

2017 Special Criteria for the Nova Scotia Canada Games Team / NS Team Tour Criteria for Core Teams Selection (Draft)

General - It is a goal of the Atlantic Division, CanoeKayak Canada to increase the pool of Atlantic Canadian athletic talent in sprint canoe kayak racing, and through fair and ethical means, to achieve performance at the highest levels of national and international competition, systematically reaching world standards. By identifying through competition, and talent identification, a pool of committed athletes and providing training and competitive opportunities the Atlantic Division will serve to enhance the level of the athlete, the region, and the nation within the canoe/kayak community.

The Atlantic Division is the final authority on decisions regarding team composition, application of criteria, and the resolution of any discrepancies arising as a result of team selection.

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Eligibility for Canada Games:

- a. Atlantic Division CKC 'Competitive' registration is required. Athletes must be members in good standing of an ADCKC member club.
- b. Athletes must be under 21 years of age as of January 1, 2017 (Year of Birth, 1996 or later)
- c. Athletes may not have held a Senior National Team Card at any time*

**Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status, may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.*

- d. Athletes may not have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games or Senior World Championship.
- e. No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status, (ie., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after April 29th, 2017).
- f. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
- g. The Games are open to amateur athletes who are members in good standing of their club, division, and CanoeKayak Canada.
- h. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
- i. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province of permanent residence or the province in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the 2016-17 academic year.
- j. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (k), below.

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- k. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial sport organization in that province for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
- l. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.

Team Size:

The Canada Games Team will consist of a maximum 10 Male, and 10 Female Athletes. A minimum of 4, and a maximum of 6 athletes will be selected from each Discipline: Mens Kayak, Womens Kayak, Mens Canoe, and Womens Canoe. The High Performance Committee, will make every attempt to field the strongest possible team for the Games, capable of the best possible results.

Nova Scotia Canada Games Trials: Summer 2017 – 200m and 500m (Women), 200m and 1000m (Men) events. Canoe and Kayak, singles events only. A,B,C, Finals as required. Modified ICF competition rules.

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| Men K1 1000m, 200m |
| Men C1 1000m, 200m |
| Women K1 500m, 200m |
| Women C1 500m, 200m |

- a. Athletes must compete in the both distances offered for their discipline unless the High Performance Committee has granted an exemption. All exemptions and pre-selections will be published prior to the trials event with the draft draw for the regatta where possible. * see 'Exemptions' (page 6). Should the number of approved exemptions equal the number of available positions within a team discipline, the trials for those disciplines will be used for ranking of athletes as alternates in the selection process.
- b. Failure to start a race (Heat, Semi-final, or Final) will result in disqualification from the regatta, and the voiding of all results unless an exemption has been granted, and 2 hours notice has been given. Failure to start a Semi-Final, or Final without prior exemption may result in disciplinary action and the forfeiture of team standing.
- c. All ADCKC and CKC rules of conduct apply. (see 'Canoekayak Canada Standard Of Conduct Policy': <http://canoekayak.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Code-of-Conduct-Policy-May-2015.pdf> and

ADCKC Code of Conduct for Travel:
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/29750494/2017CanadaGames/Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

- d. This criteria and trials (National Team Trials #1 and ADCKC Canada Games Trials)

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will be used for Canada Games team selection and Canada Games Team Tour (Canada Cup Regatta) selection.

