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Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe and the largest freshwater lake on the continent, which is one of the best known and most popular tourist destinations in Hungary with its fantastic natural endowments, excellent climate, crystal clear water and rich cultural heritage.

The 2021 ICF SUP World Championships will take place at this special venue, in the city centre of the capital of the lake, Balatonfüred, on the beautiful Tagore Promenade.

The sprint and technical racecourses are designed so that spectators can enjoy the races up close. The senior long-distance course starts uniquely from Siófok, which is located on the other side of the lake, so competitors will paddle across the Balaton to complete the distance.

We wish to spend a fantastic week together at this magical venue and to celebrate the champions at the end of each race day at the gastronomy and water sports festival which we hope that brings the event to a whole new level.

*Isten hozott
and welcome!*



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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 Balatonfüred. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the Balaton Lake, the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, board rental, visa issuance, board and lodging can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you at the ICF SUP World Championships between 9th and 12th September, 2021 in Balatonfüred.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition: www.balaton2021.com
See you in September in Balatonfüred!

Balatonfüred

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE



Presidential Greeting

Dear Sports Friends,

Hungary has a long history of organising canoe sprint and canoe marathon competitions, because it has always been an honour for us to welcome the best athletes from all around the world and provide them high quality services and friendly atmosphere.

However, in the recent years the popularity of Stand Up Paddling (SUP) has skyrocketed locally and worldwide as well and we have realized its beauty and importance within the water sport disciplines. We feel that here in Hungary, which is extremely rich in rivers and lakes, we could be a good representative of SUP and with the organisation of the 2021 ICF Sup World Championships in Balatonfüred we have an important role to further increase SUP's popularity worldwide as a new ICF discipline.

We truly hope that a great number of both professional and amateur athletes will decide to join us in September and come to Balatonfüred, which is the capital city of the largest lake in Central Europe, Lake Balaton.

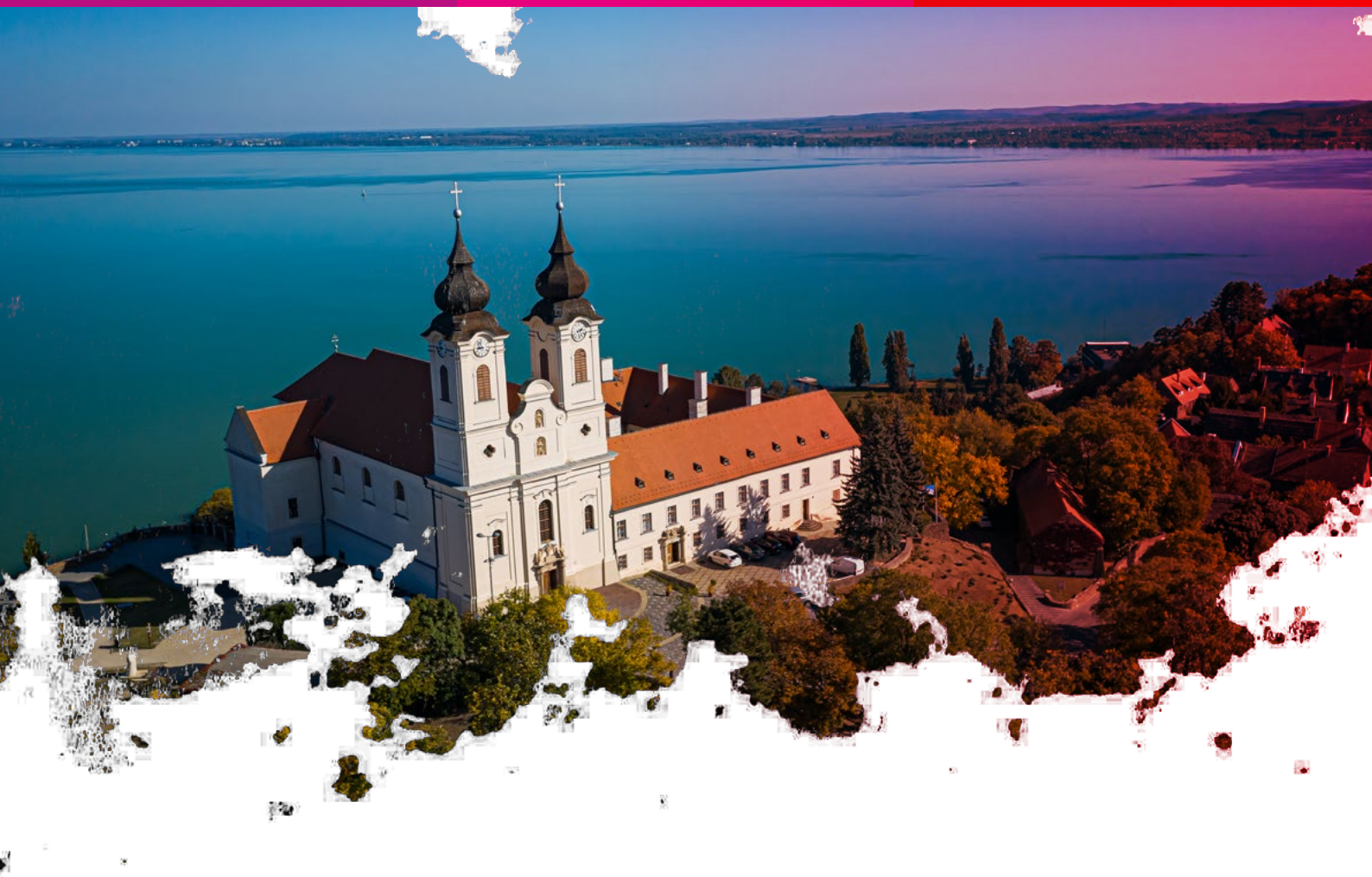
We can't wait to see you all in this beautiful setting and cozy environment offered by the "Hungarian Sea". I wish you good health and all the best!

