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**FREESTYLE NATIONAL TEAM  
2022 TEAM TRIALS SELECTION PROCEDURES**

# 1. Acronyms and Definitions

**“Athlete”** A person who 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

**“CMO”** Chief Medical Officer

**“CKCFS”** Canadian Canoe-Kayak Freestyle Committee

**“FCC”** Freestyle Committee Chair

**“FCC Email”** is [freestylechair@canoekayak.ca](mailto:freestylechair@canoekayak.ca)

**“CFHJ”** Canadian Freestyle Head Judge

**“HC”** Head Coach

**“ICF”** International Canoe Federation

**“NTT”** National Team Trials

**“Quota”** The number of Athlete entries per event that are allocated to a National Federation at ICF. Quotas are subject to confirmation from the ICF.

## **2. Performance Objectives**

The following Selection Procedures are guided by Canoe Kayak Canada's performance objectives outlined in CKC's Strategic Plan. These objectives consist of reaching the podium at major events and sending a full freestyle team to the World Championships.

Canoe Kayak Canada is committed to excellence and providing quality competition and training opportunities for National Team Athletes. The Freestyle Kayak National Team Program includes the selection and preparation of athletes who will represent Canada at International Canoe Federation World Cups and World Championships.

## **3. Selection Procedures**

The processes laid out in this document govern the selection of athletes to the Freestyle Kayak National Teams.

The results of the Freestyle Kayak National Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility, in available classes where applicable, for World Championships, and athlete funding and other benefits provided by CKC and Sport Canada. All types of the eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the next National Team Trials through to the following National Team Trials.

## **4. Decision Making Authority**

The selection panel for all freestyle national teams will consist of the Canadian Freestyle Committee Chair, the Canadian Freestyle Head Judge and a member of the Canadian Canoe-Kayak Freestyle Committee. The selection panel will nominate the Senior and Junior National Teams based on this selection criteria. The selection panel will confirm the final team composition for all World Championships, using the criteria published in this document. Once nominated to an international team, the final approval of all international competition entries is the responsibility of the designated Team Leader.

## **5. Interpretation**

In the event of any dispute between the English and French versions of this document or any of the selection procedures, the English version(s) will prevail.

## **6. Document Revisions**

The Freestyle Committee Chair, with the CKCFS's approval, may change the Selection Procedures document with just cause. An example is an action by an outside agency such as the ICF (e.g. changing or adding an event). The FCC shall provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected athletes and stakeholders as determined by the HPC.

The FCC will take reasonable steps to give written notice to athletes affected by any amendments and/or supplements to this document. It is the responsibility of each athlete 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 FCC may take, he/she will be deemed to have complied with this clause if he/she emails notice to the athlete's most recent contact details and posts written notice on the CKC website.

## **7. Appeals**

Appeals of Canoe Kayak Canada decisions may be pursued through the Canoe Kayak Canada [Appeals Policy](#). Athletes shall only be permitted to appeal when they are directly affected by a decision.

## **8. Qualification Requirements**

There are no qualification requirements to compete at the Freestyle National Team Trials.

## **9. Pre-selection**

There is no pre-selection to the Freestyle National Team.

## **10. Exceptional Circumstances Clause**

10.1 A Paddler that wishes to invoke the Exceptional Circumstances clause must apply in writing to the FCC either prior to the selection competitions beginning or as soon as practically possible and no later than 4 hours prior to the start of the impacted selection event. The Paddler must send by email, to the FCC, the reasons for the Exceptional Circumstances, including all supporting evidence (i.e written documentation submitted by a medical doctor) confirming the circumstances and justifying the use of the Exceptional Circumstances clause at the latest 24 hours of the conclusion of the impacted selection event.

