



# ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

for

USA Canoe Slalom Team to compete at:  
the 2020/21 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,  
the 2020 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,  
the 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,  
the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,  
and

USA Extreme Canoe Slalom Team to compete at:  
the 2020/21 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,  
the 2020 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships,  
the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cups,  
the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships, and  
the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships,  
and

to become a member of USA CSL & CSLX National Teams.

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## 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 or kayak): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g., kayak single);</li> <li>• A crew boat: a boat with more than one (1) place for athletes (e.g., mixed canoe double).</li> </ul>
Age group	e.g., Junior (Jr), Under 23 (U23), 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"> <li>• Individual events: A boat comprised of one (1) or more athletes competing against other boats.</li> <li>• Team events: three (3) boats competing together against other teams.</li> </ul>
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g., heats, semi-final, final).
Run	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 shall be held.
ICF	International Canoe Federation
ACA	American Canoe Association (USA National Governance Body for the sports of Canoe & Kayak)
NGB	National Governance Body
CSL	Canoe Slalom
CSLX	Extreme Canoe Slalom
WCH	World Championships
WCS	World Cup Series
Team Trials	USA National Team Trials
USA CSL Team /	USA Canoe Slalom Team



the U.S. CSL Team	
USA CSLX Team / The U.S. CSLX Team	USA Extreme Canoe Slalom Team
USA Jr CSL Team / the U.S. Jr CSL Team	USA Junior Canoe Slalom Team
USA U23 CSL Team / the U.S. U23 CSL Team	USA U23 Canoe Slalom Team
USA Senior CSL Team / the U.S. Senior CSL Team	USA Senior Canoe Slalom Team
USA Jr CSLX Team / the U.S. Jr CSLX Team	USA Junior Extreme Canoe Slalom Team
USA U23 CSLX Team / the U.S. U23 CSLX Team	USA U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom Team
USA Senior CSLX Team / the U.S. Senior CSLX Team	USA Senior Extreme Canoe Slalom 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

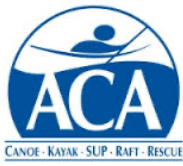
## 2 ELIGIBILITY

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

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

- the 2020/21 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
- the 2020/21 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- the 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
- the 2020/21 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
- the 2020/21 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cups, and
- the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships.



However, 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).

## 2.2 Minimum standards for participation

Eligibility for the 2020 USA CSL Team Trials and 2020 USA CSLX Team Trials shall 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](http://www.americancanoe.org/ACAslalomrules)

## 2.3 Other requirements

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.

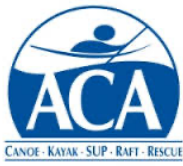
2.3.2 Age requirements for Junior and U23 events

- Only athletes born in years 2002 to 2005 can qualify for the 2020 USA Junior CSL and CSLX Teams.
- Only athletes born in years 1997 to 2005 can qualify for the 2020 USA U23 CSL and CSLX Teams.
- Only athletes born in years 2003 to 2006 can qualify for the 2021 USA Junior CSL and CSLX Teams.
- Only athletes born in years 1998 to 2006 can qualify for the 2021 USA U23 CSL and CSLX Teams.

## 3 TEAM TRIALS

Via the procedures set forth herein, athletes will qualify for the 2020 USA CSL and CSLX Teams and the right to compete on behalf of the United States at:

- the 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
  - the 2020 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,
  - the 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
- and
- the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
  - the 2020 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships,
  - the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cups, and
  - the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championship;



and

- the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races<sup>(a)</sup>,
- the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships<sup>(b)</sup>, and
- the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships<sup>(c)</sup>.

(a) Applies to qualified athletes from the completion of the 2020 Team Trials until the conclusion of the 2021 Team Trials.

(b) Applies to those Junior and U23 athletes that earn a spot on the 2020 U.S. CSL Senior National Team during the 2020 Team Trials. All other Junior and U23 athletes will compete for the remaining spots on the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Team at the 2020 National Championships.

(c) Applies to those Junior and U23 athletes that earn the spot on the 2020 U.S. CSLX Senior Team during the 2020 Team Trials. All other Junior and U23 athletes will compete for the remaining spots on the 2021 ICF Junior & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships Team at the 2020 National Championships.

### **3.1 Junior CSL Team Trials**

Junior CSL Team Trials shall be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 concurrently with the 2020 U.S. Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials and will consist of a two-days competition: from May 2 to May 3 (May 4), 2020.

### **3.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials**

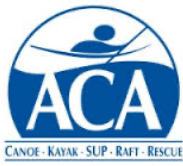
U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials shall be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 concurrently with the 2020 U.S. Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials and will consist of two two-days competitions:

- 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1, May 2-3 (4), 2020.
- 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2, May 8-9 (10), 2020.

### **3.3 Junior, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials**

Junior, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials are scheduled to be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 between May 2 and May 4, 2020. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will publish the event date/time on its Website before or on April 17, 2020.

### **3.4 Events Offered**



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

- Men's Kayak (MK1)
- Woman's Kayak (WK1)
- Men's Canoe (MC1)
- Women's Canoe (WC1)
- Mix (1 Woman, 1 Man) Canoe Double (XC2)

and

- Men's Extreme Canoe Slalom (MCSLX)
- Woman's Extreme Canoe Slalom (WCSLX)

#### **4 METHOD OF CONDUCTING THE TEAM TRIALS – THE COMPETITION FORMAT**

##### **4.1 Competition Rules**

The Team Trials shall be governed according to the rules outlined in links in Section 2.2.

##### **4.2 Junior CSL Team Trials**

Junior CSL Team Trials shall be a two-day competition and shall be used to nominate athletes to USA Junior CSL Team positions. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day.

