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Dear Slalom Athletes,

ACA Slalom Committee has recently drafted the CANOE SLALOM ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 2020 and submitted them to United States Olympic Committee for review and approval.

We are publishing this DRAFT to give you an early opportunity to understand what you can expect on the road to Tokyo.



# AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION (ACA) CANOE SLALOM ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 2020

Accepted and Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

## 1 SELECTION SYSTEM

### 1.1 Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team

#### 1.1.1 Nationality/Passport requirements:

The athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of competing on behalf of the United States in the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship and the 2020 Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships. Furthermore, the athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of the 2020 USA Canoe Slalom Olympic Team Trials and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

#### 1.1.2 Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

#### 1.1.3 Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all eligible National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must participate in at least one (1) Olympic event at the Global International Canoe Federation (ICF) World Qualification Competition.

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, NOC must also be listed on the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

A minimum of three (3) NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Olympic Qualifying Competitions for the event to be valid. If there are fewer than three (3) NOCs



in any Olympic event, then the athlete quota place will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section G of the ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 – “Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.”

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/final\\_2018-03-16\\_tokyo\\_2020\\_qualification\\_system\\_canoe\\_slalom\\_eng.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/final_2018-03-16_tokyo_2020_qualification_system_canoe_slalom_eng.pdf)

The following rules will govern any event associated with these athlete selection procedures:

ICF Rules:

[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules\\_canoe\\_slalom\\_2019.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/rules_canoe_slalom_2019.pdf)

ACA Slalom Racing Rules:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/aca.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/2018\\_ACA\\_Slalom\\_Rules.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/aca.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/2018_ACA_Slalom_Rules.pdf)

#### 1.1.4 Other requirements (if any):

Athletes must be members in good standing with ACA at the time of the start of the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom Team Trials and during all national and international competitions in 2020.

## 1.2 Tryout Competitions

### 1.2.1 The event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, events, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

- 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, Oklahoma City, OK, USA, April 12-14, 2019. (The qualifying event for the 2019 Global and Continental Qualification Competitions: 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and 2020 Pan American Championships).
- 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, La Seu d’Urgell, Spain, September 24-29, 2019.
- 2020 Continental Qualification Competition – Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship, Rio de Janeiro, March TBD, 2020.
- 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1, April TBD, 2020.
- 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2, May TBD, 2020.



1.2.2 Event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events, and camps listed in Section 1.2.1 (if any):

The 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials will be competitions open to all ACA members in good standing.

For the 2019 Global and Continental Qualification Competitions: 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and 2020 Pan American Championships athletes are selected through the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials.

The 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competitions 1 & 2 will be open to all ACA members in good standing.

1.3 **Comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become the 2020 Olympic Team nominees (include maximum team size)**

1.3.1 Maximum of four (4) canoe slalom athletes can qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, if all available athlete quota slots are qualified at the two Olympic Qualifiers: the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition and the 2020 Continental Qualification Competition:

*Table 1: Maximum Available Quota Slots for Canoe Slalom Events*

|              | Quota    | Events                  |                         |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|              |          | Slalom Kayak            | Slalom Canoe            |
| Men          | 2        | 1 male in Kayak (MK1)   | 1 male in Canoe (MC1)   |
| Women        | 2        | 1 female in Kayak (WK1) | 1 female in Canoe (WC1) |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4</b> |                         |                         |

1.3.2 Overall USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Selection Scoring System:

Individual USA athletes will be ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the following three competitions:

- I. 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- II. 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1, and
- III. 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2.



This ranking will determine the order in which athlete will then be nominated for the available qualified places on the 2020 USA Olympic Team.

In the case of a tie between two or more athletes in an event, if the athlete that qualified the Olympic quota slot either at the Global or Continental Qualification Competition is one of the tied athletes, he/she will be nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team.

If other athletes (none of whom qualified the Olympic quota either at the Global or Continental Qualification Competition) are tied, the boat with the higher placing final result from the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 2 will be nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team.

- 1.3.3 Points awarded to an athlete in one boat event only apply to that boat event and cannot be transferred across events.
- 1.3.4 Points accrual from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2020 USA Olympic Team based on their finish at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. Points will be awarded according to each athlete’s final race result as follows:

*Table 2: Points accrual at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships*

|                                                                                                                                |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1 events: Top 3 overall finish                                                                            | 5 points |
| MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1 events: 4 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> overall finish                                              | 4 points |
| MK1 and WK1 events: 11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> place<br>MC1 and WC1 events: 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> place | 3 points |

**Note:**

The difference in defined performance criteria between kayak events (MK1 and WK1) and canoe events (MC1 and WC1) in Table 2 stems from sections E.2.2 and E.3.3 of the ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020, where MK1 and WK1 events are allocated 24 = (18 + 5 + 1) athlete quota places each, and events MC1 and WC1 are allocated 17 = (11 + 5 + 1) athlete quota places each. ACA estimates that any U.S. athlete that places at in the top 20<sup>th</sup> place in MK1 and WK1, and in the top 15<sup>th</sup> place in MC1 and WC1 qualifies the Olympic quota slot at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship.

