



## **CANOE SLALOM**

### **FIGURE 8 ASSESSMENT 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.

#### **1. Introduction**

Following the cancellation of the slalom team trials at the Kananaskis, a flatwater Figure 8 paddling assessment (180 metre) will be used as the back-up selection system to select athletes to compete in World Cup 1, 2, Junior and U23 World Championships. The Figure 8 assessment will be performed on the same technical configuration as the 60 and 300 metre slalom Figure 8 assessment that was introduced by Paddle Australia in 2020 but the total distance (180 metre) and number of laps has been chosen to simulate the duration of a standard slalom race run.

The selection of athletes will be based on the [Canoe Slalom Selection Criteria](#). The purpose of this document is to describe the procedures that will be followed at each regional Figure 8 assessment venue in order to maintain consistency between assessments.

#### **2. Venue Locations**

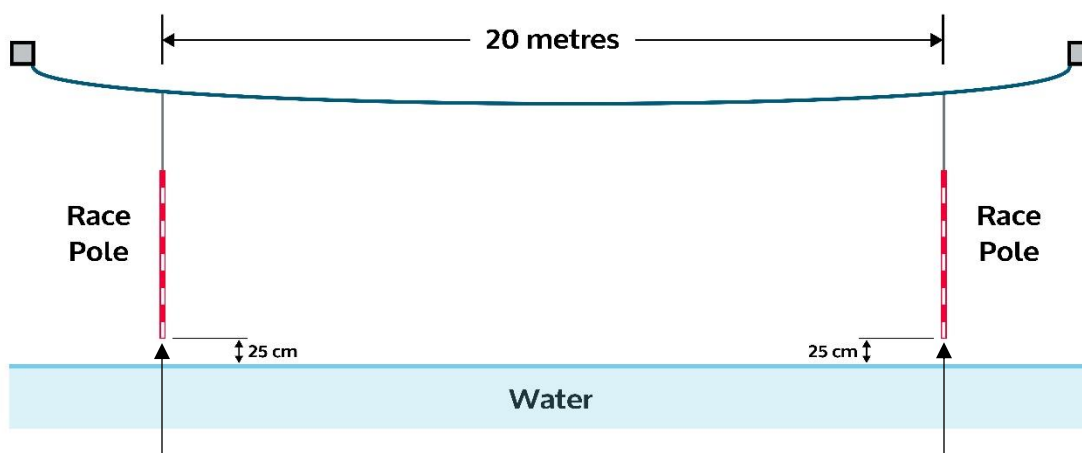
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Chilliwack, BC</b>	TBD	May 8
<b>Calgary, AB</b>	Mont Royal Pool or Harmony Lake	May 8
<b>Valleyfield, QC or Ottawa, ON</b>	Flatwater canal	May 8
<b>Pau, France</b>	Top pool of slalom race course (pumps are turned off)	May 8

#### **3. Paddler Eligibility**

All participants must register through CKC's online registration system, hold an active CKC Whitewater Competition Licence and satisfy all the Eligibility Requirements described in the Canoe Slalom Selection Procedures.



## 4. Course Set-up Diagram



Judges should be positioned on shore perpendicular to Race Pole in order to have an optimal viewing angle as shown by black arrows above.

## 5. Technical Rules

- ICF Equipment rules will be enforced.
- ICF regulation PFD, helmets and boats must be used in each assessment run.
- All paddling venues must be on flatwater with no moving current.
- Two race poles will be suspended **20 metres** apart on a single wire.
- Chief Judge will inspect pole height using a 25 cm gauge to accurately measure the distance between the water surface and the bottom of the race pole.
- The paddler's starting position will be with the tip of their bow aligned with the "Start" race pole.
- The Timer will signal a countdown and the paddler will start within 5 seconds of this countdown.
- The paddler's time will start as their hips cross the "Start" race pole line.
- Paddler will complete 9 lengths while navigating a Figure 8 pattern alternating their turning side at each pole therefor requiring them to complete a total of 8 turns (4 left turns and 4 right turns).
- The paddler's time will stop as their hips cross the "Finish" race pole line.



- The Finish Judge will sound a horn or bell to signal when the paddler has **40 metres** remaining in the assessment.
- Each paddler will be permitted to complete a maximum of two Figure 8 paddling assessments in each category (Single Kayak, Single Canoe).
- The Senior Manager High Performance will collaborate with each regional assessment event Technical Manager to develop a Figure 8 assessment schedule (start list) for all registered paddlers.
- Weight and equipment checks will be conducted after each Figure 8 assessment.

## 6. Technical Officials

Each regional host must assemble the following Technical Officials to oversee the implementation of each regional event. The technical officials will form the venue competition committee and are responsible for ensuring that the technical standards are implemented.

- Technical Manager to oversee the set-up of the Figure 8 wire and poles and to operate the video camera to record each Figure 8 assessment.
- Start Judge to operate timing equipment and to assess penalties on Pole 1.
- Finish Judge to operate timing equipment and to assess penalties on Pole 2.

## 7. Scoring and Results

- Timing will be performed by the Timing Manager using a Alge or Tag Heuer timer or equivalent stopwatch.
- The use of a dedicated push button connected to an Alge Timer with paper printout for start and finish is encouraged.
- Assessment times recorded by the timing manager in seconds to the hundredth decimal. (eg. 92.73)
- The judges must be in a position that is perpendicular to the start and finish pole and Figure 8 wire to accurately observe the paddler's body when they cross the start and finish.
- All assessment runs will be reviewed by video to assess and confirm penalties by each Judge.
- Judging decisions by the Start Judge and Finish Judge are considered matter of fact and final.
- No enquiries or appeals will be permitted.

## 8. Equipment List

- A total of two slalom upstream poles (red/white stripes)



- Vinyl coated wire rope or aircraft cable 1/8 inch gauge. The 20 metre wire for course set-up will be supplied by Canoe Kayak Canada to ensure that all wires are the same length.
- Video Camera with tripod or an alternative mechanism to ensure the camera is held in a stable position and will allow the camera operator to follow the paddler's movement throughout the assessment (i.e. camera should be placed on shore in middle of course between both upstream poles)
- Alge Timy with push button or handheld stop watch
- Weight scale
- Boat length measuring tool
- PFD Floatation check
- Judge Penalty tracking sheets
- Timing system (Alger Timer or equivalent, push button, wires)

## 9. Weather and Safety Factors

The local Judges are responsible for monitoring the local weather conditions and has the authority to respond accordingly. (e.g. postponing the Figure 8 assessment based on harsh weather conditions) Under exceptional circumstances such as high winds causing excessive pole movement, lightening, or other unsafe conditions, the local Competition Committee may submit a request in writing to the Senior Manager of High Performance to reschedule the assessment based on local environmental factors that do not allow the event to proceed in a fair and safe manner. All regional Figure 8 assessments that are delayed should be rescheduled to take place before **11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on May 15, 2021.**

## 10. Results Report and Video Evidence

The Technical Manager at each location must submit video evidence of all participants' assessments as well as an official Competition Report in PDF format containing the information listed below to Senior Manager of High Performance ([icartwright@canoekayak.ca](mailto:icartwright@canoekayak.ca)) before **11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on May 10, 2021.** Video files can be uploaded to a shared Google Drive folder.

- Date and location of assessment
- Name of all participants
- Event of all participants
- Run 1 Results (Time and Penalties)
- Run 2 Results (Time and Penalties)
- Run 1 and 2 video files
  - File name nomenclature: Event\_Surname\_FirstName\_Run#
  - Example: C1MJR\_EDDIE\_TURNER\_1