



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

USA Canoe Slalom National Team to compete at:
 The 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
 The 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,
 The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
 The 2019 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championships,
 The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,
 and
 USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team to compete in
 the Extreme Canoe Slalom Events during:
 The 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
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 The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
 The 2019 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championships, and
 The 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships

1 GLOSSARY & ABBREVIATIONS

Discipline	A discipline is a branch of a sport comprising one (1) or several events (e.g. Canoe Slalom, Extreme Canoe Slalom).
Boat	A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g. canoe, kayak): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. kayak single); • A crew boat: a boat with more than one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. mixed canoe double).
Age group	e.g. junior, under 23, seniors, masters depending on each discipline
Category	A category is defined by a boat and a gender (e.g. Men Kayak, Mixed Canoe).
Class	A class is defined by a category and the number of places in a boat (e.g. men kayak single; mixed canoe double).
Event	An event is a contest in one (1) discipline resulting in the award of medals. An event is defined by at least a class and depending on the competition and the discipline with the additional optional information: an age group (e.g. junior men’s kayak, under 23 women’s kayak single).
Type of event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual events: A boat comprised of one (1) or more athletes competing against other boats.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team events: two (2) or more boats competing together against other teams.
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g. heats, semi-final, final).
Run or race	The basic unit of an event phase (e.g. heats 1st run, semi-final, final).
Competition program	The list of events included in a competition.
Competition schedule	The complete list of events and their different phases with the time at which they will be held.
ICF	International Canoe Federation
ACA	American Canoe Association (USA National Governance Body for the sports of Canoe & Kayak)
CSL	Canoe Slalom
CSLX	Extreme Canoe Slalom
WCH	World Championships
WCS	World Cup Series
Team Trials	USA National Team Trials
USA CSL Team / the U.S. CSL Team	USA Canoe Slalom National Team
USA CSLX Team / The U.S. CSL Team	USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team
ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH	ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships
DSQ-R	Disqualification for the run
DNS	Did not start
DNF	Did not finish

2 ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered for eligibility for USA Canoe Slalom National Team or USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team, athletes must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

2.1 Citizenship

2.1.1 Citizenship is not a requirement of eligibility to compete to compete on behalf of the United States in CSL and CSLX events during:

- the 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
- the 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, and
- the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups.



Athletes must meet ICF eligibility rules for competition. These rules are outlined in the ICF Slalom Competition Rules, Section 1.3 - Athlete Eligibility for ICF Competition (Level 1 to 3).

2.1.2 Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the time of nomination (Section 15) and hold a valid U.S. passport to compete on behalf of the United States in CSL and CSLX events during:

- the 2019 Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships,
- the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship, and
- the 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championship.

As written in the Olympic Qualification Manual, only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter (at all times) in regard to Olympic eligibility may qualify the Olympic quota for the U.S. at Olympic qualifying events.

For the sake of clarity, all athletes competing on behalf of the United States in the 2019 Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships and the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force during the qualification period for the Olympic Games up until the end of the period of the Olympic Games.

2.2 Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any)

2.2.1 Eligibility for the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials and 2019 USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team Trials will be governed by the current International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom Competition Rules and the ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules, Article 3:

- ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules: <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules>
- ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules: www.americancanoe.org/ACAslalomrules

2.3 Other requirements (if any)

2.3.1 Athletes must be members in good standing with ACA at the time of the start of the Team Trials and during all national and international competitions.

2.3.2 Only athletes born in years 2001 to 2004 can qualify for the 2019 USA Junior CSL and CSLX National Teams.



- 2.3.3 Only athletes born in years 1996 to 2004 can qualify for the 2019 USA U23 CSL and CSLX National Teams.

3 THE TEAM SELECTION COMPETITION

Via the procedures set forth herein, athletes will qualify for the 2019 USA CSL and CSLX National Teams and the right to compete on behalf of the United States at:

- the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- the 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championship,
- the 2019 Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships,
- the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
- the 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, and
- the 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races

3.1 USA National Team Trials

3.1.1 Junior CSL Team Trials will be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 from April 12-13, 2019.

3.1.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials will be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 from April 12-14, 2019.

3.1.3 Junior, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials are scheduled to be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129, April 11-14, 2019. Local Organizing Committee (event organizers) will publish on its Website the date/time of the event on or before April 8, 2019.

3.1.4 Events

A total of seven events will be offered at the Team Trials and results will be computed independently for each of these seven events. These events are:

1. Men's Kayak (MK1)
2. Woman's Kayak (WK1)
3. Men's Canoe (MC1)
4. Women's Canoe (WC1)
5. Mix (1 Woman, 1 Man) Canoe Double (XC2)
6. Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom (MCSLX)
7. Woman's Extreme Canoe Slalom (WCSLX)

4 METHOD OF CONDUCTING THE TEAM TRIALS – THE COMPETITION FORMAT



This section describes the format of the Team Trials events.

4.1 Junior CSL Team Trials

Junior CSL Team Trials competition will be a two-day competition and will be used to nominate athletes to USA Junior Canoe Slalom National Team positions. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day. The competition will therefore consist of four separate runs on two separate courses.

- Race runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on course 1.
- Race runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on course 2.

* A Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6 may be implemented.

4.2 CSL U23 and Senior Team Trials

CSL U23 and Senior Team Trials competition will be a three-day competition and will be used to nominate athletes to USA U23 Canoe Slalom National Team positions and to nominate athletes to USA Senior Canoe Slalom National Team positions. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day. The competition will therefore consist of six separate runs on three separate courses.

