



# **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 a 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
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	Paralympic Team Trials

### **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 (A, B, C) 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 determined by a race-off. 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.



*Invited Athletes*

Athletes that the National Discipline Coach (NDC), with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) are deemed to enhance the training group or in the opinion of the NDC have the potential to be selected to the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships.

*Paralympic Games Technical Meeting*

This is the meeting that takes place prior to the competition to confirm entries with the Chief Official and to review the rules and regulations as they apply to racing at the 2020 Paralympic Games

*Paralympic Team Assessment Pool*

In the stages of selection that follow there are several clauses that refer to a *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.

*Performance Assessment*

Where required in the criteria below a *Performance Assessment* will be conducted at PTT to determine the crews that will be nominated to the 2020 World Para Canoe Championships in non-qualified events. The intent of this *Performance Assessment* is to ensure that the selection is consistent with the performance objectives of CKC-SRD. That is, the potential to achieve an A Final performance at the Paralympic Games. To be selected a crew must demonstrate the potential to achieve a Top 16 result at the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships.

Factors that may be considered when assessing the quality of performance can include but are not limited to:

- Position of finish
- % time differential from the GMT (see Appendix A)



- % time differential from the AFT (see Appendix A)
- % time differential from the winner at World Cup #2
- Depth of field
- Performance against known international performers (e.g. medalists, 2019 Olympic Qualifiers, etc.)
- Exceptional Circumstances

These factors are in no particular order and one or more may be used to either support or dismiss a selection. Other factors not listed may also be considered.

#### *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 a 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**

	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

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 to the ICF 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 **July 29, 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. Have participated in the applicable selection trials and events;



4. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the ICF, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the Anti-Doping rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them;

4.1 Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping violation.

5. Sign, Submit and comply with the CPC Athlete Agreement and the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games conditions of participation.

6. Have a Canadian Passport that is valid for at least six months following the date of departure to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

7. Must meet national classification requirements at PTT **and** a confirmed international status on or before the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships. Please see section 8 below for more details.

8. Satisfactorily demonstrate that the athlete will be eligible to compete for Canada, according to the rules of the:

8.1 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/2018-10_-_tokyo_2020_-_qualification_system_-_canoe_sprint_-_final.pdf)

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules\\_canoe\\_sprint\\_2019.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules_canoe_sprint_2019.pdf)

8.2 IPC Paralympic Canoe Sprint Qualification System:

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo\\_2020\\_qualification\\_criteria\\_para\\_canoe.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_para_canoe.pdf)



## **F. Authority for Selection and at Games Decisions**

1. The CTO is responsible for the implementation of the procedures and criteria in this document.
2. The HPC is responsible for ensuring these criteria are in alignment with the overarching purposes noted in the selection criteria, along with any CKC-SRD and CPC policies.
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 approved 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. 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.
5. After the submission of athletes to the CPC on or before **July 29, 2020** for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team the decision-making authority will reside with the CTO or his designate. This includes entries, representation, and all matters pertaining to the CKC-SRD team representing Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

## **G. Exceptional Circumstances**

1. These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist, and specifically, where no athletes are prevented from racing because of exceptional 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. Exceptional circumstances only apply to situations that occur in advance of or during the relevant element of the selection process.

1.1 An example could include lost equipment by an airline enroute to a selection competition.

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

## **H. Athlete Injury or Illness**

1. The basic philosophy for selecting an athlete by granting an injury or illness request is that, all things being equal, the athlete nominated has clearly demonstrated superior performances in previous competition to other athletes being considered for a Paralympic Team nomination.
2. If, because of physical or psychological injury or illness an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements in this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for the *2019 Para Canoe World Championships*, *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* and the *Paralympic Games* if he/she advises the CTO in writing of such illness or injury and provides a medical certificate of diagnosis of the injury or illness along with a prognosis for recovery.
3. The HPC must approve any request to forego the relevant requirement in this selection procedure.
4. This clause does not apply to any assessment of the athlete either in training or competition prior to notice of the injury or illness.



5. An injury or illness request is considered as the last means by which an athlete can earn selection and is intended to provide for exceptional circumstances outside the normal selection criteria rather than being part of the normal means by which an athlete can earn selection.

## **I. Athlete Replacement Policy**

1. All potential replacement athletes must be submitted along with our Paralympic Team nominations to the CPC by **July 29, 2020** to be registered as replacement athletes.
2. Where an athlete who has been nominated to the CPC is unable to participate due to a physical or psychological injury or illness and this injury or illness occurs after the submission of nominations to the CPC on or before **July 29, 2020** and before the Paralympic Games Para Canoe Technical Meeting, a replacement athlete if required, will be nominated from the replacement list to the CPC for membership on the *Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games* according to the following criteria:
  - 2.1. For all events, the CTO in consultation with the NDC will identify a replacement list at OTT and will nominate the athlete who in their expert opinion will ensure the greatest performance potential at the Paralympic Games is realized. In addition to the factors identified in the *Performance Assessment* defined in section B above.
  - 2.2. The HPC must approve all replacement athletes nominated to the CPC.

