

ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES:
2018 ACA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team
to compete at the
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be considered for eligibility for the USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team, athletes must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:
 - 1.1. **Citizenship:**
 - 1.1.1. Citizenship is not necessarily a requirement of eligibility for the USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team. Athletes must meet ICF eligibility rules for competition. (These rules are outlined in the ICF Slalom Competition Rules, Section 3 – Competitors.)
 - 1.2. **Minimum International (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation** (if any):
 - 1.2.1. Eligibility for the ACA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team Trials will be governed by the current International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom Competition Rules and the ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules, Article 3:
 - IFC Canoe Slalom Competition Rules:
www.americancanoe.org/ICFslalomrules
 - ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules:
www.americancanoe.org/ACAslalomrules
 - 1.3. **Other requirements** (if any):
 - 1.3.1. Athletes must be members in good standing with ACA at the start of the Junior National Team Trials.
 - 1.3.2. Only athletes born in years 2000 to 2003 can qualify for the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team
 - 1.3.3. C2M and C2MX teams shall qualify only as a team and not as individuals.
2. **SELECTION EVENT:** Via the procedures set forth herein, athletes will qualify for the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team, and earn a chance to compete at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Jr. & U23 World Championships.



2.1. **Team Trials:** The 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team Trials “Junior Team Trials” will be held at USNWC in Charlotte, NC, on April 6-7, 2018.

2.1.1. **Events:** A total of six events will be offered at the Team Trials and results will be computed independently for each of these six events. These events are:

- Men’s K1 (K1M)
- Women’s K1 (K1W)
- Men’s C1 (C1M)
- Women’s C1 (C1W)
- Men’s C2 (C2M)
- Mix C2 (C2MX)

3. **METHOD OF CONDUCTING AND SCORING THE JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS:** This section describes the format, methodology, and scoring of a Junior Team Trials event, which will be used to nominate athletes to USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team positions.

3.1. **Format:** Junior Team Trials will be run in the following format:

3.1.1. The event will be a two day competition. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day. The event will therefore consist of four separate runs on two distinct courses.

- Race runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on course 1.
- Race runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on course 2.

*A Force Majeure may cause runs to be cancelled and an alternate method, as outlined below, in Section 3.4.3., may be implemented.

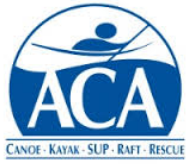
3.2. **Rules:** The Junior Team Trials shall be governed according to current ICF Canoe Slalom Competition rules, as shown via the links in Section 1.2.1.

3.3. **Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run:** At the Team Trials event, athletes earn a total score based on the rules of Canoe Slalom. Following the completion of each race at Team Trials, the athlete’s percentage on each run will be computed off of the leading score from that day in that particular event. The leading score in an event is the fastest score in that event of the two runs from that day.

$$\frac{(\text{Athlete Score} * 100)}{\text{Best Score}} - 100 = \text{Athlete Percentage}$$

Example:

The percentage off the leading score is calculated as follows:



Athlete A has the best score of the day with a 95.7 on their first run. Athlete B's time on her second run has a score of 97.2. Athlete B's athlete percentage for the second runs is computed as:

$$\frac{(97.2 * 100)}{95.7} - 100 = 1.57\%$$

Note that the boat with the fastest time of the day will have a 0% result on their fastest run.

3.4. **Scoring of Race Runs:** Junior Team selection shall be based on the average of the athlete's percentages of their best times from Day 1 and Day 2.

3.4. **Cancelled Runs:**

3.4.1. **Runs Cancelled and Replaced:** In the event that one of the individual runs shall be canceled for any reason, ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff, along with the Chief Judge, shall designate additional runs to replace the canceled run(s) as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled run. It is ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff's decision whether the replacement runs shall be conducted on the same course or on an alternate course.

3.4.2. In the event that one or more of the four individual runs is canceled for any reason the National Junior Team selection process shall be modified as follows:

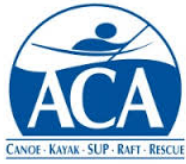
3.4.3. **Runs Used to Determine Results if Some Runs are Cancelled:** In the event that one or more of the four individual runs is canceled for any reason the National Junior Team selection process shall be modified as follows:

3.4.3.1. In the event that one race run is cancelled the remaining run for that day will be used to determine Junior National Team Selection.

3.4.3.2. In the event that one race day (both race runs) is cancelled, the best of the remaining two runs will be used to determine Junior National Team Selection.

3.4.3.3. If less than 2 runs are conducted, an alternate race to complete the remaining 2 runs will be proposed to be held within the following two weeks. A minimum of at least 2 runs must be conducted to constitute the Junior Team Trials.