- Race runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on course 1.
- Race runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on course 2.
- Race runs 5 and 6 are completed on the third day on course 3.

* A Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6 may be implemented.

4.3 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials

The Jr, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials competition will be one day competition and will be used to nominate athletes to USA Jr, U23, and Senior Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team positions. The competition will be structured in two phases. The first phase of competition is the Time Trials race, followed by up three rounds of The Head-to-Head races.



4.3.1 The Time Trials Race

- 4.3.1.1 The Time Trials race will be held to rank athletes for the first phase of the CSLX competition.
- 4.3.1.2 The fastest 16 athletes in each CSLX event will progress to the quarterfinals phase of the competition.
- 4.3.1.3 The results of the Time Trial race will be used to seed the heats for the “Head-to-Head” phase of the CSLX competition.
- 4.3.1.4 In the Time Trials, where athletes receive a NO SCORE, DNF, or DNS, they are not ranked, instead they are listed alphabetically in the following order NO SCORE, DNF, then DNS.

4.3.2 The Head-to-Head Phase of the CSLX Competition

- 4.3.2.1 Four athletes will race head-to-head in each quarterfinal, semifinal and final heat of the MCSLX and WCSLX events.
- 4.3.2.2 Insufficient number of athletes
 - 4.3.2.2.1 In the event that insufficient number of athletes successfully completes the Time Trials race to run four quarterfinal heats of at least three (3) racers each (12 racers total) in each of the CSLX event, the field will be cut to the fastest eight (8) boats in that CSLX event following the Time Trial race and the head-to-head competition will begin with the semifinal heats. In this case, athletes will be seated according to the semifinal bracket in Table 1.
 - 4.3.2.2.2 In the event that insufficient number of athletes successfully completes the Time Trials race to run two semifinal heats of at least three (3) racers each (6 racers total) in each of the CSLX event, the field will be cut to the fastest four (4) boats following the time trial, and the head-to-head competition will begin with the final heat. In this case, athletes will be seated according to the final bracket in Table 1.
- 4.3.2.3 Progression system

From each head-to-head race the 1st and 2nd placed athletes will progress to the next phase and the others will be eliminated as per the bracket Table 1.



4.3.2.4 There will be no “Loser’s Bracket” for athletes that do not advance.

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Table 1: Bracket table for the fastest 16 athletes that have progressed to the quarterfinals after the time trials.



- 4.3.2.5 In the finals, the winning athlete is ranked first, and the second fastest athlete is ranked second.
- 4.3.2.6 Starting Position
- Starting Position in the quarterfinal, semifinal and final phase of the competition shall be governed according to the rules outlined in the links in Section 2.2.1.
- 4.3.2.7 Race Start During the Head-to-Head phase of the CSLX competition
- 4.3.2.7.1 The four (4) boats in the race start at the same time.
- 4.3.2.7.2 When starting from a ramp, the ramp must be approved by the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff.
- 4.3.2.7.3 The ramp should be equipped with an automatic starting mechanism that allows a simultaneous start. In this case the athletes should start with both hands on the paddle.
- 4.3.2.7.4 In the case where there is no start mechanism then the athlete may start with one (1) hand on the ramp and one (1) hand on the paddle in a vertical position. They may use their paddle to push off.
- 4.3.2.7.5 In the case where a start ramp is not used then the start may be from a suitable large eddy, ensuring the start is as fair as possible to all participants in the competition.
- 4.3.2.7.6 The start command will be: "READY - GO". Between the order of READY and the starting signal the athletes must remain stationary.
- 4.3.2.7.7 If any athlete starts before the starting signal they must stop and will receive a no score (NO SCORE). The Start Judge will determine a false start.
- 4.3.2.7.8 Athletes may move to the start position once the previous race commences.

4.4 Competition Rules

The Team Trials shall be governed according to the rules outlined in the links in 2.2.1.

5 METHOD OF SCORING THE CANOE SLALOM TEAM TRIALS



This section describes the methodology and the process for scoring of the CSL Team Trials which will be used to nominate athletes to USA Canoe Slalom National Teams positions.

5.1 Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run

At the Team Trials competition, athletes earn a total score based on the rules of Canoe Slalom. Following the completion of each race at the Team Trials, the athlete's percentage on each run will be computed off of the leading score from that day in that particular event. The leading score in an event is the fastest score in that event of the two runs from that day.

Equation 1: Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run

$$\text{AthletePercentage} = \frac{\text{AthleteScore} * 100}{\text{BestScore}} - 100$$

Example:

Athlete A has the best score of the day with a 95.70 sec on their first run. Athlete B's time on her second run is 97.21. Therefore, Athlete B's percentage for the second runs is computed as follows:

Equation 2: Example Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run

$$\text{Athlete B Percentage} = \frac{97.21 * 100}{95.7} - 100 = 1.58\%$$

Note: The boat with the fastest time of the day will have the Athlete Percentage = 0% on its fastest run.

5.2 Scoring of Race Runs

USA CSL Team selection shall be based on the average of the athlete percentages of the race runs counted.

