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CANADA CUP RACE SERIES



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CANADA CUP RACE SERIES

1 Objectives

- Create a domestic race series, with –1-2 races annually, planned and implemented collaboratively by CKC, P/TSOs, Divisions, and clubs
- Provide meaningful and developmentally appropriate competition for U17 – U23, and senior athletes, in interprovincial, interclub, and international competition formats
- Provide a race series that fit within a periodized plan, based on athlete-centered development and competition needs.
- Create revenue opportunity for P/TSOs, divisions or clubs through hosting opportunities of Canada Cup regattas
- Support regional development and race opportunities for late train to train, and train to compete athletes
- Provide a platform for CKC Level III and Level IV Officials training and evaluation
- Develop or improve existing venues through legacy.

The creation of a Canada Cup Race series helps achieve the following 2016 Sprint Strategic Imperatives under the Healthy Club System, High Performance, Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness Pillars:

- Restructure the competition model consistent with LTAD
- Implement the sprint LTAD technical progression
- Sustain a system for the recruitment and progressive development of Canadian and International Officials
- Enhance the competition and training infrastructure in Canada.



2 Format

Age Groups and race formats are at the discretion of the race organization.

2.1 Athletes and Team Eligibility

- P/TSOs and National / International teams
 - Eligibility based on team selection criteria
- Club athletes from CKC member clubs
 - Athletes are at an appropriate provincial team and national level
- International athletes competing as an independent where their federation is not competing
- Athletes are limited to 6 races per Canada Cup

2.2 Age Groups

Age categories will follow a domestic (CKC) age category format:

- U17
- U19
- Senior / U23

2.3 Competition Rules

Where possible, Canada Cup Regattas will adopt ICF rules, with modifications at the discretion of the organizing committee and approval of CKC.

2.4 Race Format

- 1) CKC will identify minimum race requirements for events, based on Canada Cup location and time of year.
- 2) Olympic and Non-Olympic events approved by ICF, or other approved CKC events. Races can be, but are not limited to the following:



2.5 Canada Cup Events

Discipline	Events	
Men's Kayak	1000m: K1*†, K2*†, K4*†	4 x 200m
	200m: K1*†, K2*†, K4†	K1 5000m
	500m: K1†, K2†, K4	
Men's Canoe	200m: C1*, C2†, C4†	4 x 200m
	500m: C1†, C2†, C4	C1 5000m
	1000m: C1*†, C2*†, C4†	
Women's Canoe	200m: C1†, C2†, C4†	4 x 200m
	500m: C1†, C2†, C4†	C1 5000m
	1000m: C1†, C2†, C4	
Women's Kayak	1000m: K1†, K2†, K4	4 x 200m
	200m: K1*†, K2†, K4†	K1 5000m
	500m: K1*†, K2*†, K4*†	
Para / PaddleALL	WK1 200†: KL1, KL2, KL3	W V1 200m†: VL1, VL2, VL3
	MK1 200†: KL1, KL2, KL3	PaddleALL Events: K1†, K2†
	MV1 200†: VL1, VL2, VL3	
Other	Multidisciplinary races (4 x 200m, 1 of each discipline) War canoes Variations of long distance based on time of year Multidiscipline events / boats	

* Denotes Olympic Event

† Denotes CKC Nationals Event

3) Final race format and race card is to be approved by CKC

4) Race Advancement

Competition formats shall follow ICF advancement rules for singles, which includes heats, semi-finals and finals.



For crewboat events, organizing committees have the option to adopt the following race advancement to finals in interest of time:

- 2 Heats Top 3, next 3 fastest time
- 3 Heats Top 2 finishers, next 3 fastest time
- 4 Heats or more Winner, next fastest times

- 5) Canada Cup event may be held integrated or in conjunction with club, divisional or provincial regattas.

2.6 Awards and Points System

2.6.1 Event Awards

Individual event awards will be presented to crews / athletes for top 3 finishes for each event.

2.6.2 Team Awards and the Canada Cup

The Canada Cup will be presented to the team that accumulates the most points at the end of the race series. Teams will be allocated points based on position of finish in Canada Cup events. Teams may only accumulate points from their top 2 finishers. Points will be allocated as follows:

Rank	Points
1	10
2	8
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2
9	1



2.7 Race Calendar

The annual Canada Cup Race calendar may vary year to year, and CKC will work to maintain the same general annual race calendar. This variability may be caused by changing international schedules, domestic multisport games, Olympic and Pan-American Games, national team trials, etc. Regardless of the year, the following guiding principles will be used in the creation of the annual Canada Cup race calendar:

- 1-2 races per year maximum;
- A preliminary race calendar for the following year will be established prior to the application deadline to apply to host an event;
- Supports proper athlete development, and well periodized in the yearly training plan.

Race format / focus aligns with time of year (e.g. fall regatta - long distance format, summer, Olympic distance, etc.)

