

Atlantic Teams Criteria

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With this document, ADCKC seeks to combine selections criteria into a single location that will then not require annual updates unless a problem in the criteria is identified, or specific team or event limitations necessitate a change. Items such as event dates or year-of-birth references have been removed where possible and replaced with descriptive text that should only require modification if a particular event specifies a different age eligibility.

General: The Atlantic Division, CanoeKayak Canada works to increase the pool of Atlantic Canadian athletic talent in sprint canoekayak racing. We will act by fair and ethical means, to achieve performance at the highest levels of competition. 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 CanoeKayak community.

Atlantic Team Identifications: Atlantic Division CanoeKayak Teams are designed to support a number of levels of athletes.

Note: *Where class is defined by age as of January 1, the determination is that an athlete must be the age, or younger for the ENTIRE year. For example, U18 Age Class: In the year an athlete will turn 19, even if not until December 31st, they are no longer a U18 athlete. This can also be understood as; The year an athlete turns 18 is their LAST year of eligibility as U18, whether the date of birth is as early as the 1st of January, or as late as the 31st of December.*

- a. **Bridge Athletes:** Athletes above the ICF Junior Age who are also above the current Canada Games eligibility age, who are involved in a structured training program and legitimately working towards selection to the Senior National Canoe Team. These athletes should have raced National Team Trials. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on results of Atlantic Trials and National Team Trials (see e, below). There is no maximum or minimum number of athletes to be named.
- b. **Canada Games Team: Canada Games Eligible:** Athletes will be under 21 years of age in the year of the Canada Summer Games competition for the current Canada Summer Games Quadrennial. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on rankings generated from results of Atlantic Trials, the results of National Team Trials (see e, below). There are no predetermined maximum sizes for core teams, and the teams will include all those who meet the specific criteria. A minimum of 4 athletes in each discipline (MK/WK/WC/MC) will be nominated as ADCKC team athletes. For the actual Canada Games competition, the maximum team size is 9 Male, 9 Female.
- c. **U18 (ICF Junior):** Athletes must be under 18 years of age as of January 1, in the year the criteria is applied. This category applies to touring group selections only. Numbers depend on funding, team opportunities, and performance relative to direct competition. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on rankings generated from results of Atlantic Trials, and National Team Trials.
- d. **U15/U13:** Athletes must be under 15 years of age as of January 1, in the year the criteria is

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applied. Selection of U15 athletes (and subgroups) is for core team opportunity. There is no maximum or minimum number of athletes to be named. All athletes meeting the specific criteria will be included.

- e. Athletes selected to Tours based on results at National Team Trials may be exempted from Atlantic Division Trials and named to Atlantic teams including the touring teams where eligible. These exemptions will be based on age classifications, competitive need, and availability. National Trials results will only be considered for athletes named to National tours or programs that preclude participation in ADCKC trials.
- f. Senior (Post U18) Athletes may be exempted from Atlantic Division Trials and named to Atlantic teams including the touring teams where eligible provided they are working toward National Team status, and have taken part in National Team Selection trials. These exemptions will be based on age classifications, competitive need, and availability.
- g. In some instances, singles based performance measures may not clearly reflect an athlete's potential for success in other events or in the future, the High Performance committee may include athletes outside the core singles performance group based on objective talent identification parameters developed by the Regional Coach (Fitness Measures, Regional Coach open events or other ADCKC testing opportunity). Athletes identified in this manner will not displace ranked athletes who satisfy performance-based criteria. Part (g) DOES NOT apply to selection of competitive or touring teams.

Support for these athletes may include (but is not limited to), access to competitive opportunity, training program support, grant applications endorsements, and educational opportunities.

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.

Eligibility:

Teams and Core Teams not including the team for the Canada Games

For Core teams and Touring teams other than for the Nova Scotia Canada Games Canoe Kayak Team:

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composition, application of criteria, and the resolution of any discrepancies arising as a result of team selection.

- II. For consideration and support, Athletes must be residents of the Atlantic Division (Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, or Newfoundland and Labrador), compete for an Atlantic Division Canoe Club, and NOT be supported members of another Division Team (For Example: Ontario Team Card holders) unless exemption has been granted. Atlantic Division Members of the National Team may be eligible for support or inclusion as members of competitive teams as funding allows, evaluated on a case by case basis.
- III. Selection is open to amateur athletes who are members in good standing of their club, the Atlantic Division, and CanoeKayak Canada. The Atlantic Division does NOT determine club standing, but is bound by the determinations of its member clubs. The ADCKC assumes an athlete to be in good standing with their club unless notified otherwise.
- IV. Within each selected ADCKC Core Team (not touring teams), a Nova Scotia Provincial Team may be named that includes only those named to that Team who race for Nova Scotia Clubs.

Nova Scotia Canada Games Team – Special Eligibility Rules for Canada Games Selections

Excluded from the Canada Games:

- . a) Senior National Team Athletes are not eligible for the Canada Games*
- . b) Athletes that have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time;
- . c) Athletes that have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Olympic Games or senior World Championship. Participation in a Youth Olympic Games does not constitute a reason for exclusion from the Canada Games.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status, (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status within 90 days of the Opening of the Games).

