

L'ORGANISATION DES SPORTS EN EUROPE ET LES SITES OLYMPIQUES

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Abstract

This article studies the relations between slalom canoeing and urbanization process. Although the original activity was practised on rivers, this sport took place from torrents to artificial areas. Wild water slalom has been an Olympic discipline since 1972. The historic study of the Olympic Games shows that athletes prefer artificial sites to natural ones. Nowadays Wild water Stadiums are situated in big cities. Canoeing remains an outdoor sport, even if it develops in urban areas.

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