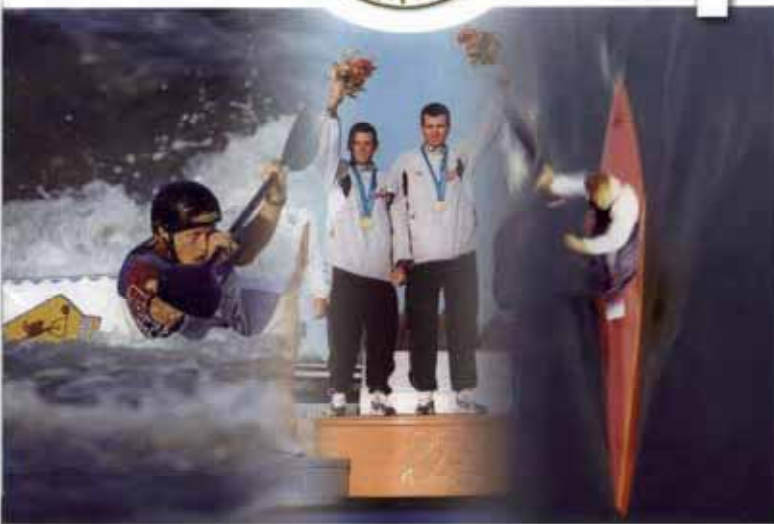


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Dear Friends of Sports,

Dear Friends of Canoeing Sports around the world,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I send my best wishes and regards to all athletes, officials, National Olympic Committees, spectators and friends of canoeing sport participating in or attending the competitions of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad Athens 2004.

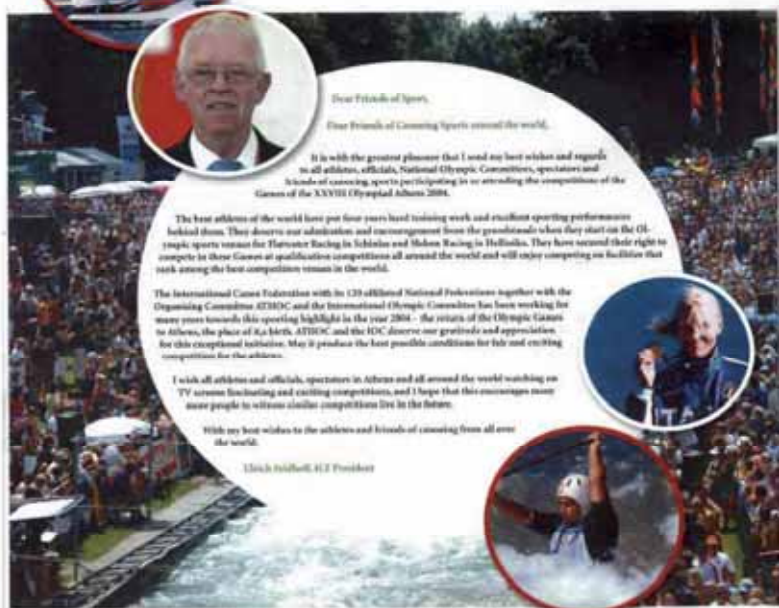
The best athletes of the world have put four years hard training work and excellent sporting performance behind them. They deserve our admiration and encouragement from the grandstands when they start on the Olympic sports venue for Hurricane Racing in Isthmia and Helios Racing in Hellinika. They have secured their right to compete in these Games at qualification competitions all around the world and will enjoy competing on facilities that rank among the best competition venues in the world.

The International Canoe Federation with its 123 affiliated National Federations together with the Organising Committee ACOG and the International Olympic Committee has been working for many years towards this sporting highlight in the year 2004 - the return of the Olympic Games to Athens, the place of its birth. ACOG and the ICF deserve our gratitude and appreciation for this exceptional initiative. May it produce the best possible conditions for fun and exciting competition for the athletes.

I wish all athletes and officials, spectators in Athens and all around the world watching on TV across fascinating and exciting competitions, and I hope that this encourages many more people to witness similar competitions live in the future.

With my best wishes to the athletes and friends of canoeing from all over the world.