10.2 The FCC 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 event will be accepted.

10.3 For this Policy, “Exceptional Circumstances” means:

10.3.1 Injury, illness, or pregnancies that prevents a paddler from competing in a selection event as confirmed by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner;

10.3.2 COVID-19 related quarantine requirements that prevent an athlete from competing in a selection race as confirmed by a medical doctor; and/or

10.4 If the FCC accepts an Exceptional Circumstances application based on the conditions outlined in this policy, the FCC, in their absolute discretion but in consultation with the selection panel, may choose one of the following courses of action:

10.4.1 To select a Paddler to fill an Athlete Quota spot, which is unallocated after Team Trials, based on the relevant Selection Criteria noted below:

10.4.1.1 For senior Paddlers, selection will be based on the Paddler's best results in the World Championships in the last five years and the last World Championships that was on a wave, if it was longer than 5 years ago.

10.4.1.2 For junior Paddlers, selection will be based on either top results from previous World Championships and the top results from the next ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup(s).

10.4.1.3 All results must meet the Freestyle Kayak Benchmarks.

10.4.2 A Paddler that has an accepted Exceptional Circumstances application, and wants to fill an Athlete Quota spot that has been allocated through the Team Trials process to another paddler, must compete in next ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup(s) and have a higher point score than the Paddler occupying the allocated spot based on the Team Trials process. The Paddler occupying the allocated spot through the Team Trials process may choose to compete or not in the next ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup(s); if they choose to compete, than the Paddler with Exceptional Circumstances must beat both the Paddler currently occupying the Athlete Quota's high score from Team Trials and placement at next ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup(s).

## **11. Unforeseen Circumstances**

These criteria are intended to apply where fair competition conditions exist, and specifically, where athletes with podium potential at the World Championships are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond CKC's control do not allow competition 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 this document to be applied. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by CKC staff, the FCC will, where possible, will consult with the CKCFS to determine if the circumstances justify if selection should take place in an alternative manner.

## 12. Eligibility Requirements

Failure to comply with any of the Eligibility Requirements may result in the athlete not being selected to the National Team. To be eligible for selection, CKC's FCC must be satisfied that, at the time of selection to a team or teams, the athlete must:

- . 12.1 Be a member in good standing with CKC; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.2 Be Canadian citizens or holds a Canadian permanent residency visa; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.3 Sign and submit the CKC Athlete Agreement in accordance with the date outlined in the appropriate Timelines Summary; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.4 Comply with all relevant ICF eligibility requirements for competitors for the appropriate National Team; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.5 For ICF Olympic events, satisfactorily demonstrate per ICF rules that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada at the World Championships; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.6 Not be serving a period of ineligibility pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or pursuant to the ICF's Anti-Doping Rules; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.7 Does not have any outstanding accounts with CKC that are more than 30-days in arrears or are without an approved payment plan; [L] [SEP]
- . 12.8 Have participated in the applicable selection events unless exempted by criteria in the [Injury Clause](#) or [Unforeseen](#)

## Circumstances; [SEP]

12.9 Continues to meet the training, logging, and testing expectations of the FCC. [SEP]

12.10 If an athlete is selected to a pool and/or team under these regulations, the athlete acknowledges and agrees that: [SEP]

12.12 They must comply with CKC's Constitution, bylaws and policies;

12.13 They is subject to drug testing by the Canadian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (CCES), ICF, or other application bodies and must comply with CKC's, CCES's and ICF's Anti- Doping bylaws or policies; [SEP]

12.14 They 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 an Athlete Contract Information Form. [SEP]

## 13. Canoe-Kayak Freestyle Team Quota

The table below outlines the number of Quota CKC is awarded at the respective events.

K-1 – Surface	Men	5
	Women	5
K-1 – Surface - Juniors	Men	3
	Women	3
OC1 – Surface	Unisex	2
C1 - Surface	Men	3
	Women	3
K-1 - Squirt	Men	3



	Women	3
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## 14. Rules Governing the National Team Selection Events

- . 14.1 Athletes may compete and seek nomination in one or more Event(s) at the selection event. Athletes will be nominated to all Nationals Teams for all Event(s) in which qualify. [L] [SEP]
- . 14.2 All National Team selection competition will be governed by current ICF competition rules. [L] [SEP]
- . 14.5 If the freestyle selection panel determines that a Team Trial selection event cannot be held for any reason or the Team Trial selection event is cancelled, the selection panel may elect to conduct an athlete video submission as replacement, using ICF competition rules as a basis for said evaluation.