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**CANOE SLALOM RIO OLYMPIC & SENIOR NATIONAL  
TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (2016)**

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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 2016 Senior National Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility, in available classes where applicable, for the 2016 Senior National Teams sanctioned events, and athlete funding and other benefits provided by Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), Sport Canada, and CKC. All types of the aforementioned eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the 2016 National Team Trials through to the first set of the 2016 National Team Trials.

## **1.2 Decision Making Authority**

The Canoe Kayak Canada - Whitewater (CKC-W) High Performance Committee (HPC), will on the basis of the selection criteria contained herein nominate the 2016 National Teams. The High Performance Committee 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 Rio 2016 and National Team Eligibility Requirements**

- a) Athletes/Crews must be Canadian citizens or domiciled in Canada and members in good standing with Canoe Kayak Canada.
- b) Athletes/Crews must sign and submit the CKC-W Athlete Agreement to the High Performance Manager no later than June 1st, 2016.
- c) Athletes/Crews nominated to Senior National Team must be in compliance with all relevant ICF requirements for eligibility.
- d) Athletes/Crews nominated to Rio 2016 Team must be in compliance with all relevant ICF, IOC, and COC requirements for eligibility.

# **3 Qualification Requirements for National Team Trials**

There are no qualification requirements to enter the 2016 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 2016 National Teams.

## 5 National Team Selection Races

The selection of the 2016 Senior National Teams will be determined using the following four selection races held at the Rutherford Whitewater Facility and will occur over a minimum two-day period. The HPC reserves the right to modify the dates and location of the Senior National Team Trials in the event of any unforeseen circumstances.

- Day 1 - Race #1, Run # 1: 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 21st, 2016
- Day 1 - Race #2, Run # 2: 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 21st, 2016
- Day 2 - Race #3, 2016 # 1: Senior National Team Trials: May 22nd, 2016
- Day 2 - Race #4, 2016 # 2: Senior National Team Trials: May 22nd, 2016

## 6 RIO 2016 Olympic Selection Races

The selection of the RIO 2016 Team will be determined using the final results from following eight selection races. The HPC reserves the right to modify the dates and location of the RIO 2016 selection races in the event of any unforeseen circumstances.

- 2015 COPAC Pan-Am Championships - Minden Hills, (July 17-19, 2015)
- 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships - Lee Valley, GBR (September 16-20, 2015)
- Race #1 - 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 21st, 2016
- Race #2 - 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 21st, 2016
- Race #3 - 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 22nd, 2016
- Race #4 - 2016 Senior National Team Trials: May 22nd, 2016
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2 - Seu d'Urgell, SPA (June 10-12, 2016)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #3 - Pau, FRA (June 16-19, 2016)

## 7 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 National Team and Olympic selection races. Athletes/Crews will be nominated to all Nationals Teams for all Event(s) in which qualify.
- b) All National Team Trials 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 Trials race courses.
- d) In the event that one or more of the Senior National Team Trials 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) In the event that 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 ranking system described in Section 6.1 will be followed with the only modification being that athletes will not be able to discard any runs from the National Team Trials Ranking system. Athletes/Crews must still satisfy the appropriate National Team Performance Benchmark.

- f) In the event that one or more of the RIO 2016 selection races is cancelled for any reason, the HPC may designate an additional race(s) to replace the cancelled race(s). A minimum of 4 races must be used to select the RIO 2016 Team.

## 8 2016 National Team Selection Process

### 8.1 2016 National Teams Ranking System

- a) After completion of Senior National Team Trials, all Athletes/Crews who meet the National Team Eligibility Requirements (Section 2) will be ranked in each Event 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior 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.

## 8.2 Tie-Breaker

- a) Where two or more Athletes/Crews tie in any Senior National Team Trials 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.

## 9 Rio 2016 Selection Process

### 9.1 2016 Rio 2016 Ranking System

- a) Canoe Kayak Canada will have the opportunity to qualify RIO 2016 Athlete Quota Positions at the following ICF Qualification competitions.
  1. ICF Continental Qualification Competition  
**2015 COPAC Pan-Am Championships - Minden Hills, (July 17-19, 2015)**
  2. ICF Global Qualification Competition  
**2015 ICF Canoe slalom World Championships - Lee Valley, GBR (September 16-20, 2015)**
- b) An NOC may qualify a maximum of 2 Athlete Quota positions across the 4 classes at the ICF Continental Qualification Event.
- c) In the event that Canoe Kayak Canada qualifies more than two Athlete Quota positions at the 2015 Pan-Am Championships for RIO 2016, Athlete Quota Positions will be ranked and

selected according to the following prioritization system based on the results at the 2015 ICF World Cup and Senior World Championships.