- Early summer (late June / Early July) affords 1-2 additional training blocks prior to divisional and provincial championships and nationals
- Regattas align with 1-2 week competition block or phase
- Regional representation whereby divisions or regions will be allocated Canada Cups on a rotating basis. Starting in 2016,
 - 2016 – West
 - 2017 – Ontario / Quebec
 - 2018 – Atlantic
 - 2019 – Ontario / Quebec
 - 2020 – West
- Economical, minimize travel costs, logistics for P/TSOs and IFs:
 - where Canada Cup regattas can be held on back to back weekends, with ease of transportation logistics;
- Canada Cups preceding or following major National regattas (trials, Nationals).
- Canada Cup event may be held integrated or in conjunction with club, divisional or provincial regattas.
- Suggested Annual Race Calendar
 - 1-2 races back to back weekend, late June / late July



3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 CKC

- Approval of race formats and race cards proposed by organizing committee
- Race entry (once race card is established) and race results management for Canada Cup Races if division or P/TSO is unable to provide; or provide subsidy for P/TSO or divisional system meeting CKC standards
- Provide minimum one (1) staff member to help in race management / results management
- Provision of race results and management; through CKC or cover costs of organizing committee:
 - Electronic timing / PadComp
- Recording of points and results
- Creating / setting Canada Cup race dates and locations in consultation with P/TSOs
- Creating / setting race entry fees in collaboration with Host Organizing Committees to ensure consistency.
- Collecting and analyzing host applications
- Help in provision of team boats and singles boats from CKC fleet where possible and feasible
- Commercial, CKC branded signage
- Awards:
 - Branding
 - Medals and ribbons
 - Major team awards (plaques, etc.)
- Facilitate officials development opportunities (Level III or level IV)
- Facilitate coaching development opportunities.
- Sponsorship –work with P/TSOs / HOCs to brand Canada Cups and secure sponsorship.
Apply for grants and subsidies to leverage funds to support Canada Cups, or for revenue streams
– work with organizing committees



3.2 Organizing Committee

- Technical management and organization of regatta
- Provision and organization of officials and volunteers (requirements outlined in bidding application package)
- Overall organization and operations of regatta
- Provision of accommodations for 1 CKC staff where necessary
- Creation of race card
- Provision of meals for officials, and volunteers
- Provision of end of regatta meal / BBQ for athletes
- Provision of accommodations options for competing teams (ie – hotels, hostels, university residences, etc.)
- Provision of lunch meal options for teams as part of
- Creation of organizing committee organizational chart
- Equipment, and race course to run event (see hosting requirements 3.4)
- Site security
Transportation arrangements for international teams to and from airport
- Onsite first aid
- Announcements (bilingual)
- Solicitation of sponsors
- EXPO / concession (if wanted)
- Signage:
 - Club / P/TSO / divisional signage
 - Sponsor signage
- Awards:
 - Medal presentations and podium
- Facilitate officials development and evaluation (if required, or in competition plan)



3.3 Race course requirements

- All race course specifications for Canada Cups hosting Olympic events (1000m, 500m, 200m) must be aligned with the CKC rule book, and CKC Sprint Nationals technical package, or Canada Games Technical Package.
- Canada Cups with a long distance format can be run and hosted outside of these technical requirements, provided the race course is approved by CKC, and the venue meets the below specifications.

Please visit www.canoekayak.ca to find more information regarding the Sprint Nationals technical package, as well as the CKC Rulebook.



3.4 Venue and Facilities:

The following facilities must be available to host the event:

Facility	Purpose	Location
Registration / Team Leader Information Office	Race registration / race kit pick-up / accreditation	Tent
	Race results and advancements pickup	Mobile Office
		Permanent office
Race Office	Race committee / Race Jury meetings	Tent
	Race operation	Mobile Office
	Results printing	Permanent office
Timing Results Office / tower	Results management:	Tent / shelter
	Finish results	Mobile office
		Permanent office
Announcer Tower	Location for race and information announcer	Tent / shelter
		Mobile office
		Permanent office
Coaches Meeting Office	Pre-regatta team leaders meeting	Tent / shelter
	Regatta meetings if necessary	Mobile office
		Permanent office
First Aid Room	Treatment of injured athletes	Tent / shelter
		Mobile office
		Permanent office
Podium	Awards presentations	Tent / Sheltered
Boat control	Boat weighing pre-race, and post-race	Tent / sheltered
Volunteer / Officials Room	Location for volunteer and officials for meeting, receiving instructions, check-in, etc.	Tent / shelter
		Mobile office
		Permanent office



4 Funding Model

4.1 CKC

- Covers expenses for:
 - race results management up to the cost of CKC's system of Padcom-Finish Lynx system
 - Awards purchase*
- Collects \$500 CKC Canada Cup sanction fee from organizing committee
- Collects \$5 competition levy for each CKC member athlete, and \$10 for each international athlete or non-members competing from hosting P/TSO / division or clubs
- Sets guidelines for entry fees to ensure consistency:
 - Suggested \$60 - \$80** for 2 days;
 - \$30 - \$40 per day.
- Provide potential travel subsidies for P/TSOs travelling long distances.

*: Upon approval of annual SRD budget.

** : Fees may or may not include end of regatta BBQ / food, and these fees may change in 2016.

4.2 Organizing Committee:

- Sets race entry fees based on CKC recommendations in 4.1;
- Athlete fees should include regatta swag (eg: t-shirt, hat, water bottle, etc.) and regatta BBQ
- Additional HOC specific expenses and options may be included:
 - Provision of lunch if an option (eg - \$60 fee without, \$80 with 1 lunch per day)
 - Daily rates for international teams for accreditation, hotel and food arrangements, (eg – accreditation, hotel, and food), boat rentals, etc. (discretion of Organizing committee)
 - Other race swag with Canada Cup logo and branding
- Collects and retains all race entry fees
- Pays CKC the Canada Cup Sanction Fee of \$500.00, as well as athlete competition levy fees as outlined in 4.1.



5 Hosting Application Procedures

Canada Cup series dates will be set based on a long term strategic plan to develop a consistent, reliable domestic race calendar that is sustainable regardless of the ICF schedule.

- A preliminary calendar for the next four years will be released prior to request for proposals from HOCs. Race dates will use the guiding principles as outlined in 2.4. Potential race organizers will be notified of potential race dates as part of the request for bids process.
- Once the ICF and National Team trials schedule are known, CKC will work to try to ensure that any potential conflicts are alleviated.
- The final Canada Cup dates for the next year will be released **no later** than October 15th in the previous year in conjunction with National Team trials schedule.
- CKC will work to try to release final dates earlier than October 15th, but this is dependent on the ICF, and consequently, CKC trials schedule. CKC reserves the rights to change the dates following October 15th based on unforeseen circumstances (e.g. – ICF calendar, etc.)

5.1 Regional / Divisional

Regions / divisions will be allocated Canada Cups on a rotational basis to afford regional representation and a consistent, reliable hosting opportunity for HOCs. Starting in 2016, Canada Cups will be allocated as follows:

- 2016 – West (Prairies / Pacific)
- 2017 – Central (Ontario / Quebec)
- 2018 - Atlantic
- 2019 – Central (Ontario / Quebec)
- 2020 - West (Prairies / Pacific)

- 5.1.1 Only divisions, PSOs, clubs or other organizations within the allocated region may bid for a Canada cup.
- 5.1.2 If a region or division does not submit a request to host a Canada Cup in the year they are allocated, CKC will open up the bidding process to other regions to ensure a Canada Cup event is hosted.



5.1.3 Canada Cups (and additional) may be allocated to HOCs based on additional criteria:

- Host P/TSOs or HOCs of Canada Games as a test event in the year preceding the Canada Games
- Host divisions P/TSOs or HOCs of Nationals in the preceding year as a test event
- Host divisions, P/TSOs / HOCs of International events in the preceding year as a test event
- The distribution of other major CKC sanctioned events across the geographic regions of Canada:
 - HOCs already hosting National Team Trials, National Championships, World Championships
 - Potential for sequential major events where travel can be minimized for teams (e.g. Canada Cup to Canada Cup, Trials or Nationals to Canada Cup, etc.)
- HOCs with potential to host a major event in one (1) year where there is potential for the event to solidify legacy.
- Dates within periodized annual calendar.

5.1.4 Divisions, P/TSOs or clubs interested in hosting a Canada Cup will be required to apply with the following required application components:

- Support letter from P/TSO and division
- Organizational chart
- Online application, or use of electronic application form

5.1.5 Event Request for Proposal Deadlines

Below is a table of request for proposal deadlines by P/TSOs / Regions and HOCs for the year of the Canada Cup.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Request for Proposal Deadline	N/A	2016 / 04 / 29	2017 / 01 / 12	2018 / 01 / 09	2019 / 01 / 11

5.1.6 Successful Organizing Committees

Successful organizing committees will be notified no later than February 27th in the year that they apply to host the event.



If a HOC decides they are not able to host a Canada Cup based on the schedule published in October as outlined in 5.2.1, they can remove their agreement to host.

5.1.7 Contract

Following approval for hosting an event, CKC will engage in a contract with the host organizing committee. The contract will include deliverables from both the Organizing Committee as well as CKC.

6 Abbreviations

CKC	Canoe Kayak Canada
HOC	Host Organizing Committee
ICF	International Canoe Federation
IF	International Federation
LTAD	Long Term Athlete Development
P/TSOs	Provincial – Territorial Sport Organizations