**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*

- Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Canada Games

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Technical Package.

- Atlantic Division CKC 'Competitive' registration is required. Athletes must be members in good standing of the ADCKC and an ADCKC member club.
- Athletes must be under 21 years of age as of January 1st in the year of the games (Year of Birth = Year of the Upcoming Canada Games – 21 Years)
- The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- 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.
- An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
- An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season - AND –
 - ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship, - AND –
 - iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team. - OR
 - iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
 - 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 provided they have a demonstrated commitment as list above.
- An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another

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Province or Territory. An athlete may try out for one Province or Territory in one sport, and may try out for another Province or Territory in another sport (see next point)).

- Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.
- Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled to take place in the in the same week. Athletes taking part in more than one sport must demonstrate to the ADCKC High Performance Committee that commitments to either sport will not infringe adversely upon the demands of the other.

In general, there will be no guaranteed composition of the Atlantic Team or the Canada Games Team. The size of the competitive team for a Canada Games is 18 athletes (9 men, 9 women). For other ADCKC competitive opportunities, team size may be limited logistically and will be published prior to selection trials taking place.

The purpose of the Atlantic Team is to encourage and support the development of high performing Mens Kayak, Mens Canoe, Womens Kayak, and Womens Canoe athletes, and to create a bridge to eventual National Team selection.

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ADCKC Team Selections.

Performance relative to standards, and competition as well as funding expectations and availability of other resources all influence team size and makeup. In general the team will at a minimum, identify any Atlantic Division athlete named to represent Canada in major international competition in the year of selection as well as any athlete named Junior or U23 World Championship Teams in the year this criteria is applied.

Atlantic Team Trials Distances as outlined below for each age classification. Singles only. Atlantic Division CKC Registration is required. Heats, semifinals, and A,B,C, finals as required. Rules to mirror competition rules for National Team Trials. Atlantic Summer Trials will be comprised of Open, and Canada Games age eligible events and may include U15 events. Fall Trials will be comprised of Canada Games age eligible events.

All classes will race as follows

Summer

Men K1 1000m, 200m, 500m(Up to 9 who have made both the 1000m and 200m 'A' Finals)
Men C1 1000m, 200m, 500m(Up to 9 who have made both the 1000m and 200m 'A' Finals)
Women K1 500m, 200m
Women C1 500m, 200m

Fall (subject to change)

Men K1 5000m
Men C1 5000m
Women K1 5000m
Women C1 5000m

- a. All exemptions (other than emergency medical), and pre-selections will be published prior to the trials event. (See 'Exemptions', below)
- b. Failure to start a race may result in disqualification from the regatta, and the voiding of all results unless an exemption has been granted, or at least 2 hours notice has been given. Failure to start a Semi-Final or Final created by advancement from heats, without prior exemption may result in disciplinary action and the forfeiture of team standing. (See 'Exemptions', below).
- c. All rules of conduct apply. (see 'CanoeKayak Canada Standard Of Conduct Policy: <http://canoekayak.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf> and ADCKC Code of Conduct for Teams and Travel: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/29750494/ADCKC%20Conduct%20Policy.pdf>)

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Selection - Touring Opportunities and Canada Games (in a Canada Games year)

Only trials races designated for touring team selection will be used to identify teams for competitions.

Athletes not exempted under Part 'e' (page 1) will be ranked based on point totals from ADCKC Summer Trials.

Points will be awarded to the finishers as follows and will be used to rank athletes for selection to the Atlantic Team:

Mens/Womens 200m, Women 500m, Mens 1000m

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

Mens 500m

1 st Place	5
2 nd Place	4
3 rd Place	3
4 th Place	2
5 th Place	1

Provided there have been no exemptions based on national team nominations, winners in each of the Mens/Womens 200m, Womens 500m and Mens 1000m races will receive top ranking regardless of points total and will be nominated for team inclusion based on that result alone. Any athlete nominated based on an exemption stemming from National Team nominations will receive 'event winner' status in the distance that earned them the nomination (this could result in multiple 'winner' status athletes in a single discipline), and there will be no 'event winner' status athlete named as a result of ADCKC trials results in that event – the winner of ADCKC Trials (Mens/Womens 200m, Womens 500m, and Mens 1000m) will receive full 1st place points, but not status over the exempted athlete(s).

Athletes with 'event winner' status in each designated event will receive automatic nominations for

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all selections as indicated (ADCKC team, HP Group, or Touring Group).

The Mens 500m races are for points and ranking purposes, but no 'winner' status will be available for the purpose of selection.

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken based on the best Olympic Singles Distance placing. If this still results in a tie, the final tie-break will be based on the best placing from the longer Trials distance (500m for Women, 1000m for men). For Mens Canoe, there is no 200m Olympic C1, therefore ties will be broken based on the 1000m distance. This is a reflection of the greater number of racing opportunities for the longer distances.

Nomination based on event winner criteria DOES NOT indicate assignment of events in Atlantic Team (Summer) racing opportunities.

