

American Canoe Association

ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2019 Senior World Championships, Junior/U23 World Championships Teams

Canoe/Kayak Sprint

December 18, 2018

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1 Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.
Athlete must 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), International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and/or Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3 Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) and/or National Governing Body standards for participation (if any):

- To Compete at Senior World Championships Athletes must be at least 15 years old on or before December 31, 2019
- To Compete at Junior World Championships athletes must be at least 15 and not 18 or older on Jan 1st 2019.
- To Compete in U23 World Championships athletes must be at least 18 years old and not 23 or older on Jan 1st 2019.
- Athletes must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form if required and ACA Code of Conduct.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

- Athlete must be a current member of the American Canoe Association at the time of selection.
- Athlete must be a current member of an ACA recognized club.

2. **SELECTION EVENTS:**

Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- 2.2.1 Athletes are encouraged to enroll in the ACA Olympic Development Program (ODP). While not compulsory this program allows club coaches and National Team coaches the ability to track an athletes progress leading up to the USA Sprint National Team Trials and international Competition. ODP also allows for a process where depending on an athletes ranking within ODP certain training opportunities and Team Boat Training Camps may be available.
- 2.2.2 The USA Sprint National Team Trials will be held on Friday April 12th through Sunday April 14th, 2019 in Oklahoma City. This is a compulsory event for athletes wishing to be considered for the 2019 Pan American Games, World Cups, Junior and U23 World Championships and Senior World Championships. At these Trials athletes will be selected to be a part of the Junior/U23 and Senior World Championship Teams. **Winning an event at the Sprint National Team Trials in April does not guarantee that an athlete will race that event at the 2019 Junior/U23 or Senior World Championships.**
- 2.2.3 Athletes that are listed as ACA Olympic Development Program (ODP) athletes and are identified as part of the ODP National Teams will receive a discount on USA Sprint National Team Trials entry fees and a discount on Pan AM Games and World Championships National Team Deposits. Selection of ODP athletes allows for possible Team Boat Training Camps to be held in December, 2018 and February, 2019. ODP athletes are selected by a points based system in November, 2018. Athletes not a part of ODP are still be able to compete at USA Sprint National Team Trials as the trials are an open event providing an athlete meets the eligibility criteria in Section 1.
- 2.2.4 A mandatory Pan Am Games and JR/U23 and SR World Championships Training camp will be held starting July 1st in Lake Lanier Georgia for all kayak athletes selected to the World Championships Teams. Canoe athletes selected to the JR/U23 and SR World Championships will train in Gig Harbor.
- 2.2.5 At the Pan Am Games and World Championships training camps there will be a series of Time Trails and Seat Racing to determine the final entries to the Sprint Canoe and Kayak events at the 2019 World Championships. A singles Race Off will be held on July 6th and/or 7th 2019 to determine the singles (K1) entries. Should a different athlete from the Team other than the athlete who won the singles event at the USA Sprint National Team Trials win the Race Off then a third race between the winners of the trials race and the winner of the July 6th and/or 7th race

off will take place on July 13th or 14th, 2019. The athlete with wins in 2 of the three races will have first right of refusal on being named the singles entry in that event at the JR/U23 World Championships. For Senior World Championships the 3rd race off will occur at the USA National Championships in Lake Lanier August 7th through August 10th, 2019. USA National Championships are a Mandatory Regatta for athletes wishing to represent the USA at Senior World Championships. The Canoe athletes named to the JR/U23 and Senior World Championship team will be subjected to the same race off criteria to determine the entries for the men's and women's C1 races at JR/U23 and Senior World Championships. Canoe Race offs will occur in Gig Harbor. USA National Championships are a Mandatory Regatta for athletes wishing to represent the USA at Senior World Championships

3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

3.3.1 The Maximum Junior World Championship Team size will be 6 men (kayak), 3 men (canoe), 6 women (kayak) and 3 women's (canoe). The Maximum U23 World Championship Team size will be 6 men (kayak), 3 men (canoe), 6 women (kayak) and 3 women's (canoe). The Maximum Senior World Championship Team size will be 8 men (kayak), 4 men (canoe), 8 women (kayak) and 4 women's (canoe).

