Sprint

Olympic Development Program (ODP)

2019
CANOE/KAYAK SPRINT OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)

**Purpose:**

The Olympic Development Program (ODP) will serve as a forum to identify and develop athlete’s to represent the USA at domestic and international Sprint competitions. The foundation of the program is to identify athlete’s and pick teams with the view of supporting and encouraging those Sprint canoe and kayak athlete’s who have shown the potential and the desire to qualify for the 2020, 2024 and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Teams.

**Goals:**

1. Select USA ODP Training Squads by November of the preceding year for World Cup Regattas, Junior, U23, and Senior World Championships.
2. Support and track those athlete’s with regular training sessions, camps and testing in conjunction with the athlete’s club coach.
3. Provide a means to allocate funding to athlete’s for training and travel expenses should funding become available.
4. Provide a way of obtaining deposits and payments for Team USA expenses in a timely fashion to meet increasingly challenging deadlines by the ICF, Regatta LOC’s, airlines, accommodation, boat rentals and other Team USA expenses.

**Process:**

1. The ODP process is open to any athlete who may wish to apply and meets the following criteria:
   A. Must be a SPRINT COMPETITION member in good standing of the American Canoe Association (ACA). If you do not currently belong to a club, you are encouraged to join an existing club, or start an ACA club yourself for one or more individuals.
   B. You must submit the $75.00 ODP Application Fee with your Athlete Data Form.
   C. Must be a USA Citizen or Permanent resident meeting USOC and ICF rules for competition. You must hold a Passport that will be valid for at least 6 months after August 2019.
   D. You must be at least 15 years old in order to be named to any Team USA Discipline Training Squads. Note: Athlete’s who will not be at least 15 in 2019 are encouraged to apply, however they cannot be named to any Team USA International teams (IOC/USOC rule). Athlete’s under 15 can still be classified as A, B or Development ODP teams based on their ODP results.
2. During September/October 2018 the Sprint High Performance Manager will receive applications from athlete’s and their coaches throughout the USA of all age levels who have the desire and determination to be a part of the ODP program.

3. Each application will involve a series of questions regarding personal best times, results and physical tests that an athlete will complete with the assistance of their club coach. Based on the responses and results of these questions ODP applicants will earn points for each question and then will be placed into one of the following Elite Team, ODP “A” Team, ODP “B” Team or ODP “Development” Team. The questions are listed at the bottom of this document. It is expected that the ODP Teams will be announced in November, 2018. ODP Athletes selected to the various ODP Teams will receive a paddle shirt identifying them as an ODP athlete.

4. The Discipline Training Squads for Senior World Cups, Senior World Championships and Junior and U23 World Championships may consist of athlete’s selected by the SSC and Head Coach from both ODP “Elite” and “A” Teams (Plus B Teams for Juniors) and will consist of the following:

Sprint Team USA - Senior World Cups and Senior World Championships Training Squad:
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A” Team male kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A” Team female kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A” Team male canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A” Team female canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order

Sprint Team USA - U23 World Championships Training Squad:
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A” Team male kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A” Team female kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A” Team male canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A” Team female canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order

Sprint Team USA - Junior World Championships Training Squad:
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A/B” Team male kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 8 “Elite” or “A/B” Team female kayak athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A/B” Team male canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order
Squad of up to 6 “Elite” or “A/B” Team female canoe athlete’s based on ODP points order
Note: There is no guarantee that an athlete will be selected to race at any event as part of Team USA once selected to Elite, A, B or Development Teams or to the various Discipline Training Squads. It is likely that the Training Squads will consist of more athletes than the available races at World Cups, JR/U23 World Championships or SR World Championships. Every effort will be made to enter the fastest Team USA boats at these major competitions.

5. Final Sprint Team USA Teams such as the 2019 Pan Am Games, or any other Sprint Team USA summer events will draw from the pool of athlete’s based on finish and selection criteria at the 2019 National Team Trails. (Olympic Hopes Regatta Teams will continue to be selected from USA National Club Championships in August 2019)

6. The ODP Development Team will be made up of athlete’s that have shown the desire and performance standards to qualify for ODP but are either too young to qualify for Team USA or have points that classify them in this category. Athlete’s are encouraged to apply for ODP as their commitment and determination shows their Club Coach and The National Team Coaches that they are hoping to be at a level to qualify for a Sprint Junior or Senior Teams in 2019, 2020 or perhaps 2024.

7. The final Entries for Sprint Team USA Events will be decided by the SSC and Discipline Coaches and will be based on winter and fall Training Camps, Time Trials and race offs at certain recognized Regatta’s (TBD) and National Team Trials. Depending on an athlete’s results and commitment to training for the 2019 season it is possible that athlete’s can be promoted or demoted from Elite, A, B and Development ODP teams. Refusal to participate in Training camps can also lead to an athlete being dropped from the Various Discipline Training Squads. The race or races an athlete races at any International Regatta will be determined by the Sprint Selection Committee and appointed Discipline Coach and will be based on National Team Trials, Time Trials, pre regatta training camps and team boat seat racing and assessment.

8. Any member of the SSC or the SCA will recuse themselves from any selection process where there is a conflict of interest with regard to a particular athlete. (for example family members, fiscal relationships, etc.)

Proposed Time Line

1. October, 2018 - ODP Applications and $75 payment submitted to ACA office via online form. [www.americancanoe.org/Sprint](http://www.americancanoe.org/Sprint)
2. October 20th, 2018 – Deadline for ODP Athlete applications and payment.
3. November 1st, 2018 – ODP Elite, A, B, and Development Teams announced. Invitations sent to Sprint Team USA Discipline Training Squads athlete’s and request for Sprint Team USA

4. December 2018 – Sprint Training Squads assessment camps – Location, coaches, dates TBD.
5. January/February 2019 – Sprint Training camps – Location, coaches, dates TBD.
8. May and June 2019 – World Cup Races, USA and Canada Regional regattas
10. August 2019 – Nationals and OHR selection Process
11. August 2019 – Pre-Worlds Training camps and Senior World Championships.
12. September 2019 – OHR and Pan AM Championships

**ODP Points will only be based on the following Criteria:**

1. An athlete’s highest result at the 2017/2018, SR, JR, or U23 World Champs in an Olympic event in Singles. (Ranking)
2. An athlete’s highest result at the 2017 or 2018 SR, JR, or U23 World Champs in a non-Olympic Event or Team Boat. (Ranking )
3. An athlete’s highest result in Singles or Team Boats at the 2017 or 2018 World Cup, Pan AM or OHR. (Ranking)
4. An athlete’s highest result at 2017 or 2018 USA National Team Trials or National Championships in a 1000m, 500m, or 200m Singles event in age group.
5. An athlete’s personal Best time at any 2017 or 2018 recognized regatta for 200m.
6. An athlete’s personal best time at any 2017 or 2018 recognized regatta for 500m.
7. An athlete’s personal best time at any 2017 or 2018 recognized regatta for 1000m.
8. An athlete’s personal best singles time for a 2000m with a turn timed by your club coach on an accurate course during 2018.
9. An athlete’s personal best time for an 800 Meter run in 2018 verified by club coach.
10. An athlete’s personal best for maximum number of pull ups in 2018 verified by club coach.
11. An athlete’s Cooper test result in 2018. (Distance in Meters during 12 min Run) must be verified by club coach.

Note: An ACA member Club Coach must verify results and that coach must be a member of the USA Sprint Coaches Association and a member of the ACA in good standing.