



TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES TEAM CRITERIA SUPPLEMENT

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PART 1 SELECTION - GENERAL

A. Introduction

The following Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team Selection Criteria are guided by Canoe Kayak Canada's (CKC-SRD) overall performance objectives where an athlete or crew demonstrates the ability / potential in an Paralympic event to make a top 8 result at World Championships and be progressing toward the podium at World Championships and Paralympic Games.

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B. Acronyms and Definitions

Acronyms

AFT	A Final (Top 8) Time. CKC-SRD's estimate of the time required to qualify for the final
CKC-SRD	Canoe Kayak Canada – Sprint Racing Discipline
CPC	Canadian Paralympic Committee
CTO	Chief Technical Officer
GMT	Gold Medal Time. CKC-SRD's estimate of the time required to win
HPC	High Performance Committee – Sprint Racing Discipline
HC	Head Coach
ICF	International Canoe Federation
INP	Internal Nomination Procedures
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
IST	Integrated Support Team – sport science and sport medicine professionals
NDC	National Discipline Coach



NPC	National Paralympic Committee
NSF	National Sport Federation
PTT #1	Paralympic Team Trials 1
PTT #2	Paralympic Team Trials 2

Definitions

2019 Para Canoe World Championships

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to a *2019 Para Canoe World Championships*. This competition is the first chance for Canada to qualify boats and athlete quota positions for the 2020 Paralympic Games. For details please refer to Part 2 of this selection document. The *2019 Para Canoe World Championships* will take place in Szeged, Hungary on August 21-25, 2019.

2020 Para Canoe World Championships

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to a *2020 ICF Para Canoe World Championships*. This competition is the final opportunity for Canada to qualify boats and athlete quota positions for the 2020 Paralympic Games. For details please refer to Part 2 of this selection document. The *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* will take place in Duisburg, Germany on May 21-24, 2020.

Highest Position of Finish

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to "the Canadian crew with the *highest position of finish*" in a World Championship event. This selection will only be applicable in an event where at least one Canadian crew qualifies for a Final under ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules. If neither crew qualifies for a Final at the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships (i.e. crews only advance to a semi-final) then the selection will be deferred to Paralympic Trials 2. If there is a tie after Paralympic Trials 2, then the CTO reserves the right to conduct a race-off to determine the



nomination. Note: At the 2020 Senior World Para Canoe Championships where there are 18 or fewer crews entered the semi-final will be deemed as the B Final.

Paralympic Team Assessment Pool

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to an *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool*. The *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* includes those crews selected to the 2020 Paralympic World Championships as part of the selection process for nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team. For details please refer to Part 2 of this selection document.

Podium Crew

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to a *Podium Crew*. A *Podium Crew* includes those athletes who achieve a podium performance in an Paralympic event at the 2019 Para Canoe World Championships. For details please refer to Part 2 of this selection document.

C. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the procedures and criteria that will be used by Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC-SRD) to nominate athletes to the CPC for inclusion on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team. This document is guided by the IPC Para Canoe Qualification Procedures and the requirements of the CPC for nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team.

The objective of this selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

D. Team Size

1. CKC-SRD is eligible to achieve athlete quotas according to the ICF qualification procedures at the following events:
 - 2019 Para Canoe World Championships, August 21-25, Szeged, Hungary



- 2020 Para Canoe World Championships, May 21-24, Duisburg, Germany

Maximum team size

	Men	Women
Canada	5	4

Qualification Status (To be determined at the conclusion of the IPC qualification process)

	Men	Women
Canada	TBD	TBD

Qualified Events (To be determined at the conclusion of the IPC qualification process)

	Men KL3	Men KL2	Men KL1	Men VL3	Men VL2	Women KL3	Women KL2	Women VL3	Women VL2	Total
Canada	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

2. The CKC-SRD may nominate to the CPC up to the maximum number permitted by Paralympic entry regulations in each event.
3. The final qualification date is midnight, June 15, 2020. By this date CKC-SRD must submit the number of boat and athlete quota positions Canada will use at the Paralympic Games.
4. Paralympic Team nominations must be submitted to the CPC no later than August 3, 2020.