###### **4.2.1 Competition shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:**

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

###### **4.2.2 Junior CSL Team selection shall be based on a minimum of 2 out of a total of 4 runs at the Team Trials unless an exception is triggered due to Force Majeure. Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled, and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6, shall be implemented.**

###### **4.2.3 Runs Counted: The athlete's best run of each day of the Team Trials shall be used towards calculating athlete's overall ranking.**

##### **4.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials**

U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials shall be consist of two two-days competitions. The combined result from the Competitions 1 and 2 shall be used to nominate athletes to USA U23 and Senior CSL Team positions.





- 4.3.1 Competition 1 shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:
- Race 1: runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on the course 1.
  - Race 2: runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on the course 2.
- 4.3.2 Competition 2 shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:
- Race 3: runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on the course 3.
  - Race 4: runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on the course 4.
- 4.3.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team selection shall be based on a minimum of 2 out of a total of 4 runs at each of the two Team Trials Competitions, i.e., Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, unless an exception is triggered due to Force Majeure. Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled, and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6, shall be implemented.
- 4.3.4 Runs Counted: The athlete's best run of each day shall be used towards calculating the athlete's overall ranking.

#### **4.4 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials**

The Jr, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials competition shall be one day competition and shall be used to nominate athletes to USA Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team positions. The competition shall 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.

##### **4.4.1 The Time Trials Race**

The Time Trials race shall be held to rank athletes for the first phase of the CSLX competition. The fastest sixteen (16) athletes in each CSLX event will progress to the quarterfinals phase of the competition. The results of the Time Trial race shall be used to seed the heats for the "Head-to-Head" phase of the CSLX competition in each of the events. 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.

##### **4.4.2 The Head-to-Head Phase of the CSLX Competition**

Four athletes will race head-to-head in each quarterfinal, semifinal, and final heat of the MCSLX and WCSLX events. If insufficient number of athletes completes the Time Trials race to seat four quarterfinal heats of at least three (3) racers each (12 racers total) in each of the CSLX events, the field shall be cut to the fastest eight (8) boats in that CSLX



event following the Time Trial race and the head-to-head competition shall begin with the semifinal heats. In this case, athletes shall be seated according to the semifinal bracket in Table 1.

If insufficient number of athletes completes the Time Trials race to seat two semifinal heats of at least three (3) racers each (6 racers total) in each of the CSLX events, the field shall be cut to the fastest four (4) boats following the time trial, and the head-to-head competition shall begin with the final heat. In this case, athletes shall be seated according to the final bracket in Table 1.

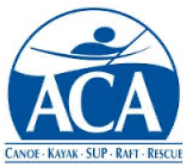
From each head-to-head race, the 1st and 2nd placed athletes will progress to the next phase, and the others shall be eliminated as per the bracket Table 1. There shall be no “Loser’s Bracket” for athletes that do not advance.

In the finals, the winning athlete is ranked first, and the second-fastest athlete is ranked second.

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.

The four (4) boats in the race start at the same time during the Head-to-Head phase of the CSLX competition. When starting from a ramp, the ramp must be approved by the ACA Staff. 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.

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. 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. The start command shall be: “READY – GO.” Between the order of READY and the starting signal, the athletes must remain stationary. If an 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. Athletes may move to the start position once the previous race commences.



Quarterfinals	Semi-finals	Final
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Quarterfinal 1	(QF1)
1st in time trial	①
8th in time trial	②
12nd in time trial	③
16th in time trial	④

Semi-final 1		(SF1)
1st	in QF1	
2nd	in QF1	
1st	in QF2	
2nd	in QF2	

Quarterfinal 2	(QF2)
4th in time trial	①
5th in time trial	②
9th in time trial	③
13rd in time trial	④

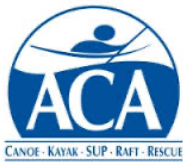
Final		(F)
1st	in SF1	
2nd	in SF1	
1st	in SF2	
2nd	in SF2	

Quarterfinal 3	(QF3)
3rd in time trial	①
6th in time trial	②
10th in time trial	③
14th in time trial	④

Semi-final 2		(SF2)
1st	in QF3	
2nd	in QF3	
1st	in QF4	
2nd	in QF4	

Quarterfinal 4	(QF4)
2nd in time trial	①
7th in time trial	②
11st in time trial	③
15th in time trial	④

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



## 5 METHOD OF SCORING AND RANKING THE CANOE SLALOM TEAM TRIALS RESULTS

### 5.1 Calculation of Athlete Percentage for Each Run

At the Team Trials, athletes earn a total score based on the ICF rules of Canoe Slalom as shown in Equation 1:

*Equation 1: Calculation of Athlete Score of Each Run*

$$\text{Athlete Score} = \text{Time of the Run in seconds} + \text{Penalty seconds}$$

Following the completion of each race, Athlete Percentage for each race run shall be computed off of the leading score from that day in that particular event. For the sake of clarity, the leading score in an event is the lowest score in that event as computed from up to two runs on the same course as shown in Equation 2:

*Equation 2: Calculation of the Leading Score in an event*

$$\text{Leading Score} = \min(\text{Lowest Score Run 1, Lowest Score Run 2})$$

Athlete Percentage is computed as shown in Equation 3:

*Equation 3: Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run*

$$\text{Athlete Percentage} = \frac{\text{Athlete Score} * 100}{\text{Leading Score}} - 100$$

Example:

Athlete A has the leading score of the day with 95.70 sec on the second run. Athlete B's time on her first run is 97.21 sec and on her second run is 96.53 sec. Therefore, Athlete B's percentage for the first run is computed as follows:

