



**International Canoe Federation/
World Waveski Surfing Association**

Cooperation Agreement

This Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement") is the result of bi-lateral discussions between representatives of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) and the World Waveski Surfing Association (WWSA). Both the ICF and the WWSA enter into this Agreement with good will and mutual recognition and respect for each other.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Agreement is to agree on a mutually beneficial course of action for the ICF and the WWSA to work together on the worldwide promotion of their disciplines and paddling in general.

The Agreement shall set forth achievable goals in the short, medium and long term. It is signed by both parties for the good and benefit of athletes practicing Canoeing and Waveski Surfing worldwide.

The ICF and the WWSA are hereinafter also referred to collectively as the "**International Federations**" and each individually as the "Federation".

Agreement:

1. Exchange of Information: Both parties agree to a mutual exchange of information, such as membership lists, competition statistics, participation information, technical and constitutional documents, etc.
2. Mutual Support: Where events have potential overlaps or synergies (e.g. athletes, national federations, waterways or venues) both International Federations will work to promote and support the event together.
3. Competitions: Where competitions are held by one of the parties, that party will use reasonable endeavours to facilitate the participation of members of the other Federation. However, this shall not affect or prejudice the rules and regulations of the International Federation organising or hosting the relevant competition.

Both International Federations will work together on rules, technical issues, athlete entries and other related matters in preparation for competitions.

Competition rules and regulations will remain the domain of the International Federation regardless of the membership status of that Federation within another Federation (See Associated and Full Membership clause below).

In case of any conflict arising at national level (for example, issues in relation to the qualification of athletes for events organised or hosted by any of the International Federations) and requiring the assistance of any one or both of the International Federations, both International Federations will use their best efforts to resolve any such conflict. Should no suitable agreement be achieved it will remain at the national level organisations to resolve the relevant issues through open selection races or allowing both national teams to compete.

4. Congresses and Meetings: Each of the parties agrees to invite the other party to its Congresses or other relevant meetings and competitions.

5. Mutual Recognition: The ICF and WWSA will enter into an appropriate written agreement for co-operation setting forth, among others, provisions to further strengthen the mutual recognition of the International Federations. Associated membership status of the ICF will be given to WWSA, should WWSA members agree, which would allow WWSA to formalize its working relationships with ICF. In the longer term full membership could be obtained recognizing the independence of WWSA rules and regulations to manage its own discipline within the ICF.

6. Joint Working Committee:

a. It is agreed that a Joint Working Committee (JWC) will be formed to work on the technical details between the two International Federations.

b. The JWC will be formed for a period of two years (which can be extended) and will ideally be composed of three members per International Federation.

c. It was agreed that in the spirit of co-operation now established between the ICF and the WWSA, the JWC would work towards establishing the conditions for a permanent collaboration between the two International Federations.

7. Long Term Objectives: Common long term objectives of the two International Federations include but are not limited to:

- exploring Beach Games and Continental Games involvement;
- "associated membership" of each International Federation, including certain rights to be further specified;
- Full membership to ICF by WWSA with mutual benefits;
- ensure presence and assistance of certain board members (or their representatives) of one International Federation at certain board meetings of the other International Federation;
- Combined Ocean Championships (eg. Waveski, Ocean Kayaking, Va'a).

8. Conflicts Resolution: Both parties enter into this Agreement in good faith. Should any conflict or dispute arise from or in connection with this Agreement, the two Presidents of the International Federations shall use their best efforts to solve such conflict or dispute.

9. Termination: This Agreement is entered into for an indefinite period of time. It may be terminated by either party at any time by written notice to the other party. Upon such termination, no party shall have any further obligation under the Agreement and no penalty shall be payable or claim asserted as a result of such termination. However, the foregoing shall not prejudice any obligations, rights and claims arising from or in connection with any other agreement between the parties or from applicable statutory laws and regulations

Information of Members: In this spirit of co-operation the International Federations will make their respective members aware of this Cooperation Agreement and will recommend to them to adopt the principles set out herein.

Switzerland, 1 January 2010

Signed for ICF

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José Perurena Lopez
President

Australia,

Signed for WWSA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name 'JDillon' in a cursive style.

Jackie Dillon
President