1. Athlete Quota positions in single kayak and single canoe will be prioritized ahead of Athlete Quota positions in double canoe to maximize Canada’s representation and medal chances in multiple events at RIO 2016 Olympic Games.
  2. Number of times any Canadian Athlete/Crew in each class qualifies for the Final (Top-10) at an ICF World Cup competition or Senior World Championships during the 2015 National Team Competition Schedule.
  3. In the event of a tie, Athlete Quota positions will be selected based on the class that achieved the single best placement in the Final at an ICF World Cup competition or Senior World Championships.
  4. In the event of a tie, or no Canadian Athlete/Crews have advanced to the Final, the HPM will calculate the sum of the three best Canadian placements relative to the field size at the ICF World Cups and Senior World Championships during the 2015 National Team Competition Schedule. The placement relative to the field will be rounded to the nearest 100th decimal.
  5. In the event of a tie, Athlete Quota positions will be selected based on the class that achieved the single best placement at an ICF World Cup competition or Senior World Championships during the 2015 National Team Competition Schedule.
  6. All classes must have a minimum of 3 results in their respective class in order to remain eligible in this ranking system.
  7. All results will be selected from the Official Result List - Final published at the completion of each competition. Results from Heats and Semifinals will not be considered in this prioritization system.
- d) Note that Athlete Quota positions qualified at the ICF Global Qualification event are not subject to this prioritization system. All Athlete Quota positions qualified at the Global Qualification event will be retained.
- e) The following two tables provides an imaginary example of best Canadian results across the 2015 Competitive Season and how shows how this ranking system will work.

	WC # 1		WC # 2		WC # 3		WC # 4		WC # 5		WCH	
	Best CAD	Field Size	Best CAD	Field Size	Best CAD	Field Size	Best CAD	Field Size	Best CAD	Field Size	Best CAD	Field Size
<b>K1M</b>	33	72	20	65	16	71	32	69	29	77	40	98
<b>K1W</b>	16	60	31	61	24	55	42	68	13	55	24	70
<b>C1M</b>	11	65	35	57	18	53	27	62	20	63	23	69
<b>C2M</b>	DNS		DNS		DNS		DNS		DNS		41	46

- f) The following is an example of how this prioritization system will work. (In this example, the C1M and K1W Athlete Quota would be selected.)

% Field	% Field	% Field	% Field	% Field	% Field	% Field	Best 3 % Field	Quota RK
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<b>K1M</b>	45.83%	30.77%	22.54%	46.38%	37.66%	40.82%	90.97%	3
<b>K1W</b>	26.67%	50.82%	43.64%	61.76%	23.64%	34.29%	84.59%	2
<b>C1M</b>	16.92%	61.40%	33.96%	43.55%	31.75%	33.33%	82.00%	1
<b>C2M</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	89.13%	NA	No Rank

- g) After completion of the Rio 2016 selection process, all Athletes/Crews who meet the Rio 2016 Team Eligibility Requirements will be ranked in each Event using the Rio 2016 Ranking System outlined in Tables 3, 4 and 5.

Table 3: Rio 2016 Ranking System based on qualifying an Olympic Quota Position at 2015 COPAC Pan-Am Championships.

<b>COPAC Pan-Am Championships (Minden Hills, July 18-19, 2015)</b>	<b>Rio 2016 Ranking Points</b>
<b>(Points will be awarded after the ICF Global Qualification Process is finalized)</b>	
Place 1st at COPAC Pan-Am Championships and/or qualify the RIO 2016 continental Olympic quota at the 2016 Pan-Am Championships.	31

Table 4: Rio 2016 Ranking System based on 2016 Senior Team Trials results.

<b>Team Trials race # 1, 2, 3, 4 Official Result</b>	<b>Rio 2016 Ranking Points</b>
<b>(Non-eligible Athletes/Crews will not be ranked)</b>	
1st	30
2nd	27
3rd	25
4th	23
5th	21
6th	0

Table 5: Rio 2016 Ranking System based on 2015 ICF World Championships or 2016 ICF World Cups # 2 and # 3.

<b>Based on Official International placement at 2015 World Championships, 2016 World Cup #2 and #3</b>			
<b>Rio 2016 Ranking Points</b>	<b>K1M</b>	<b>K1W and C1M</b>	<b>C2M</b>
<b>40</b>	1st - 5th	1st - 5th	1st - 5th
<b>36</b>	6th - 10th	6th - 10th	6th - 10th
<b>33</b>	11th - 20th	11th - 20th	11th - 20th
<b>31</b>	21st - 40th	21st - 30th	N/A

- h) Tables 3, 4 and 5 will be used to award points to each Athlete/Crew based on their official result in their respective Event(s) at each RIO 2016 selection race.

- i) Each Athlete/Crew's four highest points from Rio 2016 selection races will be added together to calculate their respective RIO 2016 Ranking Score as illustrated in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Example of the RIO 2016 Ranking Score used to rank K1M Athlete/Crews based on their four best results in the RIO 2016 selection races.

RIO 2016 Ranking	Athlete Name	2015 PACH	2015 WCH	TT #1	TT #2	TT #3	TT #4	WC #2	WC #3	RIO 2016 PTS
1	Athlete A	1	36	1	2	2	3	20	31	
PTS		31	31	30	27	27	25	33	31	126
2	Athlete B	6	46	2	3	1	1	52	16	
PTS		0	0	27	25	30	30	0	33	120
3	Athlete C	3	28	3	1	3	2	36	41	
PTS		0	31	25	30	25	27	31	0	119
4	Athlete D	DNS	DNS	4	4	5	5	DNS	DNS	
PTS		0	0	23	23	21	21	0	0	88
4	Athlete E	DNS	DNS	5	5	4	4	DNS	DNS	
PTS		0	0	21	21	23	23	0	0	88

- j) 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 0 points for that selection race.
- k) 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 0 points for that selection race.
- l) Where an Athlete/Crew is not entered in a race, the run will be recorded as a “did not start (DNS)” and will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- m) 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 0 points for that selection race.

## 9.2 Tie-Breaker

- a) Where two or more Athletes/Crews tie in any Senior National Team Trials 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 following example.

Place	Points
1st	30
1st	30
3rd	25
4th	23
4th	23
6th	0

- b) Where two or more Athletes/Crews tie in any RIO2016 international selection races, each tied Athlete/Crew will be awarded the same placement and the same points.
- c) Where two or more Athletes/Crews achieve the same Final RIO 2016 Ranking Score, the Athlete / Crew with the best result at the 2016 ICF World Cup # 3 be ranked higher and awarded the Olympic Quota.

- d) In the event that a tie remains, the Athlete/Crew with the best result at the 2016 ICF World Cup # 2 be ranked higher and awarded the Olympic Quota.

## 10 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. 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
K1M	≤107.0 % of Senior Base Score
K1W	≤123.0 % of Senior Base Score
C1M	≤116.0 % of Senior Base Score
C1W	≤149.0 % of Senior Base Score
C2M	≤123.0 % of Senior Base Score

- b) At the conclusion of 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 Team Trials race will be determined by the lowest total score recorded by any eligible Canadian Team Trials competitor.
- d) The Senior Base Score will be used to determine the Athletes'/Crews' Percentage Scores.
- e) The Athletes'/Crews' Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

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

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

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

- h) Nomination to the Senior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the National Team Performance Benchmark in at least **one** of the **four** Senior National Team Trials races.
- i) Athletes/Crews who meet the National Team Performance Benchmark in one event may fill an unused ICF Quota position in a secondary event. In order to be eligible for this special consideration, the Athlete/Crew must have final results (in the event for which they wish to compete in a secondary event) at three of the four Senior National Team Trials races. All Athletes/Crews participation in a secondary event must be approved by the HPC.

## 11 Quota Spots

The table below outlines the number of Quota Spots or entries Canoe Kayak Canada has qualified for the 2016 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	RIO2016 Quota Spots	Pan-Am Championships Quota Spots
K1M	6 Athletes	3	1	3 Athletes
K1W	6 Athletes	3	0	3 Athletes
C1M	6 Athletes	3	1	3 Athletes
C1W	6 Athletes	3	N/A	3 Athletes
C2M	6 Crews	2	0	3 Crews

## 12 Selection of the 2016 Senior National Team

### 12.1 Senior National Team 2016 Competitive Schedule

- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #1 - Ivrea, ITA (June 3-5, 2016)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2 - Seu d'Urgell, SPA (June 10-12 2016)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #3 - Pau, FRA (June 16-19, 2016)

