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CANOE SLALOM & EXTREME SLALOM

2022 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.

1. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

The following selection criteria 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 our senior international teams is to select paddlers that are progressing towards semifinals and finals with the aim of maximizing performances 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 that support the pathway to senior international teams.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

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.

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. 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 they wish 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
"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 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
“SMSHPCD”	Senior Manager of Slalom High Performance and Coach Development

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

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 reviewed and approved by the Slalom High Performance Committee. The criteria to be applied by the Selection Panel for the applicable team is set out in the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement.

5. CHANGES TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 The SMSHPCD, 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 SMSHPCD shall provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected paddlers and stakeholders as determined by the HPC.
- 5.2 The SMSHPCD 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 their contact details up to date, and to keep CKC notified of any change to that information. Apart from any other steps the SMSHPCD may take, they will be deemed to have complied with this clause if they emails notice to the paddler’s most recent contact details and posts written notice on the CKC website.

6. SELECTION PANEL AND AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The Selection Panel will consist of the CTO, the SMSHPCD and two members appointed by the HPC.
- 6.3 Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the SMSHPCD.

- 6.4 The CTO may terminate the appointment of any Selection Panel member or appoint additional member(s) they consider 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.
- 6.5 The CEO may terminate the appointment of the CTO from the Selection Panel if they consider it appropriate to do so.
- 6.6 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.
- 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. RULES GOVERNING THE SELECTION RACES

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 There are no qualification requirements to compete in the Canoe Slalom team selection races.
- 7.3 Paddlers will be eligible to compete in the following events in Canoe Slalom Team Selection Races:
 - Men's K1, C1, Extreme Slalom
 - Women's K1, C1, Extreme Slalom
- 7.4 All National Team selection races will be governed by current ICF Canoe Slalom rules.
- 7.5 At least one ICF International Judge Canoe Slalom (IJCSL) must be involved in the design of the National Team selection race courses.
- 7.6 If one or more of the National Team selection races is cancelled for any reason, the CTO, in consultation with the Selection Panel, will 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.
- 7.7 In the event that all selection races are cancelled, the CTO in consultation with the Selection Panel will identify a back-up venue to hold the re-scheduled selection races that will occur no later than two weeks within the previously planned selection dates.
- 7.8 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.

8. CANOE SLALOM SELECTION RANKING

- 8.1 The Canoe Slalom Selecting Ranking system will form the basis for all National Team rankings and subsequent nominations outlined in the National Team supplement documents.
- 8.2 After completion of the Selection Races, all paddlers who meet the Eligibility Requirements will be ranked within each Event in the Senior Selection Ranking System.
- 8.3 Points will be awarded to each paddler based on the ranking of each paddler in their respective Event(s) in selection races #1, #2, #3 and #4 (Table 2 in Appendix).
- 8.4 Where a paddler starts a race but does not finish their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not finish (DNF)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.
- 8.5 Where a paddler is entered in a race but does not start their run, the run will be recorded as a “did not start (DNS)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race.
- 8.6 Where a paddler is disqualified in a race run, the run will be recorded as a “Disqualified Run (DSQ-R)” and will be awarded 999 points for that selection race run.
- 8.7 Where a paddler is disqualified for the whole competition the athlete’s selection race runs will be recorded as a “Disqualified Competition (DSQ-B)” and will be awarded 999 points for each selection race run.
- 8.8 The points from the three best ranking results of each paddler in selection race #1, #2, #3 and #4 will be added together to calculate the respective Final Ranking Score and Ranking (Table 3 in Appendix).
- 8.9 Where two or more paddlers tie in any National Team Selection Race each tied paddler will be awarded the same placement and the same ranking points. The next athlete will be awarded points based on their relative position of finish (Table 2 in Appendix).
- 8.10 Where two or more paddlers have the same Final Ranking score the paddler who has the single lowest points score in any one of the selection races shall be ranked higher (Table 3 in Appendix).
- 8.11 If a tie remains, the paddler who has the lowest Tie-Breaking percentage shall be ranked higher. The Tie-Breaking percentage score will be calculated by the addition of the paddler’s three lowest percentage scores from selection race #1, #2, #3 and #4 (Table 4 in Appendix).

9. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 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:
 - 9.1.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC;
 - 9.1.2 Meets or will meet the ICF’s eligibility requirements (if any);
 - 9.1.3 Is a Canadian citizen or holds a Canadian permanent residency visa;
 - 9.1.4 For ICF Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF and IOC rules that they will be eligible to compete for Canada at the Olympic Games;
 - 9.1.5 For ICF non-Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that they

are eligible to compete for Canada;

- 9.1.6 Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30-days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan;
 - 9.1.7 Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules;
 - 9.1.8 Completes and signs the applicable application form, including the acknowledgement that they will abide by the CKC Code of Conduct.
 - 9.1.9 Have participated in the applicable selection events unless exempted by criteria in the applicable selection document(s);
- 9.2 If a paddler is selected to a pool and/or team under these selection procedures and criteria supplements, the paddler acknowledges and agrees that:
- 9.2.1 The paddler must comply with CKC's policies as posted on the CKC website;
 - 9.2.2 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;
 - 9.2.3 The paddler will comply with all requests from CKC and with their obligations set out in the CKC Anti-Doping bylaw to provide accurate whereabouts information to CCES and ICF using a paddler Contact Information Form.
 - 9.2.4 They will comply with the CKC Athlete Code of Conduct and/or the Athlete Agreement;
 - 9.2.5 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.

10. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 10.1 These criteria are intended to apply where fair racing conditions exist but situations may arise where exceptional circumstances or circumstances beyond CKC's control do not allow racing or 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.
- 10.2 A Paddler that wishes to invoke to the Exceptional Circumstances clause may apply in writing to the CTO either prior to the selection competitions beginning or as soon as practically possible and no later than 4 hours following the conclusion of the impacted selection races. The Paddler's full application including all supporting evidence (i.e written documentation submitted by a medical doctor, travel agency, or airline) confirming the circumstances and justifying the use of the Exceptional Circumstances clause must be submitting to the CTO within 24 hours of the conclusion of the impacted selection races.
- 10.3 The Selection Panel is not obliged to accept or consider an application under this clause. Only Exceptional Circumstances with supporting evidence that prevent a Paddler from competing in a selection competition will be accepted.
- 10.4 For this Policy, "Exceptional Circumstances" means:
- 10.4.1 Injury, illness, or pregnancies that prevents a paddler from competing in a

- selection event as confirmed by a medical doctor;
 - 10.4.2 COVID-19 related quarantine requirements that prevent an athlete from competing in a selection race as confirmed by a medical doctor;
 - 10.4.3 Travel delays or restrictions that prevent an athlete from competing in a selection race; and/or
 - 10.4.4 Bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member.
- 10.5 If the Selection Panel accepts an Exceptional Circumstances application based on the conditions outlined in this policy, the Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose one of the following courses of action:
- 10.5.1 To select a Paddler to fill an Athlete Quota spot that is otherwise not already allocated to another paddler based on the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement.
 - 10.5.2 To select a Paddler where no Athlete Quota places remain vacant only when that Paddler has competed in a final in an Olympic event at the Senior, U23 or Junior World Championships or Olympic Games in the previous two competitive seasons¹. In this circumstance, the paddler invoking the Exceptional Circumstances clause will be allocated the first Athlete Quota spot in the relevant Selection Criteria Supplement only in the event in which they achieved the Top 10 result.

11. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 11.1 Team Selections announcements will be made within one week of the last selection race.
- 11.2 Paddlers must accept the offer of selection within three days of receiving the selection confirmation.

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 12.1 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 they should not be removed from the selection process.
- 12.3 A selected paddler may withdraw their 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.

¹ For clarity rule 10.5.2 includes performances achieved at the 2019 or 2021 World championships considering that no World Championships or Olympic Games held in 2020.

13. REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES

- 13.1 Where a paddler has been selected to a 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.

