



# CanoeKayak Canada (CKC) 2012 London Olympic Games Team Specific Nomination Criteria *Part 2*

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*Note: In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.*

This document is to be used in conjunction with the CanoeKayak Canada 2012 London Olympic Games team General Nomination Criteria, Part 1, and explains the process and procedures for nomination to the Olympic Games Team only. For selection criteria for the World Cup tour, which plays a role in the Olympic Team nomination process, and for other events please refer to the CKC National Team Selection Criteria 2012.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Following the publication of the General Nomination Criteria Part 1, CKC has qualified the following Olympic Quota places at the World Championships and Pan American Games:

- MK1 1000m
- MC1 1000m
- MK2 1000m
- MK1 200m
- MC1 200m

Further Olympic Quota places may become available on the 21<sup>st</sup> June following the re-allocation of quota places by the ICF. The events in which the allocation quota places are possible are the WK1 500m, WK1 200m, MK2 200m, and MC2 1000m.

In the case that Canada is allocated a WK1 500m quota place and a WK1 200m quota place, it could be possible that a WK2 500m crew be selected to race. In line with CKC's policy of fielding the most competitive team in London, CKC has decided that it will NOT nominate a WK2 500m crew to race at the London Olympic Games (i.e. instead of a WK1 500m and a WK1 200m entry).

## **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to describe the specific 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. This includes being able to identify athletes to race in events for which CanoeKayak Canada does not yet have Olympic quota places. 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The CKC High Performance Committee (HPC) is responsible for applying these criteria and submitting nominations to the COC. In the case of a vacancy in the CKC High Performance Director (HPD) position, the HPC will appoint a designate to fill the HPD's for purposes of application of these criteria. The National Team coaches will be invited and encouraged to be strongly engaged in the selection process through their advice to the HPD and HPC.

### 3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION

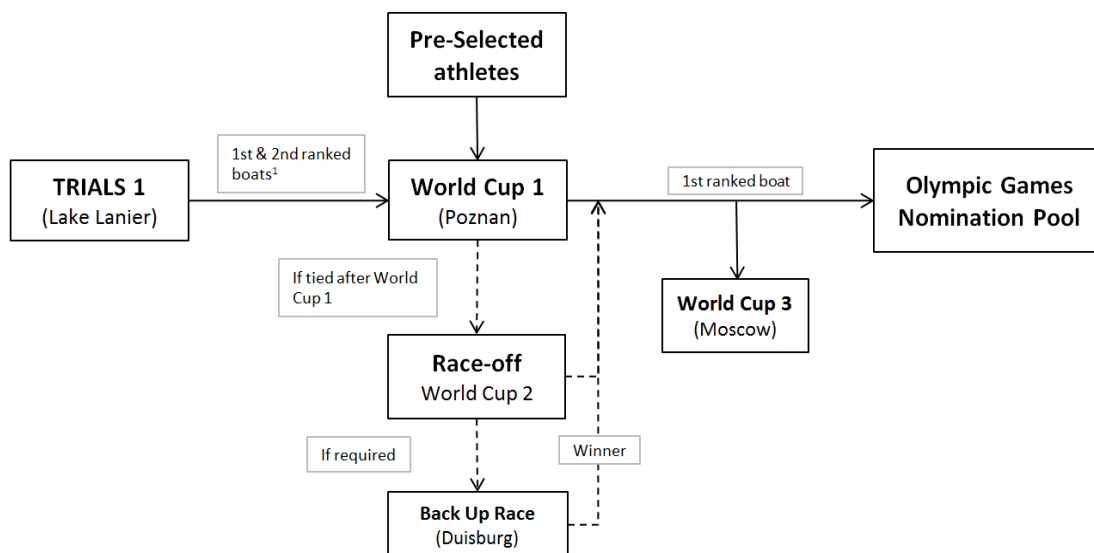
- Adam van Koeverden is pre-selected for the World Cups as per the General Nomination Criteria Part 1, Section 5 and as such is already awarded a 'win' at Trials 1. Should he decide to race at Trials 1 and achieve a 'win' this would count as his second 'win' and as such would conclude the nomination procedure. Should he not 'win' at Trials 1, he would still be able to claim his pre-selection 'win' at Trials 1 with the nomination procedure continuing at World Cup 1. As such only one additional MK1 1000m place is available for nomination to the World Cup team.
- Those athletes who have demonstrated a high level of performance on the international stage and / or qualified Olympic quota places directly by achieving the ICF criteria have earned a 'qualifier' status. The 'qualifier' status is given to the athletes who qualified Olympic quota places at either the World Championships, or Pan Am Games, or would have given their results. This applies to Mark de Jonge (MK1 200m), Mark Oldershaw (C1 1000m), Richard Dalton (C1 200m), Richard Dober and Steve Jorens (K2 1000m), and Ryan Cochrane and Hugues Fournel (K2 200m).
- If a qualifier crew does not finish in the top 2 in their event at Trials 1, the qualifier crew may request to the HPC that they be given the opportunity to participate in a race-off with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place crew in their event at Trials 1. The HPC, in its sole discretion, will determine whether the automatic elimination of the qualifier crew from the World Cup selection races would be contrary to CKC's goal of ensuring that the best Canadian crews represent Canada at the London Olympics. The onus is on the qualifier crew to demonstrate that their inability to finish in the top 2 in their event at Trials 1 was an anomaly (e.g. due to a broken paddle) and that there is a reasonable expectation that they could beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> place crew in a race-off.
- If the HPC decides that this is the case, the qualifier crew and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place crew in the event at Trials 1 will participate in a race-off, to be immediately held the weekend of Trials 1, and the winner of the race-off will be awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup entry. A win in the race-off does not count as a win for purposes of the 2 wins required for Olympic nomination.
- The HPC may request an additional race if, following information provided by the HPD, they determine that through the selection process it was not possible to make a true comparison of the performance of the boats in question. In this case the HPC may decide to use an alternative race or races in the selection process.
- Refer to Appendices A to B for specific nomination criteria.
- Refer to Appendix C for additional criteria for the MK2 200m and MK2 1000m events.
- Refer to Appendix D for additional criteria for the WK1 200m and WK1 500m events.
- For specific criteria for nomination to the World Cup Tour refer to CKC National Team Selection Criteria 2012.

