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SLALOM HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE STATEMENT
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Lima 2019 Pan-am Games Athlete Nominations

Canada has obtained four Athlete Quota positions for the 2019 Pan-Am Games Canoe Slalom competition in Lunahuana, Peru this summer. The Canoe Slalom Selection Panel has selected the following four athletes for nomination to the 2019 Canoe Slalom Pan-Am Games Team.

1. Keenan Simpson, Men's K1 and Extreme Slalom
2. Olivia Norman, Women's K1 and Extreme Slalom
3. Liam Smedley, Men's C1 and Extreme Slalom
4. Lois Betteridge, Women's C1 and Extreme Slalom

Keenan Simpson and Olivia Norman's performances at the 2019 Pan-Am Championships qualified Pan-Am Games Athlete Quota positions for Canada in the men's and women's K1 events. Keenan Simpson and Olivia Norman were the top ranked K1 athletes in the Senior National Team Trials ranking system who also competed in the 2019 Pan-Am Championships in Tres Coroas, Brazil. No other Canadian athletes competed in the K1 events at the 2019 Pan-am Championships.

Based on qualified medical advice, Liam Smedley was unable to compete at the National Team Trials in Oklahoma City. Liam Smedley did however attend the Pan-am championships on a smaller whitewater course and he was the only Canadian entry in the men's C1 event. Liam's performance at the 2019 Pan-Am Championships qualified a Pan-Am Games Athlete Quota position for Canada in the men's C1 event. No other Canadian athletes competed in the men's C1 event at the Pan-am Championships.

No Canadian athletes participated in the women's C1 event at the 2019 Pan-Am Championships in Tres Coroas. However, COPAC has awarded Canada a women's C1 Athlete Quota position. The Selection Panel has selected Lois Betteridge for nomination to the Pan-Am Games team based on her ranking in the women's C1 event at the Oklahoma National Team Trials ranking system.