5.2.1 Runs Counted

5.2.1.1 USA Jr CSL Team Trials



- 5.2.1.1.1 The athlete's best run of each day will be used towards calculating that athlete's overall ranking. The runs used to calculate the overall ranking are defined as the "counted runs."
- 5.2.1.1.2 A minimum of two (2) runs must be conducted to constitute the 2019 USA Jr CSL Team Trials. If fewer than two runs are conducted, an additional race will be conducted in order to complete the remaining runs.
- 5.2.1.1.3 A Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6 may be implemented.
- 5.2.1.2 USA CSL U23 and Senior Team Trials
 - 5.2.1.2.1 The athlete's best run of each day, plus the athlete's best score of the three remaining runs, will be used towards calculating that athlete's overall ranking. The runs used to calculate the overall ranking are defined as the "counted runs."
 - 5.2.1.2.2 A minimum of four (4) runs must be conducted to constitute the 2019 USA CSL U23 and Senior Team Trials. If fewer than four runs are conducted, an additional race will be conducted in order to complete the remaining runs.
 - 5.2.1.2.3 A Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6 may be implemented.

5.3 Ranking of Results

5.3.1 Ranking using the Average Athlete Percentage

An athlete's counted runs are scored to give each athlete a result for the team trials event. The "Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage" is calculated by summing the Athlete Percentage from runs counted for each athlete and dividing the result by the number of runs counted. The ranking of results is completed by placing the athlete with the lowest Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage result in the highest ranked position. The athlete with the second lowest result is placed in the next position. This process is continued until all of the eligible athletes who have competed in the team trials competition have been ranked in each of the events which have been conducted at the team trials.

Example:

A junior athlete finishes the two days of team trials having completed four runs on two differing courses. Using the algorithm shown in Equation 1 for determining the athlete



percentage on each run the athlete has been given the following scores for each of the four runs:

Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete's Percentages
1	1	1.85	2
1	2	0.00	1
2	1	1.43	1
2	2	5.43	2

Table 2: Example Athlete Percentage

This athlete's best athlete percentages from each day are then selected as the runs counted and averaged to give a Team Trials result. In this instance runs Day 1: Run 2 and Day 2: Run 1 are summed and divided by two (the number of runs counted):

Equation 3: Example Junior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage

$$\frac{0.00 + 1.43}{2} = 0.71\% = \text{Junior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage}$$

Example:

An U23/Senior athlete finishes the three days of team trials having completed six runs on three differing courses. Using the algorithm shown in Equation 1 for determining the athlete percentage on each run the athlete has been given the following scores for each of the six runs:

Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete's Percentages
1	1	1.57	4
1	2	0.97	3
2	1	1.85	5
2	2	0.00	1
3	1	5.43	6
3	2	0.45	2

Table 3: Example Athlete Percentage

This athlete's four lowest athlete percentages are then selected as the runs counted and averaged to give a Team Trials result. In this instance runs Day 1: Run 1, Day 1: Run 2, Day 2: Run 2, and Day 3: Run 2 are summed and divided by four (the number of runs counted):

Equation 4: Example U23/Senior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage

$$\frac{0.00 + 0.45 + 0.97 + 1.57}{4} = 0.75\% = \text{Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage}$$



Example:

Three athletes in the same event during the team trials earn the following “Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage”:

Athlete	Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage	Ranking
A	1.35%	2 nd
B	0.75%	1 st
C	1.97%	3 rd

Table 4: Example ranking of the athletes based on the Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage

Then the ranking of the Team Trials results for these three athletes will be determined to be: First Place for Athlete B, Second Place for Athlete A, and Third Place for Athlete C.

6 CANCELED RUNS

6.1 Runs Canceled and Replaced

In the event that one or more of the runs or races shall be canceled for any reason, ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff, along with the Race Organizer and the Chief Judge, shall designate additional runs or races to replace the canceled run(s) or race(s). Any replacement run(s) or race(s) shall be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled run or race. It is ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff’s decision whether the replacement runs or races shall be conducted on the same course or on an alternate course.

6.2 Runs Used to Determine CSL Results if Some Runs are Canceled

In the event that ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff along with the Race Organizer and the Chief Judge determine that no alternative race sites and dates are reasonably available, the National Team selection process shall be modified as follows:

6.2.1 Junior CSL Team Trials

6.2.1.1 In the event that one race run is canceled the remaining run for that day will be used to determine the Junior National Team selection.

6.2.1.2 In the event that one race day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs will be used to determine Junior National Team selection.



- 6.2.1.3 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted, an alternate race to complete the remaining runs will be proposed to be held within the following three weeks. A minimum of at least two (2) runs must be conducted to constitute Junior CSL Team Trials.
- 6.2.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials
 - 6.2.2.1 If a run is canceled, the best run of each day will always be counted towards the final ranking for the Team selection.
 - 6.2.2.2 In the event that one race run is canceled, the racer's best three (3) out of the five (5) race runs will be used to determine U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.
 - 6.2.2.3 In the event that two race runs are canceled, the racer's best three (3) out of the four (4) race runs will be used to determine U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.
 - 6.2.2.4 If less than four (4) runs are conducted, an alternate race to complete the remaining runs will be proposed to be held within the following three weeks. A minimum of at least four (4) runs must be conducted to constitute U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials.
- 6.2.3 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials
 - 6.2.3.1 If an extreme slalom event is not completed due to cancellation of one or more Head-to-Head heats, the Chief Judge can establish the final results of the competition based on the last completed phase of the event (e.g. Time Trials, Quarterfinal Heats or Semi-final Heats). In this instance, the Time Trial times should be used to rank remaining athletes to determine a winner.
 - 6.2.3.2 The winning athletes of the previous phase are ranked according to their Time Trial time, then the second placed athletes etc. until all athletes are ranked.

7 EVENT ORDER

7.1 CSL Events

- 7.1.1 All canoe slalom events will be run back-to-back in the following order: WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2. Duration of a pause between the events is at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). The LOC will communicate a complete competition schedule to athletes and officials before or on April 11, 2019.



