



CanoeKayak Canada (CKC)

2012 London Olympic Games Team

General Nomination Criteria

Part 1

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1. INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the general procedures and criteria that will be used by CanoeKayak Canada (CKC) to nominate athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Olympic Team to compete at the London Olympic Games. Team nomination is based on performances in selection trials and international events as described in this document. The final date for nominations to the COC Olympic Team is the 4th July 2012.

Nomination Criteria

Nomination to the Olympic Team will be based on two sets of criteria: Part 1 - General Nomination Criteria, as set out in this document, and Part 2 - Specific Nomination Criteria, which are not yet published. CKC intends to publish Part 2 on or about the 14th December 2012 once the qualification events have been completed and the allocation of quota positions has been determined by the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

Performance Objectives

The performance objectives of the Canadian National CanoeKayak team is to achieve the best possible medal results as well as achieve as many top 8 performances as possible. Strategic decisions concerning events to be selected and raced will be made according to these performance objectives.

Team Size

The maximum team size that is able to race at the London 2012 Games is 18 athletes, consisting of 12 males (4 canoe, 8 kayak) and 6 females (kayak). Athlete quota places must first be obtained through performances at two qualification events. These are the 2011 Senior World Championships (18th – 21st August, Szeged, Hungary) and the 2011 Pan American Games (26th – 29th October, Guadalajara, Mexico).

2. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD) is responsible for the overall implementation of the procedures and criteria in this document.

The High Performance Committee (HPC) is responsible for decisions relating to the nomination of teams, based upon recommendations of the HPD, including decisions to allow an exemption from the selection process due to

injury, illness or exceptional circumstances (Section 7), and to replace an athlete with an alternate if an athlete fails to maintain racing form (Section 6). The HPC is also responsible for decisions to not nominate athletes for all events, even if quota positions are available.

The HPD is responsible for decisions to be made after final team nomination (Section 8).

3. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) CRITERIA

The International Canoe Federation (ICF) is responsible for establishing and implementing the qualification criteria. The criteria can be found in Appendix 1.

4. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for nomination to the COC Olympic Team an athlete must:

- Be a registered member of CKC-Sprint, in good standing.
- Possess Canadian citizenship, and be eligible to compete for Canada in the London Olympic Games pursuant to ICF rules.
- Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense.
- Sign any Athlete Agreement as required by CKC and / or COC.
- Comply with any directives and take part in any activities as may be required by CKC or COC.
- Have participated in the applicable selection processes, trials and events, except as provided for in Section 7.

5. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION

Following results at the 2011 World Championships and the 2011 Pan American Games, priority events will be identified in advance of the 2012 international competition season. The identification of the priority events will determine the exact strategy to be used to create crew boats and select the Olympic team with respect to the performance objectives of CKC described above.

Depending on the strategy, the following events may be used to identify those athletes to be nominated to the COC Olympic Team:

- ~~— Trials 1, Lake Lanier or Oklahoma, USA, 27th to 29th April, 2012.~~
- **Updated: Trials 1, Lake Lanier 4th to 6th May, 2012**
- World Cup 1, Duisburg, GER, 18th to 20th May, 2012.
- World Cup 2, Poznan, POL, 25th to 27th May, 2012.
- World Cup 3, Moscow, RUS, 1st to 3rd June, 2012.
- Trials 2, Montreal, CAN, 22nd to 24th June, 2012.

A number of general principles will apply to selection for nomination to the COC Olympic Team:

- COC may enter one entry per class in those events in which athlete quota places are available at the London Olympic Games. The HPC may decide to not nominate athletes to the COC Olympic Team in some events even if quota places are available. In this case CKC may return athlete quota places to the ICF for reallocation.
- In order to compete in all races held at the London Olympic Games, a minimum of 2 athletes in the Men's Kayak discipline and 2 athletes in the Women's Kayak discipline may need to race in more than one distance or class.

