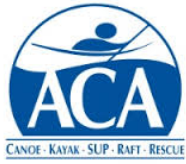


**APPENDIX 1 –
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES:
USA Canoe Slalom National Team
Extreme Canoe Slalom Events
to compete at the
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship,
2018/19 COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships**

1. Appendix 1 outlines event-specific selection criteria for Extreme Canoe Slalom.
 - 1.1. Extreme Canoe Slalom is an event within the sport of Canoe Slalom. All requirements, procedures, and protocols that apply to the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team also apply to Extreme Canoe Slalom athletes and the 2018 Extreme Canoe Slalom selection, unless otherwise outlined in Appendix 1.
2. **SELECTION EVENT:** The Extreme Canoe Slalom selection will be hosted as part of the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials at USNWC in Charlotte, NC, on April 8.
 - 2.1. **Events:** A total of two Extreme Canoe Slalom events will be offered:
 - Men’s K1 (K1M)
 - Women’s K1 (K1W)
3. **METHOD OF CONDUCTING AND SCORING THE TEAM TRIALS:** This section describes the format, methodology, and scoring of the Team Trials Event which will be used to nominate athletes to the USA Slalom National Team in the men’s and women’s Extreme Canoe Slalom events.
 - 3.1. **Format:** The Extreme Canoe Slalom events will be run in the following format:
 - 3.1.1. Each athlete will begin by taking one individual run in a “Time Trial.” The top 16 athletes from the Time Trial will advance to the Quarter Final and be ranked by their finish place in Head-to-Head heats.
 - 3.1.1.1. The results of the Time Trial will be used to seed the heats for the Head-to-Head.



3.1.1.2.

Quarterfinal Heats

Semifinal Heats

Final Heats

Heat 1

1st in Time Trial
8th in Time Trial
9th in Time Trial
16th in Time Trial

Heat 2

4th in Time Trial
5th in Time Trial
12th in Time Trial
13th in Time Trial

Heat 3

3rd in Time Trial
6th in Time Trial
11th in Time Trial
14th in Time Trial

Heat 4

2nd in Time Trial
7th in Time Trial
10th in Time Trial
15th in Time Trial

Heat 1

1st in QF 1
2nd in QF 1
1st in QF 2
2nd in QF 2

Heat 2

1st in QF 3
2nd in QF 3
1st in QF 4
2nd in QF 4

Final (Classification 1 - 4)

1st in SF 1
2nd in SF 1
1st in SF 2
2nd in SF 2

3.1.2. Four athletes will race head-to-head in each semifinal and final heat.

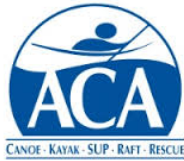
3.1.2.1. The first-ranked boat from the time trial will choose his/her starting position, then the second-ranked boat, then the third-ranked. The fourth-ranked boat will take the final available position.

3.1.2.2. The top two finishers from each heat will advance to the next round.

3.1.2.3. There will be no "B Final" for athletes that do not advance.

3.1.3. The first two finishers in the final heat will be nominated to compete at the 2018 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom events.

3.2. **Rules:** The Extreme Team Trials shall be governed by ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom rules at the time of the event.



3.3. The Course:

- 3.3.1. **Course Design:** The course will be designed by the three-member Course Committee as described in Selection Procedures, 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team, Section 3.11.1.
- 3.3.2. The course will have at 4 to 6 down-stream gates, 4 up-stream gates, and a kayak role zone.
 - 3.3.2.1. The 4 upstream gates will be set symmetrically, so that the athlete can choose to negotiate either the up-right or the up-left.
 - 3.3.2.2. Failure to negotiate all the required gates or to complete a 360-degree kayak role in the designated role zone will result in a DSQ for that run and the athlete will be eliminated from the heats.
 - 3.3.2.3. Athletes who fail to negotiate the course properly in the Time Trial will be ranked in the heats after all other athletes. Their order amongst themselves will be decided by random draw.

3.4. **Small Field of Competitors:** The number of athletes in the Quarterfinal Heats can be modified in the case of a small field of competitors.

- 3.4.1. In the event that there are insufficient competitors to run four quarterfinal heats of at least 3 racers each (12 racers total), the field will be cut to 8 boats following the time trial, and the head-to-head competition will begin with the semifinal heats.

4. **SELECTION OF COMPETITORS FOR THE 2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUP SERIES:**

- 4.1. **Allocation of Places:** Athletes ranked 1 and 2 in both K1M and K1W will be selected to compete in the Extreme Canoe Slalom events at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Series.
- 4.2. **Schedule for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups, World Championships, and COPAC Pan American Championships:**
 - World Cup #1 (June 22 - 24) Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK
 - World Cup #2 (June 29 – July 1) Krakov, POL
 - World Cup #3 (July 6 - 8) Augsburg, GER
 - World Cup #4 (August 31 – Sept. 2) Tacen, SLO
 - World Cup #5/Final (Sept. 7-9) La Seu D'Urgell, ESP
 - World Championships (Sept. 25-30) Rio de Janeiro, BRA
 - 2018 Pan American Championships (*TBD*)
 - 2019 Pan American Championships (*TBD*)