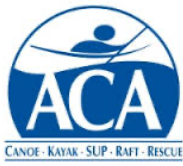
*Equation 4: Example Calculation of Athlete B Percentage of Run 1 in an Event*

$$\text{Run1: Athlete B Percentage} = \frac{97.21 * 100}{95.70} - 100 = 1.58\%$$

Furthermore, Athlete B's percentage for the second run is computed as follows:

*Equation 5: Example Calculation of Athlete B Percentage of Run 2 in an Event*

$$\text{Run 2: Athlete B Percentage} = \frac{96.53 * 100}{95.70} - 100 = 0.87\%$$



## 5.2 Scoring of Results

First, an athlete’s counted runs (defined in Sections 4.2.3 and 4.3.4) are scored according to Equation 3 to compute his/her Athlete Percentage of each run completed during the Team Trials. Then, the athlete’s Average Team Trials Percentage (ATTP) is calculated by summing the athlete’s Athlete Percentages from runs counted in each race and dividing the result by the number of runs counted as shown in Equation 6:

*Equation 6: The Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage (AATTP)*

$$ATTP = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\text{Runs Counted}} (\text{Athlete Percentage})_n}{\text{Runs Counted}}$$

Example:

A junior athlete finishes the two days of Team Trials having completed four runs on two differing courses. The algorithms shown in Equation 3, is used to compute the Athlete Percentage for each run. This athlete has earned the following scores for four runs as shown in Table 2:

Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete’s Percentages
1	1	1.85	<del>2</del>
1	2	0.00	1
2	1	1.43	1
2	2	5.43	<del>2</del>

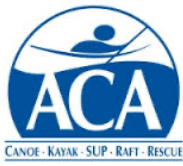
} 0.72%

*Table 2: Example Athlete Percentage*

This athlete’s best athlete percentages from each day are then selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP. In this instance “Day 1: Run 2” and “Day 2: Run 1” Athlete Percentages are summed and divided by two (divided by the number of runs counted):

*Equation 7: Example Junior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage*

$$ATTP = \frac{0.00\% + 1.43\%}{2} = 0.72\%$$



*Example:*

An U23/Senior athlete competed in an event in the Team Trials during Competition 1 and 2. The athlete earned the following Athlete Percentage for each of the four runs computed by the algorithm in Equation 3:

	Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete's Percentages	
Comp. #1	1	1	1.57	<del>2</del>	} 0.49%
	1	2	0.97	1	
	2	1	1.85	<del>2</del>	
	2	2	0.00	1	
Comp. #2	1	1	5.43	<del>2</del>	} 0.73%
	1	2	0.45	1	
	2	1	1.01	1	
	2	2	2.56	<del>2</del>	

Table 3: Example Athlete Percentage

Next, this athlete's best Athlete Percentages from each day of the Competition 1 are selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP result for Competitions 1. In this instance, Athlete Percentages from Day 1: Run 2 and Day 2: Run 2 are summed and divided by two (divided by the number of runs counted) to compute the Athlete Percentage for an event in the Competition 1:

Equation 8: Example U23/Senior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage for Competition 1

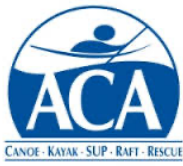
$$\text{Competition 1: ATTP} = \frac{0.00\% + 0.97\%}{2} = 0.49\%$$

And, this athlete's best Athlete Percentages from each day of the Competition 2 are selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP result for Competitions 2. In this instance, Athlete Percentages from Day 1: Run 2 and Day 2: Run 1 are summed and divided by two to compute the Athlete Percentage for an event in the Competition 2:

Equation 9: Example U23/Senior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage for Competition 2

$$\text{Competition 2: ATTP} = \frac{0.45\% + 1.01\%}{2} = 0.73\%$$

Finally, the athlete's Team Trials Percentage (TTP) in an event is computed by adding together the athlete's ATTP results from the Team Trial Competitions 1 and 2:



Equation 10: Example U23/Senior Athlete Final Team Trials Percentage

$$\text{TTP} = 0.49\% + 0.73\% = 1.22\%$$

### 5.3 Ranking of Results

The ranking of results is completed by placing the athlete with the lowest Team Trials Percentage in the highest ranked position. The athlete with the second lowest TTP is placed in the next position. This process is continued until all of the eligible athletes have been ranked in each event.

Example:

Three athletes in the same event during the Team Trials earn the following Team Trials Percentage:

Athlete	Team Trials Percentage (TTP)	Ranking
A	1.22%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
B	0.61%	1 <sup>st</sup>
C	1.97%	3 <sup>rd</sup>

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

Ranking of the Team Trials Percentage results for these three athletes results in:

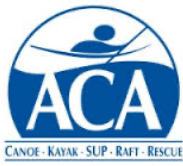
- the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place for Athlete B,
- the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place for Athlete A, and
- the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place for Athlete C.

## 6 FORCE MAJEURE – CANCELED RUNS OR RACE-DAYS

In the event that the Chief Judge determines that a run or a race-day is canceled, the USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials process shall be modified as described in this Section 6.

### 6.1 Junior CSL Team Trials

- 6.1.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.



- 6.1.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.3 If the first run on the first day of the selection is canceled and the first run on the second day of the selection is canceled, then the best run of these two days shall count for the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.4 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.5 If the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection.
- 6.1.6 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted, the second alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed by the Chief Judge, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA. This second alternate race-day shall be held as soon as possible, preferably during the next scheduled Team Trial competition, i.e., the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials – Competition 1**
- 6.2.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.3 If the first run on the first day of the selection is canceled and the first run on the second day of the selection is canceled, then the best run of these two days shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.





- 6.2.4 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.5 If the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the result of the Team Trial Competition 1 of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.
- 6.2.6 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted, the second alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed by the Chief Judge, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA. This second alternate race-day shall be held as soon as possible, preferably during the next scheduled Team Trial competition, i.e., the Team Trials Competition 2.