### 12.2 Senior National Team Selection Process

- Nomination to the Senior National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2016 Senior National Team Trials.
- 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.
- Athletes/Crews must have final results in three of four Senior National Team Trials races.
- Nomination to the Senior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- Nomination to the 2016 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.
- Replacements will be made using the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

## 13 Selection of RIO 2016 Olympic Team

### 13.1 Rio 2016 Team Competition Schedule

- Olympic Games - Rio, BRA (August 7-11, 2016)

- Olympic Training Camps as identified by National Team Head Coach and High Performance Manager

### **13.2 RIO 2016 Team Selection Process**

- Nomination to the RIO 2016 Team will be determined by using the RIO 2016 Final Ranking Score after the completion of the RIO 2016 Team Selection Schedule.
- The top-ranked Athlete/Crew in each Event based on the RIO 2016 Final Ranking Score will receive the Olympic Quota spot in their respective Event.
- Nomination to the RIO 2016 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.
- Replacements will be made using [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

## **14 Replacement Procedures for National Teams**

- 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.
- If either member of a C2M 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.
- All replacement Athletes/Crews must satisfy the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- Any vacancies on the RIO 2016 Team will be filled by the Athlete/Crew with the next highest RIO 2016 Ranking Score. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.
- 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.

## **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 2016 Senior National Teams and Olympic 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. RIO 2016 coaches must be members in good standing with Coaches of Canada.

## 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 2016. Athletes/Crews may receive a subsidy to offset travel and accommodation expenses at National Team sanctioned events based on team status and performances in 2016. Athletes must stay in the team-arranged accommodation in order to access team support services.

## 21 Timelines Summary

Date	Requirement
May 21, 2016	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom Team Trials Race 1 & 2 (Rutherford)
May 22, 2016	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom Team Trials Race 3 & 4 (Rutherford)
May 23, 2016	Canoe Kayak Canada to publish 2016 Canoe Slalom National Teams
June 1, 2016	Deadline to sign and submit the CKC Athlete Agreement, Code Of Conduct
June 1, 2016	Date athlete must accept their selection to the National Team

## 22 National Championships

### 22.1 National Championships Schedule of Events

**Day 1:** Age-Group National Championships (Cadet, Junior, U23 and Masters)

**Day 2:** Senior National Championships (Open to all competitors)

Day 1 and Day 2 are consecutive calendar days. All athletes can compete during both days of competition. Only under exceptional circumstances will this not be the case. Any request from race officials for such changes from consecutive days will need to be submitted in writing to the Chair of Canoe Kayak Canada and to the High Performance Manager to be reviewed by the CKC-W Council. Athletes/Crews will earn a Senior Interclass Rankings on Day 2 that will impact their Senior National Interclass Ranking.

### 22.2 Day 1: Age-Group National Championships Format

All athletes, regardless of Event or age-category, are permitted to race in Day 1 of the National Championships. All competitors must compete in the appropriate age-category.

- a) The Age-Group National Championships will be run according to the ICF Heats format allowing each athlete to race two runs on the same race course.
- b) The final standings of the Age-Group National Championships will be determined based on the best (lowest score) of the two runs for each athlete.
- c) Senior athletes will be permitted to race on Day 1 but their results and standings will not appear in the official Age-Group National Championships results.
- d) Eligibility to compete in Senior National Championships
- e) All athletes, regardless of Event or age-category, are permitted to race in Day 2 of the National Championships.

### 22.3 Day 2: Senior National Championships Format

All athletes, regardless of Event or age-category, are permitted to race in Day 2 of the National Championships. All competitors must compete in the Open age-category.

- a) The Senior National Championships will be run according to the ICF Semi-Final and Final Format.
- b) The Senior National Championships will be run as an Open race. All athletes, regardless of Event or age-category will be permitted to race in the Senior National Championships.
- c) The first race will be deemed a Semi-final, and will consist of one run.
- d) The second race will be deemed the Final (either A, or B), and will also consist of one run.
- e) The A Final will consist of 10 boats for each event.
- f) All other competitors who do not qualify for the A final will race the B Final.
- g) The Semi-final and Final will count as two separate races, raced on the same course for the purposed of Senior National Interclass Ranking.
- h) The final standings of the Senior National Championships will be determined based on the results of the A final followed by the results of the B final.