- Where it is determined by the HPC that performance in a medal priority event may be compromised by an athlete having to race in two distances or boat classes, races may not be entered, despite having athlete quota places available. If this was to occur, CKC may return athlete quota places to the ICF for reallocation.
- Performance Indicator standards will be revised following the 2011 World Championships, and may apply to the selection process to be set out in Part 2 - Specific Nomination Criteria.
- Selection of athletes for the medal priority events may be concluded in advance of other events, so the strategy for athletes racing in more than one distance or boat class can be identified.
- Following the publication of Part 2 - Specific Nomination Criteria, athletes will be invited to participate in the crew boat selection process. Invitations will be based on performance results in 2011 and other assessments. To be eligible for the crew boat process, the athlete must follow the directives of the Discipline National Team Coach and HPD with regard to participation at National Team training camps and training venues.
- Separate selection criteria will be used to select athletes to the 2012 World Cup teams.
- A single selection event may consist of more than one final race to determine the selection race winner.
- Athletes / crews who won a medal in an Olympic event at the 2011 World Championships will be eligible for “pre-selection” to the crew boat pool in their discipline distance and the World Cup tour (exact World Cups attended are identified in the specific criteria) in the same event, and are not required to race at trials 1. This “pre-selection” counts as a ‘win’ (as described in the general criteria) at Trials 1.
- A ‘win’ occurs when one athlete or crew has a higher position of finish than other Canadian entries in the same race. In circumstances where two athletes or crews are not in the same final or semi-final (e.g. at a World Cup), the HPC may award a ‘win’ to one of the crews based upon performance time, environmental conditions as well as position of finish. Where the HPC deems that it is not possible to clearly award a ‘win’, the athletes / crews will be considered ‘tied’ in this race. A ‘tie’ may also occur when two athletes or crews competing in the same discipline and distance are equal in the number of selection races won. Ties will be resolved by a race-off to be held at a suitable time as determined by the HPD.
- Additional athletes may be nominated to the COC Olympic Team by the HPC to act as alternates in the case of injury, illness, or a loss of racing form (see Section 6 of the General Nomination Criteria). If required, alternates will be identified by the HPD and relevant discipline head coach and approved by the HPC.

6. MAINTENANCE OF RACING FORM

It is expected that all athletes nominated to the Olympic team will maintain racing form between the time of being identified by CKC for nomination to the team and the start of the Canoe Sprint competition at the Olympic Games (6th August, 2012). If the unexpected circumstance arises where an athlete can no longer maintain their form during the course of this period, the HPD may request an assessment of racing form to be conducted. If the assessment shows that racing form is not being maintained the HPC, acting in the best interests of CKC, may remove the athlete from either the list of athletes to be nominated to the COC Olympic team, or from the COC Olympic Team itself (after 4th July, 2012) with the agreement of the COC, and replace the athlete with an alternate.

7. ATHLETE ILLNESS, INJURY OR OTHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE

An athlete who is unable to participate in the nomination procedure due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances may nonetheless be considered for nomination by the HPC. The HPC, in its sole discretion, may approve an exemption from the selection procedure. Where the exemption is related to illness or injury, the HPC

will consult with CKC's Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to determine a diagnosis and a plan for the athlete to return to training and competition.

If an athlete who is either following the process to be nominated to the COC Olympic Team, or has been selected to the COC Olympic Team becomes ill or injured, he or she must seek immediate medical attention and report the illness or injury to the CMO. The CMO will assess the situation and make a recommendation to the HPD regarding the athlete's continued participation in the nomination process or on the team. The CMO's assessment may involve gathering further information or conducting additional medical tests.

Where it is determined by the HPD, following the information provided by the CMO, that an athlete is not able to continue to participate in either the Olympic nomination process, or in the COC Olympic Team once selected, the athlete will be replaced on the team with an alternate. The HPD, in consultation with the Discipline Head Coach, may recommend a replacement for approval by the HPC. If a replacement takes place after July 4th the COC will be involved in the process of approval.

8. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AFTER FINAL TEAM NOMINATION

After July 4, 2012 any decisions regarding changes to the composition of crew boats and races to be raced by individuals and crews, as well as any other decisions required to be made with the aims of meeting the performance objectives identified in Section 1, will be under the sole authority of the HPD. The HPD may consult other members of the Olympic Games staff, or the HPC to come to his decision. The ability to make decisions quickly and decisively in the interests of team results must not be compromised. Any decisions that affect individual athletes may be communicated verbally by the HPD or another staff member who has been given the authority to communicate information on his or her behalf.

9. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

1st June 2012 – notification by the ICF the number of athlete quota places that have been obtained at the qualification events.

By 15th June 2012 – COC must inform the ICF the intention to participate in the London Olympic Games.

By 21st June 2012 – ICF will reallocate all available athlete places.

4th July 2012 – COC to receive nominations from CKC.

9th July 2012 – Deadline for LOCOG to receive entry forms.

10. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

This document may be amended from time to time as a result of the ongoing process of qualification and allocation of quota places. Any amendments will be approved by the HPC and posted on the CKC website in a timely fashion.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances outside the control of CKC do not allow racing to take place in a fair manner, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied, the HPC reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of alternate procedures for team selection.

11. APPEALS

Decisions on Olympic team nomination may be appealed under the Appeal Policy of CKC. Appeals are restricted to those athletes who have fulfilled the eligibility requirements of Section 4. Certain decisions made under this policy may not be appealed, including decisions by the HPC to not nominate athletes to all events even if quota positions are available, and decisions of the HPD after final team nomination (Section 8).

12. STAFF SELECTION (Coaches, Team Leaders)

The final Staffing list will be published by the 26th June 2012. The HPD in his sole discretion may determine the personnel that comprise the Olympic Team staff. The numbers of staff available to be a part of the Canadian Olympic Team will be determined by the COC in consultation with the HPD.

13. SUMMARY OF TIMELINES

18 th – 21 st August, 2011	Senior World Championships, Szeged, Hungary. 1 st round Qualification.
26 th – 29 th October, 2011	Pan American Games, Guadalajara, Mexico. Continental Qualification.
14 th December, 2011	Publication of specific selection criteria by CKC.
2 nd – 4 th May, 2012	Trials 1, Lake Lanier, USA
18 th – 20 th May, 2012	World Cup 1, Duisburg, GER
25 th – 27 th May, 2012	World Cup 2, Poznan, POL
1 st – 3 rd June, 2012	World Cup 3, Moscow, RUS
1 st June 2012	Notification by the ICF of the number of athlete quota places that have been obtained at the qualification events
7 th June 2012	CKC 1 st selection meeting
By 15 th June 2012	COC must inform the ICF of the intention to participate in the London Olympic Games
By 21 st June 2012	ICF will reallocate all available athlete places
22 nd – 24 th June, 2012	Trials 2, Montreal, CAN
25 th June 2012	CKC 2 nd selection meeting
4 th July 2012	COC to receive nominations from CKC
9 th July 2012	Deadline for LOCOG to receive entry forms
6 th – 11 th August, 2012	London Olympic Games Canoe Sprint Competition, Eton-Dorney, UK

14. LANGUAGE

This document was created in English. In the event of any dispute between the English and French versions of this document, the English version will prevail.

APPENDIX 1. ICF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXX OLYMPIAD

ICF

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

Canoe Sprint

A. Events (12)

MEN'S EVENTS (8)		WOMEN'S EVENTS (4)	
K-1 200m	K-1 1000m	K-1 200m	K-1 500m
K-2 200m	K-2 1000m		K-2 500m
	K-4 1000m		K-4 500m
C-1 200m	C-1 1000m		
	C-2 1000m		

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES*	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	156	2*	2	158
Women	87		1	88
TOTAL	243	2*	3	248

* Two Tripartite Commission Places are available in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint). They can be attributed to any discipline; however the numbers are shown in the Canoe Sprint Qualification System.