#### **4. ALTERNATES**

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 – Part 1). If required, alternates will be identified by the HPD and relevant discipline head coach and approved by the HPC. Only those alternates identified as having the potential to medal at the London Olympic Games should they be needed to race, will be required to take part in the pre-Olympic training camp in Temple-sur-Lot, France.

## 5. APPENDIX A

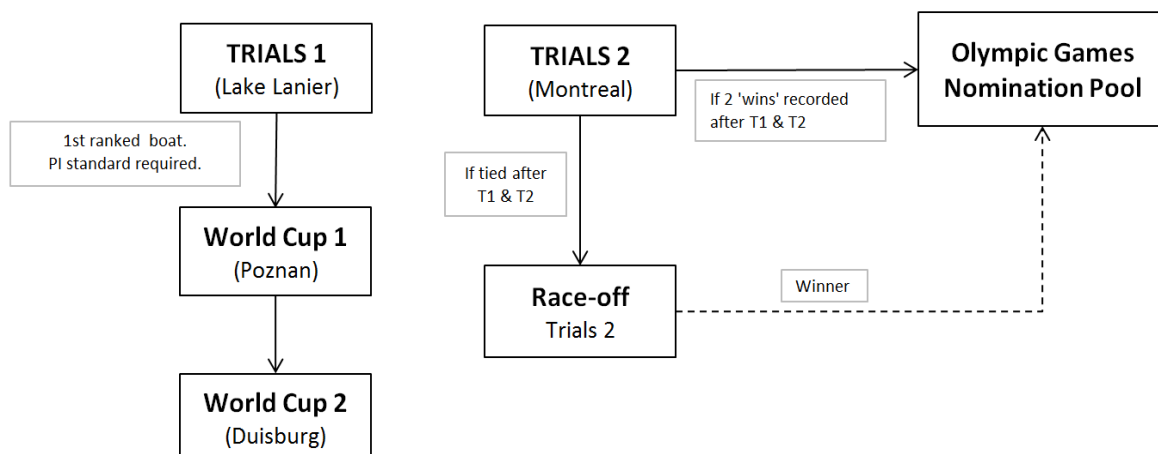
Nomination process for WK1 200m, WK1 500m, MK1 1000m, MK1 200m, MC1 1000m, MC1 200m, MK2 1000m, MK2 200m



1. 1st and 2nd placed eligible and available boats at Trials 1 will be selected to race at World Cup 1 and 2, except in the MK1 1000m where only one additional place is available for nomination to the World Cup team due to the pre-selection of Adam van Koeverden.
2. If a "qualifier crew" does not place in the top 2 in their event at Trials 1 (or place 1st [or 2nd to Adam van Koeverden] in the case of the MK1 1000), they may request to the HPC to be given the opportunity for a race-off with the 2nd place crew. This must be provided in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the race in question. If a race-off is held, then the winner of the race-off will receive the 2nd nomination to the World Cup.
3. Performance Indicators are not required to be selected for the World Cups in these events.
4. If following World Cup 1, neither boat from the event records 2 'wins', the tie-breaker will be World Cup 2.
5. The athletes from boats who record 2 'wins' in those events in which CKC has confirmed Olympic quota places will be nominated to the COC Olympic Games Team (additional criteria apply to the Men's K2 200m and MK2 1000m, as well as the WK1 200m and WK1 500m).
6. Boats who are nominated to the Olympic Games Nomination Pool may, upon agreement of the HPD, race at World Cup 3.

