

**American Canoe Association
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
CANOE KAYAK**

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.

SELECTION SYSTEM

1. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

- 1.1. Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection
- 1.2. Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Youth Olympic Games.
- 1.3. Any competitor in the Youth Olympic 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 Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

2. Minimum International Canoe Federation standards for participation:

- 2.1. Athletes must be born between 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2003
- 2.2. Athletes must be available to attend the whole duration of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6th-18th, 2018.

3. Other requirements:

3.1. Athlete must be a current member of the American Canoe Association at time of selection.

4. Selection Events:

4.1. World Qualification Event Selection Race – Lake Lanier Olympic Park – Gainesville, GA, USA, March 18, 2018

4.2. World Qualification Event – Barcelona, Spain – April 12th-15th, 2018

5. Selection Process: (As referenced in original selection criteria posted on the ACA website on January 5, 2018) - Attached

5.1. World Qualification Event Selection Race – Lake Lanier Olympic Park – March, 28, 2018

5.2. 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

5.3. 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.

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

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>

5.4. 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.

5.5. 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.

- 5.6. To replicate this as far as possible, access to a Sprint C1/K1 (Nelo Viper) and Slalom C1/K1 (of approximate equivalence to the Polaczyk 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.
- 5.7. 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.
- 5.8. 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.
- 5.9. In the event of a tie break the result will be decided by count back to the combined 2nd fastest time.
- 5.10. 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.

6. World Qualification Event- Barcelona, Spain – April 12th-15th, 2018

- 6.1. The top ranked NOC's in each event at the YOG Canoeing World Qualification Event 2018 will be allocated one (1) quota place for the respective events in accordance with the following table:

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

U.S. Athletes who earn a quota place at the World Qualification event will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Games Team.

The Qualification system for the Youth Olympic Games can be found at the following link:

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

7. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 7.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the ACA has jurisdiction over potential nominees.
- 7.2. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the ACA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA:

- 7.2.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA CEO/Executive Director.
- 7.2.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 7.2.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 7.2.4. Violation of the ACA's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).
- 7.3. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the ACA's Bylaws, Appendix X, Section 2:
(http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod_documents/ACA_Bylaws_2017.pdf) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.
- 7.4. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/HPMO Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
 - <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>
 - <http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>
- 7.5. 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.

8. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 8.1. Should an athlete be removed from the team for any reason, the next highest ranked athlete within the respective event from the Youth Olympic Games World Qualification Event will replace this athlete. If the next highest ranked athlete does not accept the quota, the athlete slot will remain unused and the quota will be declined.

9. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 9.1. The 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 Games.

10. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 10.1. In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:
 - 10.1.1. Aca Code of Conduct.

11. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

- 11.1. The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the American Canoe Association in the following locations:
 - <http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Competition>
- 11.2. These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

12. DATE OF NOMINATION

- 12.1. The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: March 15, 2018

13. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1. 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.

14. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

- 14.1. The following committee was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:
 - Morgan House – Director of High Performance and Competition
 - Chris Barlow – Sprint High Performance Manager
 - Rafal Smolen – Slalom National Team Head Coach
 - Emily Wright – AAC Representative

15. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- 15.1. The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Grievance>

16. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. 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 ACA. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.
- 16.2. 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.

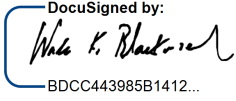

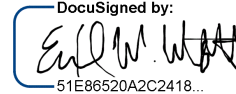
17. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

17.1. Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by the ACA may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

18. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

18.1. 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 American Canoe Association.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
ACA Executive Director	Wade Blackwood	 <small>DocuSigned by: Wade K. Blackwood BDCC443985B1412...</small>	5/11/2018 8:28:05 AM PDT
ACA Director of High Performance and Competition	Morgan House	 <small>DocuSigned by: Morgan House DB007779974845C...</small>	5/11/2018 8:05:04 AM PDT
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Emily Wright	 <small>DocuSigned by: Emily Wright 51E86520A2C2418...</small>	5/11/2018 10:14:34 AM PDT

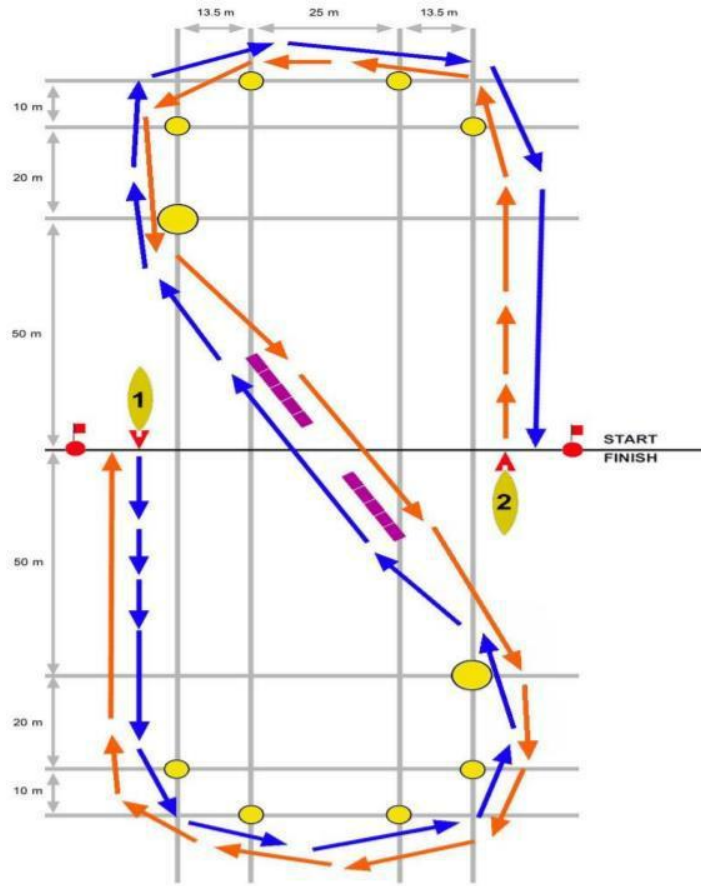
* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* 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.

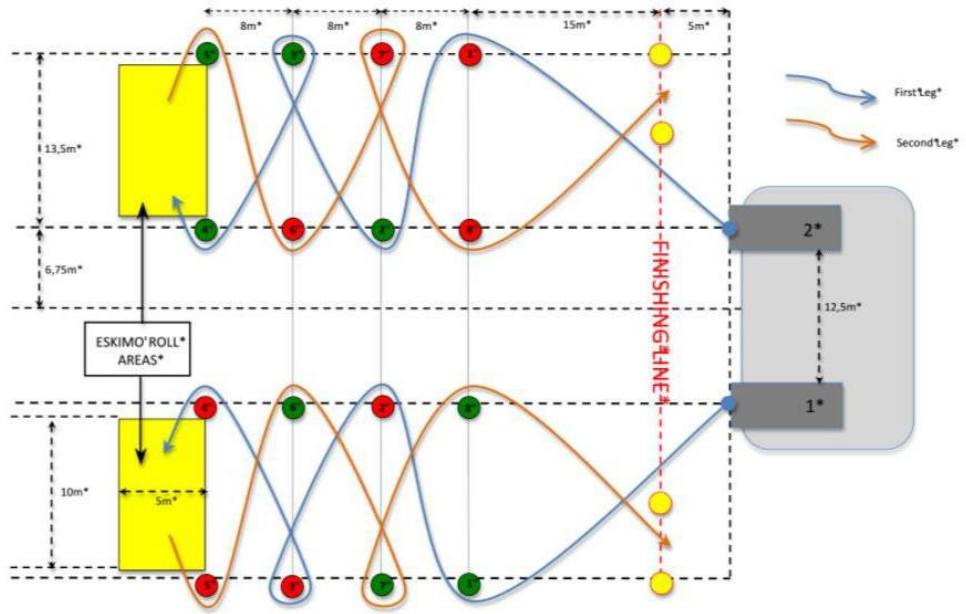
* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A – ACA Code of Conduct

APPENDIX 1: CANOE SPINT COURSE LAYOUT



APPENDIX 2: CANOE SLALOM COURSE LAYOUT



APPENDIX 3: FLOWCHART PATHWAY OUTLINE TO YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