- 1.3.5 Point accruals from the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competitions 1 and Competition 2:



Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2020 USA Olympic Team based on their overall result at each of the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions.

Fixed point values will be awarded in each event (MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1) as shown in Table 3:

*Table 3: Points accrual at the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions*

|                                       | 2020 Olympic Team Trials – Competition 1 | 2020 Olympic Team Trials – Competition 2 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place                 | 3 points                                 | 3 points                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place                 | 2 points                                 | 2 points                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place                 | 1 point                                  | 1 point                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place and lower place | 0 points                                 | 0 points                                 |

### 1.3.6 Examples of the overall USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Selection Scoring System:

#### 1.3.6.1 Example: Men kayak event (MK1)

Athlete A places 21<sup>st</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). In total, he accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in Table 4. The result from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped for the Athlete A in Table 4.

Athlete B places 12<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), his score from the 2020 USA Olympic Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 4.

*Table 4: MK1 ranking example*

| MK1 event | 2019 World Championships | USA Olympic Trials Competition 1 | USA Olympic Trials Competition 2 | Total points collected |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
|           |                          |                                  |                                  |                        |



|           |                              |                             |                             |          |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Athlete A | 21 <sup>th</sup><br>0 points | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points | 6 points |
| Athlete B | 12 <sup>th</sup><br>3 points | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points | 5 points |

Athlete A is nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team.

### 1.3.6.2 Example: Women canoe event (WC1)

Athlete A places 12<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in Table 5.

Athlete B places 9<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from the 2020 USA Olympic Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 6 points as outlined in Table 5.

*Table 5: WC1 ranking example*

| WC1 event | 2019 World Championships     | USA Olympic Trials Competition 1 | USA Olympic Trials Competition 2 | Total points collected |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Athlete A | 12 <sup>th</sup><br>3 points | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 6 points               |
| Athlete B | 9 <sup>th</sup><br>4 points  | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 6 points               |

Athlete B has qualified the quota slot for the U.S. at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition, and she is nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

### 1.3.6.3 Example: Women kayak event (WK1)



Athlete A places 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), and qualifies the quota slot for the U.S. team. She places 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 1 point (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 1 point (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) 4 points as outlined in Table 6.

Athlete B do not race the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. She places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 6.

Athlete C places 21<sup>st</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 6.

Table 6: WK1 ranking example

| WK1 event | 2019 World Championships     | USA Olympic Trials Competition 1 | USA Olympic Trials Competition 2 | Total points collected |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Athlete A | 11 <sup>th</sup><br>3 points | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>1 point       | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>1 point       | 4 points               |
| Athlete B | DNR                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 5 points               |
| Athlete C | 21 <sup>st</sup><br>0 points | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 5 points               |

Athlete B is nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team because she is the winner of the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 (see section 1.3.2).

#### 1.3.6.4 Example: Men canoe event (MC1)

Athlete A places 16<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in



section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). In total, he accrues (collects) 5 points as outlined in Table 7. Athlete A wins the Continental Qualification Competition and qualifies the Olympic quota slot for the U.S. Team.

Athlete B places 17<sup>th</sup> the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, he places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 7.

Table 7: MC1 ranking example

| MC1 event | 2019 World Championships     | USA Olympic Trials Competition 1 | USA Olympic Trials Competition 2 | Total points collected |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Athlete A | 16 <sup>th</sup><br>0 points | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 5 points               |
| Athlete B | 17 <sup>th</sup><br>0 points | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2 points      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>3 points      | 5 points               |

Because Athlete A has qualified the quota slot for the U.S. at the Continental Qualification Competition, he is nominated for the available qualified place on the 2020 USA Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

- 1.3.7 According to the ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020, Section B.2, an athlete that qualifies and is selected by their National Olympic Committee (NOC) for the Olympic Games can participate in more than the one (1) event (boat event) that he/she qualified, as long as no other athlete from the NOC is in that event at the Olympic Games. In the case where the U.S. Team does not obtain Athlete Quota Places in all four 2020 Olympic Slalom events, athletes who have been selected to the U.S. Olympic Team may have the opportunity to compete in an event for which USA boat was not otherwise qualified.

#### 1.4 Method of ranking the events (boat classes) from the 2020 Continental Qualifications – The Pan American Continental Championship for the allocation of athlete quota places:

According to the ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020, only two (2) athlete quota places can be allocated to a NOC/NF at the Continental Qualification. Each NOC/NF ranked in position to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places following the Continental Qualification will have to decide which two (2) athlete quota places they will accept. The timeline for this decision is outlined in [the ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#).



This section describes how USA Canoe Slalom Events will be selected if all athlete quotas are not qualified at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and are subsequently qualified at the 2020 Continental Qualification – 2020 Pan American Continental Championship. This method will only be used to rank events in which the athlete quota places were not qualified at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition.

- 1.4.1 In the case where the U.S. athletes have placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the 2020 Continental Qualification – 2020 Pan American Continental Championship (e.g.: 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1) ACA will rank events using the results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship to determine which two (2) athlete quota places to accept.

The event with the U.S. athlete with the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019 in this event will be ranked first. The event with the athlete with the second lowest race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019 in this event will be ranked second, and so on.

- 1.4.2 In case of a tie between eligible events, ACA will rank tied events using the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to determine which two (2) athlete quota places to accept.

The event with the athlete with the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019 in this event will be ranked first. The event with the athlete with the second lowest race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019 in this event will be ranked second, and so on.

- 1.4.3 In case of a further tie between eligible events, ACA will rank these events using the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #(N - I). In #(N - I), N = 5 is a constant, and I = 1 is a variable that increases by +1 for every ranking iteration until the tie is broken between the eligible tied events, and ACA can determine which two (2) athlete quota places to accept.

- 1.4.4 The ICF Canoe Slalom Rankings and Points Calculations

The ICF Canoe Slalom Rankings can be found at:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-competitions-results-and-rankings>



The ICF Points Calculation Methodology can be found in the Appendix 1 of the Canoe Slalom, 2019 – Competition Handbook, Version 2:  
[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/csl\\_2019\\_competition\\_handbook\\_v2.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/csl_2019_competition_handbook_v2.pdf)

1.4.5 Examples of the ranking of the events following the 2020 Continental Qualification – 2020 Pan American Continental Championship:

1.4.5.1 Example 1: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition

*Table 8: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition*

| Event                                                                                          | MK1              | WK1              | MC1              | WC1              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition  | 18               | 18               | 11               | 11               |
| The 2019 Global World Qualification Competition result                                         | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| The 2020 Continental Qualification Competition result                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition to the best USA athlete | 16.08            | 24.51            | 27.90            | 25.63            |

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quota at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition. However, the U.S. athletes have placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the 2020 Continental Qualification – 2020 Pan American Continental Championship with 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in all four Olympic events MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1. Based on the results of the Continental Qualifications, and the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019, USA will accept the Olympic quota in MK1 and WK1 events.

1.4.5.2 Example 2: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition

*Table 9: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition*

| Event | MK1 | WK1 | MC1 | WC1 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|



|                                                                                                |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition  | 18               | 18               | 11               | 11               |
| The 2019 Global World Qualification Competition result                                         | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| The 2020 Continental Qualification Competition result                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition to the best USA athlete | 16.08            | 24.51            | 24.51            | 25.63            |

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quota at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition. However, the U.S. athletes have placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the 2020 Continental Qualification – Pan American Continental Championship with 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in all four Olympic events MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1. Based on the results of the Continental Qualifications, and the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019, USA will accept the Olympic quota in MK1 event.

Since events WK1 and MC1 are tied, ACA will reference the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the tie between the tied events WK1 and MC1:

*Table 10: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition and using results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the events tie*

| Event                                                                                         | MK1 | WK1   | MC1   | WC1 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|
| Race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to the best USA athlete | N/A | 18.09 | 22.12 | N/A |

Since the best athlete in WK1 event earned lower race points in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) competition than the best athlete in MC1 event according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release 4, 2019, USA will also accept the Olympic quota in WK1 event.

To summarize, in the Example 2, USA will accept the Olympic quota in MK1 and WK1 events.



## 2 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (IF APPLICABLE)

### 2.1 Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any)

No athletes will be selected to the team through discretionary selection. All slots will be awarded through the accumulation of points acquired at all the tryout events as outlined in Section 1.3.2, or through the replacement process outlined below in Section 4.

In a case when not all slots are qualified at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition, a method of ranking the events (boat classes) from the 2020 Continental Qualifications is outlined in Section 1.4.

### 2.2 List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any)

N/A

### 2.3 Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

N/A

#### 2.3.1 Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee. Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse himself/herself from the committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused himself/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner, and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

N/A

## 3 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES



**3.1 Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, ACA has jurisdiction over potential nominees.**

An athlete who is to be nominated to the 2020 USA Olympic Team by ACA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by ACA:

**3.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal**

The athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA Executive President.

**3.1.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by ACA.**

If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling, and he/she may be removed.

**3.1.3 Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or violation of the Athlete Agreement.**

An athlete who is removed from the Team under this provision has the right to a hearing, as per the ACA's grievance process: [www.americancanoe.org/Grievance](http://www.americancanoe.org/Grievance), and has the right to appeal to the Athlete Ombudsman Office according to the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

The ACA's Code of Conduct can be found at:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code\\_of\\_conduct/2019\\_aca\\_athlete\\_code\\_of\\_con.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code_of_conduct/2019_aca_athlete_code_of_con.pdf)

**3.1.4 Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.**

**3.1.5 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.**

**3.2 Once the USOC accepts an athlete nomination the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to the applicable ACA Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.**

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-resources/athlete-ombudsman/dispute-resolution>



- 3.2.1 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

## **4 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

### **4.1 Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:**

- 4.1.1 Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The replacement athletes for all qualified events will be chosen from the next eligible athlete in line in their respective event, following the final ranking of the 2020 USA Canoe Slalom Olympic selection process outlined in Section 1.3.

If an athlete in any event (e.g., MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) is removed from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, that athlete will be replaced by the next eligible athlete from the same event.

- 4.1.2 After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The replacement athletes for a qualified event will be chosen from the next eligible athlete in line in their respective event, following the final ranking of the 2020 USA Canoe Slalom Olympic selection process outlined in Section 1.3.

If an athlete in any category (e.g., MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) is removed from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, that athlete will be replaced by the next eligible athlete from the same category.

## **5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

ACA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scoring or evaluation forms, and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

## **6 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

As a condition of participation in the Games (Olympics, Pan-American), all athletes may be required to abide by certain terms and conditions governing their conduct and behavior during the period of the Games. As representatives of Team USA and



ambassadors of their sport, athletes shall uphold the spirit of the Games with dignity, fair play, and respect. In any instance where an athlete may be charged with a violation or when the opportunity to participate is denied for any reason, athletes have the right to a hearing before being declared ineligible. The Athlete Ombudsman is available to provide advice to the athletes about the rules and their rights, help assist them through the process, and connect them with legal counsel if desired.

During the Games, all must sign and agree to abide by the USOC Athlete Behavior and Pledge, contained within the USOC Delegation Forms.

Required Code of Conduct documents:

<https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct>

- USOC Athlete Behavior and Pledge
- IOC Eligibility Conditions Form

Olympic Charter:

- IOC Code of Ethics

## **7 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by ACA in the following locations:

### **7.1 NGB/HPMO Web site**

<https://www.americancanoe.org>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

### **7.2 Other:**

N/A

## **8 DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: May 1, 2020.

## **9 MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**





Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Mandatory training will occur for all 2020 ACA Slalom Olympic Team members, before the opening of the Games, at the Olympic site in Tokyo. This training will happen as the training schedule of the Olympic whitewater facility allows. The detailed plan will depend on the yet to be determined accessibility and operation of the official venue.

The mandatory training period and other required camps will be announced to Olympic Team members a minimum of 30 days before taking place.

## **10 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

## **11 DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Members of ACA Slalom Committee and the National Team Coach were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures.

ACA Slalom Committee members:

- Casey Eichfeld (athlete representative)
- Adam Van-Grack – Chair
- Brian Fike
- Nate Lord
- Silvan Poberaj
- Harriet Rollins (athlete representative)
- Michal Smolen (athlete representative)
- Rok Sribar
- Karla Wescott
  
- Rafal Smolen – Slalom National Team Coach

## **12 NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:



- [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod\\_documents/ACA\\_Bylaws\\_2017.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod_documents/ACA_Bylaws_2017.pdf)
- [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/2018\\_aca\\_athlete\\_code\\_of\\_con.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/2018_aca_athlete_code_of_con.pdf)

### 13 INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change, as applicable, in IOC, and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

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 and resubmitted to the USOC.

### 14 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

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

Phone: 888-ATHLETE

Email: [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)

Kacie Wallace, Athlete Ombudsman

[kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:kacie.wallace@usoc.org)

### 15 GLOSSARY & ABBREVIATIONS

|                     |                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACA                 | American Canoe Association (USA National Governance Body for the sports of Canoe & Kayak)                                                                 |
| Boat                | A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g. canoe, kayak). A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g. kayak single). |
| 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).                                          |
| Competition program | The list of events included in a competition.                                                                                                             |



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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Competition schedule | The complete list of events and their different phases with the time at which they will be held.                       |
| DNS                  | Did not start in the event                                                                                             |
| 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. |
| ICF                  | International Canoe Federation                                                                                         |
| Team Trials          | USA National Team Trials                                                                                               |

## 16 NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by ACA:

| Position                                            | Print Name     | Signature | Date |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|
| ACA Executive Director (NGB)                        | Wade Blackwood |           |      |
| USOC Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Representative* | Emily Wright   |           |      |
| ACA Competition Council Chair                       | Marsh Jones    |           |      |

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

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by ACA, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

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