7.2 CSLX Events

7.2.1 Following the completion of the Junior CSL Team Trials, two CSLX events will be held in the following order: MCSLX and WCSLX.

7.2.2 The pause between the completion of the CSL events and the start of the CSLX events will be a minimum of sixty (60) minutes.

8 START INTERVAL

8.1 Interval between athletes

Athletes will be started at intervals established and announced before the beginning of the Team Trials. The interval will be consistent for the entire event.

8.2 Minimum time between each run provided to athletes competing in two events

A minimum time of 30 minutes between each run must be provided to athletes competing in two events. This should ideally be achieved by adjusting the interval between events and not by changing the start order of the affected athletes.

8.3 Additional Time Between Athletes

As per ICF Competition Rules, any boat may petition the Chief Judge to allow additional time between themselves and another boat beyond the scheduled time. The Chief Judge will grant the petition in cases where the boat has been interfered with by a slower boat or has overtaken a slower boat during a previous 2019 Team Trials race run, or otherwise demonstrates concrete evidence of disadvantage.

9 ATHLETES SEEDING

Athletes with the highest ranking shall start last within their respective events. The Team Trials start order for each event shall be determined first by the ranking of the top 100 from the final 2018 ICF CSL World Ranking. If the athlete is not ranked in the top 100 from the 2018 ICF CSL World Ranking, they will be ranked after the top 100 by the 2018 Team Trials final results. Those athletes still unranked will be ranked by the results from 2018 U.S. Nationals. If still not ranked, the athlete will be ranked by random draw after all participating boats from the 2018 Team Trials and 2018 U.S. Nationals have been ranked. Boats with 2018 results substantially below their 2017 results due to injury may petition the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff and the Chief Judge to run at the front of their



event. Petitions must be received no later than April 3, 2019. Petitions will be granted only in cases where race results demonstrate that the boat is likely to be competitive for the National Team.

10 TIED RESULTS

Results shall be calculated for the athlete percentage to an accuracy of a hundredth of a percentage point. The athlete's percentage for each run shall then be averaged to determine a final ranking, which is also computed to the hundredth percentage point. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the lowest average of their three best runs shall be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the lowest average of their two best results shall be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the best percentage result shall be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the best percentage result on the final day of the competition shall be the winner.

11 THE COURSE

11.1 Course Design

The course must be designed by a three-member Course Committee approved by ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff.

11.2 Demonstration Runs

11.2.1 Canoe Slalom Course

After the course is erected, with all gates in position, a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. Demonstration runs should be conducted, if possible, to include all boat types: WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2.

11.2.2 Extreme Canoe Slalom Course

11.2.2.1 The time for the athletes to complete the CSLX course should be 45 - 60 seconds.

11.2.2.2 The Race Organizer can conduct the Time Trial race without gates.



- 11.2.2.3 The course during the Head-to-Head heats must consist of four (4) to six (6) downstream gates and where possible four (4) upstream gates. The four (4) upstream gates must be set in pairs, symmetrically, allowing the athlete to choose to negotiate either up right or up left.
- 11.2.2.4 The course must contain a marked kayak roll zone which is at least 25 meters (82 feet) long. The kayak roll zone must be placed between two (2) gate sequences.
- 11.2.2.5 Where possible there must be a suitable start platform which allows a drop into the main channel to start the race.
- 11.2.2.6 No demonstration runs will be made for the Extreme Canoe Slalom events.

11.3 Course Approval

The race shall not commence until the course has been approved. The course will be approved per ICF CSL Competition Rules for the Canoe Slalom events, and per ICF CSLX Competition Rules for the Extreme Canoe Slalom events as outlined in 2.2.1.

12 APPLICABILITY OF RESULTS

The results of the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials and the 2019 USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team Trials shall be used to determine athlete eligibility for the 2019 National Teams, which athletes will compete in which international competitions, access to National Team Coaching, ACA athlete funding, and other benefits provided by the USOC and ACA. All types of the aforementioned eligibility and benefits apply to qualifying athletes from the completion of the 2019 Team Trials until the completion of the 2020 Team Trials. USOC benefits apply only to Olympic events. Athletes give up their rights to these benefits by not accepting their National Team(s) nominations.

13 SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE CANOE SLALOM NATIONAL TEAM

This section describes how athletes are selected to be members of the 2019 USA Junior Canoe Slalom National Team, the 2019 USA U23 Canoe Slalom National Team, and the 2019 USA Senior Canoe Slalom National Team.

13.1 Purpose



The purpose of naming the National Teams is to identify top performing athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful and to raise the level of competition in the USA. Being a member of the National Team is an honor and privilege earned by an athlete's hard work and effort towards being the best in the World. A member of the National Team has privileges that extend beyond those privileges allocated to other athletes, even those athletes who are selected to represent the United States in international competition but do not meet the standards necessary to become a member of the National Team. The 2019 USA National Teams athletes will receive invitations to camps, testing, water access in OKC and at USNWC, coaching at specific locations, and other privileges.

13.2 Available Places

Up to three boats in each CSL event can qualify to become members of the National Team. The National Team selection procedures will be the same for all events.

13.2.1 Allocation of National Team Places

There are three ways in which an athlete can be named to the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team.

13.2.1.1 Method 1

13.2.1.1.1 The 2019 USA Junior Canoe Slalom National Team

The athlete must finish with a Junior Team Trials result that is less than 20% off of the Event Adjusted Percentage (EAP).

13.2.1.1.2 The 2019 USA U23 Canoe Slalom National Team and the 2019 USA Senior Canoe Slalom National Team

The athlete must finish with a Team Trials result that is less than 15% off of the Event Adjusted Percentage (EAP).