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men Kayak	8
Men Canoe	4
Women Kayak	6
TOTAL	18 (maximum one boat per event per NOC)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter (at all times) may participate in the Olympic Games. For the sake of clarity, all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force during the qualification period for the Olympic Games up until the end of the period of the Olympic Games.</p> <p>All NOCs (including those who receive Tripartite Commission Places) must participate in at least one event at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships to be eligible for an Athlete Quota Place in the canoeing events at the Olympic Games.</p>

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>i) Athlete quota places will be allocated to the respective NOC and not to Competitor(s) that achieved the place in the qualification event.</p> <p>ii) An athlete can qualify and compete in one or more events; however the athlete can only acquire one athlete place for its NOC regardless of how many places or boats that athlete qualifies in other events.</p> <p>(For example, Athlete A qualifies in K1 and K2 with athlete B from the same NOC. This would result in two athlete quota places and two boats being eligible for the Olympic Games. The quotas would be attributed to</p>

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the largest boat category qualified, in this example it would be K2. The third athlete quota would be reallocated according to the unused athlete quota places process in the K1 category).

The number of Athlete and Boat Quota Places allocated in the Qualification Competitions for Canoe Sprint will be as follows:

EVENTS	ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES	BOAT QUOTA PLACES
MEN		
K1 1000m	14	14
K1 200m	14	14
K2 1000m	20	10
K2 200m	20	10
K4 1000m	40	10
C1 1000m	13	13
C1 200m	13	13
C2 1000m	24	12
TOTAL MEN	158	96
WOMEN		
K1 500m	14	14
K1 200m	14	14
K2 500m	20	10
K4 500m	40	10
TOTAL WOMEN	88	48
TOTAL (Men+Women)	246	144

1. World Championships and Continental Qualification

- i) An NOC will be able to obtain athlete quota places from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships. The best ranked athletes will achieve quota places in that specific event for their NOC.
- ii) Only an NOC that has not obtained an athlete quota place in an event at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships can participate in the respective Continental Qualification in order to obtain a quota place in the same event.

The number of athletes qualified at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships and Continental Qualification Events are defined in the table below:

Events	World Champs 2011	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Continental Qualification Total	Total
Men								
K1 1000m	8*	2	1	1	1	1	6	14
K1 200m	8	2	1	1	1	1	6	14
K2 1000m	12	2	6 quotas places available				8	20
K2 200m	12	2	6 quotas places available				8	20
K4 1000m	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
C1 1000m	7*	2	1	1	1	1	6	13
C1 200m	7	2	1	1	1	1	6	13
C2 1000m	14	2	2	2	2	2	10	24
Total Men	108						50	158

Events	World Champs 2011	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Continental Qualification Total	Total
Women								
K1 500m	8*	2	1	1	1	1	6	14
K1 200m	8	2	1	1	1	1	6	14
K2 500m	12	2	6 quotas places available				8	20
K4 500m	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Total Women	68						20	88
Total Men & Women	176						70	246

* The athlete quota includes the host nation place in K1 men, C1 men and K1 women. The process for Host Country Representation is outlined below.

2. K1 and C1 events (Men and Women)

Athletes will have two opportunities to obtain an athlete quota place, the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships and also the Continental Qualifying Events, where athlete quota places can be won by NOCs that have not obtained any quota place at the 2011 World Championships.

3. K4 events (Men and Women)

- i) All the places will be allocated from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships.
- ii) The 10 best ranked NOCs from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships will receive four (4) athlete quota places each.
- iii) There must be at least three continents represented in the 10 best ranked NOCs.
- iv) In the case that there are less than three continents represented then the tenth (10th) and, if necessary, the ninth (9th) NOC quota places are awarded to the best ranked NOC at the World Championships from a continent without any K4 athlete quota places.

