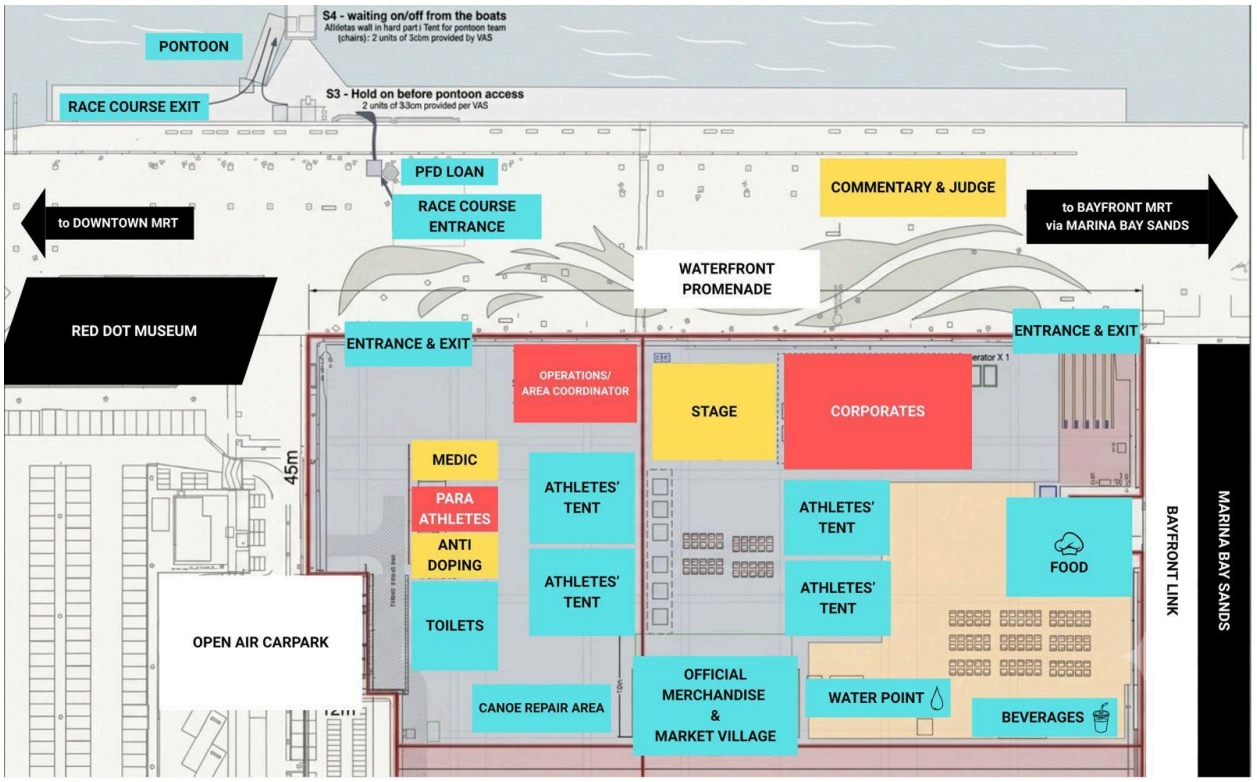
MEMO 2026 World Sprint Championship
August 2026

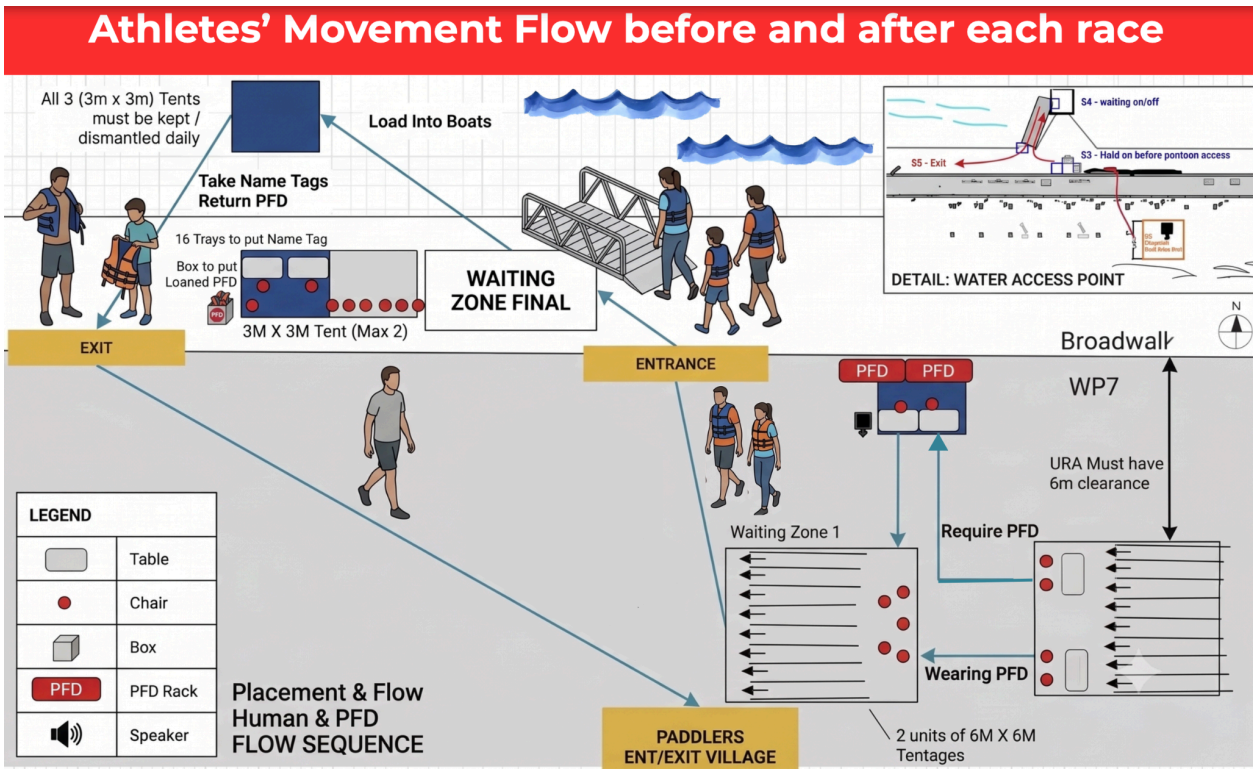
Greetings everyone! Following our last pre-event area coordinator (AC) information sessions last weekend here is further information for dissemination with your teams and delegations:

Venue Site Map

Here is an updated venue map and a map of the paddler movement flow for information:



SITE PLAN



PFDs loan process

Paddlers needing PFDs can check sizing using samples at the admin desk. They can then let the PFD loan volunteers know which size they would like once at the marshalling area.

Paddlers bringing their own PFDs should expect random checks by officials to ensure compliance with Singapore regulations (USCG Type III (or Type I/II), or ISO 12402 Level 50, 50S, or 100+)

PFDs are loaned strictly for race use and must be returned immediately after the races - they are not for personal use throughout the event.

Steps for PFDs loan:

1. Paddlers scan in and head to marshalling area
2. Paddlers needing PFDs exchange their paddler ID card at the rack (see map above) for the correct sized PFD
3. Paddlers proceed to their canoe to race
4. After their race, paddlers return the PFDs before they exit the Boardwalk in exchange for their ID cards

Footwear Policy

Footwear is mandatory by Singapore law in the pontoon area. Paddlers may leave footwear on the pontoon or bring it into the canoe. Footwear must be retrieved and worn immediately upon exiting the canoe or pontoon area.

Bag Checks

Due to the size of the event, the Singapore authorities have mandated security bag checks for all participants entering the Event Village. These bag checks will be at both **Entrance & Exit** points as seen on the venue map above.

Please allow extra time before your scheduled arrival, as queues may form during peak periods. Have your bags open and ready for inspection to help expedite the screening process.

For the safety and security of all participants, kindly take note of the prohibited items and any other items deemed unsafe by security personnel. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

Canoe Blessing

As previously announced, the blessing of the canoes will take place at the venue on the **17th August at 7am**, prior to course familiarisation.

Special Blessing

A special blessing will take place on **20th August at 7.30am** before the first race at 8am on site.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will now be held on the **20th August at 4.30pm**. It will be held after the first day of racing and the first medal presentations.

Please organise your delegations to be there from 3.30pm onwards and to look for the sign of your member federation. The order for the parade will be as follows: American Samoa, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guam, Hawai'i, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Rapa Nui, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, United States of America, Wallis and Futuna, Singapore.

Culture Night

To assist our local host committee with logistics, can you please send through your audio files (MP3 or MP4) to admin@ivfiv.org that will be used for your country's performance, along with the **final brief description** to be shared with the MC. These are the countries performing on the **21st August at 6pm** at the venue: Brazil, Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, Hawaii, New Zealand, PNG, Rapa Nui, Samoa, Singapore, Tahiti, Tonga, USA, Wallis & Futuna.

Course Familiarisation

The course familiarisation schedule can be found **here**. The allocation of time slots was calculated based on each country's V1 and V6 entries and arrival times. Please read the instructions carefully.

Please remind your paddlers that PFDs are mandatory at all times during course familiarisation. The PFDs loan rack will be open during these sessions.

Note: During the course familiarisation, the village area will be under construction and being set up. While toilets are available, participants must keep the area clear and use facilities only as needed.

Lane Draw & Schedule Updated

The latest lane draw and updated schedule are now published on our website here and here.

To request a change, the area coordinator must email ivfprojects@ivfiv.org with copy to admin@ivfiv.org with the following details:

- Race Date
- Race Number
- Request Details (if swapping, include both race numbers)

Requests will be reviewed, but changes are not guaranteed. Only requests received from country area coordinators will be considered.

First on site AC meeting

Our first on site Area Coordinators' meeting will be on the **18th August at 6pm** at the venue. For countries not yet on site, a summary of our meeting will be shared via email.

Waivers

Ensure your paddlers and non-paddlers complete the following waivers:

- Athlete Declaration Waiver
- Non-Paddler Waiver (for Area Coordinators (even if paddling), Volunteers, and anyone in an official capacity with the delegation)

Protests

Any and all protests lodged must follow the protest process in the race rules. The protest fee must be paid in cash only - USD100 or SDG130.

The online protest form can be found **here**.

Further information will be shared at the on site AC meeting on the 18th.

Local clubs contacts

Local Singapore clubs have been kind enough to help with renting out their canoes to visiting teams wishing to train while in Singapore. Time slots are subject to the local club availability. Please note the following guidelines regarding boat rentals before and during the Singapore IVF Championship:

- Hydras: No Hydras are available for use a week before the event and during the event.
- Other V6 brands: These can be rented at any time directly through one of the SG clubs, subject to Kallang waters regulations or Sentosa waters policies, with each club setting its own rental pricing and its own responsibility.

Please find below our current SG clubs contact list for boats rental:

- Singapore Paddling Club (SPC): info@singaporepaddleclub.com
- Va'a Team France (VTF) Singapore: teamfrance.sg@gmail.com
- American Dragons Singapore (ADS): darrin_neil@yahoo.com, cc matteoros26@gmail.com
- Austcham Paddling Club (APC): austchampaddleclubsg@gmail.com

Or visit the Va'a Singapore Association website for more information.

Merchandise Pick Up

Merchandise pre-orders will be available from the 19th August @ 12pm onwards, at the merch village tent. Country specific pickup time slots will be assigned for order collection (for example: Chile is given 9-12am on the 19th and any paddler/customer from Chile with a pre-order can make their way to the merch tent to pick up their order). An ID and confirmation number must be presented at pickup. Orders cannot be picked up for others without prior email authorisation sent to admin@ivfiv.org.

VAS Recommended e-Sim

Va'a Association of Singapore recommends buying an eSim from the following link. You can easily select a package and follow the instructions for the installation of the eSIM.

Ice and beverage

Below are the ice and beverages order forms that can only be submitted by area coordinators. All information can be found on the forms. The deadline for ice box orders is 9th August. Any ice and beverage orders must be made 2 days in advance.

- **Ice:** https://forms.gle/rWNrahhDTQq6BxDr8
- **Beverages:** https://forms.gle/QwiWpp2GzHsD7ek59

Note: Ice boxes are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Singapore Discount Card - ATHLETE & SUPPORTER SPECIAL OFFER: SAVE $750+ FOR JUST $50!