13.2.1.1.3 Terminology

Event Adjusted Percentage (EAP), is the method chosen by ACA to determine performance standards for each event. (In 2018, the ICF has adopted the new term "event," to replace previously established term "class," to refer to the boat/sex of the racer. This document has adopted this new terminology.)



13.2.1.1.4 Definition of Event Adjusted Percentage (EAP)

The EAP sets a baseline standard by which performance in each event shall be evaluated with regards to the expected standard at a highly competitive international competition. The EAP is computed based on the assumption that at any given race day, one of the athletes, in one of the events, will have a run of International Standard. The run of the best standard is identified by adjusting each of the event's results by the expected difference between them. Specifically, each event's result is divided by the appropriate Event Factor from Table 5. The time of the winner of the event with the lowest adjusted result becomes the baseline, and the expected difference is then used to solve for the EAP standard for each event.

The athlete's final result is calculated by averaging the Event Adjusted Percentages (EAPs) of all his/her counting runs.

13.2.1.1.5 Computation of the Baseline EAP:

Step 1: The best result in each event is divided by the Event Adjustment Percentages (EAP). These factors for 2019 are:

Event	Event factor (%)
MK1	100.00
WK1	112.63
MC1	107.12
WC1	124.22
XC2	129.09

Table 5: 2019 Event Adjustment Percentages (EAP)

The Event Adjustment Percentages are calculated based on the results from the 2017 and 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series, and from the 2017 and 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. See: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom for more information.

Note:

- 2017 ICF World Cup #3 (Markkleeberg) Women C1 event results and the results from 2018 ICF World Cup #4 (Tacen) are not included in the EAP calculation because of course changes during these competitions.
- XC2 event factor is calculated based on the results from the 2017 and 2018 ICF CSL WCH and from the applicable results from the 2018 ICF CSL WCS, since prior results are not available.



Step 2: The lowest result after Step 1 is selected (this might be in any event).

Step 3: The event adjusted baseline for each event is determined by multiplying the result selected in Step 2 by the expected difference between the events (see EAP in Table 5).

Step 4: Finally, the result for each event from Step 3 is multiplied by 120% (115% for the U23 and Senior events) to establish the overall event EAP criteria limits. These limits are 20% for the Junior CSL events and 15% for the U23 and Senior CSL events.

Example:

		<u>EAP Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Event	Best run of the day	Event Adjustment Factor	Calculation Per Event	The best standard	Event Adjusted Baseline Per Event	Calculation for Event Adjusted 20% Result
MK1	92.11	100.00%	92.11	91.78	91.78	110.13
WK1	103.37	112.63%	91.78	91.78	103.37	124.04
MC1	99.02	107.12%	92.44	91.78	98.31	117.98
WC1	114.05	124.22%	91.81	91.78	114.01	136.81
XC2	118.92	129.09%	92.12	91.78	118.48	142.17

Table 6: A hypothetical computation of the EAP limit for Junior events.

Note: Only results achieved by the Junior athletes are used to compute the overall 20% event EAP criteria limit for the 2019 USA Junior CSL Team selection.

Example:

		<u>EAP Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Event	Best run of the day	Event Adjustment Factor	Calculation Per Event	The best standard	Event Adjusted Baseline Per Event	Calculation for Event Adjusted 15% Result
MK1	90.22	100.00%	90.22	88.04	88.04	101.25
WK1	103.37	112.63%	91.78	88.04	99.16	114.04
MC1	94.31	107.12%	88.04	88.04	94.31	108.46
WC1	126.94	124.22%	102.19	88.04	109.37	125.77
XC2	117.75	129.09%	91.22	88.04	113.65	130.70

Table 7: A hypothetical computation of the EAP limit for U23 and Senior events

Note: Only results achieved by the U23 athletes are used to compute the overall 15% event EAP criteria limit for the 2019 USA U23 CSL Team selection. All of the results in



any event are used to compute the overall 15% event EAP criteria limit for the 2019 USA Senior CSL Team selection.

13.2.1.2 Method 2

13.2.1.2.1 The 2019 USA Junior CSL Team

If during the Team Trials in a given event no junior athletes finish within the 20% overall EAP criteria limit, the first-place finisher in that event is named a member of the USA Jr CSL National Team provided that he/she commits to compete in at least two international races (e.g., ECA Cup races, Krakow Mayor Cup) prior to the 2019 ICF Jr CSL WCH.

13.2.1.2.2 The 2019 USA U23 CSL Team

If during the Team Trials in a given event no U23 athletes finish within the 15% overall EAP criteria limit, the first-place finisher in that event is named a member of the USA U23 CSL National Team provided that he/she commits to compete in at least two ICF ranking races prior to the 2019 ICF U23 CSL WCH.

13.2.1.2.3 The 2019 USA Senior CSL Team

If during the Team Trials in a given event no athletes finish within the 15% overall EAP criteria limit, the first-place finisher in that event is named a member of the USA Senior CSL National Team provided that he/she commits to compete in at least two World Cups prior to the 2019 ICF CSL WCH.

13.2.1.3 Method 3

13.2.1.3.1 The 2019 USA Jr CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Junior Team Trials but does not meet the 20% overall EAP criteria limit, this athlete can be named a member of the USA Jr CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at the 2019 ICF Jr CSL WCH.

13.2.1.3.2 The 2019 USA U23 CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the U23 Team Trials but does not meet the 15% overall EAP criteria limit, this athlete can be named a member of the USA U23 CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at the 2019 ICF U23 CSL WCH.



