

KAYAK-POLO

1.0 Name of Sport

Kayak Polo

2.0 Venues

2.1* Name of Venue

Port of València (La Marina)

https://www.lamarinadevalencia.com/mreal/web_php/index.php

2.2 Location

Av. Muelle del turia, n/n, 46011, València

2.3 Which other sports or other Gay Games events will be organized in the same area? How will you take advantage of this proximity?

Sailing, Open-Water Swimming, Rowing, Triathlon, Beach Volleyball

2.4 Accessibility/Transportation

Subway: L4, L6, L8 and L11

Bus: 19, 92, 95

Valenbisi Stations: 158, 162, 163, 164, 276

Taxi

2 km walking distance from the Village.

2.5 Description of the facilities (spectator seating, locker rooms, warm-up areas, etc.)

It is an open space in the port of València. It will have rest areas, locker rooms, porta-potties and an athletes registration desk.

2.6 Describe the venue with respect to the Red Book requirements. If the venue does not meet the Red Book requirements, what are your plans for dealing with this?

The venue meets all the Red Book requirements.

2.7 What events are usually held in this venue?

Nautical activities:

32nd and 33rd America's Cup, several TP52 Superseries, RC44, Cruiser ORC, Master Golden Series RS:X

Rowing, triathlon, swimming, kayak, etc., national and international competitions.

2.8 Why did you choose this venue?

A legendary port in the city of València with its great location and a large surface area, allowing for closed courses, thus making it very safe event.

2.9 If more than one venue will be used, what are the issues and solutions for this (transportation, communication, etc.)?

Not applicable

3.0 Nature of the Event

3.1 Anticipated number of participants

90

3.2 Expected breakdown (by gender, by region of origin). On what basis were these numbers derived?

60% men, 40% women.

According to data from similar events in València.

4.0 Organizational Resources

4.1* Is there a national and/or international LGBT sports organization for the sport?

There is no LGBTQ+ sports organization.

4.2* Will a regional (national, international) sanctioning or governing body be involved?

Yes, the València Region Canoe Federation will be involved - FEPİRAGUISMOCV

<https://www.fepiraguismocv.com/>

4.3 Will this event be sanctioned?

Yes, it will be sanctioned by the València Region Canoe Federation following the rules of the Canoe Polo Committee, which is part of the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

4.4* Who will organize/manage the event?

València Region Canoe Federation

4.5* Will a local club be involved in the organization of the event?

Dracs LGBTQ+ Sports Club

<https://dracs.es/>

4.6 What local experience is available to the host in organizing competitions for this sport?

Spanish Sub16, Sub21 and Senior Championship. Provincial and regional championships.

5.0 Organization of the Event

5.1 Description of tournament (seeding, rounds, etc.), relative to Red Book requirements.

The tournament will have a league with different groups and a disqualifying stage until there is a winner depending on the classification in the league.

5.2 Categories/Divisions

Women

General

Split by age depending on whether there are enough players for each category.

5.3 Scheduling (number of days, etc.)

4 days

5.4 Number of competitive instances per athlete

Minimum of 6 matches

Minimum of 8 matches

5.5 Total number of competitive instances

30 matches

5.6 If the event is ticketed, how will tickets be sold, distributed, and collected?

Not slated to be ticketed.

5.7 Is sport-specific sponsorship possible for this event?

It is possible. In fact, we will be exploring various options as we move towards hosting the event.

6.0 Specific FGG Policies

6.1 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Age and Ability?

Kayak Polo is a new sport for the FGG and a Red Book will be drafted in due course. The division between elite and social players, in addition to the option to split it up by age, allows this sport to comply with the requirements of the pending Red Book.

6.2 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Disability?

The port is fully accessible and adapted for those with reduced mobility. Creating a category for those with functional diversity is also possible for this sport.

6.3 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Gender in Sport?

A women-only category and a general category has been proposed. Teams can be mixed gender in this sport.

6.4 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Health and Well-being, and in particular, Performance-Enhancing Drugs?

A full medical team will be on hand for the whole tournament. All policies for health and well-being, including the use of performance-enhancing drugs, will be adhered to.

6.5 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Officials?

The experienced advice we are receiving from local and FGG experts gives us confidence in our ability to meet all FGG requirements for a successful and inclusive new sport.

6.6 Will you be able to meet sport-specific Red Book requirements? What are the difficulties you foresee for meeting these requirements, and how will you deal with them? What gives you confidence that you will be able to respect Red Book requirements?

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7.0 Additional Comments

We have also planned for the use of a swimming pool for this event if preferred.