E. Eligibility

To be considered for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team as identified in this document, an Athlete must:

1. Be a registered member of CKC-SRD–Sprint, in good standing;
2. Not have any outstanding fines/fees payable to CKC-SRD;
3. Carded Athletes sign an Athlete Agreement as required by CKC-SRD; and
4. Have participated in the applicable selection trials and events.



5. Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offence;
6. Sign, Submit and comply with the CPC Athlete Agreement and the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games conditions of participation.
7. Satisfactorily demonstrate that the athlete will be eligible to compete for Canada, according to the rules of the:
 - 7.1 ICF
https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2018-10_-_tokyo_2020_-_qualification_system_-_canoe_sprint_-_final.pdf
https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules_canoe_sprint_2019.pdf
 - 7.2 IPC Paralympic Canoe Sprint Qualification System:
https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_para_canoe.pdf

F. Authority for Selection and at Games Decisions

1. The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) is responsible for the implementation of the procedures and criteria in this document.
2. The HPC is responsible for ensuring these criteria, in alignment with CKC-SRD and CPC policies, are developed for the purposes noted in this document.
3. The CKC-SRD, in collaboration with the CPC may produce an addendum to the INP to clarify the terms of the INP or to address other issues which may have been overlooked initially or have unexpectedly arisen. However, only in the event that both the CPC and the CKC-SRD agree on a change will any change be made to the INP. All changes must be made in writing and signed by both the NSF and the CPC to be effective. Athletes will be informed by the CKC-SRD of any changes thusly made to the INP.
4. The CTO, HC and a member of the HPC will form the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will



make recommendations to the HPC for review.

5. In making nominations to the CPC for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team the CTO will have the final selection authority for CKC-SRD.
6. During the actual competition period the decision-making authority will reside with the CTO or in the absence of the CTO the Head Coach. This includes entries, representation and all matters pertaining to the CKC-SRD team representing Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.
7. Once the CPC accepts those athletes nominated by the CKC-SRD, it is up to the sport to decide the actual athletes to be entered in events at the Games, provided however that the CPC reserves the right to not enter an athlete in an event that he or she has not qualified for if that event is not reasonably preparatory for the event the athlete qualified for.

G. 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-SRD's control do not allow racing or team/crew 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 the CTO will, where possible, consult with the HC and the HPC to determine if the circumstances justify racing or selection should take place in an alternative manner.

H. Appeals

Nominations to the CPC under these selection criteria to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team may be appealed under the Appeal Policy of CKC-SRD. Appeals are restricted to those Athletes



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who have fulfilled the eligibility requirements noted above. This policy can be found at www.canoekayak.ca.

If both parties agree, the CKC-SRD Appeal Policy may be by-passed, and the matter brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the process.

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PART 2 INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES – TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

A. Purpose

The purpose of Part 2 is to describe the specific procedures and criteria that will be used by CKC-SRD to nominate Crews to the CPC that will compete at the *Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Team*.

B. General Principles for Selection

1. All athletes must qualify for a nomination to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team on the basis of performance(s) in an Paralympic event.
2. An athlete / crew can obtain a nomination to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team through one of two methods:
 - 2.1 2019 Podium Athlete /Crew selection criteria
 - 2.2 Paralympic Team Assessment Pool selection criteria
3. Unless additional performance assessment is required as indicated in the criteria below, it is the intent to complete the CKC-SRD selection process on or before June 30th, 2020.
4. In situations where, unforeseen circumstances do not allow the published 2020 Paralympic Team selection criteria to be fairly or objectively applied, the CTO reserves the right to schedule additional performance assessment to assist in the selection process.

C. Specific Selection Criteria

1. Introduction

The CTO in consultation with the HC, recommend to the HPC those athletes that in their opinion should be nominated. The HPC shall ensure that such nominations adhere to the procedures and