### **6.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials – Competition 2**

- 6.3.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.3.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.3.3 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.3.4 In the event that the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.

### **6.4 Worst Case**

- 6.4.1 Junior CSL Team Selection



- 6.4.1.1 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials, and no runs were successfully completed during the second alternate day, i.e., during the 2020 Olympic Team Trials Competition 2, then the final result shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 1.
- 6.4.1.2 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials, and no runs were successfully completed during the Junior Team Trials, i.e., during the 2020 Olympic Team Trials Competition 1, then the final result shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.4.1.3 If no runs are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the Chief Judge and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternate scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of this document.
- 6.4.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Selection
- 6.4.2.1 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials Competition 1, and Competition 1 was not successfully completed during the second alternate day, the results of the Competition 1 shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 1.
- 6.4.2.2 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials Competition 2, and Competition 2 was not successfully completed during the alternate day, the results of the Competition 2 shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.4.2.3 Furthermore, if no runs are conducted at either the Team Trials Competition 1 or 2, then the Team Trials selection result will be determined based on the singular run completed during the Team Trials.
- 6.4.2.4 If no runs are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the Chief Judge and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternate scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of this document, i.e., the same method shall apply to Junior, U23 and Senior categories.

## 6.5 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials



6.5.1 If an extreme slalom event is not completed due to the 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.

6.5.2 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.

#### 6.5.3 Canceled Runs and Race-Days

If one or more of the runs or race-days are canceled for any reason, the Chief Judge, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA, shall designate additional runs or race-days to replace the canceled race-run(s) or race-day(s). Any replacement run or race-day(s) shall be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled run or race-day. It is the Chief Judge's decision whether the replacement runs, or race-days shall be conducted on the same course or an alternate course.

#### 6.5.4 Force Majeure – CSLX Fall Back

If no Time Trials are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 or 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the Chief Judge and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternative scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4.

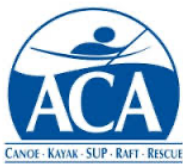
## 7 EVENT ORDER

### 7.1 CSL Events

7.1.1 All canoe slalom events shall be run back-to-back in the following order: WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2. The duration of a pause between the events shall be at least twenty (20) minutes; although, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) could elect to schedule an extended break to serve its commercial needs. The LOC will communicate a complete competition schedule to athletes and officials before or on April 17, 2020.

### 7.2 CSLX Events

7.2.1 Following the completion of the 2020 CSL Team Trials, two CSLX events shall 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 shall be a minimum of sixty (60) minutes.

## **8 START INTERVAL**

Athletes shall be started at intervals established and announced before or on April 17, 2020. The interval shall be consistent for the entire event.

A minimum time of twenty (20) 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.

If we have a case for overtaking, the Chief Judge will pay attention to the run of the slower athlete and, if needed, whistle the athlete out of the course early enough to not interfere with the faster athlete.

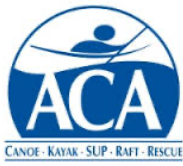
## **9 ATHLETES SEEDING**

Athletes with the highest-ranking shall start last within their respective events. First, the Team Trials start order for each event shall be determined by the ranking of the top 100 from the final 2019 ICF CSL World Ranking. If the athlete is not ranked in the top 100 from the 2019 ICF CSL World Ranking, they shall be ranked after the top 100 by the 2019 Team Trials final results. Those athletes still unranked shall be ranked by the results from the 2019 U.S. Nationals. If still not ranked, the athlete shall be ranked by random draw after all participating boats from the 2019 Team Trials and the 2019 U.S. Nationals have been ranked. Boats with 2019 results substantially below their 2018 results due to injury may petition the Chief Race Official and the Chief Judge to run at the front of their event. Petitions must be received no later than April 10, 2020. Petitions shall be granted only in cases where race results demonstrate that the boat is likely to be competitive for the National Team.

## **10 RESULTS**

### **10.1 Minimum Required Accuracy of the Results**

The Athlete Percentage, the Average Team Trials Percentage, and the Team Trial Percentage shall be calculated without rounding with minimum accuracy of one thousandth of a percentage point. However, all results should be displayed and printed with the accuracy of one hundredth of a percentage point. Rounding of the results for the purpose of display and printing shall be calculated to the nearest integer number,



where any number smaller than 0.005 rounds to 0.00, and any number equal or larger than 0.005 rounds to 0.01.

## **10.2 Tied Results**

If there is a tie after the completion of the Team Trials, then the athlete with the lowest Average Team Trials Percentage of his/her counted runs at the Team Trial Competition 2 shall be the winner. In the case of a continuing tie, the athlete with the lowest Average Percentage on the last day of the Team Trials Competition 2 shall be the winner.

## **11 THE COURSE**

### **11.1 Course Design**

Each course shall be designed by a two-member Course Designer Team nominated by the Canoe Slalom Committee. The local organizing committee (LOC) will publish, in consultation with ACA, a list of two-member Course Designer Teams before April 17, 2020.

### **11.2 Demonstration Runs**

#### **11.2.1 Canoe Slalom Course**

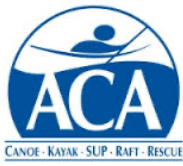
After the course is erected with all gates in position, a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. Demonstration runs should be conducted, if possible, to include all boat types: WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2.

#### **11.2.2 Extreme Canoe Slalom Course**

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

11.2.2.2 The LOC 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 shall be made for the Extreme Canoe Slalom events.

### **11.3 Course Approval**

The race shall not commence until the Chief Judge has approved the course. The course shall be approved per ACA and ICF CSL Competition Rules for the Canoe Slalom events, and per ACA and ICF CSLX Competition Rules for the Extreme Canoe Slalom events. Reference Section 2.2 for more information.