Make the most of your race week in Singapore! Grab the official **Discount Card** to unlock exclusive deals at 40 partner outlets (and counting):

- 🎽 **10% OFF** at special edition merch & paddling gear onsite from Vaikobi, Tai and Ozone
- 🧘 **Special Athlete Rates** for recovery, ice baths, TCM, open gym & physio treatments
- 🍕 **10%–20% OFF** at 17 restaurants, pubs, and cafes across the city
- ⛵ **Discounted Rates** on river cruises, bus tours, yacht charters, & Sentosa Island attractions

🎟️ **Get yours today for S$50!** Visit https://www.worldsprints2026singapore.com/promotion to buy

For list of participating merchants: https://www.worldsprints2026singapore.com/promotion

For detailed promotion mechanics information, find “Merchants’ T&C”link from the Discount Card homepage above

Live Stream Ads

📢 Know a business that wants global exposure? 🌏
⏳ Last call — advertising slots for the World Sprint Livestream closing soon
We're broadcasting worldwide with 197,000+ daily viewers (1.97M+ total reach based on 2024 event)
🔥 Over 10 days, 30+ nations, 580+ races.
Perfect for businesses wanting to reach an international audience — ad spots & premium branding available.
📝 Form here: https://forms.gle/yWLZZ3kx2tS11zrw9
❓ Questions? vaa.association.singapore@gmail.com
Feel free to share with any business contacts who might be interested! 🙏

Miscellaneous

Passport Copies: We recommend paddlers keep photos of their passports on their phones in case of random drug/compliance testing.
Facilities: The marshalling area does not have toilet facilities. Please advise your paddlers to use the restrooms prior to entering marshalling.

Key Dates
A final reminder on key dates for the event:

Date	Events & Competitions	Special Events & Notes
17-Aug-2026	Course Familiarisation & Para Classification	Canoe Blessing (7:00 AM at the venue)
18-Aug-2026	Course Familiarisation & Para Classification	First on site Area Coordinator Meeting (6pm at the venue)
19-Aug-2026	Course Familiarisation & Para Classification	
20-Aug-2026	Elite Championship & Elite V1	Special Blessing (7:30 AM at the venue) Racing begins Medal Presentations Opening Ceremony (4:30 PM at the venue - member delegations to gather at 3.30pm)
21-Aug-2026	Elite Championship & Elite V1	Cultural Evening (6:00 PM at the venue)
22-Aug-2026	Club Championship & Elite V1	
23-Aug-2026	Club Championship & Elite V1	
24-Aug-2026	Club Championship & Elite V1	

25-Aug-2026	Club Championship	
26-Aug-2026	Club Championship	
27-Aug-2026	Club Championship	
28-Aug-2026	Club Championship	
29-Aug-2026	Club Championship	Closing Ceremony
30-Aug-2026	Saver Day	*If required*
31-Aug-2026	Saver Day	*If required*

Reminders from our last memo:

Race Rules
It is absolutely imperative that area coordinators and paddlers understand the updated and consolidated race rules which can be found **here**. The progressions can also be found **here**.

Drones
Please ensure your entire delegation is aware that drones are strictly forbidden at the event and surrounding areas due to local Singapore regulations.

Racing Uniforms Reminder
Country team racing uniforms for all teams must not carry any sponsors' logos.

Club teams can wear their own uniforms but must not carry any sponsors' logos.

The only company logo permitted is the brand or mark of the uniform apparel which can appear as a small logo on one side of the chest (for example Nike or Adidas). Country or club names and country or club symbols/logos may appear anywhere on the racing uniform.

Volunteers
We are actively seeking volunteers to support the event in Singapore, just as in previous years. Please share **our volunteer form** with your delegations, including non-paddling supporters. Even dedicating half a day to the pontoon or loading bay will make a massive difference!

Frequently Asked Questions
The FAQ for the 2026 IVF World Sprints Championship can be found **here**. We have provided answers to these questions as per the Race Rules and Host/Event information. This document will be updated regularly leading up to the event.

Key Websites
All information can be found on the event website or the IVF event webpage