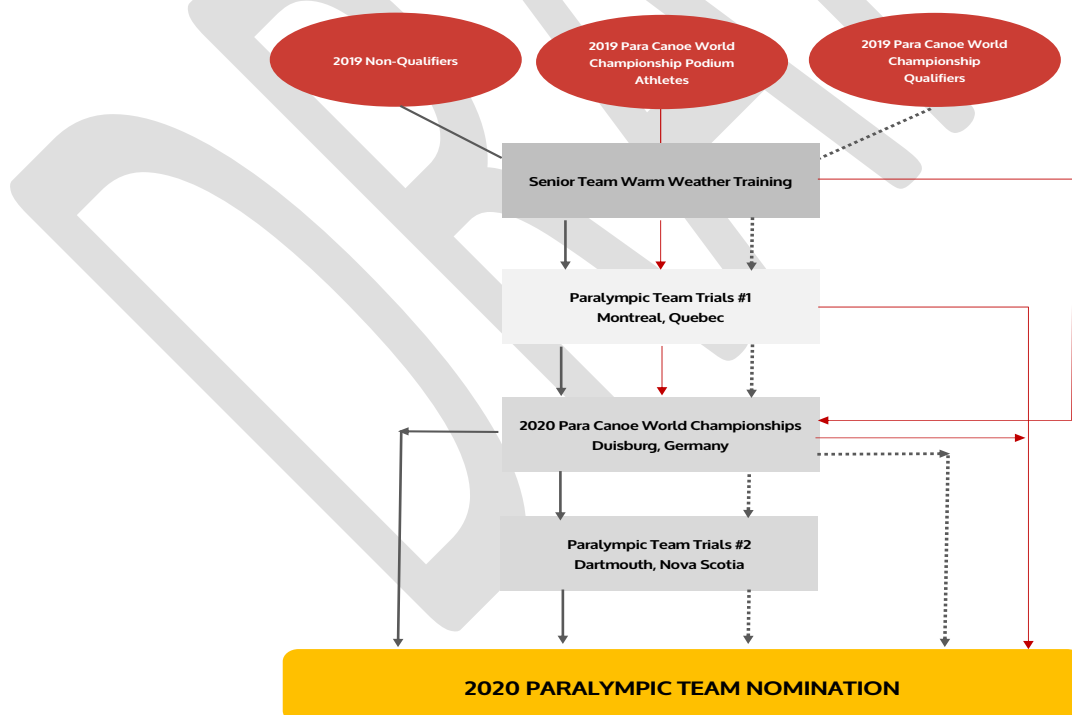


criteria contained within Part 2 of this selection document. The approval of all competition entries is the responsibility of the HC.

The primary objective of the National Team Program is the development of athletes to represent Canada at the highest level at the Paralympic Games. The Criteria for selection to the 2020 Paralympic Team is the culmination of an overall strategy to field the strongest possible team. Athletes who are nominated will be training to win. The performance they demonstrate in training and competition should reflect their progression toward podium results at the Paralympic Games.

2. Overview

To assist athletes and coaches, an overview of the selection process is provided below. This chart is an outline of the various paths toward Paralympic nomination and is only a guideline, one should review thoroughly the criteria that are contained within Part 1, Part 2 & Appendix A:





3. 2019 Para Canoe World Championships

The *2019 Para Canoe World Championships* is the first opportunity for CKC-SRD-SRD to qualify **boats and athlete quota positions** for the 2020 Paralympic Games. Achieving an athlete quota position at the *2019 Para Canoe World Championships* will not in and of itself warrant a nomination to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team. Athletes must satisfy criteria outlined in section 4 or 5 below and meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Part 1 of this document.

Please refer to the *Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee* which describes the procedures and criteria that crews must achieve in order to earn a quota position for the 2020 Paralympic Games.

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_paracanoe.pdf

And

The procedures and criteria for nomination to the 2019 Senior World Championship Team posted on the CKC-SRD website February 2019.

<https://canoeikayak.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Para-Canoe-World-Team-Supplement-Final-Feb-5-EN-3.pdf>

4. Nomination Process for 2019 Podium Crews

4.1 The following athletes achieved a podium finish at the 2019 Para Canoe World Championships in an Paralympic event. These athletes (and only these athletes) are hereafter referred to as the *2019 Podium Crew*:

Crew

Event

To be determined



- 4.2 A 2019 Podium crew that wins their respective event at PTT #1, April 17-19, 2020, Gainesville, Georgia will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.
- 4.3 A 2019 *Podium Crew* that competes at PTT #1, April 17-19, 2020, Gainesville, Georgia and **does not win**, but they are the Canadian Crew with the *highest position of finish* at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*, May 21-24, , Duisburg, Germany will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.
- 4.4 The CTO in consultation with the HC may recommend to the HPC that a 2019 Podium Crew be nominated to the 2020 Para Canoe World Championship Team and be excused from competing at PTT #1. In order to be nominated to the HPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team the 2019 Podium Crew must:
- 4.4.1 Be the Canadian Crew with the *highest position of finish* in their 2019 podium event at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*, May 21-24, , Duisburg, Germany
- Or
- 4.4.2 In the event that they **are not** the Canadian Crew with the *highest position of finish* at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*, May 21-24, , Duisburg, Germany, then they **must** be the Canadian Crew with the *highest position of finish* at PTT #2, June 25-27, 2020, location to be determined.

