



Der Bayerische Ministerpräsident



Welcoming remarks

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## **International ECA Slalom Junior Cup in Canoeing**

**Augsburg, 30. June to 2. July 2023**

In Bavaria competitive sport is at home. Athletes from all over the world travel to Bavaria for major competitions. They all are very welcome!

This is especially true for canoeing. The *Augsburg Ice Canal* was built for the 1972 Olympic Games. Bavaria is proud that the world's first artificial canoe slalom course now has been included into the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The *Eiskanal* is extremely demanding and requires everything from the canoeists. Even in Augsburg water has no bars, but there are many blocks in the ice channel! This gives the canoeists the opportunity to show all their skills.

Young athletes in particular take advantage of the opportunity and enjoy competitions in Augsburg. Whoever achieves a good result here has shown special performance, courage, tactics and strength!

Best wishes to all participants of the International ECA Junior Cup 2023 and many thanks to the organisers from the Augsburger Kajak Verein!

Minister-President of the State of Bavaria



## Words of greeting

Welcome to the International ECA Junior Cup 2023 at the Eiskanal in Augsburg!

For years, the Eiskanal in Augsburg has been the meeting place for international canoe slalom and this year will be no exception. From 30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023, the Augsburg Kajak Verein (AKV) organizes the ECA Junior Cup 2023 on this legendary course. The Olympic course from 1972 will host the International ECA Junior Cup once again.

As President of the German Canoe Federation, I would like to welcome personally and in the name of the Executive Committee and on behalf of the presidium all participants, all coaches, all officials as well as the hopefully numerous spectators.

The International ECA Junior Cup offers young athletes between the ages of 12 and 18 from all over Europe the opportunity to compete. The mastering of the ice channel in Augsburg is an experience for all athletes and represents a special challenge. This makes the Cup to one of the highlights for our German canoeing youth as next to the German championships. This cup is one of the highlights of the canoeing season in our own country. But it is also important that this event adds another highlight to Augsburg as a canoeing location by a further highlight and that the attractiveness of our sport and also of the Augsburg course is highlighted again and again.

I would like to thank the board and the many voluntary helpers of the Augsburg Kajak Verein AKV, but I also would like to thank the responsible persons of the City of Augsburg and the sponsors who make this event possible year after year with their support.

I hope that this year's ECA Junior Cup will run smoothly in good water and weather conditions, and that all the participants will be able to participate and that all participants will be able to perform at their best possible performance.

GERMAN CANOE ASSOCIATION E.V.

Yours

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Jens Perlwitz

President



## Words of greetings

### **ECA Junior Cup 2023 - International Slalom Youth/Junior and Kayak Cross Augsburg 30.06. - 02.07.2023**

Welcome to the Fuggerstadt Augsburg for the ECA Junior Cup 2023, which will take place from 30 June - 02 July on the Eiskanal Augsburg, probably the most famous Olympic white water facility. This event is important for our young canoe slalom talents, as our youngsters can often get their first "international air" under competition conditions for the first time and to assert themselves internationally.

In the past years, this event has already produced Olympians and Olympic champions were born here, such as Alexander Grimm, Hannes Aigner or Sideris Tasiadis. And that is still the case today, making this event a top-class event in 2023, which this year for the first time includes the new Olympic discipline "Kayak Cross".

The organisation of this event is in the proven hands of the team of the Augsburg Kayak Club (AKV), who have a wealth of experience with such events. I am convinced that they will offer the slalom canoeists an event that will be remembered for many years to come. Some of the young athletes competing here might be the future champions - perhaps already at the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024.

The presidium of the Bavarian Canoe Association (BKV) and I personally are looking forward to this canoeing event with its exciting competitions. I would like to thank all volunteers of the organisers, all sponsors and, of course, the City of Augsburg, without whom this event would not be possible. I wish the international ECA Junior Cup 2023 a sporting, accident-free and fair competition.

Bavarian Canoe Association e.V.

The President

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Oliver Bungers



## **Words of greetings**

**from the Mayor Mrs Eva Weber**

### **Welcome to the International ECA Junior Cup 2023**

Dear canoeists  
Dear fans of canoeing,

our *Augsburger Eiskanal* is unique in many respects. It is an Olympic competition venue, it is part of our UNESCO World Heritage Site and it fits into the large recreational area around the Kuhsee and the forest Siebentischwald. It is hard to imagine a more attractive location for a major international youth sports event.

The ECA Cup is a very special canoeing competition, as it brings together young canoeists from all over Europe and beyond. The canoeists of the ECA Cup 2023 are the Olympic participants of tomorrow.

I would like to thank the Augsburg Kayak Club for their great commitment in organising and running this ECA Cup every year. Thanks to your great voluntary commitment, the Augsburg Ice Canal will once again become an ambassador for the welcoming culture and cosmopolitanism of our city.

I cordially invite everyone to experience this gripping competition of international canoeing live with free admission.

I wish all canoeists a fair, flawless and injury-free competition on our legendary *Augsburger Eiskanal*.

Yours

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Eva Weber

Mayor of the City of Augsburg