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Tilsluttet Norges Idrettsforbund og International Canoe Federation (I.C.F)

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K1 5000m Men - ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2018

Eivind Vold from Norway was first disqualified from the K1 5000m race because he passed one of six turning buoys on the wrong side in the last turn. Team leader of Norway, Eirik Verås Larsen, spoke to Eivind right after the race and Eivind was certain that the buoy he hit in the last turn bounced on the left side of his kayak, and he passed it on the correct side. Team leader from Norway couldn't accept disqualification since the 5th buoy on the last turn had been passed correct and he asked Chief Judge to see video from the accident. No video was given but Chief Judge talked to one of the Turning Point Umpires and concluded that Eivind passed buoys in last turn correct.

After medal ceremony and later in the evening Eivind and team leader was given notice from other team members from Norway that it was the 6th and last buoy Eivind didn't pass correct. Looking at the official video from the race confirms this. Eivind never saw the 6th buoy and went straight from 5th buoy to the finish line. If Eivind or team leader from Norway had known that 6th buoy was passed incorrect, we would immediately have accepted disqualification.

Eivind Vold and team Norway believes in fair play and is hereby asking ICF to disqualify Eivind Vold from K1 5000m men at ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships 2018. We would also like to apologize to Javier Hernanz Agueria from Spain for not giving him the pleasure to stand on the podium and receiving the bronze medal in front of his Spanish crowd.

For a clean and fair sport:

Eivind Vold, Athlete Norwegian Canoe Federation
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