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Wade Blackwood  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Wade,

I am pleased to inform you that your Sport Performance Team has approved the American Canoe Association Volunteer Selection Procedures as amended for the 2019 Pan American Games.

Attached please find the final approved copies of your selection procedures.

We look forward to assisting you in your preparations for the Games. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Schoenwetter".

Dana Schoenwetter  
Associate Director, Sport Performance

cc: Emily Wright  
Kelsey Bracewell  
Meredith Miller

**American Canoe Association (ACA)  
GAMES STAFF SELECTION PROCEDURES  
Pan American Games, 2019  
(Canoe Slalom & Canoe Sprint)**

~~July 26, 2017~~

**Amended April 18, 2019**

USOC Role Name	Example Games Function
Team Leader	Team Leader
Coach	Coach, Personal Coach
Technical Personnel	Tech Personnel, Sport Specific Roles (Golf Caddy, Groom, etc.)
Administrative Personnel	Admin Personnel; Non-medical Performance Staff
Medical Staff	Doctor, Physiotherapist, Medical Personnel, Massage Therapist, etc.

These procedures provide for selection of the ACA’s Games Staff for the Pan American Games, 2019. However, accreditation allocation is not guaranteed and will be based on final USOC credential allocation and overall team size. Responsibility of payment for allocated accreditations will be determined by the USOC and the NGB/HPMO/PSO.

1. Describe the specific Games Staff position(s) that the NGB/HPMO/PSO is requesting.

<b>USOC Role Name - (Games Function)</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Team Leader – Slalom	Serve as primary point of contact and liaison between the USOC and the ACA, prior to, during and after the Pan American Games.
National Team Coach - Slalom	Prepare athletes/teams for success on the whitewater course.
Assistant National Team Coach - Slalom	Assist the National Team Coach in preparing athletes/teams for success on the whitewater course.
Team Leader – Sprint	Serve as primary point of contact and liaison between the USOC and the ACA, prior to, during and after the Pan American Games.
National Team Coach - Sprint	Prepare athletes/teams for success on the flatwater course.
Assistant National Team Coach – Sprint	Assist the National Team Coach in preparing athletes/teams for success on the flatwater course.
Medical - Physiotherapist	Provide appropriate medical care to the athletes on site.

Administrative Personnel – Team Manager	Assist the Team Leaders with all administrative tasks and personnel issues during the games. Is also the primary media contact on site.
Technical Personnel - Equipment Manager/Video Technician	Assists the athletes with boat handling and transportation. Captures and provides crucial video analysis services to the coaches and athletes.

2. What are the NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s criteria for the above Games Staff position(s) (attach a job description, if any)?

NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s Games Staff must:

- 2.1. Successfully pass the National Center for Safety Initiatives’ (NCSI) background screen in accordance with the current USOC Games Background Check Policy prior to nomination.
  - 2.1.1. Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Games that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform the NGB/HPMO/PSO and/or USOC.
- 2.2. Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.3. Have the ability to work effectively with the USOC.
- 2.4. Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills.
- 2.5. Be responsible for Team’s adherence to all rules regarding discipline at the Games.
- 2.6. Fulfill all duties and requirements of the USOC including attendance at USOC Games related meetings.
- 2.7. Be available for entire duration of the Games.
- 2.8. Have the NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s approval to make financial decisions regarding the Team (*if applicable*).
- 2.9. Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport (*if applicable*).
- 2.10. Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the IF rules and regulations governing the sport (*if applicable*).
- 2.11. Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- ~~2.12. Be a currently employed staff member or contractor of the NGB/HPMO/PSO.~~
- 2.13. Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- 2.14. Be listed on NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s Long List and must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadlines.
- 2.15. Participate in USADA training as required for position (*if applicable*).

- 2.16. Successfully complete USOC Safe Sport Awareness Training and Education Program.
- 2.17. Be a member of the ACA in good standing at the time of the start of the games.

In addition, Medical Personnel must:

- 2.18. Possess the appropriate certifications.
- 2.19. Pass a medical credential review in addition to the approved USOC Games Background Check, which will be a combined check managed through USOC Sports Medicine (separately arranged background checks will not be considered).
- 2.20. Meet the required experience and proficiency levels as determined by USOC Sports Medicine and outlined in Attachment A and the documents found at <http://www.teamusa.org/About-the-USOC/Athlete-Development/Sports-Medicine/Volunteer-Program.aspx>.
- 2.21. Be approved for nomination through the USOC's Sports Medicine Division.
- 2.22. **Must have worked with the slalom athlete within the last 12 months OR at any slalom world cup competition event.**

In addition, Coaches Must:

- 2.22. Possess a high level of specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport.
- 2.23. Have relevant slalom or sprint coaching experience working with athletes named to the team.
- 2.24. Have coached at two (2) or more World Cups, or have coached at a World Championships or Olympic Games
- 2.25. Have demonstrated the ability to represent the ACA and paddlesports in a positive and professional manner in all dealings.

In addition, Technical Personnel Must:

- 2.26. Possess appropriate experience relative to the position/area of expertise for which they may be nominated.

In addition, Team Leaders Must:

- 2.27. Ensure that athletes, coaches and other team personnel are held to the appropriate USOC and ACA Codes of Conduct.
- 2.28. Take the best appropriate course of action for the safety of individual athletes, coaches and team personnel in the event of an emergency.
- 2.29. Understand the Games and the ICF Protest and Inquiry rules.
- 2.30. Have previous experience at international slalom or sprint competitions.

In addition, Other Positions (*i.e. Team Managers, Nutritionists, Sport Specific roles, etc.*) must:

2.31. Possess appropriate experience and or certifications relative to the position/area of expertise for which they may be nominated.