Best regards,

Gábor Schmidt
Chairman of the HOC



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Organising Committee

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Technical Organiser

Event Manager

Event Technology

Secretary of the OC

Head of IT

Head of Hospitality

Official Hotels Liaison

Master of Ceremonies

Head of Transportation

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KOVÁCS, Orsolya

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RÉDEI, Zsuzsanna

ÁBRAHÁM, Csaba

BALOGH, Péter Dávid

KISS, József

Event Schedule

LOCATION: LAKE BALATON,
BALATONFÜRED, HUNGARY



7TH SEPTEMBER (TUESDAY)

Access period starts

Accreditation desk opens

8TH SEPTEMBER (WEDNESDAY)

Racecourse opens for training

9TH SEPTEMBER (THURSDAY)

Preliminary rounds for Sprint and Technical – open age group

10TH SEPTEMBER (FRIDAY)

Long distance races in the morning

Sprint and technical preliminary races in the afternoon

11TH SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY)

Sprint finals 10:00-11:30

Inflatable races 12:30

Technical preliminary races in the afternoon

12TH SEPTEMBER (SUNDAY)

Technical semi-finals in the morning

Technical finals 13:00-15:00

Closing Ceremony

Access period ends



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List of Events

AGE GROUP	EVENT	GENDER
Open	Team event long distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Open	Team event technical	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Junior	Team event long distance	Boys & girls Inflatable boards up to 12'6" long
Junior	Team event technical	Boys & girls Inflatable boards up to 12'6" long
Open	sprint technical long distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Junior	sprint technical long distance	Boys & girls Inflatable boards up to 12'6" long
40+	sprint technical long distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
50+	sprint technical long distance	Men & women Hard boards up to 14' long
Open	inflatable	Men & women Inflatable boards up to 12'6" long

Event startlist and results:

www.balaton2021.com

ICF official event webpage



*General
conditions of
the participation*



The competition is run in compliance with the **2022 ICF SUP Rules**, which are approved to be used as provisional rules for 2021 completed with the rules of the HOC specific on SUP races.

RANGE OF PARTICIPANTS

- The competition is open to anyone who complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
- Membership to an ICF (International Canoe Federation) or ISA (International Surfing Association) National Federation is not a requirement to participate in the competition.
- Each competitor is individually responsible for his / her own participation and the administrative duties related to his / her entry.
- Registration and entries should be made individually at the following link <https://entry.balaton2021.com>
- By registering and participating in the competition the participants assure at the same time their ability to swim at least 200 m without assistance and are comfortable paddling in open water.
- If a competitor is under the age of 18, parental consent is required for participation.

AGE GROUP DEFINITION

- The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF international competitions is the year of their 15th birthday.
- The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.
- The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 40 or 50 years. An athlete can compete in a masters (40+ and 50+) event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

- One athlete can race only at one (1) age group at Long distance, Sprint and Technical race. Athletes who are eligible to race at the U18, 40+ and 50+ age groups can enter the open age group if they wish. A competitor who enters at any open age group event/s (with the exception of the open inflatable event) cannot enter any of the U18, 40+ and 50+ age groups.
- Athletes who are eligible to race at 50+ can race at 40+ age group for all events (except inflatable event)
- Anyone can participate in the open inflatable category, regardless of their age group, if they have reached the age of 15.



TEAM EVENTS

If you wish to enter National Teams Events for Long Distance and Technical races, please contact your national canoe federation to enter you through SDP (Sports Data Platform). To be a part of a National Team you also need to complete your individual entry. You can email info@canoeicf.com for NF contacts. Deadline to enter for team event is 30th August, 2021.

STEPS OF ENTERING TEAM EVENTS

- Make your individual entry at at the following link <https://entry.balaton2021.com>
- Contact your National Canoe Federation
- National Federation makes team entries through the SDP system

Team Events are not additional events, they are competitions between teams gaining points during the technical and long distance races. Individual and team results will be awarded separately. Entry to Team Events is free, only the fee of the individual entry need to be paid.

Each NF can enter teams to:

- o **Long distance**
Open Men / Women, Junior Men / Women
 - o **Technical**
Open Men / Women, Junior Men / Women
- Teams can be up to four (4) athletes for the long distance. The top three (3) athletes scores will count towards team results.
 - Teams can be up to three (3) athletes for the technical race. All the three (3) athletes scores will count towards team results.
 - Those athletes will be part of the Open and Junior, men and women events for Long distance and Technical race.
 - Athletes from Masters can be part of those teams, but they must stay during the whole competition at Open age group.

SPORT NATIONALITY

- The sport nationality of the athletes is determined by their nationality or country of their domicile.
- An athlete may only represent one nation during the calendar year.

MEDICAL APTITUDE

- Each competitor is liable for their own health and fitness to be ready to compete in the races. Upon registering to the race, the participants give a declaration on their medical state as detailed in the General Terms and Conditions. The HOC does not take any responsibility for any harm to the health and the consequences thereof due to the participant's medical state during the races.
- All participants of the World Championships are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance.



Course Details

The races of the ICF SUP World Championships will be organised on the most frequented waterfront of Balatonfüred, next to the Tagore promenade. The sprint (200 m) and technical (1000-1300 m) courses will be set up along the Tagore promenade. Technical race includes portages. The long distance races (10 km) of the 50+ and the Juniors and inflatable races (7 km) will cross the Füred Bay of Lake Balaton in the direction of Tihany starting from the same location. Only the long distance race (17 km) of the open and the 40+ age group will start from the other side of the lake, from Siófok, so the distance must be completed by crossing the lake, finishing also in Balatonfüred. Course designs and distances may vary in case of bad weather conditions.



Race Course

Hotel Annabella



Prize money

A total of gross 30 000€ prize money will be divided between the Long Distance, Technical race and Sprint race only for open age group. The prize money will be equally split between men and women 50:50.

30 000€

ACCREDITATION AND ENTRIES

Accreditation, entries and payments can be made at <https://entry.balaton2021.com> website exclusively.

The site will be available from 1st July, 2021.

On site Accreditation and Information Centre is located at the official hotel of the event (Hotel Annabella).

Each competitor represents him/herself and is responsible for their own entries and participation.

Only a person participating in the competition can register on the online site.

Non-participating persons (e.g.: team leader, coach, staff, family member) can be accredited and added to the site by the competitor. Maximum 10 non-participating persons can be added per competitor.

The HOC offers discount for multiple entries in sprint, technical and long-distance events.

Participation at 1 event	60 EUR
Participation at 2 events	75 EUR
Participation at 3 events	90 EUR
Non-participating person	40 EUR
Participation at the inflatable event	85 EUR

The HOC offers one T-shirt for free of charge for all athletes participating at the inflatable event.

All participants of the inflatable world championships will be awarded by a finisher medal.

The participation fee includes the following services:

	Technical, Sprint, Long distance event participant	Inflatable event participant	Non-participating (accompanying) person
Prize money	√	—	—
Guarded board storage	√	√	—
T-shirt of the event	—	√	—
Drinking water on competition days	√	√	√
Medal for winners	√	√	—
Finisher medal	—	√	—
Medical care at the venue	√	√	√
Internet access	√	√	√
Security service at the regatta course	√	√	√
Fully comprehensive insurance for the event	√	√	√
Right of common and operational costs of the venue	√	√	√
Organisational costs	√	√	√

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the World Championships: doctor on duty, hospital, and clinic assistance. A medical centre will operate at the venue with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular first aid & ambulance are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the HOC is not responsible to cover your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

LUNCH AT THE VENUE

The HOC offers lunch in the dining room of the official hotel during access period. Official hotel is located right next to the venue, 100 meters from the Athletes Area. Lunch can be purchased through the online site for athletes and non-participating persons.

Lunch costs 10 EUR / day / person

You can choose a three-course lunch including a soup, a main course and a dessert from A and B menu options by your preference.

OFFICIAL T-SHIRT

Official t-shirt of the event is included in the participation fee for all participant in inflatable event. T-shirts can be purchased from athletes and non-participating persons through the online site. Please don't forget to specify the sizes.

T-shirt costs 15 EUR / pcs.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The participation fee, lunches and t-shirts can exclusively be paid through the online system by credit/debit cards or Barion Gateway. The system will automatically issue an invoice on the paid amount after a successful transaction.

All the added parameters on the online site can be modified freely prior to a successful transaction.

No claim for money refund can be lodged against the Organising Committee after the successful transaction.

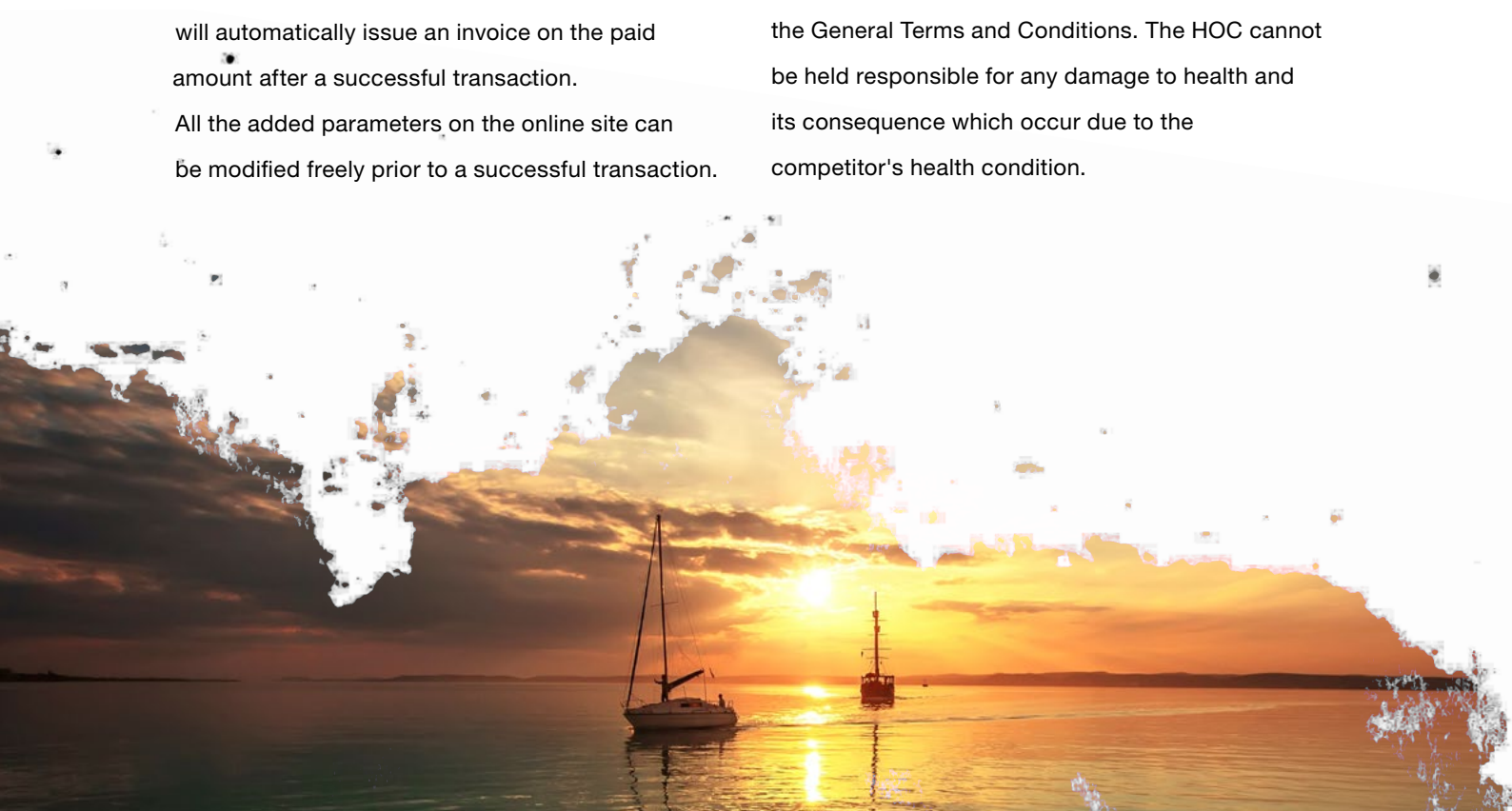
Payment deadline: 28th August, 2021 (CET) 18:00

We wish to remind all participants that the online site will close after the deadline given. The online system cannot accept any registration, entry or payment after the due dates. After the payment deadline the HOC will not process the entries and purchases of those registered yet not completed with a successful transaction, these are considered void.

The HOC accepts on-site entry in exceptional cases exclusively in the event if the inclusion of the new entry does not result in the amendment of the competition program. On-site registration and entry are possible upon paying the extra administration fee on top of the regular entry fee on 7th September, 2021 between 09:00 and 14:00 at the accreditation centre.

Extra administration fee 100 EUR

By registering to the race the participants give a declaration on their health condition as detailed in the General Terms and Conditions. The HOC cannot be held responsible for any damage to health and its consequence which occur due to the competitor's health condition.



The Balaton region is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe and was acknowledged as an 'International City of Grape and Wine'. Please, consider that summer is the peak period of tourism in Hungary and hotel rooms are in high demand already now. On the following pages we would like to share important information on the official hotel of the World Championships along with some basic information on catering, transportation and bookings. Please don't hesitate to contact the HOC in case any question would come up.

Information on the Hospitality Services

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OFFICIAL HOTEL OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The HOC has selected the **Danubius Hotel Annabella***** as the official hotel of the World Championships. The selection criteria apart from the quality was distance between the hotel and the venue, which is no more than 100 meters. The Accreditation Centre will be located on the first floor of the hotel. The courtyard of the hotel will be available for the athletes as a secured board storage and rest area. From 1st July, you can book your accommodation via the online system (**HMS – Hospitality Management System**) of the Organising Committee.

RESERVATION PROCESS

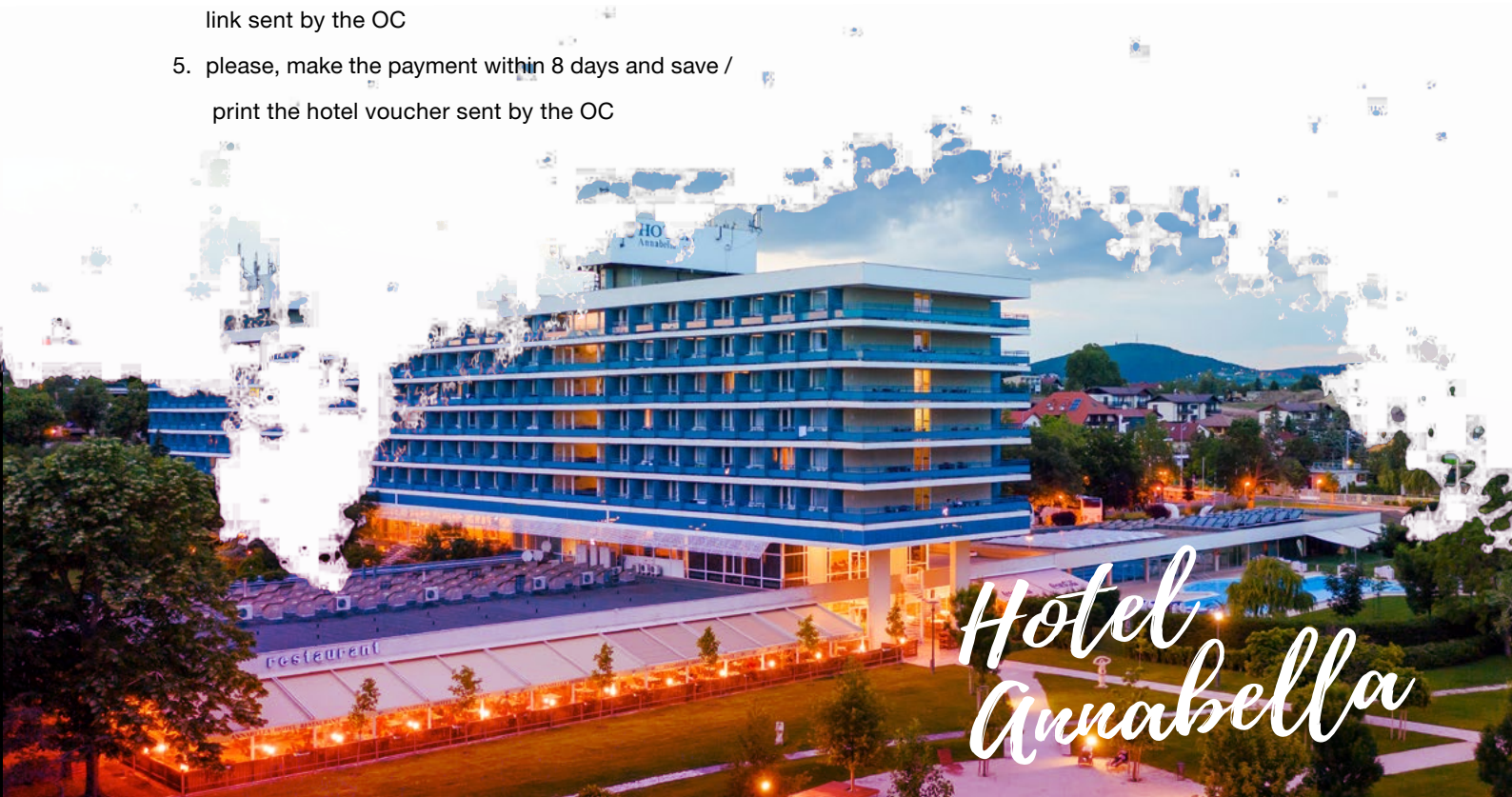
1. please, send an email to **booking@balaton2021.com** and let us know that you would like to make a reservation
2. please, click on the activation link you get from the HMS system and set a password for yourself
3. complete your hotel reservation and airport transfer request in the online system
4. wait for the confirmation and the payment link sent by the OC
5. please, make the payment within 8 days and save / print the hotel voucher sent by the OC

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE: 18TH AUGUST, 2021

Please, note that hotel reservation is subject to availability and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is highly recommended. The online reservation system will be closed after the deadline indicated above.

Please, also consider that the Organising Committee can guarantee the implementation of a strict Covid-19 Protocol in the catering and common areas in the official hotel of the World Championships exclusively. The HOC cannot be held responsible for the hygiene, internal protocols, quality and price of individually reserved accommodation.

