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

### **1. Performance Objectives**

The Following Canoe Kayak Canada Selection Procedures are guided by CKC's performance objectives where an athlete demonstrates the ability/potential in an Olympic event to advance to the semifinal at the World Championships and be progressing toward the top 10 at the World Championships and Olympic Games.

### **2. Selection Procedures**

The processes laid out in this document and the various Selection Criteria Supplements governs the selection of Athletes/Crews to the Canoe Slalom National Teams.

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. 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.

This document is not applicable to the nomination of athletes to the Canadian Olympic and Pan Am Games Teams, except to the extent that participating in qualifying events for the Olympic Games may be restricted by this document and the various Selection Criteria Supplements.

### **3. Acronyms and Definitions**

<b>"Athlete"</b>	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
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“COPAC”	Pan American Canoe Federation
“Crew”	Two athletes forming a C2 doubles team
“CTO”	Chief Technical Officer
“COC”	Canadian Olympic Committee
“HPC”	High Performance Committee (Committee that approves the selection criteria supplements for each event)
“PASO”	Pan American Sports Organization
“ICF”	International Canoe Federation
“IOC”	International Olympic Committee
“NTT”	National Team Trials
“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.
“Selection Criteria Supplements”	The separate documents that each contain the specific selection criteria for the relevant team selection process
“SMSHPCD”	Senior Manager of Slalom High Performance and Coach Development

## 4. Changes to this Document

- 4.1 The CTO, with HPC approval, may change the Selection Procedures document or the Selection Criteria Supplement 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.
- 4.2 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.

## 5. Decision Making Authority

- 5.1 The selection panel for all slalom national teams will consist of the CTO, the SMSHPCD and a member appointed by the High Performance Committee.
- 5.2 The selection panel will nominate the Senior, U23 and Junior National Teams based on this selection criteria.
- 5.3 The selection panel will confirm the final team composition for all major championships and Games, using the criteria published in this document.
- 5.4 Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the SMSHPCD.
- 5.5 All appeals and/or protests related to Team Selection competition results must be

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managed by the Chief Judge and/or Jury of the Selection event as outlined in Section 36 and 37 of the ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rule book. The selection panel will not interfere with the management or make any decisions with respect to appeals and/or protests concerning competition results.

## 6. Eligibility Requirements

- 6.1 To be eligible for selection under these regulations, CKC's CTO must be satisfied that, at the time of selection to a team or teams, the athlete must:
  - 6.1.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC;
  - 6.1.2 Meets or will meet the ICF's eligibility requirements (if any);
  - 6.1.3 Is a Canadian citizen or holds a Canadian permanent residency visa;
  - 6.1.4 For ICF Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF and IOC rules that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada at the Olympic Games;
  - 6.1.5 For ICF non-Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that he/she is eligible to compete for Canada;
  - 6.1.6 Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30 - days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
  - 6.1.7 Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules;
  - 6.1.8 Sign and submit the CKC Athlete Agreement in accordance with the date outlined in the Timelines Summary;
  - 6.1.9 Completes and signs the applicable application form, including the acknowledgement that he/she will abide by the CKC Code of Conduct.
  - 6.1.10 Have participated in the applicable selection events unless exempted by criteria in the applicable selection document(s);
  - 6.1.11 Continues to meet the training, logging, and testing expectations of the International and Next Gen Coaching staff.
- 6.2 If an athlete is selected to a pool and/or team under these selection procedures and criteria supplements, the athlete acknowledges and agrees that:
  - 6.2.1 He/She, must comply with CKC's policies and posted on the CKC website;
  - 6.2.2 He/She, is subject to drug testing by the Canadian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (CCES), ICF, or other applicable bodies and must comply with CKC's CCES's and ICF's Anti-Doping bylaws or policies;
  - 6.2.3 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

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CCES and ICF using an Athlete Contact Information Form.

## **7. Selection Criteria**

- 7.1 The selection criteria are developed by the SMSHPCD and the CTO. Following feedback from coaches, athletes, and the CKC community, the final Selection Criteria is then forwarded to the Slalom High Performance Committee for review and approval.
- 7.2 The criteria to be applied by the Selection Panel for the applicable team that is set out in the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement.

## **8. 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 medical professionals to start a process whereby the nature and severity of the illness can be evaluated.

## **9. Unforeseen Circumstances**

These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist, and specifically, where no athletes 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 team 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 the Selection Procedures and Criteria Supplements to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the CTO will, where possible, consult with the SMSHPCD and the HPC to determine if the circumstances justify racing or if selection should take place in an alternative manner.

## **10. Maintaining Selection Status**

- 10.1 An athlete who is selected under these procedures and the applicable criteria supplement must:
  - 10.1.1 Comply with applicable CKC policies including these procedures and applicable criteria supplements;
  - 10.1.2 Comply with any requirement of the CKC Anti-Doping Bylaw;
  - 10.1.3 Any selected athlete may have their selection status reviewed by the CTO if any of the requirements in clause 10 are not met. The CTO will notify the athlete in writing as to why their selection status is under review. The athlete shall be given a reasonable opportunity (no more than seven days) to provide reasons why

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she/he should not be removed from the selection process.

- 10.2 A selected athlete may withdraw his/her selection by giving notice in writing to the CTO.
- 10.3 If a selected athlete or crew is withdrawn from selection, the Selection Panel may consider selecting another athlete or crew to replace the withdrawn athlete or crew.

## 11. Replacement Procedures

- 11.1 Where an Athlete/Crew has been selected to a National 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.
- 11.2 If one 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 selection panel may substitute the entire crew.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 All replacement Athletes/Crews must satisfy the appropriate [Eligibility Requirements](#) and [Performance Benchmarks](#).
- 11.5 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.

## 12. Canoe Slalom and Extreme Slalom Quota Allocations

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

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## 13. 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. As such, any athlete who was not being considered for a team shall not have the right to appeal a selection decision.