TheFlow.

<https://theflow.rsportz.com>

- For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read **Registration handbook - National Delegations**. Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to prior to the respective deadline.

Nominal entries

- Nominal entries closing : **29th March 2026, 11:59p.m CET**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by full name.
- Head of Delegations and staff must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- The limit for teams' number for each National Federation is:
 - **2 Under 23 (U23) Men Teams**
 - **2 Junior (U19) Men teams**
 - **2 Under 23 (U23) Women Teams**
 - **2 Junior (U19) Women teams**
 - **2 Under 23 (U23) Mixed Teams (2 men + 2 women)**

Reminder

- Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizer will NOT be accepted.
- **Accreditations do not include accommodation and transport**



ENTRIES, ACCREDITATION AND DEADLINES

SENIOR WORLD CUP

Principles

- Entry and accreditation requests must be made by the single **Team** using the TheFlow.


<https://theflow.rsportz.com>

- For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the **Registration handbook - Team Club**. Any questions or issues to entries or accreditation should be sent to prior to the respective deadline.

Nominal entries

- Nominal entries closing : **29th March 2026, 11:59p.m CET**
- Each athlete competing must be entered by name.
- Team leaders and staff must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.
- The limit for teams' number is:
 - **4 Men club teams from the same Federation**
 - **4 Women club teams from the same Federation**
 - **4 Mixed club teams from the same Federation**
 - **4 Para-Rafting club teams from the same Federation**

Reminder

- Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the committee or the competition organizer will NOT be accepted.
 - **Accreditations do not include accommodation and transport.**
 - Entries shall be accepted in strict chronological order of registration, as recorded on the official registration platform, until the maximum number of teams for each category is reached.
 - Competitors may participate in the World Cup in the calendar year in which they turn 15 years old.
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PARTICIPATION FEE

JUNIOR & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Accreditation types and participation fees :

QUALIFICATIONS	REMARKS	included	COSTS
Athletes	Limited to registered athletes on TheFlow online entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch of friday, saturday, sunday• Internet access• A secure area for nations to chill• Access to water from 20th April (white water and flat water with gates)• Event T-shirt	€130 per person if paid before 10 February, €140 per person if paid before 28 February, then €150 per person until the end of registration.
Head of Delegation	2 maximum per National Federation		
Team staff	Unlimited		
Judges	According to the list edited by the United Rafting		Free of charge
NF President and Secretary General	To be validated by United Rafting 2 people maximum per National Federation		

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Participation fees must be paid via TheFlow at the same time as registration. Registration cannot be completed without payment.

Participation throughout TheFlow is mandatory.



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For teams that can **only attend the 3 days of competition**, the organiser will refund €40 per accreditation upon arrival, if the request is made **before 5 April 2026**. Please send your request to the following email address: contact@paucanoe.com

This offer is **only valid for entire teams** and not for individual members.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

RAFTS

Each team is responsible for bringing its own raft. The raft must be a model officially approved by United Rafting.

The only authorized model for competition is the “Aquadesign Race Competition Raft”. Please note that additional companies may be granted the status of Official Raft Manufacturer, provided they fully comply with the requirements, procedures and approval process established by United Rafting.

For teams participating in the Developing Program, the rafts will be provided directly by the event organization.

Teams interested in purchasing an official competition raft may consult the following link for product details and ordering information:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATIONS](#)



HEALTH INFORMATION

FIRST AID

The first aid station for participating countries will be located in the Organization Back Office building from 20th to 26th April. The NF advises all participants that emergency medical services will cover only emergency cases and that all participants are responsible for arranging medical insurance policy at their own cost.

WATER SAFETY

Rescuing in the competition area will be organized only during the official training and competition days. Countries are responsible of their athletes during the training period. However, there will always be someone in HOC office to help contacting first aid or emergency station if needed.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Organising Committee kindly asks all participants to arrange medical insurance policy in their respective countries. All costs above the regular first aid and ambulance services are to be covered by this medical insurance policy. The Organizing Committee will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital treatment.

DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be performed in accordance with the Anti-doping requirements and WADA standards.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

France is a state-member of the European Union. The French Embassy in your country will provide you with all detailed information about visas. You will find details in the website on the French Foreign Affairs Ministry (<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/>).

Please inform the Organizing Committee in advance, but **no later than 28th February 2026**, whether your team needs entry visas to France and provide the visa application form duly filled in.

These registration forms must be received by French Canoe Federation as soon as possible : events@ffck.org.



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