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
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. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD

- 14.1 The purpose of the MPS benchmark is to identify and select paddlers that are ready to compete in developmentally appropriate international competitions and provide meaningful competition opportunities that support the paddler's development.
- 14.2 Nomination to a CKC Canoe Slalom team to compete in a World Cup, Senior World Championships or Junior and U23 World Championships is dependent on the paddler meeting the age-appropriate MPS outlined in Table 5 in the appendix in at least one of the selection races.
- 14.3 Nominations to compete in an ICF Ranking Race is not dependent on the athlete satisfying the age-appropriate MPS.
- 14.4 The Paddler that is ranked 1st in the Selection Ranking will be selected to team when no Paddlers have satisfied the Senior MPS in the respective event to ensure one athlete in

each event is represented.

- 14.5 The U23 Paddler that is ranked 1st in the U23 Selection Ranking will be selected to the U23 Team when no paddlers have satisfied the U23 MPS in the respective event to ensure one athlete in each event is represented.
- 14.6 The Junior Paddler that is ranked 1st in the Junior Selection Ranking will be selected to the Junior Team when no paddlers have satisfied the Junior MPS in the respective event to ensure one athlete in each event is represented.
- 14.7 Paddlers who meet the MPS may fill an Athlete Quota position that has otherwise not been allocated to another paddler in a secondary event according to the selection ranking in the relevant selection criteria supplement.
- 14.8 To meet the MPS the paddler's percentage score must be less than or equal to the age-group appropriate MPS.
- 14.9 The paddler's Percentage Score will be calculated by using the following formula:

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

- 14.10 The Base Score will be determined by the lowest total score recorded by any Eligible paddler in each Selection Race.
- 14.11 The paddler's Percentage Score will be truncated to one decimal place.
- 14.12 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%**

16. 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.

APPENDIX

Table 1: Selection Race Points System

Place	Points
1 st	0
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	4
5 th	5
6 th	6
7 th	7
8 th	8
9 th	9
10 th	10 etc.

Table 2: Example of Selection Race Points System in the event of a tie

Place	Points
1 st	0
1 st	0
3 rd	3
4 th	4
4 th	4
6 th	6

Table 3: Example of the Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Ranking System

Intraclass Ranking	Paddler Name	Race #1 Pts	Race #2 Pts	Race #3 Pts	Race #4 Pts	Final Ranking Score (3 Lowest points)	Tie-Break Percentage Score
1	Paddler A	0	2	0	2	2	301.07%
2	Paddler B	3	0	3	0	3	302.37%
3	Paddler D	4	4	0	4	8	307.11%
4	Paddler C	3	3	2	3	8	306.75%
5	Paddler E	2	5	5	5	12	314.82%

Paddler D wins the Tie-Break and is ranked higher due to the single lowest ranking points score (0) in selection race # 3.

Table 4: Example of the Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Ranking System

Intraclass Ranking	Paddler Name	Race #1 Pts	Race #2 Pts	Race #3 Pts	Race #4 Pts	Final Ranking Score (3 Lowest points)	Tie-Break Percentage Score
1	Paddler A	0	2	0	0	0	301.07%
2	Paddler B	0	0	2	2	2	302.37%
3	Paddler C	3	3	4	999	10	306.75%
4	Paddler D	4	4	3	3	10	307.11%
5	Paddler E	5	4	5	4	14	314.82%

Paddler C wins the Tie-Break and is ranked higher due to lower Tie-Break Percentage Score (306.75%).

Table 5: Summary of Minimum Performance Standards for Selection to a CKC Team

Age-category	Men's K1	Women's K1	Men's C1	Women's C1
Senior MPS	112.0%	128.5%	119.0%	144.0%
U23 MPS	120.0%	149.5%	126.5%	166.0%
Junior MPS	130.5%	156.0%	141.5%	176.5%

The Minimum Performance Standards are set based on the average gap in score between the best overall score to 2/3s of the field at major international competitions. The Minimum Performance Standards are reviewed year over year and will be updated to reflect CKC's performance objectives of elevating the team's overall performance looking towards the Los Angeles Games.