The HOC does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like minibar, telephone, etc, these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel. In case you would cause any damage to the room you are to pay for it on spot or else the Organising Committee will send you the invoice for the cost of the damage afterwards.



Accommodation packages

CATEGORY 1

(Danubius Hotel Annabella*** - superior rooms)

- single room 85 EUR/person/night
- double room 50 EUR/person/night

CATEGORY 2

(Danubius Hotel Annabella*** - standard rooms)

- single room 75 EUR/person/night
- double room 45 EUR/person/night

Our accommodation packages include parking for one car / room on spot and half-board with dinner.

Please, note that lunch can be added to your reservation via the online accreditation system.

Check-in is available from 15:00. The rooms are to be vacated until 11:00 in the morning on the day of departure. (Upon request the hotel will provide storage rooms for an additional fee.)

AMENDMENTS TO YOUR BOOKING

AFTER YOUR RESERVATION WAS INVOICED

If you would like to modify your reservation or add additional nights or additional rooms to your reservation you may do so by indicating these changes in the HMS. Please, note that email modification requests are not accepted and won't be considered.

Additional costs are required to settle within 8 days.

MODIFICATIONS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Should you cancel or modify your booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the HOC, as itemized below.

The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the total reservation fee according to the following period of notice given:

- no cancellation fee, if cancelled until 18th August, 2021
- 50% cancellation fee, if cancelled between 19th-24th August, 2021
- cancellations made after 25th August, 2021 or no shows are subject to no refund. After this date no other modification will be permitted than the flight details in your airport transfer reservation

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Hotel reservation deadline is 18th August 2021. Once the HOC confirms your booking, the total amount will be invoiced with 8 days payment terms. Kindly note that the booking will be provisional until you process with the payment (guests are required to settle their bills with a credit/debit card by clicking on the payment link that will be sent by the HOC), hence the HOC reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. After funds have been cleared in our bank account it shall be a confirmed reservation.

ACCEPTED METHODS OF PAYMENT ON-SITE IN THE ACCREDITATION CENTRE

Besides cash (only Euro is accepted) we accept Visa and MasterCard credit/debit cards.

Budapest Hungary



Airport Transfer

Booking of airport transfers – exclusively from the Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport - will be available in the Hospitality Management System (HMS) **from 1st August until 1st September.**

Those who have booked their accommodation independently from the HOC still can reserve their airport transfer in case their hotel is located in Balatonfüred, Csopak or Tihany.

VIP TRANSFER

- Private transfer for 1 or 2 persons arriving together
- Transportation of two hard and two inflatable SUP boards is included in the price, however your dedicated vehicle can carry only two hard boards, the rest will be shipped with the groupage freight
- price: 150EUR/vehicle/one-way trip

REGULAR TRANSFER

- Bus transfer
- Waiting time: no more than 90 minutes
- Price: 40EUR/person/one-way trip
- Transportation of SUP boards can be added for a surcharge (see details below)

LOW-COST TRANSFER

- Bus transfer by schedule (eg. 8:00, 12:00, 16:00, etc)
- Waiting time can be more than 90 minutes
- Price: 25EUR/person/one-way trip
- Transportation of SUP boards can be added for a surcharge (see details below)

TRANSPORTATION OF SUP BOARDS IN GROUPAGE FREIGHT

This service can be added to your regular and low-cost transfer for 15EUR/hard board/one-way trip or 10EUR/inflatable board/one-way trip. Please, note that your SUP board may be shipped with another vehicle and can be collected in Balatonfüred at the end of the day.

With booking any services through the HOC of the 2021 ICF SUP World Championships, you declare that you have read and understood the terms and conditions and agree to accept them. Please, remember that no booking or modification request can be considered as confirmed until you get a notification on it from the OC.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PRECAUTION AND RULES OF ENTRY AND QUARANTINE

The HOC will develop the epidemiological protocols of the event in accordance with the recommendations of the ICF and local authorities, which will be implemented during the competition. The relevant and updated protocols and the effective entry / quarantine rules will be sent out to the participants before the World Championships and they also will be available at www.balaton2021.com



All participants are kindly requested to contact the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their respective countries (or the closest to you) in time regarding visa requirements. The difficulty of obtaining visa to Hungary varies by regions but you should calculate with a 45-day long issuing period to ensure the safe attainment of the visa.

