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OLYMPIC GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

For nominating athletes to the Games of the XXXII Olympiad



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SECTION 1 – GENERAL

1. Introduction

The following Tokyo Olympic Games Team Selection Criteria is guided by Canoe Kayak Canada’s performance objective of being a top performer at all levels in all disciplines. In addition, Canoe Kayak Canada’s objective is to qualify four Athlete Quota places and select four Athletes to compete for Canada in the Canoe Slalom Events at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

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2. Acronyms and Definitions

“Athlete”	A person who satisfies the Eligibility Requirements and who has notified CKC that he/she wishes to be considered for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Canoe Slalom Olympic Team
“CPSR”	Continental Pathway Selection Race
“COPAC”	Pan American Canoe Federation
“CTO”	Chief Technical Officer
“COC”	Canadian Olympic Committee
“Event”	K1 Men; K1 Women; C1 Men; C1 Women;
“GPSR”	Global Pathway Selection Race
“HPC”	High Performance Committee (Committee that approves the selection criteria for the Tokyo Olympic Games)
“ICF”	International Canoe Federation
“IOC”	International Olympic Committee
“PASO”	Pan American Sports Organization
“SMSHPCD”	Senior Manager of Slalom High Performance and Coach Development
“Athlete Quota”	The number of Athlete entries per Event that are allocated to a National Federation at ICF and IOC competitions. Athlete Quotas places are subject to confirmation from the ICF, COPAC, and IOC.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the internal nominating procedures and criteria that will be used by CKC to select Athletes to the Tokyo 2020 Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Team. This document is guided by the ICF/IOC [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#) and the requirements of the COC for nominations to the 2020 Olympic Games Team. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#), the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#) shall prevail. In the event of changes by IOC/ICF to the selection and eligibility criteria, CKC is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.

4. Team Size

4.1 The maximum team size for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is listed in the table below.

	K1 Men	K1 Women	C1 Men	C1 Women
Maximum Athlete Quota Places	1	1	1	1

4.2 Team size will be based on the number of Athlete Quota places that Canada obtains through the Global and Continental Olympic Selection Races listed in table below.

Date	Selection Race	Competition	Country	Location
September 25-29, 2019	Global Qualification Event	ICF Canoe Slalom Senior World Championships	Spain	La Seu d'Urgell
April 10-12, 2020	Continental Qualification Event	COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan-American Championships	TBD	TBD

4.3 Canada can earn a maximum of 4 Athlete Quota Places across the 4 events at the Global Qualification Race.

4.4 Canada can earn a maximum of 2 Athlete Quota Places across the 4 events at the Continental Qualification Race.

5. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team as identified in this document, the CTO must be satisfied on reasonable grounds, that the Athlete meets all the following eligibility requirements at the time that sport entries are submitted to the COC.

- 5.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC;
- 5.2 Not have any outstanding fines/fees payable to CKC;
- 5.3 Satisfactorily demonstrate that the Athlete will be eligible to compete for Canada, according to [ICF rules](#) and [IOC rules](#);
- 5.4 Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before December 31st, 2020.
- 5.5 Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offence;
- 5.6 Sign, submit and comply with the CKC Athlete Agreement, COC Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation Form.

6. Authority for Selection and at Games Decisions

- 6.1 The CTO is responsible for the implementation of the procedures and criteria in this document.
- 6.2 The Slalom HPC is responsible for ensuring these criteria, in alignment with CKC and COC policies, are developed for the purposes noted in this document.

- 6.3 The Selection Panel will consist of the CTO, the SMSHPCD, and a member appointed by the Slalom HPC.
- 6.4 All team nominations, including replacement athletes and alternates, will be ratified by the Selection Panel. Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the designated Canoe Slalom coach. During the actual competition period the decision-making authority will reside with the designated Canoe Slalom coach. This includes entries, representation and all matters pertaining to the CKC team representing Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Canoe Slalom competition during the Olympic Games.