5. Nomination Process for the Paralympic Team Assessment Pool

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 The second method to earn a nomination to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team is through *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* selection criteria outlined below.
- 5.1.2 Nominations to the *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* can only be achieved at PTT #1.



5.2. Nomination based on Athlete Quotas achieved at the 2019 Para Canoe World Championships.

5.2.1 The **2019 Para Canoe World Championships** is the first opportunity for CKC-SRD to qualify athlete quota positions for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Please refer to the [Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee](#) which describes the procedures and criteria that Crews must achieve in order to earn a quota position for the 2020 Paralympic Games.

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_para canoe.pdf

5.2.2 Canada qualified the following events at the *2019 Para Canoe World Championships*:

5.2.1.1 To be Determined

5.2.3 Athlete(s) are expected to show dominance by being the crew with the highest position of finish two times according to the criteria outlined below.

5.2.4 The first and second place crews at PTT #1 will be nominated to the *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* and will be entered as Entry 1 and Entry 2 at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* subject to the following criteria:

5.2.4.1 If the *Podium crew* identified in 4.1 above does not race at PTT #1 only the first-place crew will be nominated to the *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool*.

5.2.4.1 The second place crew must be within 5% of the winning time.

5.2.5 In order to be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team the athlete or crew must meet the following criteria:

5.2.5.1 Win at PTT #1, and achieve the *highest position of finish* at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* or



5.2.5.2 Win at PTT #1 and win at PTT #2 or

5.2.5.3 Achieve the highest position of finish at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* and win at PTT#2 or

5.2.5.4 Win at PTT#2 and win a tie-breaker (if required)

5.2.5.5 Where neither crew qualifies for a Final at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* the selection process will continue at PTT #2.

5.2.5.6 Should a tie breaker be required after PTT #2, the CTO in consultation with the HC will determine the date and location of the race-off.

5.2.6 The HC in consultation with the NDC may recommend to the CTO that a *2019 Para Canoe World Championships* qualifier be nominated to the *2020 Para Canoe World Championship* Team and excused from competing at PTT #1 for medical reasons. Any request to forego PTT #1 for medical reasons must be submitted prior to the start of the competition day and supported by a physician's recommendation and reviewed by the National Team Physician or his/her designate. The medical condition must be of a temporary nature and in the opinion of the CTO in consultation with the HC should not affect the performance of the crew at the next selection event.

The CTO must approve any absence and any further involvement in the selection process.

If the *2019 Para Canoe World Championships* qualifier is excused by the CTO from PTT #1 then they must compete at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*.

5.3 Nomination Based on Athlete Quotas achieved at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*

5.3.1 ***The 2020 Para Canoe World Championships*** is the second and final opportunity for CKC-SRD to qualify athlete quota positions for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Please



refer to the *Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee* which describes the procedures and criteria that Crews must achieve in order to earn a quota position for the 2020 Paralympic Games.

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_para canoe.pdf

5.3.2 In order to be considered for a nomination to the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* a crew must win one of the following events at PTT #1. Only these events are eligible to earn quotas for Canada under the *Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee*:

5.3.2.1 To be Determined following the 2019 Para Canoe World Championships.

5.3.3 Crews are expected to show dominance by being the crew with the highest position of finish two times according to according to criteria in 5.3.6 below.

