



SZEGED 2026

HUNGARY

17 AUG 2026 – 20 AUG 2026

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Dear FISU Family Members, Dear Athletes and Friends,

On behalf of the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), it is a great honour to welcome you all to Szeged for the 2026 FISU World University Championships Canoe Sports.

For us, sport is much more than physical activity — it is a cultural and educational force that unites people, strengthens communities, and shapes future generations into responsible, healthy, and resilient individuals. Hosting this prestigious FISU event is a proud milestone in our long-standing commitment to university sport and international cooperation.

Canoe Sports, a dynamic and demanding discipline — and one of Hungary's most successful — perfectly embodies the values we strive to instil in our students: teamwork, determination, discipline, and mutual respect. These qualities are not only essential on the Regatta Course but are equally vital for academic achievement and active citizenship. We believe university sport is a powerful bridge between competitive excellence and personal growth, and this championship serves as a clear example of that connection.

We are delighted to welcome student-athletes from around the world to Hungary. Our goal is to create an inspiring and inclusive environment where competition, learning, and lifelong friendships can thrive. In the true spirit of FISU, we see this event not merely as a quest for medals but as a celebration of youth, sport, and unity.

I wish all participants a successful and memorable championship filled with outstanding performances, fair play, and meaningful experiences both on and off the Regatta Course. May your time in Szeged remain a cherished chapter in your university journey.



With kind regards,
Prof. Dr. h. c. Lajos Mocsai
President, Hungarian University Sports Federation



Dear Friends, University Athletes and Delegations,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Hungary for the 2026 FISU World University Championships Canoe Sports, to be held in Szeged at the world-renowned Maty-ér Regatta Course.

Originally, the event was planned to take place in Sukoró at the Katalin Kovács National Kayak-Canoe Academy. However, due to the extraordinary drought situation affecting Lake Velence and the resulting low water levels, the Host Organising Committee — keeping the safety of the athletes and the best possible competition conditions in mind — decided to change the venue. Although this change became necessary shortly before the event, we are confident that Szeged and Maty-ér will provide a worthy and high-quality home for the Championship.

Maty-ér is one of the most recognised and beloved international canoeing venues, having hosted numerous major world events and offering excellent conditions for all athletes, teams, and delegations.

In line with the Hungarian Canoe Federation's long-term strategy, youth development and the next generation of athletes are at the heart of our mission. This championship stands as one of the most important pillars of that vision in 2026, offering young talents the chance to compete, learn, and grow on the international stage.

As the Host Organising Committee, we are fully committed to delivering an unforgettable event for all participants, despite the additional challenges — one that meets FISU's high standards and showcases Hungary's tradition of hospitality and sporting excellence.

We warmly invite you to join us in Szeged between 17–20 August 2026 to share in this festival of sport, friendship, and knowledge.

Until then, we wish everyone the best, and all athletes a successful and injury-free preparation. We look forward to welcoming you soon in Hungary!



Friendly regards,
Bálint Szakács
Secretary General of the Hungarian Canoe Federation
Chairman of the Host Organising Committee



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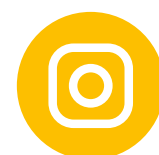
On the following pages, we walk you through all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Szeged. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the Regatta Course, the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, visa issuance and accommodation options can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you at the 2026 FISU World University Championships between 17-20 August 2026 in Szeged.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition or the official social media channels of the event.



<https://canoesports2026.fisu.net>



https://www.instagram.com/fisu_canoesports



<https://www.facebook.com/FISUCanoeSports>

TRAINING CAMPS IN HUNGARY

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports, Hungary is a popular destination for training camps in 2026. Due to the typically high demand, it is advisable to organize your training camps and reach out to the Hungarian Canoe Federation at wuccanoe@szeged2026.com well ahead of time. This will allow us to create a personalized package for you, including transportation and motorboat services.

CITY OF SZEGED

Entitled as the capital of sprint canoeing, Szeged is the seat of Csongrád County and the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is situated near the south-eastern border of Hungary right by the Tisza River. A large part of the town lies on the right bank, while Újszeged (New Szeged), a suburban district of residential homes and parks is on the left bank of the Tisza. Szeged is the cultural and economic centre of South-Eastern Hungary and a thriving university town, which is also famous for its open-air theatre.