7. Unforeseen Circumstances

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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 Criteria to be applied.
- 7.3 In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the Athlete must notify the CTO in writing including any relevant evidence to verify the authenticity of the unanticipated circumstances.
- 7.4 In the case of injury or illness, Athletes are required to provide certified medical documentation by a medical practitioner nominated by the CKC.
- 7.5 In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the CTO will, where possible, consult with the SMSHPCD and the HPC. The HPC, at its sole discretion, will determine if the unforeseen circumstances justify if selection should take place in an alternative manner.

8. Document Revisions

- 8.1 The CTO, with the HPC's approval, may change the Selection Criteria with just cause. An example is an action by an outside agency such as the ICF (e.g. changing or adding an event) or unforeseen circumstances. The CTO shall provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected Athletes and stakeholders as determined by the HPC.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.

9. Appeals

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

If both parties agree, the CKC Appeals Policy may be bypassed, and the matter brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

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SECTION 2 – INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

10. Tokyo 2020 Selection Races

10.1 The selection of the Tokyo Olympic Games Canoe Slalom Team will be determined using two distinct pathways for selection dependent on how Canada obtains the Athlete Quota positions through the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).

10.2 The following table outlines the Global Selection Pathway races that will be used for CKC’s Internal Nominating Procedures to select eligible Athletes in the Events where an Athlete Quota place is obtained at the Global Selection Race.

Date	Selection Race	Stage of competition	Country	Location
September 25-29, 2019	Global Selection Race # 1 ICF Canoe Slalom Senior World Championships	Final Result	Spain	La Seu d’Urgell
January 10-12, 2019	Global Selection Race # 2 Australian Canoe Slalom National Championships	Final Result	Penrith	Australia
February 20-22, 2019	Global Selection Race # 3 Australia Open - ICF Ranking Race	Final Result	Penrith	Australia

10.3 The following table outlines the Continental Selection Pathway races that will be used for CKC’s Internal Nominating Procedures to select eligible Athletes in the Events where an Athlete Quota place is obtained at the Continental Selection Race.

Date	Selection Race	Stage of competition	Country	Location
September 25-29, 2019	Continental Selection Race # 1 ICF Canoe Slalom Senior World Championships	Final Result	Spain	La Seu d’Urgell
February 20-22, 2019	Continental Selection Race # 2 Australia Open - ICF Ranking Race	Final Result	Penrith	Australia
TBC	Continental Selection Race # 3 2020 Pan-Am Championships/ ICF Continental Olympic Qualification Event ¹	Heat 1 Result	Brazil	Tres Coroas
TBC	Continental Selection Race # 4 2020 Pan-Am Championships/ ICF Continental Olympic Qualification Event ²	Final Result	Brazil	Tres Coroas

11. Global Pathway Nomination Criteria

11.1 Nomination to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team in Events where an Athlete Quota place has been obtained by Canada at the 2019 Senior World Championships will be determined according to the [Global Pathway Ranking System](#) described in the Appendix.

¹ The final location and date for this event is subject to ICF and COPAC approval.

² The final location and date for this event is subject to ICF and COPAC approval.

- 11.2 The official results from each race in the Global Selection pathway will be used to establish the ranking of eligible Athletes. (excluding all international Athletes)
- 11.3 Points will be awarded to all eligible Athletes according to the [Global Pathway Points table](#) in the Appendix.
 - 11.3.1 The top-ranked eligible Athlete in each Event in the Global Pathway Points ranking system will be selected to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team.

