



2018 Youth Olympic Games World Qualification Event Selection Race Procedures Lake Lanier Olympic Park March 18, 2018

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES OVERVIEW

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG), to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from October 6th-18th, 2018, provides an opportunity for athletes to gain experience on an international level with the goal of developing young athletes into top-ranking athletes on their journey to the Olympic Games.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT OVERVIEW

The World Qualification event for Canoe/Kayak is in Barcelona, Spain from April 12th-15th, 2018. This World Qualification event precedes the YOG and is where athlete quotas for the YOG will be decided by continental placement at the World Qualification event. This placement enables a nation the opportunity to participate at the YOG in Buenos Aires. Athletes are racing at the World Qualification Event to qualify their nation a place at the YOG.

OVERVIEW OF SELECTION PROCESS FOR WORLD QUALIFICATION EVENT

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for the process of nominating athletes to attend the World Qualification event in Barcelona, Spain. An outline of the overall process is included in Appendix 3.

A team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. Athletes must compete in both Sprint and Slalom events of the same category (K1 or C1) in order to qualify for the World Qualification event. It will be the combined sprint and slalom scores for each category that will determine the successful quota places for the YOG and in turn the same categories will be raced at the YOG 2018. Athletes competing at the YOG Qualification event in Barcelona will have the opportunity to qualify a single spot per event to represent the ACA at the YOG in Buenos Aires.

Men's Events		Athletes places	Women's Events		Athletes places
K1	Head to head sprint	x 2	K1	Head to head sprint	x 2
	Obstacle slalom			Obstacle slalom	
C1	Head to head sprint	x 2	C1	Head to head sprint	x 2
	Obstacle slalom			Obstacle slalom	

All information on the qualification system and technical information is available on the ICF website: <https://www.canoeicf.com/youth-olympic-games-buenos-aires-2018>

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ELIGIBILITY

The 2018 YOG and World Qualification Event is open to athletes born between 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2003 who hold a USA passport and are eligible to represent the United States at an Olympic Games, under the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

Athletes must current members of the American Canoe Association.

Athletes must be available to attend the whole duration of the World Qualification event in Barcelona April 12th-15th, 2018 and the 2018 Buenos Aires YOG from October 6th-18th, 2018.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Register of Interest

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must have registered their interest with the American Canoe Association by March 1st, 2018 on the [American Canoe Association Website](#)

2. World Qualification Event Selection Process

- A. A total of up to eight athletes will be selected to attend the World Qualification Event. Four male athletes (two racing both Sprint and Slalom K1 and two racing both Sprint and Slalom C1) and four female athletes (two racing Sprint and Slalom K1 and two racing Sprint and Slalom C1) will be identified based on their combined performances in each Slalom/Sprint discipline in their chosen class (C1 or K1) during the YOG Global Qualification event selection race held at the Lake Lanier Olympic Park (LLOP) on March 18, 2018.
- B. The course configuration used at the 2018 YOG and 2018 World Qualification Event for each discipline is included in Appendices 1 and 2. Where practically possible the principle of this configuration will be represented in the course layout used during the YOG World Qualification event selection race at the LLOP. Facility limitations may result in a slightly different configuration employed during the selection race. This will be clearly indicated and published before and on the day of the selection race at the LLOP.
- C. Athletes will be supplied the same type of boats at both the World Qualification Event in Barcelona and at the YOG in Buenos Aires (K1 and C1 Vintage boats produced by NELO will be provided in different sizes. For the Canoe Slalom events the hybrid type {K1&C1} “Versatile” slalom boats produced by Polaczyck Co. will be provided). No other types of boats will be allowed at these events.
 - a. To replicate this as far as possible, access to a Sprint C1/K1 (Nelo Viper) and Slalom C1/K1 (of approximate equivalence to the Polaczyck Hybrid models) for use during the selection event will be available at the LLOP. No other boats will be allowed at the selection event. Specific boat availability will be available by March 1, 2018.

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- D. Athletes will have the opportunity to complete two time trials in each discipline boat (Slalom and Sprint) and will be ranked in order of their combined single fastest time achieved in each discipline. Those male and female athletes ranked 1st and 2nd on their combined score will be nominated for the World Qualification Event. The 3rd ranked male and female athletes will be nominated as non- travelling reserves.
 - a. A crucial part of the Slalom event will be the athlete's ability to complete a full Eskimo roll (fall right-come up left or fall left and come up right), this will be a requirement of the selection race.
- E. In the event of a tie break the result will be decided by count back to the combined 2nd fastest time.
- F. Results will be ratified by the ACA Director of High Performance, Sprint High Performance Manager and Slalom High Performance Manager and published by March 19th, 2018. Successful athletes will be notified at this point.

3. Selection and De-selection

- A. The American Canoe Association reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has stopped training, is suffering from illness or injury up to the world qualification registration deadline. To be eligible to participate in the YOG, athletes must attend the YOG World Qualification Event.
- B. In these circumstances the High Performance Manager (from both Sprint and Slalom) will determine if a fitness trial is required.

Disciplinary Offence under the American Canoe Association

The American Canoe Association reserves the right to deselect any athlete who has been found guilty of any breach or offence under American Canoe Association Codes of Conduct or who is in breach of American Canoe Association anti-doping policy.

4. Appeals

There is a formal appeals process that will apply should there be dis-satisfaction with a selection decision. A written request for a formal review should be submitted to the Director of High Performance and Competition within 1 working days of selection being announced or communicated. The Director of High Performance and Competition will advise of the formal appeals process and within 2 working days will advise in writing of the outcome of the review and the subsequent selection decision.

5. Anti-doping

Athletes must be compliant with the USOC anti-doping policy at all times. The USOC anti-doping policies can be found here:

<https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Anti-Doping>

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6. Funding

- A. All costs associated with the World Qualification Selection Race and the Youth Olympic Games will be the responsibility of the athlete(s) competing at these events.

7. Youth Olympic Games Selection Process

- A. The top performer in each category who earns a quota for the Youth Olympic Games at the World Qualification event will automatically earn that spot to compete at the Youth Olympic Games. The quotas available to each continent are represented by this chart.

Event	Africa	Asia	America	Europe	Oceania	Total
C1 – Men	1	3	3	6	1	14
K1 – Men	2	3	3	6	1	15
C1 – Women	1	3	3	6	1	14
K1 – Women	2	3	3	6	1	15
Total	6	12	12	24	4	58

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2017-06 - buenos_aires_2018 - qualification_system - final - canoe - en.pdf

APPENDIX 3: FLOWCHART PATHWAY OUTLINE TO YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