- e. Participation in selection trials is mandatory for athletes wishing to be considered for the 2017 Canada Games Team unless the High Performance Committee has granted an exemption.
- f. National Team trials #1 will be used for pre-selection only, where an eligible athlete who has earned a placement on a Senior or U23 team is unavailable to compete in ADCKC Canada Games Trials. Pre-selections based on NTT1 will be published prior to ADCKC trials. Participation in NTT1 is NOT a pre-requisite for ADCKC Canada Games Selection, but pre-selections will reduce the number of places available based on ADCKC Trials results.
- g. Points will be assigned to the finishers in ADCKC Trials events as follows and will be used to rank athletes for selection:

| | 1000m | 500m | 200m |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|
| 1 st Place | | | 12 |
| 2 nd Place | | | 11 |
| 3 rd Place | | | 10 |
| 4 th Place | | | 9 |
| 5 th Place | | | 8 |
| 6 th Place | | | 7 |
| 7 th Place | | | 6 |
| 8 th Place | | | 5 |
| 9 th Place | | | 4 |
| 10 th Place | | | 3 |
| 11 th Place | | | 2 |
| 12 th Place | | | 1 |

- h. Athletes will be ranked based on Points totals. Exempted paddlers will be granted 'Winner' status, but no points will be awarded. Winners in each of the 200m, 500m and 1000m races will receive top ranking regardless of points total.
- i. If no athletes have been exempted from these trials by virtue of National Team Tour selection or National Team commitments based on National Team selections, the winners of each 1000m, 500m, and 200m event will receive automatic nominations to the Nova Scotia 2017 Canada Summer Games Team. **Nomination based on event winner or any other criteria, DOES NOT indicate assignment of events in Atlantic Team racing opportunities or the Canada Games.**
- j. Time Standards – Performance relative to Competition: Team members will have been ranked with a combined point total within the maximum determined team size for their classification and discipline, and be within a % time differential of the first

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selected athlete in their classification in at least one of the two events.

Performance Relative to Peers: Differential Requirements:

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| 500m and 1000m Events: | 105% |
| 200m Events: | 104% |

For example, if the winner of Mens 1000m K1 CG age has a time of 3:40.0, in order to be given consideration, other places must achieve a time of 3:51.0 (+5%) or faster. The Selection committee may at their discretion include 'next' ranked athletes who do not meet this standard if deemed necessary to create crew opportunities or to fill available spaces based on competitive opportunity and need.

Time differentials are calculated only for positions in 'A' finals. A finisher in a 'B' final cannot be ranked ahead of an 'A' final finish in the same event, regardless of time. Time Differentials are not used for ranking purposes within a discipline, but may be used to fill available space on tours, that may have been vacated by selected athletes who are subsequently nominated to National Teams or are otherwise unable to attend.

k. A full team contingent (20 athletes) will be nominated to the 2017 Canada Games Team.

With respect to Canoe events: The team will include the top 2 ranked rights, and the top 2 ranked lefts, provided that performance relative to peers differentials have been met. If it is deemed necessary, The Selection Committee may at their discretion include ranked athletes as required, who do not meet differential requirements in order to balance the Right/Left side paddler requirements for team boats. In the event that Left/Right balancing must look beyond the 'A' finals, the team WILL include at a minimum, the 1st ranked right side paddler, and the 1st ranked left side paddler. In this case, the maximum number of Canoe paddlers would not be increased, but Right/left side paddlers would be ranked as separate categories within the canoe discipline. Hypothetically; if maximum team size were set at 4 Canoe paddlers, and all of the four highest ranked paddlers from the selection trials were Rights, then the first one or two Left paddlers MAY be advanced in order to create racing opportunities for the team. This may result in higher placed rights or lefts not being selected. This is an unfortunate reality of the Canoe discipline.

l. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken based on the best placing from the longer Trials distance (500m for Women, 1000m for men). This is a reflection of the greater number of racing opportunities for the longer distances.

m. The High Performance Committee will also identify spares or alternates to be named to the team in the event that any named team members become ineligible or is otherwise unable to compete. If spares are required to be named to any competitive Team, tie-break processes, and team balancing (Left or Right with respect to canoe) will be applied as previously described if necessary.

Position of finish in selection trials event does not determine entries. Selection of actual entries for the Canada Summer Games will be at the discretion of the Canada Games Coaching Staff.