The city centre is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Votive Church. This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20th century to commemorate the revival of the city after the devastating flood of the river in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city, with a population of 177 000. The climate is very favourable of canoeing; the annual mean temperature being about 11 °C (52F), somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as there is an average of 2 000 hours of sunshine annually.

Venue: Maty-ér Regatta Course, Szeged, Hungary
Event date: 17-20 August 2026

Women:

- K1 200m | 500m | 1000m
- K2 200m | 500m
- K4 500m
- C1 200m | 500m | 1000m
- C2 200m | 500m
- C4 500m

Men:

- K1 200m | 500m | 1000m
- K2 500m | 1000m
- K4 500m
- C1 200m | 500m | 1000m
- C2 500m | 1000m
- C4 500m

Mixed:

- K1 5000m*
- K2 500m
- C1 5000m*
- C2 500m

SUP Women/Men:

- 200m | Technical

* Only relay format with portages, no individual 5000m events.

14 August (Friday)

- Arrivals
- Accreditation opens
- Unofficial training times

15 August (Saturday)

- Accreditation
- Official training times
- Late entry

16 August (Sunday)

- Official training times with starting machine test
- Team Leaders' Meeting
- ITO's Meeting
- General Technical Meeting
- Opening Ceremony

17 – 20 August (Monday – Thursday)

- FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS competition days

20 August (Thursday)

- Closing ceremony
- Access period ends (in the evening)

21 August (Friday)

- Departures



COURSE

The 2,400-metre long, 122-metre-wide regatta course is located two kilometres south of Szeged. Being an artificial course, current is not an issue here and it is quite well sheltered from strong winds as well. It is equipped with a new Albano system and has nine lanes along with a separate warm-up line.

There will be electric time keeping with a photo finish camera and video recording. Automatic starting system will be used for the start. The facility fully meets the ICF requirements.

The canoe sprint events must be organised according to the latest technical regulations of the International Canoe Federation (ICF). In case of any dispute, the English version of the regulations is considered authoritative.

Based on the **GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**, participation is restricted to athletes who meet specific academic and eligibility criteria.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Students who are officially enrolled and actively working towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar higher education institution recognised by the national academic authority.
- Former students who obtained their degree or diploma from such an institution in the calendar year before the event.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Athletes must be citizens of the country they represent.
- They must be between **18 and 25 years old** on December 31 of the event year.
For the 2026 championship, this means athletes must be **born between 01/01/2001 and 31/12/2008**.
- Athletes must represent the same country in FISU events as they do in competitions held by their respective International Federations. Any change of sport nationality must follow the rules of the relevant International Federation.



ENTRIES & PAYMENT

General, quantitative and individual entries as well as travel plans for each participating team must be completed online, using FISU’s online accreditation system.

 <https://gms-fisu.net/#/login>

FISU has provided all National University Sports Federations the passwords for the system. The Organizing Committee would like to emphasize at this early stage the great importance of following the deadlines for the entries.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINES	
General Entries:	6 months prior to the event – 17 February 2026 CLOSED
Quantitative Entries:	3 months prior to the event – 20 May 2026
Individual Entries:	1 month prior to the event – 17 July 2026

The participation fees are to be paid as follows:
Once the HOC confirms your entry, 50% of the total amount will be invoiced with an 8-day payment term by 20 May 2026. Please note that the registration will remain provisional until the payment of the invoice has been received in our bank account. Upon receipt of payment, the registration will be confirmed. An updated proforma invoice will be sent verifying the arrival of your payment in our bank account.
The remaining 50% of the participation fees must be paid in full by 17 July 2026.

BANKING DETAILS

Please ensure you verify the banking details on the pro forma invoice and transfer the appropriate balance to the bank account listed below. **The Hungarian Canoe Federation does not intend to change its banking details or request funds to any other account. If you receive a pro forma invoice instructing payment to a different account, please report it immediately so we can take the necessary legal actions.**

Name of the bank: Granit Bank Zrt.