3.5. **Event Order:** The same event order will be used each day. All events will be run back-to-back, in the following order: C1M, K1W, C2M, C1W, K1M, C2MX



- 3.5.1. The same start (bib) order will be used for all four runs.
- 3.5.2. A minimum time of 20 minutes between each run must be provided to athletes competing in two events. This should ideally be achieved by adjusting the interval between events and not by changing the start order of the affected athletes.
- 3.6. **Start Interval:** Racers will be started at intervals established and announced before the beginning of the Team Trials. The interval will be consistent for the entire event.
 - 3.6.1. **Additional Time Between Racers:** As per ICF Competition Rules, any boat may petition the Chief Judge to allow additional time between themselves and another boat beyond the scheduled time. The Chief Judge will grant the petition in cases where the boat has been interfered with by a slower boat or has overtaken a slower boat during a previous 2018 Junior Team Trials race run, or otherwise demonstrates concrete evidence of disadvantage.
- 3.7. **Racer Seeding:** The race will be seeded as described in section 3.8. of the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Selection Procedures.
- 3.8. **Tied Results:** Results shall be calculated for the athlete percentage to an accuracy of a hundredth percentage point. The athlete's percentage for each run shall then be averaged to determine a final ranking, which is also accurate to the hundredth percentage point. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the lowest average of their two best results shall be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the best result shall be the winner.
- 3.9. **The Course:**
 - 3.9.1. **Course Design:** The course must be designed by a three-member Course Committee approved by ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff.
 - 3.9.2. **Demonstration Runs:** After the course is erected, with all gates in position, a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. Demonstration runs should be conducted, if possible, to include all boat types: C1M, K1W, C2M, C1W, K1M, and C2MX.
 - 3.9.3. **Course Approval:** The race shall not commence until the course has been approved. Course will be approved by the Chief Official, Chief Judge, and Course Design Committee, per ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules.
- 3.10. **Applicability of Results:** The results of the 2018 Junior Team Trials will be used to determine athlete eligibility for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World



Championships, other Junior National Team camps and events, Junior National Development Team camps, and other benefits provided by USOC and ACA.

- 3.10.1. All types of the aforementioned eligibility and benefits apply to athletes from the completion of the 2018 Junior Team Trials through the completion of the 2019 Junior Team Trials.

4. **METHOD OF CONDUCTING SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE 2018 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM:** This section describes how athletes are selected to be members of the USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team.

4.1. **Allocation of Team Places:** The 2018 Junior National Team will consist of the top 3 boats in each event, based on the final rank-listing. If any of the top 3 boats has a result outside of the required CAP, he/she qualifies to compete at the Junior World Championships, however he/she is not a National Team Member and therefore not eligible for National Team benefits.

4.2. **Declaration of Team Positions Taken:** The top three boats eligible for the 2018 Junior National Team (based on the criteria specified in provisions 3.2 – 3.3) must confirm their intention to represent the United States at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships within one hour following the posting of final results.

4.2.1. Athletes Confirm “Intention to Represent” by verbally accepting their position on the team and signing the Athlete Code of Conduct.

4.2.2. National Team Members must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the Junior National Team at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships in Ivrea, Italy, by midnight on April 13, 2018.

4.2.3. Deposits for 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships travel expenses will be due to be paid to the ACA by midnight on April 13, 2018.

4.2.3.1. Expenses included in this deposit will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, and accreditation fees. Final expenses breakdown will be made available as soon as possible following the conclusion of Team Trials.

4.3. **Failure to Confirm:** If a boat fails to confirm, the next ranked boat may serve as a replacement for those races.

4.3.1. A boat that chooses not to confirm participation will thereupon be considered a member of the Junior Development Team and not a National Team Member.



4.4. Athlete Replacement Procedures:

- 4.4.1. If either member of a C-2 or C-2MX team resigns or is unable to compete, the entire boat must be replaced.
- 4.4.2. If a Junior National Team boat cannot race at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Jr & U23 World Championships for reason of injury, illness or family tragedy, the next ranked boat will be eligible for full status as a Junior National Team member, if within the required CAP. The replaced Junior Team member will continue to be considered a member of the Junior National Team.
- 4.4.3. If a Junior National Team boat decides to withdraw from competing at the 2018 Worlds for non-extenuating (injury, illness, family tragedy) circumstances, the next ranked boat will be eligible for full status as a Junior Team member, if within the required CAP. The athlete who withdrew from the team will thereupon be considered a member of the Junior Development Team.
- 4.4.4. ACA staff will notify qualifying replacement athletes as soon as possible when a spot becomes available.
 - 4.4.4.1. Athletes will have 1 week to confirm or decline the spot once it is offered to them.

5. **SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM:** This section describes how athletes are selected to be members of the USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team.

- 5.1. **Purpose:** Being a USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team Member is an honor and privilege earned by an athlete's hard work and effort towards being the best in the World. A Junior National Team member has privileges that extend beyond those privileges allocated to other athletes, even those athletes who are selected to represent the United States in international competition but do not meet the standards necessary to become a Junior National Team Member. Junior National Team athletes competing in Olympic events will receive invitations to camps, testing, USNWC Water Access, coaching at specific locations, and other privileges. The purpose of naming a Junior National Team is to identify top performing athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful and to raise the level of competition in the USA.
- 5.2. **Available Places:** Up to three boats in each event can qualify to become Junior National Team Members.
 - 5.2.1. In C2MX, it is not possible to calculate accurate CAP because there is an insufficient quantity of C2MX results at the international level with which to calculate the Event Adjustment Factor. Due to the current lack of CAP data, C2MX will be considered a Development Event, and the top three boats will be eligible to compete at the World Cups and World Championships.



