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**CANOE SLALOM NATIONAL TEAM
SELECTION CRITERIA
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1 Rules Governing the National Team Selection Criteria

1.1 Preamble

Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC) is committed to excellence and providing quality competition and training opportunities for National Team Athletes. The Canoe Slalom National Team Program includes the selection and preparation of athletes who will represent Canada at future International Canoe Federation (ICF) World Ranking Races, World Cups, Pan American Championships, World Championships and Olympic Games.

The results of the 2017 National Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility, in available classes where applicable, for the 2017 National Teams sanctioned events, and athlete funding and other benefits provided by Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), Sport Canada, and CKC. All types of the eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the 2017 National Team Trials through to the first set of the 2018 National Team Trials.

1.2 Decision Making Authority

The selection panel for all slalom national teams will consist of the HPC Chair, the National Team Head Coach and the High Performance Manager. The selection panel will nominate the Senior, U23 and Junior National Teams based on this selection criteria. The selection panel will confirm the final team composition for all major championships and Games, using the criteria published in this document. Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the designated Team Leader.

1.3 Interpretation

In the event of any dispute between the English and French versions of this document, the English version will prevail.

2 Eligibility Requirements

2.1 National Team Eligibility Requirements

All athletes nominated to any National Team must meet all the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Be members in good standing with Canoe Kayak Canada;
- b) Be Canadian citizens or domiciled in Canada;
- c) Sign and submit the Canoe Kayak Canada Athlete Agreement in accordance with the date outlined in the [Timelines Summary](#);
- d) Comply with all relevant ICF eligibility requirements for competitors for the appropriate National Team;
- e) Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules;
- f) Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30 - days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
- g) Continues to meet the training, logging, and testing expectations of the Head Coach and High Performance Manager.

3 Qualification Requirements for National Team Trials

There are no qualification requirements to enter the 2017 National Team Trials races.

4 Pre-selection for the Canoe Slalom National Team

There is no pre-selection under any circumstances to any of the 2017 National Teams.

5 National Team Selection Races

The selection of the 2017 National Teams will be determined using the following four selection races held at the **Kananaskis River** and will occur over a minimum two-day period. The HPC reserves the right to modify the dates and location of the National Team Trials in the event of any unforeseen circumstances.

- Day 1 - Race #1, Run # 1: National Team Trials: May 13th, 2017
- Day 1 - Race #2, Run # 2: National Team Trials: May 13th, 2017
- Day 2 - Race #3, Run # 1: National Team Trials: May 14th, 2017
- Day 2 - Race #4, Run # 2: National Team Trials: May 14th, 2017

6 Rules Governing the National Team Selection Events

- a) Athletes/Crews may compete and seek nomination in one or more Event(s) at any of the selection races. Athletes/Crews will be nominated to all Nationals Teams for all Event(s) in which qualify.
- b) All National Team selection races will be governed by current ICF racing rules.
- c) At least one ICF International Judge Canoe Slalom (IJCSL) must be involved in the design of the National Team selection race courses.
- d) If one or more of the National Team selection races is cancelled for any reason, the HPC may designate an additional race(s) to replace the cancelled race(s). Any replacement race will be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled team selection competition. A minimum of three races must be used to select the National Teams.
- e) If the HPC determines that no alternative race sites and dates are reasonably available to host a fourth race, the National Team selection process shall be modified to use the three completed selection races. The [National Teams Ranking System](#) will be followed with the only modification being that athletes will not be able to discard any runs from the National Team Ranking system. Athletes/Crews must still satisfy the appropriate National Team Performance Benchmark.

7 National Team Selection Process

7.1 National Teams Ranking System

- a) After completion of National Team Trials, all Athletes/Crews who meet the [Eligibility Requirements](#) for Senior, U23 and Junior National Teams will be ranked in using the National Team Trials Intraclass Points Ranking System outlined in Table 1. Non-eligible Athletes/Crews will not be ranked.

Table 1: National Team Trials Intraclass Points Ranking System

Place	Points
1st	0
2nd	2
3rd	3
4th	4
5th	5
6th	6
7th	7
8th	8
9th	9
10th	10 etc.