Address of the bank: 8. Lechner Ödön fasor, Budapest, Hungary, 1095

Bank account no: 12100011-10208890-00000000

BIC CODE: GNBAHUHB

IBAN: HU65 12100011 10208890 00000000

Beneficiary: Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség, H-1138 Budapest, Latorca utca 2., Hungary

The currency of the account is Euro, so please ensure that your payment is made in Euros. Additionally, please remember to account for the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to cover these fees when transferring money to our bank account.



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FISU FEE

FISU shall receive from each competing country the following FISU registration fees:

- effective FISU Member Associations: 20 EUR / athlete and official
- other associations: 40 EUR / athlete and official

These fees will be charged from the participating delegations by FISU at the end of the World Championship Season.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees to the Organizing Committee (full board and event services):

- 80 EUR / person / night
- extra officials: 140 EUR / person / night

TOTAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
1 to 9 athletes	Max. 2 officials
10 to 20 athletes	Max. 4 officials
Over 20 athletes	Max. 5 officials

TRANSFER OPTIONS

For independent travel, Szeged is best reached by train from Budapest, with regular direct services available from Budapest to Szeged. Transfers from Szeged railway station to the official hotels and/or the venue will also be provided. The journey takes approximately 2 to 2.5 hours, depending on the selected transport option. Airport transfer will be organised using large and mid-size buses or minivans, coordinated according to team arrival and departure schedules. Dedicated staff and volunteers will welcome delegations at the arrival terminal to assist with transfers and luggage handling. Waiting times at the airport will be kept to a minimum, not exceeding one hour whenever possible.

The system encourages group transportation to ensure efficiency and sustainability. The official entry point is Budapest, from where all teams will be transferred to the venue.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

A regular shuttle service will operate between all official hotels and the Regatta Course throughout the access and competition periods. Buses will run every 20–30 minutes during peak hours and hourly off-peak, with clearly marked pick-up and drop-off points at each hotel and the venue. The service is free for all accredited participants.

PARKING

Designated parking areas will be provided at all main event sites for teams, officials, staff, and visitors. Each team will receive one parking permit allowing access for a trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5 tons). Additional parking passes may be requested at a cost of 50 EUR / car / competition in advance. Clear signage and traffic management personnel will guide vehicles to the correct zones. Parking at the official hotels will be free of charge for accredited participants, while visitor parking will be available in designated public lots near the venue.

Participants will be accommodated in well-equipped and recently renovated dormitories in Szeged. All accommodation facilities are located within convenient distance of the venue and will provide suitable comfort and services for the delegations.

Organized shuttle services will be provided between the accommodation facilities and the regatta course, operating according to the daily competition and training schedule.

CANCELLATION TERMS

Should you cancel or modify your registration, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Host Organising Committee, as itemised below. The amount of the cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the participation fee according to the following period of notice given:

No cancellation fee, if cancelled until 20 May 2026

50% cancellation fee, if cancelled between 21 May – 16 July 2026

100% cancellation fee / non-refundable, if cancelled after 17 July 2026

MEALS & WATER

A buffet-style lunch and dinner will be available for all accredited participants, served at the Regatta Course in the designated catering area. Lunch will be available from 11:00 to 14:30, and dinner from 17:00 to 20:00.

Breakfast will be provided in catering facilities located close to the dormitory accommodation. Official accommodation provides dinner on the arrival day, with full meal service starting the following day. Each participant is entitled to lodging and three meals per paid day.

Participants who arrive very early on the first day may receive lunch on the arrival day, when feasible. If your travel schedule reduces the number of meals you can take on the arrival day, the same number of meals should be provided on the departure day at no extra cost, provided your departure time allows it.

DRINKING WATER

Bottled drinking water will be available for all accredited participants at designated distribution points in the Athletes Area.

All participants and officials requiring a visa to enter the Hungary must follow the official process outlined the National authorities.

