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**CANOE SLALOM AND EXTREME SLALOM  
SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2019**

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## 1. Acronyms and Definitions

“ICF”	International Canoe Federation
“Athlete”	A person who has notified CKC, in accordance with this document, that he/she wishes to be considered for selection in a pool and/or has been selected in a CKC pool or team
“CMO”	Chief Medical Officer
“Crew”	Two athletes forming a C2 doubles team
“CTO”	Chief Technical Officer
“COC”	Canadian Olympic Committee
“HC”	Head Coach
“HPC”	High Performance Committee (Committee that approves the selection criteria supplements for each event)
“HPM”	High Performance Manager
“ICF”	International Canoe Federation
“NTT”	National Team Trials
“Selection Criteria Supplements”	The separate documents that each contain the specific selection criteria for the relevant disciplines selection process
“COPAC”	Pan American Canoe Federation
“ICF”	International Canoe Federation
“IOC”	International Olympic Committee
“PASO”	Pan American Sports Organization
“Quota”	The number of Athlete/Crew entries per event that are allocated to a National Federation at ICF, IOC, and PASO events. Quotas are subject to confirmation from the ICF, COPAC, IOC, and PASO.

## 2. Performance Objectives

The following Selection Procedures are guided by Canoe Kayak Canada’s performance objectives outlined in CKC’s Strategic Plan as well as the High Performance Committee’s vision for Tokyo 2020. These objectives consist of reaching the podium at major events and games and sending a full slalom team to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Canoe Kayak Canada 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 International Canoe Federation World Ranking Races, World Cups, Pan American Championships, World Championships and Olympic Games.

### **3. Selection Procedures**

The processes laid out in this document and the various Selection Criteria Supplements governs the selection of athletes to the Canoe Slalom and the Extreme Slalom National Teams. This document and the various Selection Criteria Supplements are not applicable to the nomination of athletes to the Canadian Olympic or Paralympic Team, except to the extent that participation in qualifying events for the Olympic or Paralympic Games may be restricted by each of these documents.

The results of the Canoe Slalom and Extreme Slalom National Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility, in available classes where applicable, for the 2019 National Teams sanctioned events, and athlete funding and other benefits provided by CKC, Sport Canada, and the Canadian Olympic Committee. All types of the eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the 2019 National Team Trials through to the first set of the 2020 National Team Trials.

### **4. Decision Making Authority**

The selection panel for all slalom national teams will consist of the Chief Technical Officer, the High Performance Manager and a member of the High Performance Committee. 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.

### **5. Interpretation**

In the event of any dispute between the English and French versions of this document or any of the selection procedures, the English version(s) will prevail.

### **6. Document Revisions**

The CTO, with HPC approval, may change the Selection Procedures document with just cause. An example is an action by an outside agency such as the ICF (e.g. changing or adding an event). The CTO shall provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected athletes and stakeholders as determined by the HPC.

The CTO will take reasonable steps to give written notice to athletes affected by any amendments and/or supplements to this document. It is the responsibility of each athlete to keep his/her contact details up to date, and to keep CKC notified of any change to that information.

Apart from any other steps the CTO may take, he/she will be deemed to have complied with this clause if he/she emails notice to the athlete's most recent contact details and posts written notice on the CKC website.

## 7. Appeals

Appeals of Canoe Kayak Canada decisions may be pursued through the Canoe Kayak Canada [Appeals Policy](#). Athletes shall only be permitted to appeal when they are directly affected by a decision.

## 8. Qualification Requirements

There are no qualification requirements to compete at the Canoe Slalom or Extreme Slalom National Team Trials races.

## 9. Pre-selection

There is no pre-selection to the Canoe Slalom and Extreme Slalom National Team.

## 10. Injury Clause

An Athlete/Crew 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/Crews intending to apply for an injury or illness clause exemption must notify the CTO in writing, with appropriate documentation in advance of the element of selection in which the Athlete/Crew is unable to participate. The HPC must approve all exemptions from the selection procedure. Where the exemption is related to illness or injury, the CTO may consult with the CMO to start a process whereby the nature and severity of the illness can be evaluated.

## 11. Unforeseen Circumstances

These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist, and specifically, where no athletes with podium potential at the World Championships or Olympic Games are prevented from racing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond CKC's control do not allow racing or selection to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria; or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by CKC staff, the CTO will, where possible, will consult with the HPC to determine if the circumstances justify if selection should take place in an alternative manner.