- b) Table 1 will be used to award points to each Athlete/Crew based on the ranking of each Athlete/Crew in their respective Event(s) in National Team Trials races #1, #2, #3 and #4. (The lower score is the better score)
- c) The points from the three best Intraclass ranking results of each Athlete/Crew in National Team Trials race #1, #2, #3 and #4 will be added together to calculate the respective Final Intraclass Ranking Score and Intraclass Ranking as illustrated in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Example of the Final Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking System used to rank Athlete/Crews within each event based on their three best results in National Teams selection races #1, #2, #3, and #4.

Event Intraclass Ranking	Athlete Name	Race #1 Pts	Race #2 Pts	Race #3 Pts	Race #4 Pts	Final Intraclass Ranking Score (Lowest points from three best races)
1	Athlete A	0	2	0	0	0
2	Athlete B	0	0	2	2	2
3	Athlete C	3	3	3	999	9
4	Athlete D	4	4	4	3	11

- d) Where an Athlete/Crew starts a race but does not finish their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not finish (DNF)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.
- e) Where an Athlete/Crew is entered in a race but does not start their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not start (DNS)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.
- f) Where an Athlete/Crew is disqualified by the Chief Judge, the run will be recorded as a “Disqualified Run (DSQ-R)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.

7.2 Tie-Breaker

- a) Where two or more Athletes/Crews tie in any National Team Selection Race each tied Athlete / Crews will be awarded the same placement and the same points. The next

athlete will be awarded points based on their relative position of finish as illustrated in the example below.

Place	Points
1st	0
1st	0
3rd	3
4th	4
4th	4
6th	6

- b) Where two or more Athletes/Crews have the same Final Intraclass Ranking score the Athlete/Crew who has the single lowest Intraclass points score in any one of the National Team Trials races #1, #2, #3 and #4 shall be ranked higher. If a tie remains, the Athlete/Crew who has the lowest Tie-Breaking percentage score behind the appropriate Base Score shall be ranked higher.
- c) The Tie-Breaking percentage score will be calculated by counting the Athletes’/Crews’ three lowest percentage scores from National Team Trials races #1, #2, #3 and #4.

8 Performance Benchmark

- a) The Performance Benchmarks in the table below were derived from an analysis of ICF World Cups and World Championships in the past quadrennial and reflects CKC’s objective of being a top performer at all levels, in all disciplines. The objective of the Performance Benchmarks is to demonstrate a minimum expectation of Canoe Kayak Canada National Team Athletes/Crews placing in the Semifinal at ICF sanctioned events.

Event	Senior National Team Performance Benchmark	U23 National Team Performance Benchmark	Junior National Team Performance Benchmark
K1 Men	≤107.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤110.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤115.0 % of Junior Base Score
K1 Women	≤123.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤126.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤131.0 % of Junior Base Score
C1 Men	≤116.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤119.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤124.0 % of Junior Base Score
C1 Women	≤149.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤147.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤152.0 % of Junior Base Score
C2 Men	≤123.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤126.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤131.0 % of Junior Base Score
C2 Mixed	≤149.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤147.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤152.0 % of Junior Base Score

- b) After each Team Trials race the Base Scores will be determined from which each Athlete’s/Crew’s Percentage Scores will be calculated for each Event.

- c) The Base Scores for each National Team selection race will be determined by the lowest total score recorded by any eligible Canadian competitor.
- d) The Senior Base Score will be used to determine the Senior Athletes’/Crews’ Percentage Scores.
- e) The U23 Base Score will be used to determine the U23 Athletes’/Crews’ Percentage Scores.
- f) The Junior Base Score will be used to determine the Junior Athletes’/Crews’ Percentage Scores.
- g) The Athletes’/Crews’ Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Athlete Score}}{\text{Base Score}}\right) \times 100\% = \text{Athlete/Crew Percentage Score}$$

- h) To satisfy the Performance Benchmark the Athlete/Crew’s Percentage Score must be less than or equal to the appropriate Performance Benchmark.
- i) The Athlete/Percentage score will be truncated to one decimal place. Example of Athlete / Crew Percentage Score truncated to one decimal below.

$$\left(\frac{116.01}{99.99}\right) \times 100\% = 116.0$$

- j) Nomination to the National Team is dependent on the Athlete/Crew meeting the appropriate National Team Performance Benchmark in at least **one** of the **four** Senior National Team selection races or at the 2017 Senior National Championships held on August 6th, 2017 at the Pumphouse in Ottawa.
- k) Athletes/Crews who meet the National Team Performance Benchmark in one event may fill an unused ICF Quota position in a secondary event. To be eligible for this special consideration, the Athlete/Crew must have results (in the event for which they wish to compete in a secondary event) at three of the four National Team selection races. All Athletes/Crews participation in a secondary event must be approved by the HPC.

9 Quota Spots

The table below outlines the number of Quota Spots or entries Canoe Kayak Canada has qualified for the 2017 competitive season (Quota Spots are subject to confirmation from the ICF, PASO, COPAC and COC). The maximum number of nominations to the National Teams will be determined by the ICF Quotas Spots that are allocated.

Event	ICF World Ranking Quota Spots	ICF World Cup and ICF Quota Spots	Pan-Am Championships Quota Spots
K1M	6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
K1W	6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
C1M	6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
C1W	6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes

C2M	6 Crews	2 Crews	3 Crews
C2MX	6 Crews	2 Crews	3 Crews

10 National Team Competitive Schedule

The following table will be used to assign the Quota Spots to the appropriate National Team athletes.

Event	Location	National Team	Quota
Bratislava Open	Bratislava, SVK	U23 National Team	3 entries
		Junior National Team	3 entries
ICF Ranking Races	All events excluding Bratislava Open	Senior National Team	3 entries
Continental Championships	All Continental Championships	Senior National Team	3 entries
World Cup # 1	Prague, CZE	Senior National Team	3 entries
World Cup # 2	Augsburg, GER	Senior National Team	3 entries
World Cup # 3	Markkleeberg, GER	Senior National Team	1 entry
		U23 National Team	2 entries
World Cup # 4	Ivrea, ITA	Senior National Team	3 entries
World Cup # 5	Seu d'Urgell, ESP	Senior National Team	3 entries
Junior World Championships	Bratislava, SVK	Junior National Team	3 entries
U23 World Championships	Bratislava, SVK	U23 National Team	3 entries
Senior World Championships	Pau, FRA	Senior National Team	3 entries

11 Selection of the Senior National Team

11.1 Senior National Team Selection Process

- a) Nomination to the Senior National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2017 National Team Trials.
- b) The top-ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will receive the first Quota spot in their respective Event. The second ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will be awarded the second Quota spot in their respective Event, and so on until all Quota spots in each Event are exhausted.
- c) Athletes/Crews must have results in three of four Senior National Team Trials races.

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- d) Nomination to the Senior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- e) Nomination to the Senior National Team is depending on the Athlete/Crew meeting the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#). If any Athlete/Crew fails to prove their eligibility for nomination to the Senior National Team, that Athlete/Crew will be considered ineligible and will be replaced by the next eligible Athlete/Crew.
- f) Replacements will be made using the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

12 Selection of the U23 National Team

12.1 U23 National Team Selection Process

- a) Nomination to the U23 National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2017 National Team Trials.
- b) The top-ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will receive the first Quota spot in their respective Event. The second ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will be awarded the second Quota spot in their respective Event, and so on until all Quota spots in each Event are exhausted.
- c) Athletes/Crews must have results in three of four U23 National Team Trials races.
- d) Nomination to the U23 National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- e) Nomination to the U23 National Team is depending on the Athlete/Crew meeting the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#). If any Athlete/Crew fails to prove their eligibility for nomination to the U23 National Team, that Athlete/Crew will be considered ineligible and will be replaced by the next eligible Athlete/Crew.
- f) Replacements will be made using the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

13 Selection of the Junior National Team

13.1 Junior National Team Selection Process

- a) Nomination to the Junior National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2017 National Team Trials.
- b) The top-ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will receive the first Quota spot in their respective Event. The second ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event will be awarded the second Quota spot in their respective Event, and so on until all Quota spots in each Event are exhausted.
- c) Athletes/Crews must have results in three of four Junior National Team Trials races.
- d) Nomination to the Junior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- e) Nomination to the Junior National Team is depending on the Athlete/Crew meeting the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#). If any Athlete/Crew fails to prove their eligibility for nomination to the Junior National Team, that Athlete/Crew will be considered ineligible and will be replaced by the next eligible Athlete/Crew.