## **J. Entries**

Final entries at the *Paralympic Games Technical Meeting* will be approved by the CTO in consultation with the NDC.



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## **K. 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 who have fulfilled the eligibility requirements noted above. This policy can be found at <http://canoekayak.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Appeals-Policy.pdf>

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.



## **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 a Paralympic event.
2. An underlying principle is that all crews are required to achieve two wins or the *highest position of finish* two times whichever is applicable. Please see Section C for details.
3. An athlete / crew can obtain a nomination to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team through one of the following methods:
  - 3.1 Global Qualification – 2019 Para Canoe World Championships Qualifier – Nomination Process for *Podium Crews*
  - 3.2 Global Qualification – 2019 Para Canoe World Championships Qualifier – Nomination Process for Non-Podium Crews
  - 3.3 Global Qualification – 2020 Para Canoe World Championships Qualifier – Nomination Process
  - 3.4 Allocation of Unused Quotas allocated to the NOC by the ICF



4. The CTO in consultation with the NDC and the crews involved will determine the time and date of any race-off required in Section C below. Where the parties cannot agree the CTO has the final authority to determine the time and date of the race-off.
  
5. Unless additional performance assessment is required as indicated in the criteria below (for example additional quotas become available after this date, it is the intent to complete the CKC-SRD selection process on or before **June 12th, 2020**).

## **C. Specific Selection Criteria**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

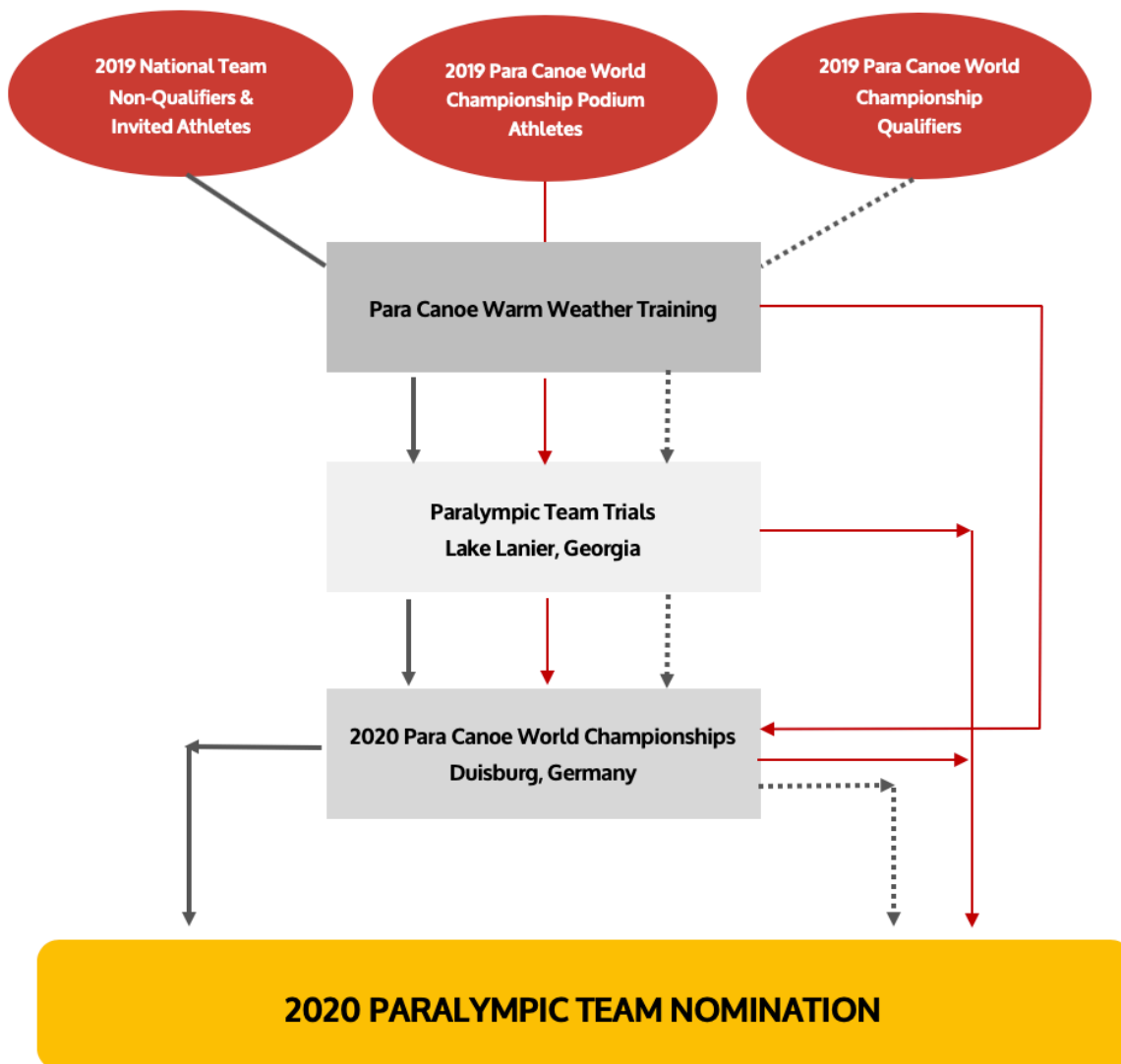
The CTO in consultation with the NDC, will recommend to the HPC those athletes that in their opinion should be nominated. The HPC shall ensure that such nominations adhere to the procedures and criteria contained within Part 2 of this selection document. The approval of all competition entries is the responsibility of the CTO