3. Describe the process that candidates shall follow to express interest in being considered for a Games Staff position, in each category below:

In the event that the ACA is unable to fill a Games Staff Position(s) with a current ACA employee and/or contractor, the ACA will open an online application process.

Current ACA members who meet the criteria in Section 2 are eligible to apply.

The timeline for application submission and review will be dictated by the goal of providing the USOC the ACA's complete Games Staff Nominees by May 6, 2019.

The application process, and additional information will be posted to:

[www.americancanoe.org/Competition](http://www.americancanoe.org/Competition)

4. Describe the intended method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for the Games Staff position(s) listed below:

The Games Staff position(s) will be selected based off of the number of accreditations available and the overall team size.

Volunteer applications to fill any Games Staff position(s) that are not filled by ACA employees or contractors will be evaluated using the criteria in Section 2.

The ACA's Director of High Performance & Competition, along with the Chief Operating Officer and the ACA's Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) representative will review the volunteer applications and make recommendations to the ACA's Executive Director.

The ACA's Executive Director will make the final approval of all Volunteers.

5. Describe the removal of Games Staff:

An individual who is to be nominated to the above-listed Games Staff position(s) by the NGB/HPMO/PSO may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB/HPMO/PSO.

- 5.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Games Staff nominee must submit a written letter to the NGB/HPMO/PSO Executive Director/CEO/President.
- 5.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO/PSO. If the individual refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO/PSO, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 5.3 Inability to perform the duties required.
- 5.4 Violation of the NGB's/HPMO's/PSO's Code of Conduct (Attachment – 2017 ACA Code of Conduct Volunteers).
- 5.5 Actions that are deemed as detrimental to ACA and the team's success as determined by the ACA Executive Director.

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/HPMO/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOC's Games Forms apply. The USOC's Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

6 Describe the replacement of Games Staff:

In the event that the Nominated Games Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed in #2 above and be selected through the same process as outlined in Sections 3 and 4.

7 Which group/committee will make the final approval of the Games Staff position(s)?

The ACA's Executive Director will make the final approval.

8 Conflict of Interest:

An individual involved in the selection process who has a conflict of interest must disclose this information, and recuse him or herself and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings or decisions involving the selection of the Games Staff position(s). If there is an issue concerning whether a conflict of interest exists, the NGB's/HPMO's/PSO's Board or Ethics Committee, as appropriate, shall determine if a conflict exists.

9 Date of Nomination:



The Games Staff Nomination Form with the Staff nominee's name, including the name of a replacement (if applicable), will be submitted to the USOC on or before:

May 6, 2019

10 Publicity/Distribution of Procedures:

The USOC approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB/HPMO/PSO in the following locations:

- 10.1 Web site: [www.americancanoe.org/Competition](http://www.americancanoe.org/Competition)  
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- 10.2 Other (if any):

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
ACA Executive Director	Wade Blackwood		30 April 2019
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Emily Mary Wright		5/1/19

\* 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 Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO/PSO, 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/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

## Attachment A

### USOC Sports Medical Games Requirements

#### PURPOSE

The USOC has developed medical requirements to ensure the safety of athletes during Games (Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Para Pan American, etc.). This policy addresses equipment requests and minimum standards for all NGBs/HPMOs/PSOs (NGBs from here forward) and medical providers attending games.

#### POLICY

##### 1. Requests

**NGBs must identify medical support requests to the USOC Sports Medicine department.**

These requests must specify any supplies, equipment, and other medical support provided at the Games. Anti-doping concerns or comments should also be identified. Collected information will be reviewed by the USOC Managing Director of sports medicine who will then identify and communicate the level of support to be provided by USOC Sports Medicine. Any changes to the requested sports medicine support should be immediately forwarded to USOC Sports Medicine. In cases where medical services or materials are not identified, the USOC cannot guarantee support for additional or late requests because of time, budget and other factors.

##### 2. NGB Health Care Providers

NGBs must nominate and allocate Games credentials to NGB identified health care provider(s) to support the NGB sports medicine needs during the games. Any potential NGB medical provider who *could* be nominated to provide services must be identified by the NGB no later than the due date for the respective Games Long List. Additionally, all NGB medical providers must meet the criteria as identified in the NGB's approved Additional Officials Selection Procedures, along with the additional criteria outlined below.

The medical staffing list will include anyone who will potentially be credentialed by the NGB and/or use a day pass to provide services at an Olympic/Paralympic Village or a High Performance Training Center. Health care providers must meet minimum qualification standards which are identified below by their specialty without exception. NGBs must ensure their identified medical staff can meet these standards prior to advancing their nomination for a Games credential or day pass access. If the provider is not licensed in the United States, they may be ineligible to be credentialed. In order to meet expected standards of care and mitigate risk management issues, selected provider(s) **must** meet the below minimum qualifications in addition to the Selection Procedures criteria to provide medical services at games. These qualifications include:



- 1) Meet all criteria identified in the USOC Volunteer Program Application for specific specialty (Attachments located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)). On occasion, specific supporting documentation will be requested at the discretion of USOC Sports Medicine.
- 2) Successfully pass a medical credential review and criminal background check at or above USOC standards with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI)
- 3) Review of the venue emergency action plan with USOC Sports Medicine staff prior to the first scheduled practice or event.
- 4) Complete required Medical Team Education Modules addressing Anti-Doping, Safe Sport and/or other prerequisite training.

Appendix: Location of criteria:

- Athletic Trainer Qualification Criteria – located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)
- Physical Therapist Qualification Criteria - located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)
- Doctor of Chiropractic Qualification Criteria - located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)
- Physician Qualification Criteria - located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)
- Massage Therapist Qualification Criteria - located at [www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer)