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REGULATIONS FOR THE 73rd INTERNATIONAL DESCENT OF THE RIVER SELLA SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST 2009
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ORGANIZATION.- Belongs to the Sella Organizing Committee.

START OF THE RACE.- At 12:00 a.m.

PARTICIPATION.- Open to all Spanish and foreign participants in possession of the competitor's license for the present year.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES		
MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
Senior Junior Cadets Veterans Centenarians Veterans K1, older than 50	Senior Junior Cadets	Absolute
All those competitors in K2 and C2 (all categories), may belong to a different Club. In this case, they will not receive points for any Club; in the official entry form they must write down the expression "EQUIPO NEUTRO" as a Club		

TYPE OF CRAFT
K1, K2, C1 y C2 and RR type (Wild Water boats without rudder). For the RR and Mixed Categories, the classification is "Absolute". Centenarians are participants considered to be those whose two team members have a combined age of at least 100 years. Mixed categories comprise of one male and one female participant.

COMPOSITION OF FIRST RANK PARTICIPANTS FOR THE DRAW CORRESPONDING TO K2 AND K1 MALE SENIORS

All those competitors classified in [the 2.008](#) Sella Marathon in the first ten positions for K2 and K1 are automatically considered to be First Rank Participants, in whichever category their Clubs/Federations wish to participate, be it K2 (with the same or another participant) or K1.

BEST CLASSIFIED IN 2.007 (SK2)		
Nº	TRIPULANTES	CLUB
1	Javier Herranz Agüeria-Julio Martínez Gómez	R.G.C.C.
2	Alvaro Fernández Fiuza-Emilio Merchán Alónso	Iberdrola Caja España
3	Manuel Busto Fernández- Emilio Llamedo Álvarez	Piragüismo Astur
4	Santiago Guerrero Arroyo-Jorge Alónso González	Eq. Nac. España
5	Miguel Fernández Csatañón-Javier Noval González	Piragüismo Astur
6	Nestor Pinta-Martin Mozzicafredo	Eq. Nac. Argentina
7	Anthony Stott-Matthew Bouman	Eq. Nac. Sudáfrica
8	Francisco Llera Blanco-Damian Vindel Hernandez	Eq. Nac. España
9	Ivan Alónso Lage-Albert Corominas Bertran	Eq. Nac. España
10	Jesse Phillips-Stephen Biro	Eq. Nac. Australia

BEST CLASSIFIED IN 2.007 (SK2)		
Nº	TRIPULANTES	CLUB
1	José Julián Becerro	Bañezano Piragüismo
2	Federico Vega Suárez	SCD Ribadesella
3	Walter Bouzan Sánchez	SCD Ribadesella
4	Rafael Carril Fernández	Eq. Nac. España
5	Andrés Cangas Soto	Piragüismo El Sella
6	Pablo Muñoz Cantora	Piragüismo Astur
7	Iván Estrada García	Piragüismo Moscón
8	Tomas Jezek	Eq. Nac. Rep. Checa
9	Fernando Franco Cuétara	Deva Unquera
10	Adrian Bouzan Alónso	Piragüismo El Sella

Will also be classified as First Rank Participants the K2 and K1 male senior teams as long as their members are part of the National Marathon or Slalom Selection and have been obligatorily inscribed for the race by the Federation of the country which they represent; the K2 and K1 male senior team designed by the Spanish Autonomic Federations will also be classified as First Rank Participants, all of them (International and Autonomic Federations) in accordance to the following list:

International/Local Federations (First Rank Participants)	
K2	K1
1	1
Except for the exceptions that can be established by the Organizing Committee based on their invited Associations	

Additional K2 and K1 male senior teams may be classified as First Rank Participants depending on the result of a **Control Race (against the clock)** to take place in the River Sella **on Wednesday 5th August 2009 at 9:30 a.m.** The time established for this control will be decided by the Sella Committee, depending on the river conditions.

Second Rank Participants include all the remaining craft not classified as First Rank Participants.

In the case of both, First and Second Rank Participants, each National Federation **MUST** send to the Organizing Committee a **LETTER CERTIFYING THE AFFILIATION OF EACH PARTICIPANT TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION** of the respective country.

Each National Federation must send us the Sport Curriculum (2007/08) of those competitors taking part as First Rank Participants, which should be used by our Press Office.

COURSE.- Along the Sella River, section between Arriondas and Ribadesella bridges (20 Km.). Place: Asturias (España).

The Cadets, Centenarians and "Mixed" categories as well as the RR types, have their Finishing Line at the Llovio railway bridge (15 Km.) where the river estuary begins and where the outdoor lunch and festivities are held. The participants in these categories can continue, if they wish, until the Finishing Line at Ribadesella, opting for a position in the General Classification, and as such, gaining points on a Club and Country basis.