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Depending on funding, minimum and maximum team size for tours will be determined as available resources become known. Athletes will be required to commit to, or decline nomination prior to the selection event.

ADCKC Bridge, CG2021, U15 and Core Teams:

The ADCKC Team selections result from the efforts of Canada Games 2021 eligible paddlers over the 2021 racing season. The team may include paddlers racing for ANY ADCKC club, including those in New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

Nomination to the CG2021 core team is NOT a nomination to the 2021 Canada Games team. Not being named to a core team does not preclude qualifying for ADCKC competitive teams, including the 2021 Canada Games.

The ADCKC Bridge Core Group is in place to ensure that Athletes leaving the ICF Junior Class, or who are no longer eligible for Canada Games consideration, are recognized in their efforts, and are able to access available support as they work towards National Teams.

Bridge Athletes (Post-Canada Games) Core Group

- Any Athlete named to the 2017 Canada Games team who is not age eligible for the 2021 Canada Games
- U23 (18-23) Athletes not age-eligible for Canada Games 2017 OR 2021, who are actively pursuing National Team Placement and who placed in an 'A', or 'B' Final at National Team Trials 1, or 2 in singles events.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, POST CG 'A' finals ADCKC June Trials, (if applicable)

The ADCKC Canada Games 2021 core team group (CG2021) will be comprised of:

- Top 5 Ranked U17 Athletes. ADCKC June Trials.
- Top 3 Ranked U16 Athletes. ADCKC June Trials. U16 Events Only
- Top 3 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Fall CG Trials. CG2021 Finals only.
- 17 year old and younger Age Eligible members of the 2016-17 National Development/NextGen, and Junior Academy rosters

There will be no Right/Left considerations in selecting the CG2021 CoreTeam

The ADCKC U15 Core Team will be comprised of:

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- Top 4 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Fall Trials. U15 Finals only.
- Top 3 'A' U15 Singles Finalists, ADCKC U13/U15 Championships ('A' Finals only. Non-'Development' races only.)
- Top 3 'A' U14 Singles Finalists, ADCKC U13/U15 Championships ('A' Finals only. Non-'Development' races only.)
- Top 3 'A' U13, Singles Finalists, ADCKC U13/U15 Championships ('A' Finals only. Non-'Development' races only.)

- There will be no Right/Left considerations in selecting the U13 Team

*** Exemptions**

Medical or Personal Exemption: The High Performance Committee MAY exempt an athlete from competition due to medical or personal reason if supported by appropriate documentation. Selection of exempted athletes will be subject to the athletes ranking among Atlantic Team eligible athletes from National Team Trials, or completed Atlantic Trials Races. Any athlete exempted for medical reasons will gain provisional nomination and may be subject to performance expectations (eg: race-offs, time controls, or identified regatta performances) at a time, place, and format to be determined by the ADCKC High Performance Committee.

National Team Selection: Athletes may be exempted from Atlantic Team Trials and possibly selected to the team(s) by virtue of selection to National Team projects that render them unavailable for competition in ADCKC trials or other opportunities. In these cases, selections will be based on athlete ranking from National Team Trials for all Atlantic Team eligible athletes in that discipline*. All tie -break formulae will apply with respect to rank, and possible selection.

*A Canada Games / U18 Athlete requesting exemption based on selection from National Team Trials 1 to a National Team tour or project, must rank above non-exempted Atlantic Team eligible athletes, in head to head competition (ranked from same discipline pool). The high performance committee will not step over higher ranked, older, non-exempted competitors in granting exemptions to U18/U17 Age athletes.

In the event that there are more requests for exemption than there are available places on the related teams, exemption requests will be ranked based on performance at National Team Trials #1.

A request for an exemption does not guarantee that an exemption will be granted.

Requests for exemptions must be made prior to the beginning of the ADCKC trials coaches meeting. Exceptions to this timeline will be considered by the High Performance Committee only for situations that arise after the ADCKC Trials Coaches meeting.