

Canoe Slalom U23 and Junior 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 Next Gen Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility, in available classes where applicable, for the 2016 U23 and Junior 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 2017 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

- a) Athletes/Crews must be Canadian citizens or domiciled in Canada and members in good standing with Canoe Kayak Canada.
- b) U23 Athletes/Crews must be born in or between the years of 1993 and 2001 to be eligible for nomination to the U23 National Team.
- c) Junior Athletes/Crews must be born in or between the years of 1998 and 2001 to be eligible for nomination to the Junior National Team.
- d) Be in compliance with all relevant ICF requirements for eligibility.

3 Qualification Requirements for National Team Trials

There are no qualification requirements to enter the 2016 U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior National Team Selection Races

The selection of the 2016 U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior National Team Trials in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. The selection races will be referred to as the Next Gen Team Trials

- Day 1 - Race #1, Run # 1: Next Gen Team Trials: May 28th, 2016
- Day 1 - Race #2, Run # 2: Next Gen Team Trials: May 28th, 2016
- Day 2 - Race #3, 2016 # 1: Next Gen Team Trials: May 29th, 2016
- Day 2 - Race #4, 2016 # 2: Next Gen Team Trials: May 29th, 2016

6 Rules Governing the U23 and Junior 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.
- 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 U23 and Junior 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 [Selection Process](#) 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.

7 Selection Process

7.1 Ranking System

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

Table 1: 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 the U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior Ranking System used to rank Athlete/Crews within each event based on their three best results at U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior 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	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 U23 and Junior 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 U23 and Junior 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 sanctioned events in the last 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	Junior Performance Benchmark	U23 Performance Benchmark
K1M	≤115.0 % of Junior Base Score	≤110.0 % of U23 Base Score
K1W	≤131.0 % of Junior Base Score	≤126.0 % of U23 Base Score
C1M	≤124.0 % of Junior Base Score	≤119.0 % of U23 Base Score
C1W	≤152.0 % of Junior Base Score	≤147.0 % of U23 Base Score

C2M	≤131.0 % of Junior Base Score	≤126.0 % of U23 Base Score
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- 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 within the U23 and Junior age category.
- d) The U23 Base Score will be used to determine U23 Athletes'/Crews' Percentage Scores.
- e) The Junior Base Score will be used to determine Junior Athletes'/Crews' Percentage Scores.
- f) The Athletes'/Crews' Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

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

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

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

- i) Nomination to the U23 National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the U23 Team Performance Benchmark in at least **one** of the **four** U23 National Team Trials races.
- j) Nomination to the Junior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the U23 Team Performance Benchmark in at least **one** of the **four** Junior National Team Trials races.
- k) Athletes/Crews who meet the 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 U23 and Junior Team Trials 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 2016 competitive season (Quota Spots are subject to confirmation from the ICF, PASO, COPAC and COC). The maximum number of nominations to the U23 and Junior 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	World Championships (U23 and Junior)
K1M	6 Athletes	3	3 Athletes
K1W	6 Athletes	3	3 Athletes
C1M	6 Athletes	3	3 Athletes
C1W	6 Athletes	3	3 Athletes
C2M	6 Crews	2	3 Crews

10 Selection of the U23 National Team

10.1 U23 National Team Competitive Schedule

- ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships - Krakow, POL (July 13-17, 2016)

10.2 U23 National Team Selection Process

- Nomination to the U23 National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2016 U23 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 U23 National Team Trials races.
- Nomination to the U23 National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the U23 [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- Nomination to the 2016 U23 National Team is depending on the Athlete/Crew meeting the U23 [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 according to the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

11 Selection of the Junior 2016 National Team

11.1 Junior National Team Competition Schedule

- ICF Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships - Krakow, POL (July 13-17, 2016)

11.2 Junior National Team Selection Process

- a) Nomination to the Junior National Team will be determined by using the Final Intraclass Ranking after the 2016 Junior 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 final results in three of four U23 National Team Trials races.
- d) Nomination to the Junior National Team is dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the Junior Performance Benchmark described in this document.
- e) Nomination to the 2016 Junior National Team is depending on the Athlete/Crew meeting the Junior 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 according to the Replacement Procedures for National Teams outlined in this document.

12 Selection of athletes to attend World Cup 4 and 5

12.1 World Cup 4 and 5 Competitive Schedule

- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 - Prague, CZE (September 3-5, 2016)
- ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 - Tacen, SLO (September 10-12, 2016)

12.2 World Cup 4 and 5 Selection Process

- a) Nominations for athletes to attend World Cup 4 and 5 will be determined by using the Final Overall Intraclass Ranking after the 2016 Next Gen Team Trials. All U23 and Junior eligible athletes will be ranked in the Final Overall Intraclass ranking.
- 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 final results in three of four U23 National Team Trials races.
- d) Nomination for World Cups 4 and 5 will be dependent on Athletes/Crews meeting the appropriate U23 [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- e) Nomination for World Cups 4 and 5 will be dependent on the Athlete/Crew meeting the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#). If any Athlete/Crew fails to prove their eligibility for nomination for World Cups 4 and 5, that Athlete/Crew will be considered ineligible and will be replaced by the next eligible Athlete/Crew according to the [Replacement Procedures for National Teams](#) outlined in this document.

13 Replacement Procedures for National Teams

- a) It is mandatory for all U23 and Junior 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 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.
- c) All replacement Athletes/Crews must satisfy the appropriate [Performance Benchmark](#) described in this document.
- e) Any vacancies on the U23 National Team will be filled by the highest ranked U23 National Team Athlete/Crew in the respective Event based on the Final U23 Intraclass Ranking provided they have met the appropriate Performance Benchmark. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.
- f) Any vacancies at World Cup # 4 and # 5 will be filled with the highest ranked Senior National Team Athlete/Crew in the respective Event based on the Final Senior National Team Intraclass Ranking (Rutherford Team Trials) provided they have met the appropriate Senior 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 Junior Athlete/Crew in the respective Event based on the Final Junior Intraclass National Team Trials Ranking who has met the minimum Junior Team Performance Benchmark. Any additional vacancies will be filled using the same system.

- h) Any athlete who qualifies for both the U23 and Junior National Team must declare which nomination they intend to accept by June 1, 2016. Athletes may not accept both U23 and Junior National Team nominations.

14 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.

15 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](#).

16 Unforeseen Circumstances

In very exceptional situations where unforeseen circumstances, as determined by the HPC do not allow for any of the 2016 Junior and U23 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.

17 Staff Selection

The HPC is committed to podium results at all international competitions. The High Performance Manager 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.

18 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.

19 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.

20 Timelines Summary

Date	Requirement
May 28, 2016	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom U23 and Junior Team Trials Race 1 & 2 (Kananaskis)
May 29, 2016	Canoe Kayak Canada Canoe Slalom U23 and Junior Team Trials Race 3 & 4 (Kananaskis)
May 30, 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

21 National Championships

21.1 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.

21.2 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) All athletes, regardless of Event or age-category, are permitted to race in Day 2 of the National Championships.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

- d) 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.
- e) Eligibility to compete in Senior National Championships

21.3 Day 2: Senior National Championships Format

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