Ulrich Hoffbeck, ICF President



SLALOM HISTORY •



THE HISTORY OF SLALOM

1972 MUNICH

The introduction of slalom canoeing to the Olympic field was a stunning success, as the thousands of thrilled spectators that packed around the Eisbaanal in Augsburg outside Munich witnessed some thrilling racing. West Germany had spent 17 million marks on the construction of the pioneering new artificial course. However "spies" from East Germany copied the course for their training. These "spies" paid off handsomely as they won all four gold medals, sending the West Germans to the minor places on the podium in each event!

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Men's K1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Women's K1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Women's K2	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)

1992 BARCELONA

The cost and availability of suitable slalom courses resulted in the exciting discipline being left out of the next three Olympics, until the Spanish spectacle of 1992, which included the tricky course built at La Seu d'Urgell.

The final of the Men's C1 produced one of slalom's defining Olympic moments. Five times C1 world champion John Lutjgill of the USA, was clearly very fast down the technical and demanding course. However he

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was adjudged to have brushed a pole on Gate 23 with his hipcheck. The five second penalty was enough to knock him off the podium altogether! Garath MacIver, who recorded the fastest time overall, also suffered a slight touch, but such was his speed advantage that he was able to secure the silver medal.



Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Men's K1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Women's K1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Women's K2	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)

1996 ATLANTA

The slalom racing was staged on the Ocoee River in Tennessee, where the stunning setting in a deep gorge in the Appalachian Mountains helped to further expand the popularity of slalom.

Slovakian Michal Martikan rose to global stardom, with his inspirational win in the Men's C1 competition, leaving defending champ Lukas Foltis in dramatic style.

There was high drama in the women's races, where the big swims and fees of the Ocoee River proved too much for many of the women to handle, and virtually every one of the women capitulated at some stage of the competition, including all three medalists in the final. The event saw the rise of Czech superstar Stepanka Hegerova.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1	Michal Martikan (SVK)	Lukas Foltis (CZE)	Lukas Foltis (CZE)
Men's K1	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)	Garath MacIver (GBR)
Women's K1	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)
Women's K2	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)

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2000 SYDNEY

The latest new artificial slalom course built in the Perith Lakes area outside Sydney played host to a terrific sporting spectacle. Women's champion Stepanka Hegerova retained her Olympic title, while young German Thomas Schuster watched her Men's K1 gold in a thrilling battle with Briton Paul Ratcliffe and Italy's Pierpaolo Ferracci. The Men's C1 competition provided the sell-out event with a dramatic showdown of glacial proportions, as Frenchman Tony Estanguet edged ahead of defending champion Michal Martikan.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1	Tony Estanguet (FRA)	Michal Martikan (SVK)	Michal Martikan (SVK)
Men's K1	Thomas Schuster (GER)	Thomas Schuster (GER)	Thomas Schuster (GER)
Women's K1	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)
Women's K2	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)	Stepanka Hegerova (CZE)



FLATWATER RACING HISTORY



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Flatwater racing made its first Olympic appearance as a demonstration sport in 1924 during the 19th Olympiad in Paris. It was finally recognized as a full medal sport in the Berlin Games of the XI Olympiad in 1936.

BERLIN 1936

The first time that canoeing and kayaking was included in the programme of the Olympics. It featured eight events, all of them for men. 1000m races for C1 and C2, K1 and K2, as well as taking single and double canoes, together with 10 000m.

Event	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men C1 1000m	1936	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 1000m	1936	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 1000m	1936	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 1000m	1936	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men C1 10000m	1936	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 10000m	1936	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 10000m	1936	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 10000m	1936	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)

1000m for K1 and K2 craft. Francis Amyot, who was not included in the official Canadian Olympic squad, paid his own way to Berlin, and won the men's 1000m C1, Canada's only medal of the Games! Twenty nations took part.

LONDON 1948

The newly formed International Canoe Federation, which was founded in 1946, overrode the first post-war Games. The programme was changed to include women, with a 500m K1 race, and dropped both long distance categories. 17 nations took part.

Beside Gert Fredriksson was one of the stars, winning the 10 000m and 1000m Men's K1 gold medals.

Event	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men C1 1000m	1948	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 1000m	1948	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 500m	1948	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 1000m	1948	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men C1 10000m	1948	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 10000m	1948	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 10000m	1948	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 10000m	1948	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)

HELSINKI 1952

Gert Fredriksson popularly struck gold to retain his singles title for Sweden in Helsinki. The Scandinavian celebrations however were heightened by the successes of the Finnish athletes, who won their countries first ever Olympic canoeing gold medals in the Men's 10 000m K1, Men's 10 000m K2, Men's 1000m K2 (both to Kurt Wires and Yrjö Holanen) and the Women's 500m K1.