12. Continental Pathway Nomination Criteria

- 12.1 Nomination to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team in Events where an Athlete Quota place has been obtained by Canada at the 2020 Pan-Am Championships will be determined according to the [Continental Pathway Ranking System](#) described in the Appendix.
- 12.2 The official result from each race in the Continental Selection Pathway will be used to establish the ranking of eligible Athletes. (excluding all international Athletes)
- 12.3 Points will be awarded to all eligible Athletes according to the points system described in Table 3 in the Appendix.
 - 12.3.1 The top-ranked eligible Athlete in each Event where Athlete Quota places are available will be nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team.
 - 12.3.2 Athlete(s) nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team will also be eligible for nomination to compete in any Events with unfilled entries.
- 12.4 All Athletes nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team will also be nominated to the Senior National Team and will be exempt from participating in the 2020 Senior National Team selection process.

13. Olympic Games Athlete Replacement Procedures

- 13.1 Where an Athlete has been selected to Olympic Games Team and subsequently withdraws from or is unable to take part in a competition due to the ICF/IOC qualification system rules, injury, illness, or pregnancy the Selection Panel may select a replacement.
- 13.2 Any replacement following nomination to the COC is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Replacements made after July 6th, 2020 are also subject to the Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.
- 13.3 Any vacant Athlete Quota places may be filled by the highest ranked eligible Athlete based on the appropriate Global or Continental Nomination Criteria

14. Selection Procedures

- 14.1 Athlete(s) nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team will also be nominated to the 2020 Senior National Team and will be exempt from participating in the 2020 Senior National Team selection process.
- 14.2 Athlete(s) nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team may also be considered for nomination at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel to compete in any Events

with unfilled entries. Athlete(s) must demonstrate competition readiness through participation at International Competitions in this Event prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

- 14.3 Enquiries, protests, and appeals to the jury related Tokyo all 2020 Selection Races must be managed by the designated Chief Judge and/or Jury of the affected selection race as outlined in [Chapter 11 of the ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rule book](#). The Selection Panel will not interfere with the management of or make any make any decisions with respect to enquiries, protests, and appeals to the jury concerning all Tokyo 2020 Selection Race results.

15. Prioritization of Athlete Quota Selection

- 15.1 An Athlete may only qualify a maximum of one Athlete Quota place at the Global and/or Continental Qualification races as per the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).

15.1.1 If one Athlete obtains an Athlete Quota place for two Events and Canada is required under the Qualification System to decline one of the Athlete Quota places, then the decision as to which Event/Athlete Quota place to hand back will be made by the Selection Panel at its sole discretion, for the sole purpose of maximizing Canada's chance of success in Tokyo 2020. The nomination process for the confirmed Event will proceed as per the criteria listed in this document.

- 15.2 An NOC can only qualify a maximum of two Continental Athlete Quota places at the Continental Qualification races across the four Olympic Events as per the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).

15.2.1 If Canada obtains more than two Athlete Quota places at the Pan-Am Continental Qualification race and Canada is required under the Qualification System to decline one or more Athlete Quota places, the Selection Panel at its sole discretion will make the decision as to which Athlete Quota places to retain according to the Events where eligible Athletes have achieved the best Nation Rank placement at the 2019 World Championships.

15.2.2 The Nation Rank placement will be established by ranking the best Athlete in each event in a top down fashion from each participating National Federation (counting only one athlete by National Federation) from the official results at the 2019 World Championships.

SECTION 3 – OTHER INFORMATION

16. Summary of Key Dates

Date	Requirement
April 12-14, 2019	Canoe Slalom National Team Trials 1, Riversport Rapids, Oklahoma City