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. GLOBAL QUALIFICATION - 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](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://canoekayak.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Para-Canoe-World-Team-Supplement-Final-Feb-5-EN-3.pdf>

#### **3.1 Nomination Process for 2019 Podium Crews**

- 3.1.1 A 2019 Podium crew will be assigned a win toward a nomination to the 2020 Paralympic Team on the basis of their podium result at the 2019 Para Canoe World Championships.
- 3.1.2 A 2019 Podium crew that wins their respective event in Final 1 at PTT, April 16-19, 2020, Gainesville, Georgia will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.



- 3.1.3 A 2019 *Podium Crew* that competes at PTT, April 16-19, 2020, Gainesville, Georgia and **does not win Final 1** but they **win Final 2**, at PTT they will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.
- 3.1.4 If the 2019 *Podium Crew* is not the winner of Final 1 or Final 2 at PTT and there are two different winners, the 2019 *Podium crew* will be included in the race-off.
- 3.1.5 If the same crew wins Final 1 and Final 2 and it is not the 2019 *podium crew*, then the 2019 *Podium Crew* will no longer be included in the selection process for this event.
- 3.1.6 If the 2019 *Podium Crew* wishes to compete in other events for which CKC-SRD has qualified then they must satisfy the relevant selection criteria for that event.
- 3.1.7 The CTO in consultation with the NDC 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. In order to be nominated to the HPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team the 2019 Podium Crew must:
- 3.1.7.1 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
- 3.1.7.2 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 win a race-off between the crew with the highest position of finish and the *Podium Crew*. The winner of the race-off will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.





**3.2 Nomination process based on Athlete Quotas achieved at the *Global Qualifier - 2019 Para Canoe World Championships (non-podium)*.**

- 3.2.1 If the same crew wins Final 1 and Final 2 at PTT in an event that CKC-SRD qualified at the Global Qualifier – 2019 Para Canoe World Championships then they will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.
- 3.2.2 If the crew that wins Final 1 at PTT does not win Final 2 then both winners will be nominated to the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships.
  - 3.2.2.1 The crew with the *highest position of finish* at the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.
  - 3.2.2.2 Where neither crew qualifies for a Final at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*, a race-off will be held. The winner of the race-off will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.,

**4. GLOBAL QUALIFICATION - 2020 PARA CANOE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 4.1 ***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\\_p\\_aracano.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/tokyo_2020_qualification_criteria_p_aracano.pdf)



- 4.2 In order to be considered for a nomination to the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships* a crew must win one of the Non-Qualified Paralympic events at PTT **and** demonstrate the potential to finish in the Top 16 at the *2020 Para Canoe World Championships*. This potential will be determined by a *Performance Assessment* conducted at PTT. Only these events are eligible to earn quotas for Canada under the *Paralympic Qualification System of the International Paralympic Committee*.
- 4.3 If the same crew wins Final 1 and Final 2 at PTT in an event that CKC-SRD has not yet qualified then they will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Para Canoe World Championship Team subject to a *Performance Assessment*.
- 4.4 If the crew that wins Final 1 at PTT does not win Final 2 then both winners will be nominated to the 2020 Para Canoe World Championships subject to a *Performance Assessment*.
- 4.5 The crew with the highest position of finish that satisfies IPC Para Canoe qualification requirements at the Global Qualifier – 2020 World Championships will be nominated to the CPC for inclusion on the 2020 Paralympic Team.



## **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 12, 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, July 29, 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.
- 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 .
- 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.



## **APPENDIX A**

### **Performance Times**

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

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>GMT</b>	<b>Top 8</b>
KL3-MEN	40.00	43.00
KL3-WOMEN	50.00	56.00
KL2-MEN	42.00	46.00
KL2-WOMEN	50.00	59.00
KL1-MEN	50.00	55.00
KL1-WOMEN	56.00	62.00
VL3-MEN	48.00	53.00
VL2-MEN	53.00	59.00
VL2-WOMEN	59.00	72.00