Event	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men C1 1000m	1952	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 1000m	1952	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 500m	1952	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 1000m	1952	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men C1 10000m	1952	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 10000m	1952	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 10000m	1952	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 10000m	1952	Sweden (Sweden)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Women K1 500m	1952	Finland (Finland)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)

MELBOURNE 1956

Another 1000m K1 gold for Gert Fredriksson, making him the first kayaker to win gold medals in three Olympics, and six medals in all, entrenched him as the greatest paddler of his era. Romania produced an unprecedented dominance in the canoe events, winning three of the four golds, two going to Leon Nistean in the singles.

Event	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men C1 1000m	1956	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 1000m	1956	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 500m	1956	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 1000m	1956	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men C1 10000m	1956	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 10000m	1956	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 10000m	1956	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 10000m	1956	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Women K1 500m	1956	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)

ROME 1960

The major change in format saw the 10 000m races being scrapped, and the introduction of a 4 x 500m relay, which was won by Germany's Women's 1000 K2 racing was added to the programme for the Rome afternoon. Gert Fredriksson was finally topped from his 1000m K1 throne, as he failed to start in the final. He did however win gold in the Men's 1000m K2, his eighth Olympic medal. Antonina Seredina spearheaded a fantastic pursuit for the Russian women's team, winning the gold medal in the Women's 500m K1 and the first ever Women's 500m K2 gold medal with Mariya Chubava.



"Romania produced an unprecedented dominance in the canoe events, winning three of the four golds"

Event	Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men C1 1000m	1960	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 1000m	1960	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 500m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 1000m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men C1 10000m	1960	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men C2 10000m	1960	Canada (Canada)	France (France)	Germany (Germany)
Men K1 10000m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Men K2 10000m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Women K1 500m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)
Women K2 500m	1960	Romania (Romania)	Germany (Germany)	Canada (Canada)



TOKYO 1964

Sweden celebrated three golds for their Men's kayakers at the Tokyo Games, as Russian and Ukrainian dominated the podium.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1964 K1	Men's Kayak	Sweden	USSR	USSR
1964 K2	Men's Kayak	Sweden	USSR	USSR
1964 K4	Men's Kayak	Sweden	USSR	USSR
1964 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1964 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR

MEXICO CITY 1968

Alexander Shaparenko hit the headlines in the high altitude of Mexico City, as he grabbed two 1000m medals, gold in the K2 and silver in the K1. Hungary enjoyed one of their most successful Olympic Games, outscoring with six medals, with individual golds going to canoeist Tibor Tóth and kayaker Mihály Hoss.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1968 K1	Men's Kayak	Hungary	USSR	USSR
1968 K2	Men's Kayak	Hungary	USSR	USSR
1968 K4	Men's Kayak	Hungary	USSR	USSR
1968 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1968 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR

MUNICH 1972

Ukrainian Aleksandr Shaparenko set the artificial course outside Munich afloat with a stunning victory in the Men's 1000m K1 final, bettering the silver he won in the same event in 1968. Ukrainian and Russian athletes won every gold on offer, apart from the Men's C1 500 that went to East Germany.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1972 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1972 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR

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MONTREAL 1976

The programme of events was briefly expanded to include Men's 500m K1, K2, C1 and C2 races, bringing the total number of events to 11. The East German team introduced a new range of boats at this event, with convex hulls that reduced drag significantly. Six medals seem to prove they were justified. Italy's reigning world champion Christa Fink was one of two paddlers disqualified after their first heat for using an underweight boat. Her protest, and the subsequent investigations, found the electronic scales were affected by changes in the weather. German Rudiger Heins caused a stir by winning the Men's 1000m K1 gold – at 19 he was the youngest competitor in the field.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1976 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1976 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR

MOSCOW 1980

The specially made course for these Games featured some never-before-seen technology, including mechanical devices for holding craft at the start. German star Birgit Fischer won the Women's 500m K1 gold, announcing her arrival as an Olympic superstar.