August 18, 2019	Canoe Slalom National Team Trials 2, Minden Hills, Ontario
September 25-29, 2019	Canoe Slalom Senior World Championships, La Seu d'Urgell, Spain
Two weeks following the World Championships	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated Athlete Quota places no later than two weeks after World Championships 2019
10 days following the ICF's confirmation of Allocated Athlete Quota places	CKC to confirm use of allocated Athlete Quota places to ICF no later than 10 days after receiving ICF letter regarding Athlete Quota place allocations
January 10-12, 2020	Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom National Championships, Penrith, Australia
February 20-22, 2020	Penrith Open ICF Ranking Race, Penrith, Australia
TBD	COPAC 2020 Pan-Am Championships/ICF Continental Quota Qualification Event
Two weeks following the Pan-Am Championships	ICF to inform CKC of their allocated Athlete Quota places no later than two weeks after the COPAC 2020 Pan-Am Championships
10 days following the ICF's confirmation of Allocated Athlete Quota places	CKC to confirm use of allocated Athlete Quota places to ICF no later than 10 days after receiving ICF letter regarding Athlete Quota place allocations
May 12, 2020	CKC to nominate the Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Team and Support Staff
June 30, 2020	ICF to reallocate all unused Athlete Quota places
July 1, 2020	Nomination deadline for CKC to submit sport entries to COC
July 6, 2020	Tokyo 2020 sports entries deadline
July 26 - 31, 2020	Tokyo 2020 Canoe Slalom Competition dates

17. Funding

- 17.1 Participation in the 2020 Olympic Games will be subsidized by the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canoe Kayak Canada.
- 17.2 Participation in all the Selection Races and associated training camps in preparation for the 2020 Olympic Games will be self-funded. Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with participation in these training camps and Selection Races.

18. Selection of Olympic Games Coaching & Support Staff

The CTO is responsible for the selection and nomination of all Olympic Games staff. The Team Staff selection will be announced on the date listed in the Summary of Key Dates table. All staff must be members in good standing of Canoe Kayak Canada and with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.

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SECTION 4 – APPENDIX

1. Global Pathway Ranking System

- 1.1 After completion of the Global Pathway Selection Races, eligible Athlete(s) will be ranked according to the Global Pathway Ranking System outlined in this document in the Events where a Global Athlete Quota place has been obtained by Canada.
- 1.2 [Global Pathway Points](#) will be awarded to eligible Athletes based on their results in each respective Event in the Global Pathway selection races.
- 1.3 Where an Athlete starts a race but does not finish their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not finish (DNF)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 1.4 Where an Athlete is entered in a race but does not start their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not start (DNS)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 1.5 Where an Athlete is disqualified in a race run, the run will be recorded as a “Disqualified Run (DSQ-R)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race run.
- 1.6 Where an Athlete is disqualified for the whole competition the Athlete’s selection race runs will be recorded as a “Disqualified Competition (DSQ-B)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 1.7 The total [Global Pathway Points](#) will be calculated for each Athlete with the addition of each Athlete’s two best Global Pathway Ranking Points achieved throughout the selection races. (see Appendix)
- 1.8 Where two or more Athletes tie in any Selection Race each tied Athlete/Crew will be awarded the same placement and the same points. The next Athlete will be awarded points based on their relative position of finish. (see Appendix)
- 1.9 Where two or more eligible Athletes obtain the same Total Global Pathway Points, the following criteria will be used to determine which Athlete will be nominated.
 - 1.9.1 The Athlete with most wins at the three Global Pathway selection races will be ranked higher and will be nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team.
 - 1.9.2 If a tie remains, the Athlete with the better Final Result in the 2019 World Championships will be ranked higher and will be nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team
 - 1.9.3 If a tie remains, the results from the semifinal round in the 2019 Senior World Championships will be used to break the tie in accordance with the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).
 - 1.9.4 If a tie remains, the results from the heats round in the 2019 Senior World Championships will be used to break the tie in accordance with the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).

