

**AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR AND SENIOR ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 Pan American Championships
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada Sept 13th to Sept 16th 2018
(Canoe Sprint)**

FINAL

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination and must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for 6 months after the conclusion of the Championships.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and/or Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

Any event associated with these procedures will be governed by the following International Canoe Federation (ICF) Rules:

<http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Sprint/More-on-Canoe-Sprint/Technical-Information.html>

1.1.4. Other requirements:

Athlete must be a member in good standing with the American Canoe Association.

1.2. Pan Am Championships Trials:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- 2018 Sprint National Championships, August 1st - 4th, in Oklahoma City, OK

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

The 2018 Sprint National Championships will be an open event to all eligible ACA members that belong to a recognized ACA Club or team.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

ACA will field a maximum team of UP TO :

- 6 JR and 8 SR Kayak Women
- 6 JR and 8 SR Kayak Men
- 4 JR and 4 SR Canoe Men
- 4 JR and 4 SR Canoe Women
- Team Size will depend on the best possible Team boat combinations to maximize athlete qualification for the Pan American Games.

1. The first step is to race the National Championships in Oklahoma City, August 1st- 4th, 2018.

The winner of the Junior and Senior events (WK1 200m, WK1 500m, WK1 1000m, MK1 500m, MK1 200m, MK1 1000m) earn the right of first refusal to their specific event.

2. If they choose to refuse the nomination, the next best placed athlete competing at the National Championships may be nominated. The next best placed athletes in the Junior and Senior WK1 500m, MK1 500m, WC1 500m, MC1 500m races may be selected up to the maximum team size. Canoe athletes will be selected dependent on the side they paddle on to complete C2 combinations. It is possible that a Canoe athlete may not get selected if an athlete lower on the finish order paddles on a side that is needed to complete a C2.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Any National Team Athlete that competes at World Cups, JR/U23 World Championships and is selected to compete at Senior World Championships and consequently STAYS in Europe between these competitions will be added to the Pan Am Championships Team. This will negate their requirement of having to compete at National Club Championships in OKC, August 1st - August 4th, 2018. However, race entries will be decided by the selection committee based on performance at International Competition compared with those that competed at National championships and no athlete is guaranteed an entry in a particular race.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

N/A

2.3. Provide the name of the ACA Sprint Selection Committee:

Zsolt Szadovszki, ACA National Team Kayak Coach

Aaron Huston, ACA National Team Canoe Coach

Aasim Saleh, ACA Junior National Team Manager

TBD, Sprint Coaches Association Chair

Emily Wright, Athlete Rep

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct or USOC Safesport Program.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the ACA Bylaws.

- 3.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
 - 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee: Replacement athletes will be identified by the following method based upon the event in which an athlete qualified:
Singles (MK1 500m, WK1 500m MC1 500m, WC1 500m) - Singles athletes from the 2018 Sprint National Championships may be offered a position on the team using the above stated process in section 1.3.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ACA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Championships.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the ACA Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Championships and are included as attachments:

- Pan Am Champs acceptance form and deposit (Attachment A)
- ACA Code of Conduct Sprint (Attachment B)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the ACA in the following locations:

- 7.1. ACA Web site: www.americancanoe.org
- 7.2. Sent via email to ACA Sprint Club Coaches
- 7.3. Posted on ACA Sprint FB Page

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC if necessary on or before:

August 5th, 2018

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

N/A

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Morgan House - ACA Competition Director
Chris Barlow - Sprint High Performance Manager
Aasim Saleh - Sprint Junior Team Manager
Zsolt Szadovszki - Sprint National Team Kayak Coach
Aaron Huston - Sprint National Team Canoe Coach
TBD - Chair of Sprint Coaches Association
Emily Wright - Athletes Rep

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Grievance>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the American Canoe Association. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by the American Canoe Association may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org

- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the American Canoe Association.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
ACA Director of High Performance and Competition	Morgan House	<i>Morgan House</i>	4/18/18
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Chris Barlow	<i>Chris Barlow</i>	4/11/18
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Emily Wright	<i>Emily Wright</i>	4/12/18

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.