## **12 APPLICABILITY OF RESULTS**

The results of the 2020 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials shall be used to determine the athlete's eligibility to:

- Become members of the 2020 National Teams,
- Access the National Team Coaching,
- Participate in international competitions listed in Section 3,
- Receive the USOPC/ACA athlete funding, and
- Obtain other benefits provided by the USOPC and ACA.

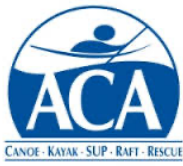
All types of eligibility and benefits mentioned above apply to qualified athletes from the completion of the 2020 Team Trials until the conclusion of the 2021 Team Trials. USOPC benefits apply only to Olympic events. Athletes give up their rights to these benefits by not accepting their National Team(s) nominations.

## **13 SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE CANOE SLALOM NATIONAL TEAM**

The Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB) is the method chosen by ACA to determine performance standards for each event and to select members of the 2020 USA Junior, U23, and Senior Canoe Slalom National Teams.

### **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 national competitions. 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 rights 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 quality standards necessary to become a member of the National Team.

The 2020 USA National Teams athletes will receive invitations to camps, testing, and other privileges as they may change from time to time.

### 13.2 Available Places on the CSL National Team

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

### 13.3 Terminology and Methodology

#### 13.3.1 Definition of the ICF Event Factor (EF) and the Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB)

A valid race day consists of one or two runs that are used for ranking calculation per Sections 5 and 6 during the Team Trials.

The Team Trials Event Adjusted Baseline is computed based on the assumption that on any given valid race day during the Team Trials, one of the athletes, in one of the events, will have a run at an international standard. The Best Run of the day is identified by adjusting each of the event's results by the expected difference between the events.

ACA has adopted a methodology where the expected difference between the events is calculated based on the results from the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series and the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships conducted during the two years before the Team Trials. For the 2020 Team Trials, ACA uses results from the 2018 and 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series, and the 2018 and 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships to compute the 2020 ICF Event Factors. These EFs in percentages are shown in Table 5.

Event	ICF Event Factor (%)
MK1	100.00
WK1	112.25
MC1	106.60
WC1	122.50
XC2	130.48

Table 5: The 2020 ICF Event Factors (EF)



Notes:

- The results from the 2018 ICF World Cup 4 (Tacen) are not included in the 2020 Event Factor calculation because the course conditions changed significantly during the competition.
- The 2020 Event Factor for XC2 is calculated based on the results from the 2018 and 2019 ICF CSL WCH and from the results of the 2018 ICF CSL WCS.
- See: [www.americancanoe.org/Slalom](http://www.americancanoe.org/Slalom) for more information.

13.3.2 Computation of the Event Adjusted Baseline is illustrated in Table 6:

Step 0: The Best Score of the day in each event is recorded in the Column 1, and the ICF Event Factors are recorded in the Column 2.

Step 1: The Best Score of the day in each event is divided by an appropriate ICF Event Factor (EF) for a given event and results are recorded in the Column 3.

Step 2: The lowest result after Step 1 calculation is selected (this might be in any event) and recorded in the Column 4. The lowest result is called the Best Standard.

Step 3: The Event Adjusted Baseline for each event is determined by multiplying the Best Standard by an appropriate ICF Event Factor, and results are recorded in Column 5.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
2020	<u>Race Results</u>	<u>EF Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Event	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Event Adjusted Baseline (sec)
MK1	92.11	100.00%	92.11	91.14	91.14
WK1	103.37	112.25%	92.09	91.14	102.31
MC1	99.02	106.60%	92.89	91.14	97.16
WC1	114.05	122.50%	93.10	91.14	111.65
XC2	118.92	130.48%	91.14	91.14	118.92

Table 6: Example Calculation of the Event Adjusted Baseline in seconds

13.3.3 Quality Standard, the Standard Event Limit, and Athlete Event Adjusted Result





An appropriate Quality Standard and the Standard Event Limit ensure that only those athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful are nominated to the CSL National Teams. The 2020 Quality Standard for USA Junior National Team is 20%, and the Quality Standard for USA U23 and Senior National Team is 15%.

Equation 11 illustrates how the Standard Event Limit is calculated for Junior WK1 event in Table 6 from the Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB) and the Quality Standard chosen by ACA:

Equation 11: The Standard Event Limit – Step 4

$$\text{Standard Event Limit} = \frac{\text{EAB} * (100\% + \text{Quality Standard})}{100\%}$$

$$\text{Standard Event Limit MK1} = \frac{102.31 * (100\% + 20\%)}{100\%} = 122.77 \text{ sec}$$

Therefore, only those athletes that achieve during the Team Trial an Athlete Event Adjusted Result that is scored below the Standard Event Limit could become members of USA CSL National Team in that event.

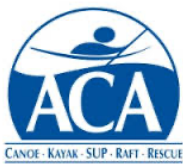
Using Equation 11, Table 6 can be extended (Step 4) to include the Standard Event Limits, as shown in Table 7.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
2020	<u>Race Results</u>	<u>EF Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Adjusted Baseline (sec)	Event 20% Standard Event Limit (sec)
MK1	92.11	100.00%	92.11	91.14	91.14	109.37
WK1	103.37	112.25%	92.09	91.14	102.31	122.77
MC1	99.02	106.60%	92.89	91.14	97.16	116.59
WC1	114.05	122.50%	93.10	91.14	111.65	133.98
XC2	118.92	130.48%	91.14	91.14	118.92	142.70

Table 7: Example Calculation of the 20% Standard Event Limits in seconds

### 13.4 Allocation of the CSL National Team Places

There are two ways (Methods) by which an athlete can be named to the 2020 USA Canoe Slalom National Team.



### 13.4.1 Method 1

#### 13.4.1.1 The 2020 USA Junior CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 20% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. Only Junior athletes' results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2020 USA Junior CSL National Team selection.

Examples:

- A WK1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 110.87 sec. By comparing this result with the 20% Standard Event Limit for WK1 event in Table 7 (122.77 sec), it is concluded that this athlete meets a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team.
- An MC1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 116.72 sec. By comparing this result with the 20% Standard Event Limit for MC1 event in Table 7 (116.59 sec), it is concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team.

#### 13.4.1.2 The 2020 USA U23 CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 15% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. Only Junior and U23 athletes' results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2020 USA U23 CSL National Team selection.

2020	<u>Race Results</u>	<u>EF Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Event	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Adjusted Event Baseline (sec)	15% Standard Event Limit (sec)
MK1	90.22	100.00%	90.22	88.47	88.47	101.74
WK1	103.37	112.25%	92.09	88.47	99.31	114.20
MC1	94.31	106.60%	88.47	88.47	94.31	108.46
WC1	126.94	122.50%	103.62	88.47	108.38	124.63
XC2	117.75	130.48%	90.24	88.47	115.44	132.75

Table 8: Example Calculation of the 15% Standard Event Limits in seconds



Examples:

- A MK1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 90.01 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for MK1 event in Table 8 (101.74 sec), it is concluded that this athlete meets a requirement to become a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team.
- An WC1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 125.02 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for WC1 event in Table 8 (124.63 sec), it is concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team.

#### 13.4.1.3 The 2020 USA Senior CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 15% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. All of the athletes' results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2020 USA Senior CSL National Team selection.

Examples:

- A MK1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 101.75 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for MK1 event in Table 8 (101.74 sec), it is concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Senior CSL National Team.

#### 13.4.2 Method 2

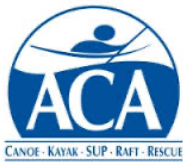
##### 13.4.2.1 The 2020 USA Junior CSL National Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Junior Team Trials and exceeds the 20% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the finals at the 2020 ICF Junior CSL WCH.

##### 13.4.2.1.1 The 2020 USA U23 CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the U23 Team Trials and exceeds the 15% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the finals at the 2020 ICF U23 CSL WCH.

##### 13.4.2.1.2 The 2020 USA Senior CSL Team



If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Senior Team Trials and exceeds the 15% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. Senior CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at one of the first two 2020 ICF CSL WCS competitions.

## **14 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2020 ICF CSL WCS, CSLX WCS, AND CSLX WCH**

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete in all 2020 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Series, at the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cup Series, and at the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships and those 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Series and 2021 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Cup Series held prior to the 2021 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials. Athletes' eligibility for these events held prior to the 2021 Team Trials is determined by their ranking at the 2020 Team Trials.

### **14.1 Available Places**

#### **14.1.1 2020 ICF CSL WCS Events**

The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA Team by the ICF for the 2020 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 2020 ICF CSLX WCS Events**

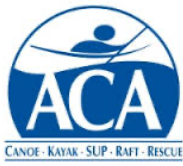
The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA by the ICF for the 2020 ICF CSLX WCS competitions are as follows:

- MCSLX 2 Places
- WCSLX 2 Places

### **14.2 Allocation of Team Places**

#### **14.2.1 2020 ICF CSL WCS Events**

The places available are allocated to the top three performing athletes in each event from the 2020 U.S. CSL Team Trials, except that those athletes selected to the 2020



Olympic Team shall automatically secure one of the spots for the CSL World Cups #1 and #2.

#### 14.2.2 2020 ICF CSLX WCS Events

The places available are allocated to the top two performing athletes in each event from the 2020 U.S. CSLX Team Trials.

#### 14.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

If after the conclusion of the 2020 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for World Cup participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and shall be replaced on the Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2020 U.S. CSL 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 and #2 during the 2020 USA CSL Team processing on May 10, 2020. The deadline for confirmation for the ICF CSL and CSLX World Cups #3, #4 and #5 is May 25, 2020.

The schedule for the 2020 ICF CSL WCS Events is as follows:

- World Cup #1 (June 5 – 7, 2020) Ivrea, Italy
- World Cup #2 (June 12 – 14, 2020) Pau, France
- World Cup #3 (August 21 – 23, 2020) Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia
- World Cup #4 (September 18 – 20, 2020) Prague, Czech Republic
- World Cup #5/Final (September 24 – 27, 2020) Markkleeberg, Germany

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

[www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar](http://www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar)

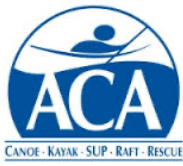
#### 14.5 Deposits for the Team Positions Taken

Deposits for the 2020 ICF CSL & CSLX WCS must be paid to ACA via check or online:

- for the World Cup events #1 and #2 by May 18, 2020, and
- for the World Cup events #3, #4, and #5 by June 1, 2020.

#### 14.6 Failure to Confirm

If a boat fails to confirm participation during USA National Team processing on May 10, 2020, a replacement boat shall be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 23 – Replacement of Athletes.



## **15 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2020 ICF CSLX SENIOR WCH**

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete at the 2020 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships in Markkleeberg, Germany, September 24 – 27, 2020.

### **15.1 Available Places**

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 places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2020 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 An athlete must compete in a minimum of one 2020 ICF CSLX WCS competitions prior to the 2020 ICF CSLX WCH to be eligible to compete in the 2020 ICF CSLX WCH, unless he/she is selected as a replacement athlete due to a removal of another athlete for reasons defined in Section 22.

### **15.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes**

If after the conclusion of the 2020 Team Trials any athlete fails to prove ICF eligibility for the CSLX WCH participation, that athlete is ineligible to compete and shall be replaced on the U.S. CSLX WCH Team by the next eligible ranked athlete from the 2020 Team Trials.

### **15.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete**

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2020 ICF CSLX WCH is May 25, 2020.

Deposits for the 2020 ICF CSLX WCH must be paid to ACA via check or online by June 1, 2020.

### **15.5 Failure to Confirm**

If a boat fails to confirm participation via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach by May 25 2020, a replacement athlete shall be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 22.



## 16 SELECTION OF COMPETITORS FOR THE 2020 & 2021 ICF CSL AND CSLX RANKING RACES

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete in an ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Race. Selection at the 2020 Team Trials qualifies an eligible athlete to compete in all ICF and COPAC CSL and CSLX Ranking Races prior to the 2021 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials. Athletes' eligibility for these events held prior to the 2021 Team Trials is determined by their ranking at the 2020 Team Trials.

### 16.1 Available Places

The ICF does not limit the number of entries at the ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races. 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 2020 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](http://www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar)

#### 16.2.3 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Athletes must confirm participation at the 2020 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 2020 ICF Ranking and Other International Competitions

Event	Competition Date	Must Declare Intent
2020 72 <sup>nd</sup> International Tatra Canoe Slalom – Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia	May 23 – 24, 2020	May 10, 2020
Krakow Mayor Cup – Krakow, Poland (basic international event)	May 30 – 31, 2020	May 10, 2020
2020 ECA Open Canoe Slalom Cup Merano – Merano, Italy (basic international event)	May 30 – 31, 2020	May 10, 2020
2020 European Junior Cup Canoe Slalom (Junior continental cup)	June 16 – 17, 2020	May 18, 2020
2020 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking – Prague, Czech Republic	Aug 1 – 2, 2020	Jul 17, 2020
Chilliwack Canoe Slalom Open – Canada	Aug 7 – 9, 2020	Jul 17, 2020



Event	Competition Date	Must Declare Intent
2020 Canoe Slalom Slovak Open – Bratislava-Cunovo, Slovakia	Sep 11 – 13, 2020	Aug 17, 2020
Alpe-Adria Canoe Slalom, Klagenfurt, Austria (basic international event)	Oct 4, 2020	Sep 21, 2020

*Table 9: The 2020 ICF Ranking Competitions*

### 16.3 Athletes Participation Reference

Athletes are encouraged to double-check their participation in the 2020 ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races via Google Docs:

<http://www.americancanoe.org/2020SlalomRankingRacesSignup>

### 16.4 Failure to Confirm

If an athlete fails to confirm by the dates designated above, the next ranked athlete from the 2020 Team Trials shall be eligible to enter.

### 16.5 Nomination to Compete for Athletes Who Did Not Compete in the 2020 Team Trials

If an athlete is not able to compete at the 2020 Team Trials due to a documented medical or family emergency, the athlete shall be ranked after the final athlete from the 2020 Team Trials. The athlete must send an email and documentation to the USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach for verification of documentation.

## 17 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2020 ICF JR & U23 CSL WCH

This section describes how athletes are selected to compete at the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships in Tacen, Slovenia from July 7 – 12, 2020.

### 17.1 Available Places

#### 17.1.1 The 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH

Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH.

#### 17.1.2 The 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH

Two boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH.





## **17.2 Allocation of Team Places**

### **17.2.1 The 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH**

The top three athletes in each event at the 2020 Team Trials shall be named as members of the 2020 USA Jr & U23 CSL WCH Teams.

### **17.2.2 The 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH**

The top two athletes in each event at the 2020 Team Trials shall be named as members of the 2020 USA Jr & U23 CSLX WCH Teams.

## **17.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes**

If after the conclusion of the 2020 Team Trials any Junior or U23 boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for the ICF Jr or U23 CSL or CSLX WCH participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and shall be replaced on the U.S. Jr or U23 WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2020 Team Trials.

## **17.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete**

### **17.4.1 Deadline for the U.S. Jr CSL & CSLX Team Members**

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2020 ICF Jr CSL WCH and the 2020 ICF Jr CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2020 Junior Team Trials. The intention must be sent via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach.

### **17.4.2 Deadline for the U.S. U23 CSL & CSLX Team Members**

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2020 ICF U23 CSL WCH and the 2020 ICF U23 CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2020 U23 Team Trials. The intention must be sent via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach.

## **17.5 Travel and Lodge during the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL/CSLX WCH**

Eligible boats must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the U.S. Team at the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH and the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH in Tacen, Slovenia, before or during the 2020 National Team processing, which is expected to take place on May 3, 2020, unless delayed due to Force Majeure. All athletes must make a deposit to



cover estimated expenses by May 18, 2020. These expenses will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, ITO fees, and accreditation fees.

## **18 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2021 ICF JR & U23 CSL WCH**

This section describes how athletes are selected to compete at the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand from April 21 – 25, 2021.

### **18.1 Available Places**

#### **18.1.1 The 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH**

Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

#### **18.1.2 The 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH**

Two boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships.

### **18.2 Allocation of Team Places**

#### **18.2.1 The 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH**

The top three athletes in each event at the 2020 Team Trials who also qualify for the 2020 Senior CSL National Team shall be immediately named members of the 2021 USA Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships Teams. All other Junior and U23 athletes shall compete for the remaining spots, if any, on the 2021 USA Jr & U23 CSL WCH Teams during the 2020 USA National CSL Championships.

#### **18.2.2 The 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH**

The top two athletes in each event at the 2020 Team Trials who also qualify for the 2020 Senior CSLX National Team shall be immediately named members of the 2021 USA Jr & U23 CSLX WCH Teams. All other Junior and U23 athletes shall compete for the remaining spots, if any, on the 2021 USA Jr & U23 CSLX WCH Teams during the 2020 USA National CSLX Championships.

### **18.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes**



18.3.1 If after the conclusion of the 2020 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 shall be replaced on the U.S. Jr WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2020 Team Trials.

18.3.2 If after the conclusion of the 2020 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 shall be replaced on the U.S. U23 WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2020 Team Trials.

#### **18.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete**

##### **18.4.1 Deadline for the U.S. Jr and U23 CSL & CSLX Team Members**

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2021 ICF Jr and U23 CSL WCH and the 2021 ICF Jr and U23 CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2020 USA National CSL Championships. The intention must be sent via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach.

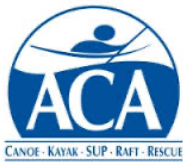
##### **18.4.2 Deadline to Declare Intention to Travel and Lodge with the 2021 U.S. Jr & U23 CSL and CSLX Team**

Eligible boats must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the U.S. Team at the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH and the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH in Auckland, New Zealand from April 21 – 25, 2021, before or during the 2021 USA Jr and U23 CSL/CSLX WCH Team processing after the completion of the 2020 USA National CSL/CSLX Championships. All athletes must make a deposit to cover estimated expenses by December 31, 2020. These expenses will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, ITO fees, and accreditation fees.

### **19 MISSED COMPETITIONS**

If an athlete confirms his/her participation in any event at any 2020/21 ICF sanctioned CSL or CSLX 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 2021 Team Trials.

#### **19.1 Deadline for Confirmation**



Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in any ICF or other International Competition at least 30 days in advance of the competition, unless posted otherwise in this document.

## **20 OVERSIGHT OF SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process is overseen by the below members of the ACA, the ACA Canoe Slalom Committee, and the Canoe Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors:

- Canoe Slalom National Team Coach
- Canoe Slalom Committee Chair or his/her designee
- Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors or his/her designee

The oversight of selection is to ensure that a proper process has been followed. Additionally, any question as to the interpretation of the selection process shall 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 the complaint forward to the ACA Board of Directors to determine a reasonable solution for correcting any wrongdoings.

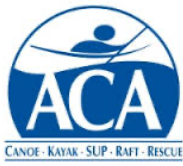
## **21 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

No athletes shall be selected to the 2020 U.S. CSL and CSLX Team through discretionary selection. All athletes will earn nominations to the ICF sanctioned competitions during the 2020 USA CSL Team Trials and the 2020 USA CSLX Team Trials, or through the replacement process outlined in Sections 23 and 23.

## **22 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

An athlete who is nominated to the 2020 U.S. CSL or CSLX Team by ACA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA Staff:

- Voluntary withdrawal: Athlete must submit a voluntary withdrawal via email to the U.S. CSL National Team Coach.
- Injury or illness as certified by ACA or USOPC 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 shall be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or violation of the Athlete's Agreement.
- Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.



- Violation of the IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process shall be managed through USADA.

An athlete who is removed from the 2020 U.S. CSL or CSLX Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing, as per the ACA's grievance process (see Section 30 for reference).

## **23 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

### **23.1 Selection**

The replacement athlete shall be selected through the 2020 Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order. These athletes shall be considered the U.S. National Team Members if they meet all criteria as outlined in Section 13.4.

### **23.2 Performance Standard**

An athlete must meet ACA defined Quality Standard specified in Section 13.4 in order to be a replacement athlete for the 2020 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH and the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH competitions. In the case that there are no athletes meeting this performance standard, the available spots will not be filled.

### **23.3 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 shall be removed from the team. The replacement boat shall be selected through the 2020 CSL Team Trials taking the next ranked boat by the rank order.

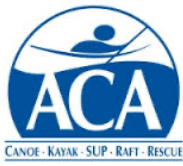
### **23.4 Special consideration for CSLX events**

The replacement athlete shall be selected through the 2020 CSLX Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order.

### **23.5 Special considerations for the 2021 ICF Jr and U23 CSL and CSLX WCH**

In case some of the 2021 ICF Jr and U23 CSL and CSLX WCH Team spots remain unfilled after the conclusion of the 2020 Team Trials, the remaining spots shall be filled based on the ranking of the results from the 2020 USA National CSL and CSLX Championships.

## **24 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**



The documents required to be signed by each athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2020/21 USA CSL and CSLX Teams and to compete at National and International competitions shall be posted on the ACA website:

<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/AthleteCodeofConduct>

## **25 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) shall be published on the ACA website: [www.americancanoe.org/Slalom](http://www.americancanoe.org/Slalom), by February 28, 2020.

## **26 DATE OF ATHLETE NOMINATION**

The Nomination of the USA National Team Athletes will occur directly after the final race of the 2020 Team Trials and for the 2021 ICF Jr & U23 CSL/CSLX WCH directly after the final race of the 2020 USA National CSL and CSLX Championships.

## **27 NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Athletes shall be notified of all National Team training camps and/or competitions on May 10, 2020.

## **28 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and USOPC 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 USOPC Rules, as applicable.

## **29 SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS**

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

All athletes (18 years and older) traveling to sanctioned national and international competitions must adhere to the ACA's SafeSport Policy and complete the core online training modules at [www.athletesafety.org](http://www.athletesafety.org).

OPTIONAL: minor athletes (17 and younger) have the option to complete age-appropriate minor athlete training at [www.athletesafety.org](http://www.athletesafety.org).

## **30 ACA GOVERNANCE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**



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**32 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 shall be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to and approval by the Canoe Slalom Committee.

**33 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
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USA CSL National Team Coach	RAFAL SMOLEN		3/6/2020



Slalom Athlete Representative on ACA Board	Scott Mann		3/6/2020
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