13.2.1.3.3 The 2019 USA Senior CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Senior Team Trials but does not meet the 15% overall EAP criteria limit, this athlete can be named a member of the USA Senior CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at one of the 2019 ICF CSL WCS competitions.

14 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2019 ICF CSL WCS AND THE 2019 ICF CSLX WCS

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Series and at the 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cup Series.

14.1 Available Places

14.1.1 2019 ICF CSL WCS Events

The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA Team by the ICF for the 2019 ICF CSL WCS competitions are as follows:

- MK1 3 Places
- WK1 3 Places
- MC1 3 Places
- WC1 3 Places
- XC2 3 Places

14.1.2 2019 ICF CSLX WCS Events

The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA by the ICF for the 2019 ICF CSLX WCS competitions are as follows:

- MCSLX 2 Places
- WCSLX 2 Places

14.2 Allocation of Team Places

14.2.1 The places available are allocated to the top performing athletes in each event from the 2019 CSL and CSLX Team Trials.

14.2.2 2019 ICF CSL WCS Events



- 14.2.2.1 In the year prior to the Summer Olympics, the U.S. CSL WCS Team places will be allocated first to the athletes that meet criteria outlined in Section 2.1.2 in addition to the criteria outlined in Section 13.2.1.

Example:

- Three places are available to USA CSL WCS Team for the WCS MK1 events.
- The top three performing MK1 athletes meet criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The top three performing athletes are nominated to the U.S. CSL WCS Team.

Example:

- Three places are available to USA CSL WCS Team for the WCS MK1 events.
- The top three performing MK1 athletes meet criteria defined in Section 13.2.1; however, only the second-best performing athlete meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2.
- The top fourth and the top fifth performing athletes meet criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The second-best athlete is nominated first to the U.S. CSL WCS Team because he meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The top fourth and fifth performing athletes are nominated to the U.S. CSL WCS Team because they meet criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The best and third-best performing athletes are not named to the U.S. CSL WCS Team because they do not meet criteria defined in Section 2.1.2.

Example:

- Three places are available to USA CSL WCS Team for the WCS MK1 events.
- The top three performing MK1 athletes meet criteria defined in Section 13.2.1; however, only the second-best performing athlete meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2.
- The top fourth performing athlete meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2. and in Section 13.2.1; however, the top fifth performing athlete does not meet criteria defined in Section 13.2.1.
- The second-best athlete is nominated first to the U.S. World Cup Team because he meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The top fourth performing athlete is nominated second to the U.S. World Cup Team because he meets criteria defined in Section 2.1.2 and in Section 13.2.1.
- The top performing athlete is nominated third to the U.S. World Cup Team because the fifth-best performing athlete does not meet criteria defined in Section 13.2.1.



14.2.3 2019 ICF CSLX WCS Events

14.2.3.1 The places available are allocated to the top two performing athletes in each event from the 2019 CSLX Team Trials.

14.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

If after the conclusion of the 2019 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for World Cup participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2019 Team Trials.

14.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in the ICF CSL and CSLX World Cups #1, #2 and #3 during the 2019 USA CSL Team processing on April 14, 2019. The deadline for confirmation for the ICF CSL and CSLX World Cups #4 and #5 is May 24, 2019. The schedule for the 2019 ICF CSL WCS Events is as follows:

- World Cup #1 (June 14 – 16, 2019) Lee Valley, UK
- World Cup #2 (June 21 – 23, 2019) Bratislava, SK
- World Cup #3 (June 28 – 30, 2019) Tacen, SLO
- World Cup #4 (August 30 – September 1, 2019) Markkleeberg, D
- World Cup #5/Final (September 6 – 8, 2019) Prague, CZ

14.4.1 This schedule is subject to change. Updates to this list are provided at:

www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar

14.5 Declaration of Team Positions Taken

14.5.1 Athletes who qualify to compete in two ICF CSL events at the 2019 ICF CSL WCS must confirm their intention to participate in one or both events during 2019 USA CSL Team Processing on April 14, 2019.

14.5.2 Deposits for the 2019 ICF CSL & CSLX WCS must be paid to ACA via check or online:

- for the World Cup events #1, #2, and #3 by April 19, 2019, and
- for the World Cup events #4 and #5 by May 31, 2019.

14.6 Failure to Confirm



If a boat fails to confirm participation during USA National Team processing on April 14, 2019, a replacement athlete will be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 22 – Replacement of Athletes.

15 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2019 ICF CSL SENIOR WCH AND FOR THE 2019 ICF CSLX SENIOR WCH

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in La Seu D'Urgell, Spain from September 25 to September 29, 2019 and at the 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic from September 6 to September 8, 2019.

15.1 Available Places

15.1.1 The 2019 ICF CSL Senior WCH

Three boats in each event (WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2) can qualify to participate at the World Championships.

15.1.2 The 2019 ICF CSLX Senior WCH

Two boats in each event (WCSLX and MCSLX) can qualify to participate at the World Championships.

15.2 Allocation of Team Places

15.2.1 The 2019 ICF CSL Senior WCH

15.2.1.1 The places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2019 Team Trials. If, for example, three places are available in the MK1 event, then the top three performing eligible finishers are nominated to the U.S. CSL World Championships Team.

15.2.1.2 To be eligible to compete in the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, an athlete must compete in a minimum of two 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup competitions, unless:

15.2.1.2.1 He/She is also a member of the 2019 USA Jr CSL Team or 2019 USA U23 CSL Team, in which case he/she must compete in a minimum of one 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup competition and the 2019 Jr/U23 CSL WCH.