2. Continental Pathway Ranking System

- 2.1 After completion of the Continental Pathway Selection Races, all eligible Athlete(s) will be ranked according to the Continental Pathway Ranking System outlined in this document in the Events where a Continental Athlete Quota place has been obtained by Canada.
- 2.2 [Continental Pathway Points](#) will be awarded to eligible Athletes based on their results in each respective Event in the Global Pathway selection races.
- 2.3 Where an Athlete starts a race but does not finish their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not finish (DNF)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 2.4 Where an Athlete is entered in a race but does not start their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not start (DNS)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 2.5 Where an Athlete is disqualified in a race run, the run will be recorded as a “Disqualified Run (DSQ-R)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race run.
- 2.6 Where an Athlete is disqualified for the whole competition the Athlete’s selection race runs will be recorded as a “Disqualified Competition (DSQ-B)” and the Athlete will be awarded 0 points for that selection race.
- 2.7 The total [Continental Pathway Points](#) will be calculated for each Athlete with the addition of each Athlete’s three best Continental Pathway Ranking Points achieved throughout the selection races. (see Appendix)
- 2.8 Where two or more Athletes tie in any Continental Pathway selection races each tied Athlete will be awarded the same placement and the same points. The next Athlete will be awarded points based on their relative position of finish (See Appendix).
- 2.9 Where two or more eligible Athletes obtain the same Continental Pathway Ranking points, the following criteria will be used to determine which Athlete will be nominated.
 - 2.9.1 The Athlete with the better Final Result in the 2020 Pan-Am Championships will be ranked higher and will be nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team.
 - 2.9.2 If a tie remains, the results from the semifinal round in the 2020 Pan-Am Championships in the 2020 Pan-Am Championships will be used to break the tie in accordance with the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).
 - 2.9.3 If a tie remains, the results from the heats round in the 2020 Pan-Am Championships will be used to break the tie in accordance with the [Tokyo Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).
- 2.10 All Athletes nominated to the Tokyo Olympic Games Team through the Continental Pathway Nomination Criteria will also be nominated to the Senior National Team and will be exempt from participating in the 2020 Senior National Team selection process.

3. Global and Continental Pathway Point Allocations

3.1 Global Pathway Points

The following points will be allocated to eligible Athlete(s) competing in the Global Pathway selection races in Events where a Global Athlete Quota is obtained by Canada at the 2019 Senior World Championships in La Seu d'Urgell, Spain.

Canadian Ranking	GPSR # 1 points	GPSR # 2 points	GPSR # 3 points
1 st	4	3	3
2 nd	2	2	2
3 rd	1	1	1
4 th	Not applicable	0	0

3.2 Example of Global Pathway Points

Ranking	Athlete Name	GPSR #1 Pts	GPSR #2 Pts	GPSR #3 Pts	Bonus Pts	Total GPSR Pts
1	Athlete A	1	3	3	0	6 ³
2	Athlete B	4	2	2	0	6
3	Athlete C	2	1	0	0	3
4	Athlete D	0	0	2	0	2
5	Athlete E	0	0	0	0	0

3.3 Continental Pathway Points

The following points will be allocated to eligible Athlete(s) competing in the Continental Pathway selection races in Events where a Continental Athlete Quota is obtained by Canada at the 2020 Pan-American Championships.

Canadian Ranking	CPSR # 1 points	CPSR # 2 points	CPSR # 3 points	CPSR # 4 points
1 st	3	3	3	4
2 nd	2	2	2	2
3 rd	1	1	1	1

3.4 Example of Continental Pathway Points

Ranking	Athlete Name	CPSR #1 Pts	CPSR #2 Pts	CPSR #3 Pts	CPSR #4 Pts	Bonus Pts	Total GS Pts
1	Athlete A	1	1	3	4	0	8 ⁴
2	Athlete B	3	3	2	2	0	8
3	Athlete C	2	2	0	0	0	4
4	Athlete D	0	0	2	0	0	2
5	Athlete E	0	0	0	1	0	1

³ The tie in points will be broken according to the procedures described in the Global Pathway Ranking System

⁴ The tie in points will be broken according to the procedures described in the Continental Pathway Ranking System

3.5 Performance Bonus Points

Performance Bonus points

A 5-point bonus will be allocated to all eligible Athlete(s) who achieve a Top-8 result in an Olympic discipline in the final standings at the 2019 Senior Canoe Slalom World Championships.

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CONTINENTAL OLYMPIC QUOTA SELECTION PATHWAY

