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CANOE SLALOM

2021 SELECTION PROCEDURES

CKC is carefully following the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it may impact the Selection Procedures, the Selection Team Criteria Supplements, and our team's attendance at international events. CKC reserves the right to modify the documents based on the best available information. Any modifications will be made promptly and will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible. CKC's attendance at all International events will be carefully reviewed based on a unique risk assessment for each competition location.

Acronyms and Definitions

"Paddler"	An athlete with exceptional skill, knowledge and ability in the sport of Canoe Slalom and wishes to compete for Canada as a member of CKC's team. The paddler 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
"CEO"	Chief Executive Officer
"COPAC"	Pan American Canoe Federation
"Crew"	Two paddlers 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
"Athlete Quota"	The number of paddler or 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
"SMHPCD"	Senior Manager of Slalom High Performance and Coach Development

1. Performance Objectives

The following Selection Procedures are guided by CKC's High Performance vision of striving to become a top performer at all levels and in all disciplines. In general terms, the intent of senior international teams is to progress towards semifinals/finals with the aim of maximizing individual and team performance at the World Championships and Olympic Games. The intent of Junior and U23 international teams is to support paddler development and to facilitate meaningful training and competition experiences as a pathway to senior international teams.

2. Selection Procedures

- 2.1 The processes laid out in this document govern the selection of paddlers to Canoe Slalom teams and this document must be read in conjunction with the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement applicable to each CKC Team.
- 2.2 This document and the various Selection Criteria Supplements are not applicable to the nomination of paddlers to the Olympic or Pan Am Games Teams except to the extent that participation in qualifying events for the Games may be restricted by each of these documents.

3. Selection Criteria Supplement

- 3.1 The selection criteria procedures and supplements are developed by the SMSHPCD. Following feedback from coaches, paddlers, and the CKC community, the final Selection Criteria is then forwarded to the Slalom High Performance Committee for review and ratification.
- 3.2 The criteria to be applied by the Selection Panel for the applicable team is set out in the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement.

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 paddlers and stakeholders as determined by the HPC.
- 4.2 The CTO will take reasonable steps to give written notice to paddlers affected by any amendments and/or supplements to this document. It is the responsibility of each paddler 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 paddler's most recent contact details and posts written notice on the CKC website.

5. Selection Panel and Authority for Selection

- 5.1 The selection panel for all Canoe Slalom national teams will consist of the CTO, the SMSHPCD and a member appointed by the HPC.
- 5.2 The selection panel will confirm the final team composition for all major championships, competitions and Games, using the criteria published in this document and the relevant

Selection Criteria Supplements applicable to each CKC Team.

- 5.3 Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the SMSHPCD.
- 5.4 The CTO may terminate the appointment of any Selection Panel member or appoint additional member(s) he/she it considers it appropriate to do so. The CTO may direct any member of any Selection Panel to vacate the relevant Selection Panel for such period as the CTO considers appropriate where the CTO considers, in their sole discretion, the Selection panel member has an association with a paddler which may give rise to a question of bias or conflict of interest in the selection process.
- 5.5 The CEO may terminate the appointment of the CTO from the Selection Panel if he/she considers it appropriate to do so.
- 5.6 The SMSHPCD is responsible for the implementation and procedures in this document and all Selection Criteria Supplements. It is the responsibility of the HPC to ensure the nominations of the Selection Panel satisfy the Selection Procedures and the applicable Selection Criteria Supplement as published.
- 5.7 All appeals and/or protests related to all selection competition results must be 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 of or make any decisions with respect to appeals and/or protests concerning competition results.

6. Rules Governing the Canoe Slalom Team Selection Races

- 6.1 Paddlers may compete and seek nomination in one or more Event(s) at any of the team selection races. Paddlers will be selected to all teams for all Event(s) in which they qualify.
- 6.2 There are no qualification requirements to compete in the Canoe Slalom team selection races.
- 6.3 Paddlers will be eligible to compete in the following events in Canoe Slalom Team Selection Races:
 - 6.3.1 Men's and Women's Kayak
 - 6.3.2 Men's and Women's Canoe
- 6.4 All National Team selection races will be governed by current ICF racing rules.
- 6.5 At least one ICF International Judge Canoe Slalom (IJCSL) must be involved in the design of the National Team selection race courses.
- 6.6 If one or more of the National Team selection races is cancelled for any reason, the CTO, in consultation with the selection panel, may designate additional race(s) to replace the cancelled race(s). Any replacement race will be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled team selection competition.
- 6.7 All appeals and/or protests related to all selection competition results must be 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 of or make any decisions with respect to appeals and/or protests concerning competition results.

7. Extreme Slalom and Double Canoe Statement

- 7.1 The Extreme Slalom event has been added to the Paris 2024 program. At this point in time, it is expected that athletes will need to qualify for Paris 2024 in individual Canoe Slalom events to have access to the Extreme Slalom competition in Paris. For this reason, CKC is currently not developing a separate Extreme Slalom selection pathway. In past seasons, Extreme Slalom training opportunities at international events have been limited making it difficult for paddlers that are only competing in the extreme slalom event to access the competition course. Therefore, Extreme Slalom nominations will be based on performance and selections in Canoe Slalom Events. CKC will monitor the development of ICF Extreme Slalom entry rules and consider new selection procedures for Extreme Slalom in 2022.
- 7.2 CKC remains committed to celebrating the double canoe events at the National Championships and encourages paddlers that are selected to teams in Olympic events to consider competing in C2 when it does not interfere with their preparation and performance in Olympic events.