3.3.2 The winning athlete(s) of the following events at the 2019 USA Sprint National Team Trials will be selected to the 2019 Junior World Championship Team or the Senior World Championship Team. The top U23 athlete in the Senior races will be selected to the 2019 U23 World Championship Team

C1 1000m Men JR and SR Race
C1 200m Women JR and SR Race
K1 1000m Men JR and SR Race
K1 200m Men JR and SR Race
K1 500m Women JR and SR Race
K1 200m Women JR and SR Race

(Note JR/U23 athletes also qualifying for the Pan Am Games Team will be selected first for a Pan Am Games Team Spot due to the conflicting dates of Pan Am and JR/U23 Worlds. If the JR/U23 athlete wishes to decline their spot on the Pan Am Games Team they must have pre designated this prior to Trials or risk losing their deposit.)

3.3.3 The remaining Team positions up to the maximum team size for Kayak Men may be selected from the results of the K1 500m race at the USA National Team Trials.

The remaining Team positions up to the maximum team size for the Kayak Women may be selected from the results of the K1 500m race at the USA National Team Trials.

The remaining Team positions up to the maximum team size for Canoe men may be selected from the C1 1000m race at the USA Sprint National Team Trials with at least one canoe athlete being a lefty if the other three are righty and vice versa.

The remaining Team positions up to the maximum team size for Canoe women may be selected from the C1 200m race at the USA Sprint National Team Trials with at least one canoe athlete being a lefty if the other three are righty and vice versa.

3.3.4 Final entries for singles and team boats at the 2019 World Championship events will be decided during a Mandatory Pan American Games and JR/U23 and SR World Championship National Team Training Camp and time trials held at Lake Lanier for Kayak and Gig Harbor for canoe, from July 1st to the Teams departure for Peru or Romania and at National Championships in Lake Lanier August 7th through August 10th and subsequent departure for Hungary. The singles entries at Jr/U23 and Senior World Championships will be decided by the process outlined in 2.2.5 above and the entries for Team boats will be decided by seat racing, time trials and races at National Team Trials and National Team Camps to determine the fastest possible team boat combinations for entry into C2, K2 and K4 races at the 2019 Junior/U23 World Championships. At the USA National Championships the final determination will be made on the fastest possible C2, K2 and K4 combinations for Senior World Championships.

4 **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

4.4.1 **Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):**

N/A

4.4.2 **List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):**

N/A

4.4.3 **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 him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a committee member who recused him/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.

5 **REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

5.5.1 Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the ACA has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 5.5.2 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA Director of High Performance & Competition and the Executive Director.
- 5.5.3 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 5.5.4 Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 5.5.5 Violation of the ACA's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).
An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the ACA's Bylaws, Appendix X, Section 2:
http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod_documents/ACA_Bylaws_2017.pdf and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.
- 5.5.6 Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the ACA, the ACA has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, the ACA's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.
- 5.5.7 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

6 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

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

- Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:
- 6.6.1 Should an athlete be removed from the team for any reason, the next highest finishing athlete in the K1 men's 500m, Women's K1 500m, Men's C1 1000m, and Women's C1 200m from the USA National Team Trials may be asked to replace this athlete. If the next highest finishing athlete declines the nomination, the nomination may be given to the next highest finishing athlete until the nomination is accepted.
- After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:
- 6.6.2 Should an athlete be removed from the team for any reason, and if it is possible to add an athlete to the competition at this late stage then the next highest finishing athlete in the K1 men's 500m, Women's K1 500m, Men's C1 1000m, and Women's C1 200m from the USA Sprint National Team Trials may be asked to replace this athlete. If the next highest finishing athlete declines the nomination, the nomination may be given to the next highest finishing athlete until the nomination is accepted.

7 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The ACA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Championships.

8 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the ACA Sprint JR/U23 and SR World Championship Teams and are included as attachments:

- ACA Code of Conduct

9 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

<http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Competition>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible.

10 DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the ACS on or before: May 1, 2019

11 MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

1. USA Sprint National Team Trials, OKC April 12th, 13th, 14th, 2019.
2. Mandatory Pan American and World Championship Training Camp Lake Lanier July 1st 2019 until departure for Romania or Hungary. The Canoe Athletes Training Camp will be held in Gig Harbor.
3. USA National Championships, August 7th – August 10th, 2019 Lake Lanier Georgia.

12 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

13 DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

United States Olympic Committee
Morgan House – Director of High Performance and Competition
Chris Barlow – Sprint High Performance Manager
Zsolt Szadovszki – Sprint National Team Coach – Kayak
Aaron Huston – Sprint National Team Coach - Canoe
Emily Wright – AAC Athlete Representative

14 NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Grievance>

15 INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, 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.

16 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

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

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
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If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

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15. ACA 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 President or CEO/Executive Director	<i>Wade Portwood</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	<i>Chris J. Stec</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>11/11/2015</i>

USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*			
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* 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 the NGB/HPMO, 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, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.