4. K2 events (Men and Women)

- i) The six best ranked NOCs from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships in all K2 Men's and Women's events will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.
- ii) Two (2) athlete quota places will be contested at the European Continental Qualification Event for the K2 Men 200m and 1000m as well as the Women's K2 500m.
- iii) The next three best ranked NOCs from three different continents (excluding Europe) at the World Championships in the K2 events will earn that Continent two (2) athlete quota places that can be won at the respective Continental Qualification Event by NOCs from that continent.

5. C2 Men's Event

- i) The seven best ranked NOCs from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships in the C2 Men's event will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.
- ii) Two (2) athlete quota places will be contested at each Continental Qualification Event.

6. Qualification in the same Boat Category over two distances

- i) Where the same athlete qualifies an athlete quota place in the same boat category but for two different distances (For Example, K1 Men 1000m and K1 Men 200m) the NOC will be attributed the place in 1000m for men and 500m for women. The unused athlete quota place in the 200m distance will be reattributed to the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified.

- ii) At the Continental Qualification Events an NOC can only qualify one place per boat category regardless of the distance. Should the NOC qualify in both distances in the same boat category then the NOC will be attributed the place in 1000m for men and 500m for women. The unused athlete quota place in the 200m distance will be reattributed to the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified.
- iii) Should an NOC obtain an athlete quota place at the Continental Qualification Events in both C1 and C2 1000m then the NOC will be eligible to compete in both events at the Olympic Games but only with two (2) athlete quota places. The additional quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC from that continent in the C1 1000m category, not yet qualified.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Should the Host NOC not manage to obtain an athlete quota place in the respective events, it will be entitled to receive quota places in the following events:

EVENT	ATHLETE QUOTAS	BOAT QUOTAS
K1 1000m (Men)	1	1
C1 1000m (Men)	1	1
K1 500m (Women)	1	1
TOTAL	3	3

The quota places allocated to the Host NOC would be taken from the lowest ranked NOC(s) in the respective events at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint) are made available for eligible NOCs.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs by 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation Places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

As per Section C, athletes granted Tripartite Commission Invitation Places should have competed at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The ICF will inform NOCs/NFs in writing on 1 June 2012 of the athlete quota places they have obtained at the Qualification Events. Eligible NOCs must inform the ICF in writing by 15 June 2012 whether or not they intend to participate at the Olympic Games. By 21 June 2012 the ICF will reallocate all available quota places, as outlined below in Section F.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

- i) Should an NOC return an athlete quota place that has been obtained from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships, the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

- ii) Should an NOC return an athlete quota place from a Continental Qualification Event, the next best ranked NOC in that event at the Continental Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place. The process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
- iii) In the case where there are no more eligible NOCs that can gain an athlete quota place in the Continental Qualification Event, the next best ranked NOC from that continent in the specific event at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place. In the case that no further NOC from the continent can gain a place from the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC from the 2011 World Championships, not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.
- iv) If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the quota places will become Tripartite Commission Places and will be allocated accordingly.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

See "Host Country Representation" section above

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the place(s) they will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to the 2012 ICF completion rankings (eg. Canoe Slalom Ranking and the Canoe Sprint World Cup Ranking)

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
18 - 21 August 2011	Canoe Sprint World Championships (Location TBC)
3 - 18 September 2011	All African Games (MOZ)
October 2011	Pan American Games (Guadalajara, MEX)
13 - 17 October 2011	Asian Championships (Tehran, IRI)
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
3 - 5 March 2012	Oceania Championships (Penrith, AUS)
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs
May 2012 (Date TBC)	European Qualifier (Location TBC)
1 June 2012	ICF to inform NFs/NOCs of quota places obtained
15 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of quota places
21 June 2012	ICF reallocates all available unused quota places
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms