

# ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



**19 February 2019 / 9:05-10:14 PM Eastern Standard Time**

## Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Brian Fike, Rok Sribar, Harriet Rollins, Casey Eichfeld, Adam Van Grack, Silvan Poberaj, Michal Smolen

ACA Invitees: Rafal Smolen

## Agenda

- Discussion of 2019 USA CSL & CSLX Teams Selection Criteria
- Discussion of Officials Selection Policies

## Notes on 2/5/19

- 2019 USA CSL & CSLX Teams Selection Criteria Update
  - There are concerns about requiring athletes to compete in two World Cups this season prior to competing in the 2019 World Championships
    - It was proposed that if an athlete is a Junior or U23, then they must compete in at least one World Cup and make it to finals in at Junior/U23 World Championships, or do two World Cups
      - Questions about the necessity of having finals as part of the requirement were raised
    - Some committee members believe that participating in World Cups will better prepare athletes for the World Championships
    - One suggestion about mitigating the current World Cup attendance criteria is allowing athletes to go to the World Championships without other World Cup attendance, but not be given National Team benefits
    - A priority for this season is preparing a successful Olympic team
    - For athletes that are also students, requiring two World Cups may make training and attending La Seu World Championships prohibitive
      - A committee member believes that the current requirement puts some athletes into positions that will not allow them to be as prepared as possible for the World Championships
      - There are concerns that this is giving preferential treatment to younger athletes and encourages people to not compete in World Cups
  - There are also concerns about having juniors competing against older athletes in CSLX brackets
    - There will only be time trials for choosing athlete to be on the CSLX team, so differentiating juniors, U23s and seniors into separate brackets is not necessary
  - A vote to approve the selection criteria was held
    - A vote four to three, the 2019 USA CSL & CSLX Teams Selection Criteria was passed as proposed to the Committee prior to the meeting.
- Officials Selection Policies
  - Committee has agreed to conduct an on-line vote on the proposed Officials Selection Policies.

Glossary:

2019 USA CSL & CSLX Teams Selection Criteria =

**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

USA Canoe Slalom National Team to compete at:

The 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,

The 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,

The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,

The 2019 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championships,

The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,

and

USA Extreme Canoe Slalom National Team to compete in

the Extreme Canoe Slalom Events during:

The 2019/20 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,

The 2019 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships,

The 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,

The 2019 Pan American Canoe Slalom Championships, and

The 2019 ICF Extreme Canoe Slalom World Championships