8. Eligibility Requirements

- 8.1 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 paddler must:
- 8.1.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC;
 - 8.1.2 Meets or will meet the ICF's eligibility requirements (if any);
 - 8.1.3 Is a Canadian citizen or holds a Canadian permanent residency visa;
 - 8.1.4 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;
 - 8.1.5 For ICF non-Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that he/she is eligible to compete for Canada;
 - 8.1.6 Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30-days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
 - 8.1.7 Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 8.1.8 Completes and signs the applicable application form, including the acknowledgement that he/she will abide by the CKC Code of Conduct.
 - 8.1.9 Have participated in the applicable selection events unless exempted by criteria in the applicable selection document(s);
 - 8.1.10 Continues to meet the training, logging, and testing expectations of the coaching staff.
- 8.2 If a paddler is selected to a pool and/or team under these selection procedures and criteria supplements, the paddler acknowledges and agrees that:
- 8.2.1 The paddler must comply with CKC's policies as posted on the CKC website;
 - 8.2.2 The paddler 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;
 - 8.2.3 The paddler 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 CCES and ICF using a paddler Contact Information Form.

- 8.2.4 They will comply with the CKC Athlete Code of Conduct and/or the Athlete Agreement;
- 8.2.5 They will report an illness or injury which prevents the athlete from meeting the overall requirements for selection as set out in the applicable Selection Criteria Supplement.

9. Minimum Performance Standard

- 9.1 The purpose of the MPS benchmark is to select paddlers that are ready to compete in developmentally appropriate international competitions that will facilitate meaningful competition opportunities and support their development.
- 9.2 The Senior MPS will be utilized as a benchmark to select paddlers to compete internationally who demonstrate the potential to advance to semifinals at World Cups and World Championships.
- 9.3 The Junior and U23 MPS will be utilized as a benchmark to select paddlers to compete internationally who demonstrate the potential to place in the top two-thirds of the field at the Junior/U23 World Championships.

9.4 The Base Score will be determined by the lowest total score recorded by any eligible paddler for each Selection Race.

9.5 The paddler's Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Paddler Score}}{\text{Base Score}}\right) \times 100\% = \text{Paddler's Percentage Score}$$

9.6 To satisfy the MPS the paddler's percentage score must be less than or equal to the appropriate MPS identified for each age-group in Table 5.

9.7 The paddler's Percentage Score will be truncated to one decimal place.

9.8 Example of paddler's percentage score truncated to one decimal.

$$\left(\frac{116.01}{99.99}\right) \times 100\% = 116.02\%$$

Truncated paddler Percentage Score = **116.0%**

9.9 Paddlers who meet the MPS in an Olympic Event may fill an unused Athlete Quota position in a secondary event.

9.10 The MPS listed in Table 1 will be utilized to determine whether a paddler has satisfied the appropriate MPS required for selection to a CKC Team.

9.11 Nomination to a CKC team is dependent on the paddler meeting the appropriate MPS outlined in the table below in at least one of the selection races.

Table 1: Summary of Minimum Performance Standards for Selection to a CKC Team

Event	Men's K1	Women's K1	Men's C1	Women's C1
World Cup MPS	107.0%	120.5%	116.0%	142.0%
U23 MPS	120.0%	149.5%	126.5%	166.0%
Junior MPS	130.5%	156.0%	141.5%	176.5%

10. Illness and Injury

10.1 A paddler 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 paddlers 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 paddler 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.

11. Unforeseen Circumstances

11.1 These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist, and specifically, where no paddlers are prevented from racing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated circumstances preventing them from competing in a selection event. 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.

11.2 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.

12. Maintaining Selection Status

12.1 A paddler who is selected under these procedures and the applicable criteria supplement must:

12.1.1 Comply with applicable CKC policies including these procedures and applicable criteria supplements;

12.1.2 Comply with any requirement of the CKC Anti-Doping Bylaw;

12.2 Any selected paddler may have their selection status reviewed by the CTO if any of the requirements in clause 10.1 are not met. The CTO will notify the paddler in writing as to why their selection status is under review. The paddler shall be given a reasonable opportunity (no more than seven days) to provide reasons why she/he should not be removed from the selection process.

12.3 A selected paddler may withdraw his/her selection by giving notice in writing to the CTO.

12.4 If a selected paddler is withdrawn from selection, the Selection Panel may consider selecting another paddler to replace the withdrawn paddler.

13. Replacement Procedures

- 13.1 Where a paddler 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.
- 13.2 Any unfilled quota positions may be filled by the next highest ranked eligible paddler based on the Selection Criteria outlined in the appropriate National Team Selection Criteria Supplement.
- 13.3 All replacement paddlers must satisfy the appropriate selection criteria set out in the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement.
- 13.4 Replacement paddlers 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.

14. 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.

Table 2: Summary of Quota Positions at International Events

Event	ICF World Ranking Quotas	ICF World Cup and World Championships Quotas	Pan-Am Championships Quotas
K1 Men Slalom	Minimum 6 Paddlers	3 Paddlers	3 Paddlers
K1 Women Slalom	Minimum 6 Paddlers	3 Paddlers	3 Paddlers
C1 Men Slalom	Minimum 6 Paddlers	3 Paddlers	3 Paddlers
C1 Women Slalom	Minimum 6 Paddlers	3 Paddlers	3 Paddlers
C2 Mixed Slalom	Minimum 6 Crews	1 Crew	3 Crews
K1 Men Extreme Slalom	Subject to organizer	4 paddlers	Subject to organizer
K1 Women Extreme Slalom	Subject to organizer	4 paddlers	Subject to organizer

15. Appeals

Appeals of Canoe Kayak Canada decisions may be pursued through the Canoe Kayak Canada [Appeals Policy](#). Paddlers shall only be permitted to appeal when they are directly affected by a decision. As such, any paddler who was not being considered for a team shall not have the right to appeal a selection decision.