15.2.1.2.2 He/She is selected as a replacement athlete due to the removal of another athlete for reasons defined in Section 21.

15.2.1.2.3 He/She is injured or ill just before or during any of the declared 2019 CSL WCS or the 2019 Jr/U23 CSL WCH competitions as certified by ACA or USOC approved physician (or medical staff), subsequently evaluated for fitness by the U.S. National Team Coach and cleared to compete by ACA or USOC approved physician (or medical staff).

15.2.2 The 2019 ICF CSLX Senior WCH

15.2.2.1 The places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2019 Team Trials. If, for example, two places are available in the MCSLX event, then the top two performing eligible finishers are nominated to the U.S. CSLX World Championships Team.

15.2.2.2 An athlete must compete in a minimum of one 2019 ICF CSLX WCS competitions prior to the 2019 ICF CSLX WCH to be eligible to compete in the 2019 ICF CSLX WCH, unless he/she is selected as a replacement athlete due to a removal of another athlete for reasons defined in Section 21.

15.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

If after the conclusion of the 2019 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for the ICF CSL or CSLX WCH participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the U.S. CSL or CSLX WCH Team by the next eligible ranked boat from the 2019 Team Trials.

15.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2019 ICF CSL and CSLX WCH is May 24, 2019.

15.4.1 Deposits for the 2019 ICF CSL and CSLX WCH must be paid to ACA via check or online by May 31, 2019.

15.5 Failure to Confirm

15.5.1.1 If a boat fails to confirm via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach by May 24, a replacement athlete will be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 21.



16 SELECTION OF COMPETITORS FOR THE 2019 & 2020 ICF CSL AND CSLX RANKING RACES AND 2019 CANOE SLALOM PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BEFORE THE 2020 TEAM TRIALS)

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete in an ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Race and in the CSL and CSLX Pan American Championships. Selection at the 2019 Team Trials qualifies an eligible athlete to compete in all ICF and COPAC CSL and CSLX Ranking Races prior to the 2020 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials. Athletes’ eligibility for these events held prior to the 2019 Team Trials is determined by their ranking at the 2018 Team Trials.

16.1 Available Places

The ICF does not limit the number of entries at the ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races and Canoe Slalom Pan-American Championships. Limitations may be imposed by the Competition Organizer, at the Organizer’s discretion.

16.2 Allocation of Available Places

16.2.1 In the case that places are limited by the Competition Organizer, the places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2019 Team Trials. If, for example, six places are available in the MK1 event then the top six eligible finishers are given priority to compete.

16.2.2 Competition calendar reference: www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar

16.2.3 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Athletes must confirm participation at the 2019 Canoe Slalom Pan-American Championships and the 2019 ICF CSL Ranking Races via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach by the deadlines listed in Section 16.2.4.

16.2.4 The 2019 ICF Ranking Competitions

Event	Competition Date	Must Declare Intent
35th International Liptov Canoe Slalom	April 19 – 20, 2019	April 14, 2019
2019 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championships	April 26 – 28, 2019	April 14, 2019
2019 Canoe Slalom Ranking Race Tacen	April 27 – 28, 2019	April 14, 2019
71ST International Tatra Canoe Slalom	May 11 – 12, 2019	April 21, 2019



Event	Competition Date	Must Declare Intent
2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking – Merano	June 8 – 9, 2019	April 21, 2019
2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking – Prague	August 3 – 4, 2019	July 19, 2019
2019 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Bratislava	August 10 – 11, 2019	July 19, 2019
2019 Canada Canoe Slalom Open	August 16 – 18, 2019	July 19, 2019
2019 Canoe Slalom Danube Cup	August 17 – 18, 2019	July 19, 2019
2019 British Canoe Slalom Open	October 6 – 7, 2019	September 13, 2019

Table 8: The 2019 ICF Ranking Competitions

16.3 Athletes Participation Reference

Athletes are encouraged to double-check their participation in the 2019 ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races via Google Docs:

<http://www.americancanoe.org/2019SlalomRankingRacesSignup>

16.4 Failure to Confirm

If an athlete fails to confirm by the dates designated above, the next ranked athlete from the 2019 Team Trials will be eligible to enter.

16.5 Nomination to Compete for Athletes Who Did Not Compete in the US Team Trials

If an athlete is not able to compete at the 2019 Team Trials due to a documented medical or family emergency, the athlete will be ranked after the final athlete from the 2019 Team Trials. The athlete must send an email and documentation to the USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach to verify.

17 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2019 ICF JR & U23 CSL WCH

This section describes how athletes are selected to compete at the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships in Krakow, Poland from July 16 – 21, 2019.

17.1 Available Places

17.1.1 The 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH



Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

17.1.2 The 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH

Two boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships.

17.2 Allocation of Team Places

17.2.1 The 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH

The top three athletes in each event at the 2019 Team Trials will be named as members of the 2019 USA Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Teams.

17.2.2 The 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH

The top two athletes in each event at the 2019 Team Trials will be named as members of the 2019 USA Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships Teams.

17.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

17.3.1 If after the conclusion of the 2019 Team Trials any Junior boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for the ICF Jr CSL or CSLX WCH participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the Jr WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2019 Team Trials.

17.3.2 If after the conclusion of the 2019 Team Trials any U23 boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for the ICF U23 CSL or CSLX WCH participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the U23 WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2019 Team Trials.

17.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

17.4.1 Deadline for confirming participation at the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH and the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2019 Team Trials. The intention must be sent via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach.

17.4.2 Deadline to Declare Intention to Travel and Lodge with 2019 USA CSL and CSLX Team



Eligible boats must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the U.S. Team at the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH and the 2019 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH in Krakow, Poland, during the 2019 National Team processing on April 14, 2019. All athletes must make a deposit to cover estimated expenses by April 19, 2019. These expenses will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, and accreditation fees.

18 MISSED COMPETITIONS

If an athlete confirms his/her participation at any 2019 ICF sanctioned CSL or CSLX competition, or at any 2019 COPAC CSL or CSLX sanctioned competition and later pulls out without a documented medical or family emergency, and thus prevents another athlete from participating, that athlete will have their name dropped to the bottom of the priority list of all eligible athletes until the 2020 Team Trials.

18.1 Deadline for Confirmation

Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in any ICF or COPAC sanctioned competition at least 30 days in advance of the competition, unless posted otherwise.

19 OVERSIGHT OF SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is overseen by the below members of the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff, the ACA Canoe Slalom Committee Chair, and the ACA Canoe Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors. The oversight of selection is to ensure that the selection process has been followed by using the above selection method. Additionally, any question as to the interpretation of the selection process will be determined by the selection process oversight individuals as described herein. If it appears that the selection method has not been followed, the committee will bring forward to the ACA Board of Directors to determine a reasonable solution for correcting any wrongdoings.

19.1 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff

- Rafal Smolen, Slalom National Team Coach

19.2 ACA Slalom Committee Chair

- Adam Van Grack

19.3 ACA Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors

- Scott Mann



20 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

20.1 No athletes will be selected to the National Team through discretionary selection

All athletes will earn nominations to the ICF and COPAC sanctioned competitions during the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom Team Trials and the 2019 USA Extreme Canoe Slalom Team Trials, or through the replacement process outlined in Section 22.

21 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

21.1 Causes of Removal

An athlete who is nominated to the U.S. CSL or CSLX National Team by ACA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA Staff:

- 21.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal: Athlete must submit a voluntary withdrawal via email to the Slalom National Team Coach and the ACA's Executive Director.
- 21.1.2 Injury or illness as certified by ACA or USOC approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved ACA physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 21.1.3 Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or violation of the Athlete Agreement.
- 21.1.4 Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.
- 21.1.5 Violation of IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through USADA.
- 21.1.6 An athlete who is removed from the U.S. CSL or CSLX National Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing, as per the ACA's grievance process (see Section 29 for reference).

22 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Describes the replacement of athletes from the U.S. CSL and CSLX National Team or athletes who are/have been eligible to compete and selected for a place to represent the United States at the ICF CSL or CSLX WCS, WCH, or other international competitions.



22.1 Selection

The replacement athlete will be selected through the 2019 Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order. These athletes will be considered the U.S. National Team Members if they meet all criteria as outlined in Section 13.2.1 and, if applicable, in Section 2.1.2.

22.2 EAP Performance Criteria

An athlete must meet the EAP performance criteria specified in Section 13.2.1 in order to be a replacement athlete for the ICF CSL WCS, the ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH, and the ICF CSL WCH competitions. In the case that there are no athletes meeting this performance standard, the available spots will not be filled.

22.3 Special consideration for XC2 events

If either member of a XC2 boat resigns, is removed from the team, is ineligible to compete, or is unable to compete, the entire boat will be removed from the team. The replacement boat will be selected through the 2019 CSL Team Trials taking the next ranked boat by the rank order.

22.4 Special consideration for CSLX events

The replacement athlete will be selected through the 2019 CSLX Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order.

23 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by each athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2019 USA CSL and CSLX Teams and will be posted on the ACA website:

- <http://www.americancanoe.org/2019AthleteCodeofConduct>

24 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

24.1 Reference Selection Procedures

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be published on the ACA website: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom

24.2 Publication Timing



These procedures will be posted by February 26, 2019, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by Wade Blackwood, ACA Executive Director.

25 DATE OF ATHLETE NOMINATION

The Nomination of USA National Team Athletes will occur directly after the final race of the 2019 CSL and CSLX Team Trials.

26 NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Athletes will be notified of all National Team training and/or competitions on April 14, 2019, or at least 60 days prior to the start of the training/competitions.

27 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA, and USOC Rules, as applicable.

28 SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS

28.1 All National Team members must adhere to the ACA SafeSport Policy

28.1.1 All athletes older than eighteen (18) must maintain a valid certification of successful completion of the current version of all SafeSport training modules (see: www.americancanoe.org/SafeSport) before attending the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom Team Trials and the 2019 USA Extreme Canoe Slalom Team Trials, and before attending any of the international competitions.

29 ACA GOVERNANCE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

29.1 ACA Bylaws

www.americancanoe.org/Governance

29.2 Competition Council

www.americancanoe.org/CompetitionCouncil

29.3 Slalom Information

www.americancanoe.org/Slalom



29.4 Grievance Procedures

www.americancanoe.org/Grievance

30 INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, 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, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA, as of February 6, 2019. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

30.1 Force Majeure

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 Canoe Slalom Committee.

31 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

31.1 Questions

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete, and those questions are not answered by ACA, may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman

32 SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the Athlete Selection Procedures set by ACA Slalom Committee. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by ACA.



Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
ACA Executive Director (NGB)	Wade Blackwood	<i>Wade Blackwood</i>	4/2/2019
Athlete Advisory Council to the USOC Representative	Emily Wright	<i>Emily Wright</i>	4-2-19
ACA Competition Council Chair	Marsh Jones	<i>D Marshall Jones</i>	2 April 2019