The Senior, Junior and Veterans categories (Men and Women in K2, K1, C2 and C1)) have their Finishing Line at Ribadesella (20 kms.)

CLASSIFICATION.- The classification is Individual, by Club and by Country.

The classification by countries will be decided by adding the race time of the first two craft crossing the Finish Line at Ribadesella, whenever they are from an Official National Team. The winning national team will be the team with the lowest combined time of these first two craft.

All boats crossing the Finish Line within the Control Time will score points in the club team competition for that particular Category and Type of Craft (except for Centenarians and Veterans, as they do not score team points). Points will be awarded in inverse order to the finishing position of each craft relative to the number of boats in that Category and Type of Craft. (e.g. if there are 20 boats in the category, the first boat to finish will earn 20 points, and the last boat will earn 1 point.) The first three boats in each category will earn an additional 3, 2 and 1 point respectively.

Those categories for which the Finishing Line is at Llovio, should they decide to continue to the Finish in Ribadesella, will earn points based on their finishing position at Llovio

START.- The starting positions of craft will be allocated by categories, in accordance with the regulations of the race. All craft should be situated at their starting positions (decided by the draw) at 11:00 a.m. (one hour prior to the start). These positions will be checked by the Line Judges on the banks of the river.

After finishing the Official Ceremony, the Starting Judges will signal the start by changing the color of the traffic lights situated on the river bank from **RED** (until that moment) to **GREEN** (indicating the start).

All craft should be situated out of the water and each participant on the river bank in front of the structure positioned for this purpose. The start system should be closed at 11:45 a.m. and no competitor can be included at the start after this time.

IT IS COMPLETELY PROHIBITED TO TRAIN ON THE RIVER DURING THE HOUR PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL START.

FINISH.- The finishing line will be situated below the central point of the bridge at Ribadesella marked with the sign META (20 Kms.). Not withstanding, there will be an additional finishing line below the railway bridge at Llovio (15 Kms.), for the Cadets, Centenarians, Mixed categories and RR craft, mentioned previously. .

CONTROL TIME.- The time established for the CONTROL is 30 minutes, for the finishing line at Ribadesella as well as for the finishing line at Llovio. Obviously, the time will begin to count from the moment of arrival of the first craft belonging to those categories and craft to which this finishing line applies.

ENTRIES FEES.- It is as follows:

(The prices are in the Official Entry Form)

ENTRIES (MACHINE-TYPED) SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BANK TRANSFER IN FAVOUR OF "COMITE ORGANIZADOR DEL SELLA" TO THE FOLLOWING BANK PLACED IN ARRIONDAS-ASTURIAS (ESPAÑA):

BANK: Caja de Asturias.

IBAN: ES75 2048 0019 0534 0000 1024

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ADMITTED IF THESE ARE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE VOUCHER LEGALLY VALIDATED COPY OF THE BANK. All these original documents should be sent, by post, to:

COMITE ORGANIZADOR DEL DESCENSO INTERNACIONAL DEL SELLA

APARTADO 14

33540 ARRIONDAS-ASTURIAS (ESPAÑA)

Before the 25th July 2007

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ADMITED BY TELEPHONE, AND THOSE ARRIVING AFTER THE CLOSING DATE (MENTIONED ABOVE) WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISMISED.

BOTH THE FOREIGN CLUBS AND NATIONAL TEAMS MEMBERS MUST BE IN POSSESION OF AN AUTHORIZATION TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELLA, and THE K4 "Ría de Ribadesella". (SEND AN ORIGINAL LETTER FOR EACH RACE, not a fax). NATIONAL TEAMS: AS MUCH THE EXACT NUMBER OF BOATS AND THE ACCOMMODATION YOU NEED (NO MORE THAN 8 PERSONS) , MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE BY A LETTER SENT TO THIS ORGANIZATION NO LATER THAN JULY, 15TH IN ANY CASE; IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY LETTER ON THAT DATE WE SHALL UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DON NOT NEED NEITHER BOATS NOR ACCOMMODATION.

OPENING-AIR LUNCH.- As in previous years, a giant ten will be installed at Campos de Oba (Llovio), to house those participants who have paid the entry fee including food, enabling their assistance to the open-air lunch together with the racing authorities/officials.

TECHNICAL MEETING.- This will take place on the 6th August at 11.00 a.m. at the “Casa de Cultura de Arriondas” (Town Hall Square). No changes can be made to entries after this meeting.

THE DRAW.- The starting positions will be decided by computer draw in public, on Thursday 6th August at 4:30 p.m. in Ribadesella (Casa de Cultura de Ribadesella). Numbers should be collected on Friday 7th August in Arriondas.

OPENING CEREMONY.- This will take place on Friday 7th August, beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the evening in the Town Hall Square and finishing on the banks of the River Sella at the bridge. **IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL HELP.** Each National Team should be present at this Ceremony in order to participate in the parade, organized for this purpose. Both, team captains and participants, should wear national sport uniforms on.