## 6. APPENDIX B

### Nomination process for MC2 1000m



1. Reallocation of Olympic Games quota places will be made on or shortly after the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.
2. If no C2 1000m quota place is allocated to Canada, a nomination race will not be held at Trials 2.
3. The achievement of the relevant Performance Indicator is not required to be nominated to the Olympic Games Nomination Pool.
4. Should a C2 1000m quota place be allocated to Canada, two 'wins' will be required to be nominated to the Olympic Games Nomination Pool.
5. A 'win' can be achieved at Trials 1 and Trials 2.
6. To record a 'win' at Trials 1, the Senior Performance Indicator must be achieved (see Appendix H of the National Teams Selection Criteria 2012).
7. Nomination to the World Cup team is not required to be nominated to the Olympic Games Nomination Pool should a C2 quota place be allocated to Canada.
8. If two crews are tied on the number of 'wins' after Trials 2, a tie-breaker will be held at Trials 2.
9. If no crew prior to Trials 2 has recorded a 'win', 2 nomination races will be held at Trials 2 with an additional race if a tie-breaker is required.
10. Performance Indicators do not need to be achieved at Trials 2 in order to record a 'win'.

## 7. APPENDIX C

### Specific criteria for MK2 1000m and MK2 200m

It is the intent of CKC to send the athletes and crews to race at the London Olympic Games that will be the most competitive and have the potential to record the highest placing in their event. CanoeKayak Canada has been awarded two athlete quota places and a boat quota place in the MK2 1000m as a result of the first place finish in this event at the continental qualifier, the Pan American Games. CanoeKayak Canada may use this boat quota to enter a crew to primarily race in either the MK2 1000m or the MK2 200m depending upon which event the HPC determines will be capable of achieving the best result at the London Olympic Games. Note that whichever crew is selected to race, they must take part in the 1000m event in order to be eligible to race the 200m event. It is not necessary to race in the 200m event to race in the 1000m event.

After World Cup 2, the MK2 200m and MK2 1000m crews with 2 wins will be identified. The HPC, with advice from the HPD and the relevant discipline coaches, will select the crew and distance for the London Olympic Games by determining which crew had the smallest percent difference in time, in the A final, from the A final winner at World Cups 1 and 2.

If the Canadian crew does not qualify for the A final at a World Cup, then their results at that World Cup will not be used to assess their percent difference in time from the A final winner.

However, if neither the MK2 200m or the MK2 1000m crews have any A final result from either World Cup 1 or World Cup 2, then B final times will be used to assess the percent difference in time from the A final winner.

For a World Cup result to be used to determine the percent difference there should be at least one crew in the A final race that finished in the top 3 in that event at the 2011 World Championships. If there are no top 3 crews from the 2011 World Championships in an A final race, the HPD and the discipline coaches will assess the depth of the field and advise the HPC as to whether the World Cup result can be used to assess percent difference in time. Both discipline coaches (i.e. the 200m and 1000m men's kayak coaches) must agree to allow a result to be used.

## 8. APPENDIX D

### Specific criteria for WK1 200m and WK1 500m

It is the intent of CKC to send the athletes and crews to race at the London Olympic Games that will be the most competitive and have the potential to record the highest placing in their event. Should CanoeKayak Canada be awarded a WK1 quota place as a result of either the performances at the World Championships or Pan American Games, CanoeKayak Canada may use this boat quota to enter an athlete to primarily race in either the WK1 200m or WK1 500m depending upon which event the HPC determines will be capable of achieving the best result at the London Olympic Games. Note that whichever boat is selected to race, they must take part in the event to which the boat was allocated by the ICF.

After World Cup 2, the WK1 200m and WK1 500m crews with 2 wins will be identified. The HPC, with advice from the HPD and the relevant discipline coaches, will select the crew and distance for the London Olympic Games by determining which crew had the smallest percent difference in time, in the A final, from the A final winner at World Cups 1 and 2.

If the Canadian crew does not qualify for the A final at a World Cup, then their results at that World Cup will not be used to assess their percent difference in time from the A final winner.

However, if neither the WK1 200m or the WK1 500m crews have any A final result from either World Cup 1 or World Cup 2, then B final times will be used to assess the percent difference in time from the A final winner.

For a World Cup result to be used to determine the percent difference there should be at least one crew in the A final race that finished in the top 3 in that event at the 2011 World Championships. If there are no top 3 crews from the 2011 World Championships in an A final race, the HPD and the discipline coach will assess the depth of the field and advise the HPC as to whether the World Cup result can be used to assess percent difference in time.