- f) Replacements will be made using the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

14 Replacement Procedures for National Teams

- a) It is mandatory for all National Team Athletes/Crews to commit within 3 days of the posting of the National Teams selection ranking, as to their participation at the scheduled competitive races associated with the team for which they qualified. Replacement Athletes/Crews will be given 3 days from the time of notification to commit to their participation at the scheduled competitive races associated with the team for which they qualified. If any Athlete/Crew fails to commit within this time frame, the following replacement procedures will be used to fill vacancies.
- b) If either member of a C2 Crew resigns or is unable to compete on any of the National Teams or at any of the National Team competitions, the entire crew must be replaced.
- c) All replacement Athletes/Crews must satisfy the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- d) Any vacancies on the Senior National Team will be filled by the highest ranked Athlete/Crew in their respective Event based on the Final Senior Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking who has met the Senior National Team Performance Benchmark. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.
- e) Any remaining unfilled quota positions at World Cups and/or Senior World Championships will be filled by the highest ranked U23 eligible Athlete/Crew in their respective Event based on the Final Senior Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking who has met the U23 National Team Performance Benchmark. Any additional unfilled quota positions will be filled using the same system.
- f) Any vacancies on the U23 National Team will be filled by the highest ranked Athlete/Crew in their respective Event based on the Final U23 Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking who has met the appropriate Performance Benchmark. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.
- g) Any vacancies on the Junior National Team will be filled by the highest ranked Athlete/Crew in their respective Event based on the Final Junior Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking who has met the appropriate Performance Benchmark. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.

15 Injury Clause

An Athlete who is unable to participate in the selection procedure due to illness or injury may nevertheless be considered for selection if an unfilled quota remains vacant following the selection procedure. All Athletes intending to apply for an injury or illness clause exemption must notify Canoe Kayak Canada in writing, with appropriate documentation in advance of the element of selection in which the Athlete is unable to participate. The HPC must approve all exemptions from the selection procedure. Where the exemption is related to illness or injury, the HPM may consult with CKC's Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to start a process whereby the nature and severity of the illness can be evaluated.

16 Appeals

Decisions on nominations to any of the National Teams may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the [CKC-W Appeals Policy](#).

17 Unforeseen Circumstances

In very exceptional situations where unforeseen circumstances, as determined by the HPC do not allow for any of the National Teams selection policies to be fairly and objectively applied, the HPC reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course. The HPC reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure the selection of the best athletes possible. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all affected parties.

18 Staff Selection

The HPC is committed to podium results at all international competitions. The High Performance Manager and the National Team Head coach, will select the support staff based on the principle of sending a team of support personnel that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving their potential at major events.

19 Removal from National Team

In the event an Athlete/Crew who qualifies for any of the National Teams fails to meet the performance standards, and/or training requirements, and/or safety standards, the National Team Head Coach and the High Performance Manager, with approval from the HPC, may remove such athletes from the National Team and replace the Athlete/Crew based on the [Replacement Procedures](#) described in this document.

20 National Team Athlete Funding

The funding available to support expenses for the National Team Programs will be released in the spring of 2017. Athletes/Crews may receive a subsidy to offset travel and accommodation expenses at National Team sanctioned events based on team status and performances in 2017. Athletes must stay in the team-arranged accommodation to access team support services.

21 Timelines Summary

Date	Requirement
May 13, 2017	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom Team Trials Race 1 & 2
May 14, 2017	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom Team Trials Race 3 & 4
May 15, 2017	Canoe Kayak Canada to publish Canoe Slalom National Teams
May 18, 2017	Deadline to sign and submit the CKC Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct
May 18, 2017	Date athlete must accept their selection to the National Team