- 5.3. **Allocation of National Team Places:** To be selected for the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team at the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team Trials, an athlete must finish with a Junior Team Trials result which is less than 20% of the Event Adjusted Percentage (CAP).
- 5.4. **Definition of Overall CAP:** The CAP sets a baseline standard by which performance in each event can be evaluated with regards to the expected standard at a highly competitive international competition. The CAP is computed based on the assumption that at any given event one of the athletes, in one of the events, will have a run of International Standard. The run of best standard is identified by adjusting each of the event's results by the expected difference between them. The time of the winner of the event with the lowest adjusted result becomes the baseline, and the expected difference is then used to solve for the CAP standard for each event.
- 5.4.1. **Terminology:** CAP, or Class Adjusted Percentage, is the method chosen by ACA to determine performance standards for each *class/event*. (In 2018, the ICF has replaced the established term *class*, which refers to the boat/sex of the racer with the new term *event*. This document has adopted this new terminology but retains the term CAP.)
- 5.5. **Computation of the Baseline CAP:**

Step 1: The best result in each event is divided by the expected difference factors between the events. These factors for 2018 are: K1M 100%; K1W 113.93%; C1M 107.46%; C1W 126.94%; C2M 116.35%. These factors are calculated based on results from the 2016-17 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series, the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, and the 2016 Olympic Games.

www.americancanoe.org/2018CAPS

Step 2: The lowest result after Step 1 is selected (this might be in any event).

Step 3: The Event Adjusted percentage baseline for each event is determined by multiplying the result selected in Step 2 by the expected difference between the events factors: K1M 100%; K1W 113.93%; C1M 107.46%; C1W 126.94%; C2M 116.35%.

Step 4: Multiply the result for each event from Step 3 by 115% in order to determine the time which will be used for the Overall CAP calculation.

Example:

A hypothetical computation of the 2018 CAP for each event is shown below:



Event	Best run of the day	Event Adjustment Factor	Calculation Per Event	Baseline K1M Result	Event Adjusted Baseline Per Event	Calculation for Event Adjusted 15% Result
K1M	90.22	100.00%	90.22	87.76	87.76	100.93
K1W	103.37	113.93%	90.73	87.76	99.99	114.99
C1M	94.31	107.46%	87.76	87.76	94.31	108.46
C1W	126.94	126.66%	100.22	87.76	111.16	127.83
C2M	110.75	116.35%	95.19	87.76	102.11	117.43

6. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

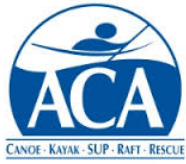
6.1. No athletes will be selected to the Junior National Team through discretionary selection. All nominations will be awarded through performance at the 2018 Junior National Team Trials or through the replacement process outlined below in Section 7.

7. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES:

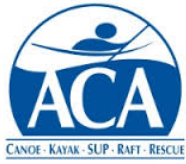
7.1. **Causes of Removal:** An athlete who is to be nominated to the Junior National Team by ACA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by ACA Executive Director:

- 7.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal: Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA CEO.
- 7.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved ACA or USOC physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved ACA physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 7.1.3. Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement.
- 7.1.4. Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.
- 7.1.5. Violation of IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA, and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable. For such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through USADA.
- 7.1.6. Lack of participation in scheduled Junior National Team competitions - the Junior National Team Athlete must participate in the 2018 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships unless prevented from doing so by injury or illness (as described in Section 4.4.2.).

7.2. An athlete who is removed from the Junior National Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing.



8. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** The following documents are required to be signed by each athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom Junior National Team and will be posted on the ACA website:
 - 8.1. 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Agreement and Code of Conduct
 - 8.1.1. www.americancanoe.org/2018AthleteCodeofConduct
9. **SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS:**
 - 9.1. All Junior National Team members must adhere to ACA's Safesport Policy.
 - 9.2. All Junior National Team members must successfully complete the current version of all three online SafeSport training modules prior to attending any international competitions.
 - 9.2.1. www.americancanoe.org/SafeSport
10. **INTERNATIONAL ACA BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:**
 - 10.1. ACA Bylaws: www.americancanoe.org/Governance
 - 10.2. Competition Council: www.americancanoe.org/CompetitionCouncil
 - 10.3. Slalom Information: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom
 - 10.4. Grievance Procedures: www.americancanoe.org/Grievance
11. **INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER:** These procedures are based on IOC, 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, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA, as of January 13, 2018. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.



12. **ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN:**

12.1. Athletes with questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by ACA may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

12.1.1. Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)

12.1.2. E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org

12.1.3. www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman