



Der Bayerische Ministerpräsident



Welcoming remarks

International ECA Slalom Junior Cup 2019

Augsburg, 29 and 30 June 2019

Augsburg's Eiskanal course is once again the location for a major sporting event. The Bavarian leg of the International ECA Slalom Junior Cup is to be held at this famous venue, where athletes have competed for Olympic gold and which has hosted world and European championships.

Some four hundred young canoeists embarking on their sporting careers will take part in the International ECA Cup event. Many of them already come here with great expectations, while others have the potential to make a name for themselves. All of them want to prove themselves, all of them want to give of their best. And the spectators can therefore look forward to an exciting competition.

Many thanks to the organisers and my best wishes to all the athletes!

Minister-President of the State of Bavaria



Greetings

ECA Junior Cup – an International Slalom for Teens and Juniors in Augsburg, 29th – 30th June 2019

A cordially Welcome to the Fugger City of Augsburg for the ECA Junior Cup, which will take place from 29th – 30th June 2019 on the “Eiskanal”, which is more or less the most famous Olympic wildwater complex.

This event is of enormous importance for our young athletes as they can breathe “international air” under conditions of competition for the first time and make their first experience in an international field. Already in the last years, participants in Olympic Games have been borne on this wildwater parcours, for instance Melanie Pfeifer, Hannes Aigner or Sideris Tasiadis. Today, this is the same situation again and thus, this slalom competition will be an absolutely high-end-event.

The organization of this event has been taken over by the proven team of the Augsburger Kajakverein (AKV), having a rich body of experience in regards of such events. I am convinced that they will provide a performance for the young slalom canoeists, which all will best treasure even after years. After all, we can expect the participation of a lot of young athletes, whose names we probably we will often hear in the future – maybe already at the Canoe Slalom World Championships in 2022, which will also take place on Augsburg’s Eiskanal.

The executive committee of the Bavarian Canoe Federation is looking forward to this canoe event and to fascinating competitions. I’d like to thank all voluntary assistants of the organizer, all sponsors and of course the City of Augsburg, as without its support this event could not be performed. For the ECA Junior Cup 2019 in Augsburg, I wish all athletes and officials an accident free and sportive fair progress.

Bavarian Canoe Association

The President

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Oliver Bungers



**Welcoming remarks
by Mayor Dr. Kurt Gribl**

International ECA Junior Slalom Cup 2019

Dear readers
Dear canoe slalom fans
Dear young sportswomen and sportsmen

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you here on behalf of the City of Augsburg and as patron of the International ECA Junior Slalom Cup 2019.

Once more, Augsburg finds itself centre stage for a thrilling watersports event, where you can get swept away both figuratively and quite literally. The city, which is seeking to be recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site for its Hydraulic Engineering and Hydropower, Drinking Water and Decorative Fountains, is thus truly in its element, so to speak.

All of you sportswomen and sportsmen competing for victory here are shining examples for our young people. After all, anyone who has made it this far has already put in thousands of training sessions, and that in itself is worthy of recognition.

Augsburg is a city steeped in sporting history, and has produced world champions, Olympic gold medallists, and German champions. As the Mayor I am therefore delighted that the International ECA Junior Canoe Slalom Cup is to be held here once again on the Eiskanal course.

A considerable amount of work also goes into preparing to host such an event, and I would like to express my gratitude to the AugsburgerKajak-Verein and all the volunteers lending their support. I hope all of the participants and spectators enjoy an exciting and fair competition, and wish you all a pleasant stay here in our beautiful city.

Welcome to Augsburg!

Yours

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Dr. Kurt Gribl

2019 ECA Junior Cup Welcoming remarks



**Dear canoeing fans
Dear sportswomen and sportsmen**

As a proud sporting location, Augsburg looks forward to again welcoming young canoeists from across Europe for this year's ECA Junior Cup on 29 and 30 June.

The demanding Eiskanal is not only a test of sporting ability and skill, it also requires considerable concentration to negotiate the wild-water slalom course with as few penalties as possible for touching gates. The 2022 Canoe Slalom World Championships are also to be staged here in Augsburg, and we may very well be watching some future medallists taking part in the races in the final weekend of June. The preparations for the World Championships are already in full swing. In recent months, the focus has been on planning the renovation of the Olympic park at the Eiskanal to ensure the competition is staged to the exacting requirements of the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

As regards the ECA Junior Cup, I would like to express my particular thanks to the AugsburgerKajakVereine.V. for their commitment, as well as to all the other volunteer helpers whose efforts are absolutely essential in staging a competition of this scale.

I would like to extend my best wishes for an excellent and well-run event, with exciting and fair races cheered on by enthusiastic spectators. We in the Sports Department will, of course, be crossing our fingers for all of the Augsburg canoeists in particular!

Yours



Dirk Wurm
Sports Director