The typical steps of obtaining visa are as follows:

- 1) Booking accommodation via the HOC or sending the confirmation of your hotel booking to the HOC (if booked individually) - please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of visa issuance
- 2) Sending the filled-in visa application form (can be downloaded from www.balaton2021.com website) to the HOC (booking@balaton2021.com)
- 3) Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request from you
- 4) the HOC issues the Letter of Invitation
- 5) Visa issuance

Please note that the HOC will not send you an invitation letter without knowing your arrival/departure dates and the name of the hotel where you will be accommodated. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asks the same information from us, so we cannot stand up for you without you standing up for yourself by providing this information.

Lake Balaton



Lake Balaton is one of the most popular destinations in Hungary. Accordingly, thousands of people visit the Hungarian Sea every summer for an unforgettable holiday. Few may know that the 77-km-long Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe, with a territory of 594 km². Its narrowest point can be found at Tihany where its width is only 1.5 km, while the distance from shore to shore can rise up to 13 km between Balatonvilágos and Balatonalmádi. Its average depth is 3-4 metres, but there are also parts of the lake where the water depth reaches up to 11 metres.

Thanks to the Mediterranean climate that dominates in the region, Lake Balaton is one of the favourite tourist destinations in Hungary. The annual average sunshine duration per year is around 2 000 hours, which is the same as on the French Riviera. Besides

its wonderful weather and cosy environment, the Hungarian Sea is also popular due to its clean air.

The region of Lake Balaton used to be very popular among Roman emperors as well, who used the region for well-developed agricultural activities. Written records prove that Emperor Galerius drained the marshy shores of the lake so that the area could then be cultivated. The region used to be a popular spa tourist destination in the 19th century thanks to its water and muddy soil that have a mild healing effect.

One of the most famous sights of Lake Balaton are the Tihany Peninsula and the abbey built in the 18th century. The peninsula has gained great popularity due to the echo of Tihany reflected from the walls of the abbey that can be heard at a distance of 700 metres.



City of Balatonfüred

Many call Balatonfüred the northern capital of Balaton – although there is fierce competition for this and similar titles in the surroundings - since it hosts several cultural events, not to mention its history.

First and foremost, the location of the town captures everyone: tender mountains on the north, the beautiful lake on the south embrace the town, which radiates that special Transdanubian serenity for ages. The town was inhabited already when the Romans conquered parts of Hungary. Walking in the town the visitor every now and then faces relics of old times. Ancient living quarters, old buildings, churches, homely vineyards, parks, mighty old trees preserve and whisper their messages to the people living here today.

Its popularity is also proved by the fact that it is the oldest holiday resort of the surroundings of Balaton, and its success has not decreased among visitors, due to its pleasant climate, which is very similar to the Mediterranean and its spring waters containing carbonic acid. Even the sun shines somehow more

gently here. Balatonfüred and its surrounding settlements lie in the so-called „Balaton Riviera”. This expression refers to the special micro-climate prevailing here.

Its history goes back to so long that, believe it or not, its territory was inhabited even by prehistoric men. However, its former residents leaving the most traces here were the Romans, whose memory is preserved by many buildings, ruins and tombs, and later on, in the Age of the Árpád House, seven settlements were on the site, proved by written records.

The town is infinitely rich in historic memorial places. These were mostly renovated and restored. It may happen that some of these have been appointed different roles nowadays than their original one but they are part of our cultural life anyway. There are numerous villas and mansions in the town that contributed to the special beauty of Balatonfüred and made the town famous in faraway places of the earth.

General Information on Hungary

Population: 10.2 million

Area: 93.036 km²

Capital: Budapest (Territory: 525 km²)

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. Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C (49.5F). Temperature extremes are about 38 °C (100F) in the summer and -29°C (-20F) in the winter. Average temperature in the summer is 27 to 32 °C (81 to 90F). The average yearly rainfall is approximately 600mm (24 in).





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