Participants are encouraged to reach out to the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their country or the nearest one, well in advance to inquire about visa requirements. The process of obtaining a visa for Hungary can vary depending on the region, so it is advisable to allow for a 45-day processing period to secure the visa in time.

THE TYPICAL STEPS FOR OBTAINING A VISA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1** Email your visa request to **wuccanoe@szeged2026.com** to receive the Visa Application Form.
- 2** Send the completed Visa Application Form to the HOC by 17 June 2026.
- 3** The HOC issues the Letter of Invitation Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request from you.
- 4** Visa issuance

Please be informed that the HOC will not issue an invitation letter without knowing your team's arrival and departure dates, accommodation details, the number of participants and their identities, and full payment of the participation fee. If final team selection is pending, a long list of all potential athletes and officials may be submitted to avoid delays.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary and the respective embassy or consulate require the same information from us; therefore, we cannot support your request without your cooperation in providing this information by 17 June 2026.

BOAT RENTAL

The HOC does not operate a boat rental service for this event. However, Sports Camps will be able to assist teams with a limited number of rental boats, subject to availability and boat type. Rental boats may be available in the following boat classes: C1/K1, C2/K2 and C4/K4. Delegations requiring rental boats are advised to contact Sports Camps at: contact@sports-camps.net directly to discuss the available options and make the necessary arrangements in advance.

BOAT TRANSPORTATION

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

INSURANCE

All official participants of the event are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be carried out in accordance with FISU standards, in cooperation with the Hungarian Anti-Doping Agency (HUNADO). A dedicated doping control room will be available at the competition venue, where drinks and water will be provided. Athlete selection for testing will be determined by FISU in collaboration with the relevant testing authorities.

MEDICAL CARE

All official participants have access to the following medical services: an on-duty doctor, hospital and clinic support. A medical center with ambulance and first aid will be available at the Regatta Course. Any costs beyond basic first aid, ambulance and physiotherapy services must be covered by the athletes' own medical insurance. The Host Organising Committee will not cover expenses related to hospital, dental or any other medical treatments.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON HUNGARY

Population:	9.6 million
Area:	93.036 km ²
Capital:	Budapest (Territory: 525 km ²)
Time zone:	GMT +1 hour
Official language:	Hungarian
State form:	republic

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers.

Electricity: Standard voltage in Hungary is European standard 220-240 V. Electrical plugs are „Type F” and „Type C”.

Currency: Hungarian forint (HUF) has been the local currency in Hungary since August 1946. Banknotes come in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10,000 and 20,000. Six different coins are in use: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 forint coins. For the current exchange rates please visit the Hungarian National Bank’s website: <https://www.mnb.hu/web/en>.

Credit Cards: Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted credit cards in Hungary. Using card at a payment is accepted almost everywhere, although small businesses may not accept credit cards. Using an ATM in Hungary is safe in the most cases.

Driving: Like elsewhere in mainland Europe, you must drive on the right side of the road.

Medicines: Those taking medication on a regular basis may bring medicines in the quantities prescribed by their physicians, in accordance with the length of their travels.

Smoking: It is not allowed to smoke in public transport, pubs, bars, restaurants and in national institutions. It is forbidden to smoke in 5-meter radius from the entrance of primary schools, secondary schools, playgrounds, bus stops, hospitals, or child welfare institutions. Smoking is prohibited during sporting events as well!

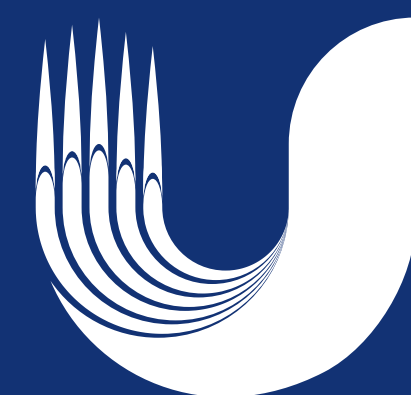
Water quality: Tap water in both host cities is drinkable and safe for everyday usage.

Szeged weather averages.

<https://weather-and-climate.com/average-monthly-Rainfall-Temperature-Sunshine,Szeged,Hungary>



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