Russian paddlers benefited from having the Rabuater events on the new purpose built facility outside Moscow, as they won six medals, three of them gold. German Rudiger Heins defended his 1000m K1 title, and then went on to anchor the gold medal winning Germany Men's 1000m K4 team. 23 nations took part.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1980 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1980 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR

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LOS ANGELES 1984

27 nations were involved, despite many Eastern bloc countries boycotting the Games. A new event was added, the Women's 500m K4, bringing the total number of events to 12. New Zealand's Ian Ferguson was the star of the Rabuater competition, winning three men's kayak gold medals (500m K1, 500m K2 and 1000m K4). Ferguson had been persuaded to come out of retirement after the Moscow Games.

Alexis Morris, a Mišawek Indian from the Coquilleville reserve in Quebec, wore an eagle's headdress on the medal ceremony when receiving his gold medal to symbolize the sharing of his victory with all Native Americans.

Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1984 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K1	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K2	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K4	Men's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K1	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K2	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR
1984 K4	Women's Kayak	USSR	USSR	USSR



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SEOUL 1988

The Hart House course saw some fantastic racing, most notably American Greg Barton's win (by 0.300 of a second) in the men's 1000m K1 final. Australia's Grant Dinko was initially announced as the winner, but a review of the photo showed that Barton had led by five at the finish. Ninety minutes later, Barton went on to win the K2 gold with Norman Springthorn.

An unusual piece of paddling history was made by French athlete Philippe Monnet. He won a bronze medal in the 1000m C2, following his father Marcel, who won a silver in the 1956 10 000m C2 race, and Philippe's brother, Eric, who had won the bronze medal in the 1000m C2 in 1984.

BARCELONA 1992

The coastal watercourse outside Barcelona saw some remarkable Olympic moments. The Men's singles kayak events saw the arrival on the Olympic stage of Norway's Knut Holmann, with a bronze in the 500m and silver in the 1000m, a 19 year old Australian six paddler Carl Robinson completed his rise to canoeing stardom by winning the gold. Bulgaria's Ralche Bahadurov topped the Men's C1 double (500m and 1000m), and Germans Kay Bruhn and Jordan Gutwirth did the same in the Men's K2. Berti Fischer, now married as Berti Schwaiblmair, defended her 500m Women's K1 gold, and added a silver in the Women's 500m K4.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1 1000m	Ralche Bahadurov (BUL)	Carl Robinson (AUS)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's C1 500m	Ralche Bahadurov (BUL)	Carl Robinson (AUS)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's C2 1000m	Philippe Monnet (FRA)	Eric Monnet (FRA)	Marcel Monnet (FRA)
Men's C2 500m	Philippe Monnet (FRA)	Eric Monnet (FRA)	Marcel Monnet (FRA)
Men's K1 1000m	Greg Barton (USA)	Grant Dinko (AUS)	Norman Springthorn (AUS)
Men's K1 500m	Carl Robinson (AUS)	Grant Dinko (AUS)	Norman Springthorn (AUS)
Men's K2 1000m	Jordan Gutwirth (GER) / Kay Bruhn (GER)	Carl Robinson (AUS) / Grant Dinko (AUS)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)
Men's K2 500m	Carl Robinson (AUS) / Grant Dinko (AUS)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)	Jordan Gutwirth (GER) / Kay Bruhn (GER)
Men's K4 500m	Carl Robinson (AUS) / Grant Dinko (AUS) / Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)	Jordan Gutwirth (GER) / Kay Bruhn (GER) / Ralche Bahadurov (BUL) / Ralche Bahadurov (BUL)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS) / Carl Robinson (AUS) / Grant Dinko (AUS)
Women's K1 500m	Berti Fischer (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)

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Men's C1 1000m	Ralche Bahadurov (BUL)	Carl Robinson (AUS)	Greg Barton (USA)
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Men's C2 1000m	Philippe Monnet (FRA)	Eric Monnet (FRA)	Marcel Monnet (FRA)
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Women's K1 500m	Berti Fischer (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)



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ATLANTA 1996

Germany's Berti Schwaiblmair paddled her way into the history books at the beautiful Lake Lanier course outside Gainesville by retaining at her first successive Olympic Games. The Czech Republic's Martin Dostal entrenched himself as an icon in Canadian paddling with emphatic wins in both the Men's C1 500m and 1000m.

The legendary Knut Holmann won the Men's 1000m K1 gold, and was only stopped from winning the single kayak double, by a classic showdown with Italian speedster Antonio Rossi. Similarly, it took an equally superhuman effort from Antonio Rossi and Daniele Scappa to deny Kay Bruhn and Torenz Gutwirth the Men's K2 double.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1 1000m	Martin Dostal (CZE)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's C1 500m	Martin Dostal (CZE)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's C2 1000m	Philippe Monnet (FRA)	Eric Monnet (FRA)	Marcel Monnet (FRA)
Men's C2 500m	Philippe Monnet (FRA)	Eric Monnet (FRA)	Marcel Monnet (FRA)
Men's K1 1000m	Knut Holmann (NOR)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's K1 500m	Knut Holmann (NOR)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's K2 1000m	Antonio Rossi (ITA) / Daniele Scappa (ITA)	Kay Bruhn (GER) / Torenz Gutwirth (GER)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)
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Women's K1 500m	Berti Schwaiblmair (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)

SYDNEY 2000

The Millennium Games in Australia came to an unexpectedly dramatic climax, when a gale force wind wreaked havoc with the final day of the flatwater racing, sending an eight hour postponement of many of the crucial finals. Eventually, under pressure to complete the programme before the Closing Ceremony, the finals were held in bitty, choppy conditions, and saw Norse icon Knut Holmann wrap up two stunning Men's K1 victories in the 500m and 1000m, ending his Olympic career on the highest of highs.

The Women's K1 final was a thriller, with titans Ileana Guarnizo Humpalung over Carolina Brunel and Kathi Bruchert. Another legend Berti Fischer won two golds in German river boats, and in the process became the first woman in Olympic history to win gold medals 16 years apart.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's C1 1000m	Martin Dostal (CZE)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
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Men's K1 500m	Knut Holmann (NOR)	Antonio Rossi (ITA)	Greg Barton (USA)
Men's K2 1000m	Antonio Rossi (ITA) / Daniele Scappa (ITA)	Kay Bruhn (GER) / Torenz Gutwirth (GER)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)
Men's K2 500m	Antonio Rossi (ITA) / Daniele Scappa (ITA)	Kay Bruhn (GER) / Torenz Gutwirth (GER)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS)
Men's K4 500m	Antonio Rossi (ITA) / Daniele Scappa (ITA) / Kay Bruhn (GER) / Torenz Gutwirth (GER)	Greg Barton (USA) / Norman Springthorn (AUS) / Carl Robinson (AUS) / Grant Dinko (AUS)	Jordan Gutwirth (GER) / Kay Bruhn (GER) / Ralche Bahadurov (BUL) / Ralche Bahadurov (BUL)
Women's K1 500m	Berti Schwaiblmair (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)	Christine Breda (GER)

"The Millennium Games in Australia came to an unexpectedly dramatic climax, when a gale force wind wreaked havoc with the final day of the flatwater racing"



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OLYMPIC COURSES

WATERSLOTTING COURSE HELLENIS

The stunning new artificial slalom course at Hellenis is without a doubt the best looking of its kind in the world. The massive 27 000 m² facility was built as part of the Hellenic Olympic Complex built on the site of the old Athens airport. It is located close to the port of Piraeus, just south of the Athens city centre, and 15km from the athletes' village.

The artificial white water course is driven by six massive turbine pumps that transport the water to the top of the concrete channel. As the water rushes down the course, it is channelled and diverted by a series of special 'Orestis' movable plastic bollards that create the waves, eddies and currents to challenge the athletes on the water.

The course is unique in many aspects. It uses salt water which creates the vibrant white-water effect on the course. It is also the only square-kilometre course of its kind in the world, as it couples back on itself and passes beneath a bridge supporting the top end of the course.

The facility includes a large warm-up lake, a holding pool, and several intermediate and beginner level training facilities. The athletes are transported from the warm-up pool to the holding pool, and then to the starting pool by 70m of conveyor belts, as they sit in their kayaks or canoes.

The Olympic Slalom competition will provide a unique experience for the spectators, as the level-angled grandstands offer a clear view of the entire course to every one of the 8000 seated spectators.

Below the Olympic competition course, the water is channelled under the bridge before it splits into a beginner's training course, and a 'low generation' course, where a drop of 0.5m creates an excellent 'hole' for freestyle and canoe competitions.

34 athletes from 23 countries will compete in the slalom competitions for Men's and Women's kayak (K1) and Men's canoe (C1 and C2) disciplines.