PRIZES.- The Medals of the Principado de Asturias for the first three prize-winners classified in each of the K1 and K2 categories (Ladies /Men) and the C1 and C2 categories, will be awarded at the wining stand situated at the Ribadesella bridge following the finish. Those winners should present themselves immediately after the finish to collect their medals in the Ceremony which will be televised directly by Spanish TV.

Nº	CASH PRIZES	Nº	CASH PRIZES
	SMK2		SMK1
1º	3.000.-Euros.	1º	1.500.-Euros.
2º	1.200.-Euros.	2º	600.-Euros.
3º	1.000.-Euros.	3º	500.-Euros.
4º	750.-Euros.	4º	400.-Euros.
5º	500.-Euros.	5º	250.-Euros.
N	LSK2	Nº	LSK1
1º	500€	1º	250€
2º	300€	2º	150€
3º	200€	3º	100€
N	SMC2	Nº	SMC1
1º	500€	1º	250€
2º	300€	2º	150€
3º	200€	3º	100€

The other trophies for the best classified in the various categories and types, will be present at the Campos de Oba (Llovio) at 17:30 in the afternoon.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL.- For the first three craft classified in the senior K1 and K2 category, plus another one for those competitors classified between the forth and the tenth position for both categories.

REGULATIONS.- The International Descent of the River Sella has been declared by the I.C.F. to be an International Marathon event, regulated by the standards of this Circular and by the I.C.F. Marathon Racing Rules.

NUMBERS.- Numbers provided by the Organizer must be used by Competitors during the race and the medal presentation as a formal dress. Those competitors arriving at the finishing line or to the podium without the official number (or damaged) will not receive the cash prizes authorized for the winners of the Sella Marathon and the respective Club or National Teams will not receive the Subsidy for Official National Teams.

SUBSIDIES FOR OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAMS.- Being also compulsory to take part at the K4 INTERNATIONAL REGATTA "RIA DE RIBADESELLA" on the 9th August:

COUNTRY:	
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PENALTY COSTS.- For each number not returned after the race has finished, even if lost, 10,00 € will be deducted from the subsidy. This ruling also applies to those Clubs who have not been entitled to a subsidy. Each canoe lent by this Organizing committee which during these days is lost or suffers serious damage, the following costs will be applied:

TYPE OF CRAFT	PENALTY COSTS
K1	240€
K2	450€
C1	180€
C2	360€

PROVISIONAL RESULTS.- These will be handed into the Office of the Organizing Committee at Los Campos de Oba (Llovio).

CLAIMS.- Any claim relating to the race must be presented in writing and accompanied by 18,00 € to the Competition Committee, during the 20 minutes following the notification of the provisional results. The above mentioned Committee will be situated at the race Organization's Office at Los Campos de Oba (Llovio).

RESPONSABILITIES.- The Federacion Española de Piragüismo (The Spanish Canoe Federation) and the Sella Organizing Committee will not assume responsibilities or damages which occur during the competition. The person signed this Inscription Form, declares under his/her responsibility, that the participants appearing in the aforementioned Entry Form are of amateur status, as defined by the ICF, are capable of swimming 50 meters in sport wear, and are in possession of a current license for the practice of canoeing for the present year, accepting for themselves, and thereby exonerating the organizers of the race both "de facto" and legally, of those responsibilities that could arise as a result of their participation in the International Descent of the river Sella, these responsibilities being applied equally to participants, canoes and other equipment/cars and accessories before, during and after the race, and additionally the participants renounce formally to making any demand/reclamation against the Organizers, which by law or right they would otherwise be entitled to.

THE PRESIDENT
Emilio Llamedo Olivera

SELLA 2.009

SPORT CURRICULUM FOR THOSE TAKING PART AS FIRST RANK PARTICIPANTS

2.007/2.008

INTERNATIONAL SELLA DESCENT

2.009

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Each National Team should consist in just seven competitors. They will receive the financial help (proportionally if they are less than seven).

2. Free accommodation and financial help is available for Official National Teams and they must take part at the Sella Marathon and the K4 Ría de Ribadesella.

3. Used fibre glass canoes (if necessary) are available but only for no European Countries.

4. Free Accommodation.- It is available for National Teams, from 6th August till 9th August.

5. Individual Clubs from the different countries are allowed to participate by their own account.

6. AS MUCH THE EXACT NUMBER OF BOATS AND THE ACCOMMODATION YOU NEED, MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE BY A LETTER SENT TO THIS ORGANIZATION NO LATER THAN JULY, 15TH IN ANY CASE; IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY LETTER ON THAT DATE WE SHALL UNDERTAND THAT YOU DON NOT NEED NEITHER BOATS NOR ACCOMMODATION.

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