## 12. Eligibility Requirements

Failure to comply with any of the Eligibility Requirements may result in the athlete not being selected to the National Team. To be eligible for selection, CKC's CTO must be satisfied that, at the time of selection to a team or teams, the athlete must:

- 12.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC;
- 12.2 Be Canadian citizens or holds a Canadian permanent residency visa;
- 12.3 Sign and submit the CKC Athlete Agreement in accordance with the date outlined in the appropriate Timelines Summary;
- 12.4 Comply with all relevant ICF eligibility requirements for competitors for the appropriate National Team;
- 12.5 For ICF Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada at the Olympic Games;
- 12.6 For ICF non-Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that he/she is eligible to compete for Canada;
- 12.7 Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules;
- 12.8 Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30 - days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
- 12.9 Have participated in the applicable selection events unless exempted by criteria in the [Injury Clause](#) or [Unforeseen Circumstances](#);
- 12.10 Continues to meet the training, logging, and testing expectations of the CTO.
- 12.11 If an athlete is selected to a pool and/or team under these regulations, the athlete acknowledges and agrees that:
- 12.12 He/she, must comply with CKC's Constitution, bylaws and policies;
- 12.13 He/she, is subject to drug testing by the Canadian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (CCES), ICF, or other application bodies and must comply with CKC's, CCES's and ICF's Anti-Doping bylaws or policies;
- 12.14 He/she, will comply with all requests from CKC and with his/her obligations set out in the CKC Anti-Doping Bylaw to provide accurate whereabouts information to CCES and ICF, using an Athlete Contract Information Form.

### 13. Canoe Slalom and Extreme Slalom Quota

The table below outlines the number of Quota CKC is awarded at the respective events. The maximum number of nominations to the National Teams will be determined by the number of available Quotas Spots in each event.

Event	ICF World Ranking Quotas	ICF World Cup and World Championships Quotas	Pan-Am Championships Quotas
K1 Men Slalom	Minimum 6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
K1 Women Slalom	Minimum 6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
C1 Men Slalom	Minimum 6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes
C1 Women Slalom	Minimum 6 Athletes	3 Athletes	3 Athletes

<b>C2 Mixed Slalom</b>	Minimum 6 Crews	1 Crew	3 Crews
<b>K1 Men Extreme Slalom</b>	Subject to organizer	2 Athletes	Subject to organizer
<b>K1 Women Extreme Slalom</b>	Subject to organizer	2 Athletes	Subject to organizer

## 14. Rules Governing the National Team Selection Events

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 All National Team selection races will be governed by current ICF racing rules.
- 14.3 At least one ICF International Judge Canoe Slalom (IJCSL) must be involved in the design of the National Team selection race courses.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 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.

## 15. Canoe Slalom National Team Ranking System

- 15.1 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 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
1 <sup>st</sup>	0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4
5 <sup>th</sup>	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	6
7 <sup>th</sup>	7
8 <sup>th</sup>	8
9 <sup>th</sup>	9
10 <sup>th</sup>	10 etc.

15.2 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.

15.3 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 (3 Lowest points)
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

15.4 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.

15.5 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.

15.6 Where an Athlete/Crew is disqualified the run will be recorded as a “Disqualified Run (DSQ-R)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.

15.7 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
1 <sup>st</sup>	0
1 <sup>st</sup>	0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	4
6 <sup>th</sup>	6

15.8 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.

- 15.9 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.

## 16. Canoe Slalom Performance Benchmarks

- 16.1 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** selection races or at the 2019 Senior National Championships.

- 16.2 The Performance Benchmarks in the table below were derived from an analysis of the ICF World Cups and World Championships in the past quadrennial and reflect CKC's performance objectives. The objective of the Performance Benchmarks is to demonstrate a minimum performance level of advancing to 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 Mixed	≤149.0 % of Senior Base Score	≤147.0 % of U23 Base Score	≤152.0 % of Junior Base Score

- 16.3 The Base Scores for each National Team selection race will be determined by the lowest total score recorded by any eligible competitor.
- 16.4 The Senior Base Score will be used to calculate the Senior Athletes' /Crews' Percentage Scores.
- 16.5 The U23 Base Score will be used to calculate the U23 Athletes' /Crews' Percentage Scores.
- 16.6 The Junior Base Score will be used to calculate the Junior Athletes' /Crews' Percentage Scores.
- 16.7 The Athletes' /Crews' Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

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

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

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

- 16.10 Athletes/Crews who meet the National Team Performance Benchmark in one event may fill an unused ICF Quota position in a secondary event.

## 17. Replacement Procedures

- 17.1 Where an Athlete/Crew has been selected to the Team and subsequently withdraws from or is unable to take part in a competition due to injury, illness, or pregnancy, the selection panel may select a replacement.
- 17.2 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
- 17.3 Replacement Athletes/Crews will be given three days from the time of notification to commit to their participation at the competition schedule associated with the team for which they qualified.
- 17.4 All replacement Athletes/Crews must satisfy the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#) and [Performance Benchmarks](#).
- 17.5 Any unfilled quota positions may be filled by the next highest ranked eligible Athlete/Crew based on the Selection Criteria outlined in the appropriate National Team Selection Criteria Supplement.