Technical Detail	Competition course	Warm-up course
Flow	1.5 m ³ /s	1.5 m ³ /s average
Number of waves of water	12 to 15.3 (average)	12 to 15.3 (average)
Length of course	215m	400m
Width of course	14m	7m
Depth of course	0.2 to 1.5m	0.2 to 1.5m
Climate system	NOP Hydroclimatic	NOP Hydroclimatic
	Obstacle system	Obstacle system

FLATWATER RACING COURSE SCHINIAS

The state-of-the-art flatwater racing regatta centre at Schinias is situated 4 km from the Athens city centre, and 34km from the athletes' village, and is located in an area steeped in Greek history. It is built on the plain on which the legendary battle of Marathon took place, commemorated by the Tomb of Marathon, which is less than 4km from the Schinias regatta centre. The equally famous 42 km marathon route runs across the entrance to the Schinias regatta centre.

The regatta centre is located in the Schinias National Park, and is situated on established wetlands and a created sports highway. The centre, which will host the flatwater canoe and kayak events, as well as the rowing events, boasts state-of-the-art timing systems and organisational facilities.

The course is close to the beach, and in summer the area regularly experiences the warm off-shore winds, known locally as 'Meltemis' which generally create a tailwind down the Schinias regatta course. Artificial weather stations clearly monitor these winds, as well as producing accurate medium term forecasts, to allow officials and athletes to be fully prepared for the racing conditions.

The International Canoe Federation's Flatwater Racing Committee has also visited the site of potential sites to avoid athletes in the event of choppy, windy conditions. These include elevated seating on the open Canadian canoes, which could be prone to taking water on board in very windy conditions. 240 Athletes from all countries will take part in the 12 competitions for Men's and Women's kayak and Men's canoe disciplines.

Technical detail	Competition Lake	Warm-up Lake
Length	1000m	1000m
Width	20m	20m
Depth	1.5m	1.5m
Number of Lanes	12	12
Artificial weather station	1	1
Accurate weather forecast	Yes	Yes
Wind speed sensor	Yes	Yes



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION'S OFFICIAL OLYMPIC BROCHURE

CANOE / KAYAK RACING:

Date	Event	Time	Location
17 AUGUST 2004	Men's C1 Canoe Single Sprint - 1st Run	10:30 - 10:40	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C1 Canoe Single Sprint - 2nd Run	10:50 - 11:00	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Sprint - 2nd Run	10:50 - 11:00	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
18 AUGUST 2004	Men's C1 Canoe Single Sprint	10:30 - 10:50	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Sprint	10:40 - 11:00	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C1 Canoe Single Final	11:00 - 11:30	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
19 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Single Final	11:30 - 11:45	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C1 Canoe Single Mixed Ceremony	11:45 - 12:00	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Mixed Ceremony	12:00 - 12:15	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
19 AUGUST 2004	Men's C2 Canoe Double Sprint - 1st Run	10:30 - 10:50	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C2 Canoe Double Sprint - 2nd Run	11:00 - 11:20	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Sprint - 2nd Run	11:30 - 11:45	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
20 AUGUST 2004	Men's C2 Canoe Double Sprint	10:30 - 10:50	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Sprint	10:50 - 11:10	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C2 Canoe Double Final	11:10 - 11:30	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
21 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Single Final	11:30 - 11:45	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's C2 Canoe Double Mixed Ceremony	11:45 - 12:00	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Single Mixed Ceremony	12:00 - 12:15	Olympic Canoe/Kayak Station Centre
22 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:30 - 08:54	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:54 - 09:14	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:14 - 09:34	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
23 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:34 - 09:54	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:54 - 10:14	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:14 - 10:34	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
24 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:30 - 08:52	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:52 - 09:12	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:12 - 09:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
25 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:32 - 09:52	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:52 - 10:12	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:12 - 10:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
26 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:30 - 08:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:47 - 09:02	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:02 - 09:17	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
27 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:17 - 09:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:32 - 09:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:47 - 10:02	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
28 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:02 - 10:17	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:17 - 10:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:32 - 10:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
29 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:30 - 08:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	08:47 - 09:02	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:02 - 09:17	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
30 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:17 - 09:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:32 - 09:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	09:47 - 10:02	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
31 AUGUST 2004	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:02 - 10:17	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:17 - 10:32	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre
	Men's K1 Kayak Sprint	10:32 - 10:47	Schinas Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre



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