5.3.4 The first and second place crews at PTT #1 will be nominated to the *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* and will be entered as Entry 1 and Entry 2 at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* subject to the following criteria:

5.3.4.1 The second place crew must be within 5% of the winning time.

5.3.5 One of the crews must achieve the required position of finish to earn a quota as described in the *Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee*

5.3.6 In order to be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team the crew must meet the following criteria:

5.3.6.1 Win at PTT #1, and achieves the *highest position of finish* at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* or

5.3.6.2 Win at PTT #1 and win at PTT #2 or



5.3.6.3 Achieve the highest position of finish at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* and win at PTT#2 or

5.2.5.5 Win at PTT#2 and win a tie-breaker (if required)

5.2.5.7 Should a tie breaker be required after PTT #2, the CTO in consultation with the HC will determine the date and location of the race-off.

PART 3 OTHER INFORMATION

A. Summary of Key Dates

1. *2019 Para Canoe World Championships*, August 21-25, 2019
2. Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Test Event, September 13-15, 2019
3. CKC-SRD Paralympic Team Trials, Lake Lanier, Georgia, April 17-19, 2020
4. Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List"), May 8, 2020
5. *2020 Para Canoe World Championships – 2020 Canoe Sprint World Cup #2*, May 21-24, 2020
6. ICF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots, June 1, 2020
7. NPCs confirm to ICF in writing the use of allocated qualification slots, June 15, 2020
8. Completion of the CKC-SRD selection process, June 30, 2020
9. ICF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots, June 30, 2020
10. Deadline to submit team nomination and alternates to the CPC for approval, ???, 2020
11. Tokyo 2020 Sports Entry Deadline, August 3, 2020
12. Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, August 25 – September 6, 2020
13. Tokyo 2020 Para Canoe Competition Dates, August 29 – September 5, 2020



B. Selection of Paralympic Games Coaching & Support Staff

1. Coaching Staff

- 1.1. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Coaching Staff will be selected by the CTO in consultation with the HC.
- 1.2. Priority nominations will be for Canoe Kayak Canada National Team Coaches.
- 1.3. It may be that CKC-SRD may not receive sufficient accreditations for a full coaching staff.
- 1.4. Nomination for a coach accreditation will be based on an assessment of the impact that coach will have on the overall team performance with podium potential having the highest priority.
- 1.5. All Coaches must meet CPC & IPC requirements of participation.

2. Support Staff

- 2.1. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Support Staff will be selected by the CTO in consultation with the HC.
- 2.2. It may be that CKC-SRD may not receive sufficient accreditations for a full support staff.
- 2.3. Nomination for a staff accreditation will be based on an assessment of the impact that staff member will have on the overall team performance with podium potential having the highest priority.
- 2.4. All Staff must meet CPC & IOC requirements of participation.

C. Athlete Injury

If, because of injury, illness or extenuating circumstances, an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements in this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool, 2020 Para Canoe World Championships, International Competition* and the Paralympic Games if he/she advises the HPD in writing of such illness, injury, causes or circumstances. The HPC must approve any request to forego the relevant requirement in this selection procedure. This clause



does not apply to any assessment of the athlete either in training or competition prior to notice of the injury, illness or extenuating circumstances.

D. Athlete Replacement Policy

1. Where an athlete who has been nominated to the CPC is unable to participate due to injury or illness and this injury or illness occurs after the submission of nominations to the CPC on ???, 2020 and before the Paralympic Games Canoe Sprint Technical Meeting a replacement athlete will be nominated to the CPC for membership on the *Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games* according to the following criteria.
 - 1.1. The athlete who finished second in the *Podium Crew* or *Paralympic Team Assessment Pool* selection process.
2. All potential alternates must be submitted to the CPC on ???, 2020 to be registered as alternates. If an alternate is not on the list submitted to the CPC, they will not be permitted as a replacement in the event of an injury.

E. Entries

1. Final entries at the Paralympic Games Technical meeting will be approved by the HC.



APPENDIX A

Performance Times

Any performance times to be compared against the A-Final Time (AFT) will be rounded to the 10th of a second E.g. 49.46 becomes 49.5 or alternatively 38.74 becomes 38.7.

EVENT	GMT	Top 8
KL3-MEN	40.00	43.00
KL3-WOMEN	51.00	57.00
KL2-MEN	42.00	48.00
KL2-WOMEN	53.00	60.00
KL1-MEN	50.00	55.00
KL1-WOMEN	56.00	62.00
VL3-MEN	48.00	53.00
VL2-MEN	55.00	58.00
VL2-WOMEN	58.00	72.00