Ranking and Performance relative to peers — Potential team members will be ranked based on the criteria outlined above. Selected team members must have a ranking within the determined team size for their classification and discipline, AND be within a predetermined time differential of the ADCKC trials 1st place entry in at least one of their two events., Canada Games team, and Domestic Touring team Selection Differentials:

500m and 1000m----	105%
200m Events----	104%

For example, if the 1st place paddler in a Womens K1 500m has a time of 1:57.6, in order to be given consideration, other places must achieve a time within the selection differential (105%), or a time of 2:03.5 or better. The Selection committee may, at their discretion, include 'next' ranked athletes who do not meet the differentials if deemed necessary to create crew opportunities or to fill available spaces created by athletes declining their nominations. Only times from 'A' finals in ADCKC Trials will be used to determine performance relative to peers criteria.

With respect to Canoe events, additional selection considerations also apply that may affect paddlers based on side paddled:

The touring team will include the top 2 ranked rights, and the top 2 ranked lefts who have made 'A' finals, provided that performance relative to peers differentials have been met. The Selection Committee may at their discretion include ranked athletes, who do not meet differential requirements in order to balance Right/Left side paddler needs for C-2 and C-4 entries. In the event that, Left/Right balancing must look beyond the ADCKC Trials 'A' finals or athletes who have been exempted, the touring team MAY not be balanced with regards to left/right paddling sides. In short, it is likely that the two top ranked paddlers, even if paddling on the same side, may be better option from both a regatta results, and long term individual development perspective than pairing the top ranked paddler with a much lower ranked paddler simply in order to achieve Left/Right balance.

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The High Performance Committee will also identify spares or alternates to be named to the team in the event that named team members become ineligible, are unable to compete, or decline due to nomination to a National Team. If spares are required to be named to competing teams, tie break processes, and team balancing (Left or Right with respect to canoe) will be applied as previously described if necessary.

Selection of the actual entries for Atlantic Team competitions will be at the discretion of the Regional Coach, and the event coaching staff for the event(s) in question.

Depending on funding, minimum and maximum team size for tours will be determined as available resources become finalized. User pay amounts will be noted on the entry page for ADCKC trials. Athletes will be required to commit to, or decline nomination prior to the selection event. Declining a nomination to a touring team does not affect ranking for team status. Notwithstanding all ranking and selection criteria for tour selection, the High Performance Committee has the right to refuse participation on a competitive team or in an ADCKC event based on an athlete's prior behavior in contradiction of the ADCKC Code of Conduct for Trips and Events (Appendix 1).

The personal club or coach of any athlete may refuse participation for individual athletes. The ADCKC has no obligation to place the organization or staff at risk due to the behavior of any team member. (See general notes on eligibility III, above).

Selection European Opportunities (If Applicable)

The purpose of these opportunities is to provide a valuable, international competitive experience to developing athletes who are just marginally below selection to National Teams. If offered, this opportunity will be available to Atlantic Division registered athletes only.

Selection to a European Opportunity will be based solely on National Team Trials results. While any event we attend will likely take place after the Atlantic Team Trials, this opportunity is designed as an incentive for athletes legitimately training for selection to National Team program events and the selection has been designed to reflect this effort. An athlete selected on this basis cannot be displaced based on ADCKC Trials results.

- a) 'Next' Ranked athletes on National Team Trials, who are NOT selected to National Regatta Teams for the U23, and Junior World Championships. There is to be no pre-determined makeup of the team with respect to Mens Canoe, Mens Kayak, or Womens Kayak, or Womens Canoe, and there will be no attempt to balance L/R for Canoe athletes, nor consideration for crew boat entries in the chosen regatta. Individuals will be identified on their own merits.
- b) Only a very small number of athletes may be selected, no minimum team size is determined. Athletes should be within 1% of the time of the last selected athlete to a national team tour in at least one of the distances raced at National Team Trials (Singles based selections), and 5% of the winner (1000, and 500m) or 4% of the winner (200m). Maximum team size will be constrained logistically, but the number may be smaller than the maximum, based on

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funding, and performance. Athletes will be considered on a 'best ranked' basis relative to their direct competition considering placing, and finish time differentials.

Ranking will be as follows:

Places behind Last Selected Person
and
Time Differential from Last Selected Person
and
Time Differential from Event Winner

- c) Only Singles events will be considered.
- d) Athletes within the 1% AND 4/5% guidelines will be ranked for selection. The selection may be extended beyond the 1% differential rankings if space and funding allow, but will continue down the ranking list - athletes will not be stepped over. If more athletes satisfy the 1% differential requirement than there are places available for the team, the selection will only extend down the ranking list to the maximum team size.
- e) Athletes must be residents of the Atlantic Division, compete for an Atlantic Division Canoe Club, and NOT be supported members of another Division Team (For Example: Ontario Team Card holders) unless exemption has been granted.
- f) Nominations (if any) will be made following announcement of the National Regatta Team roster. If nominated, athlete should be prepared to travel immediately.

ADCKC Bridge, Canada Games, and other Core Teams:

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

Nomination to the core teams is NOT a nomination to the touring teams. Not being named to a core team does not preclude qualifying for ADCKC competitive teams, including the 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 facilities and support as they work towards National Teams.

Bridge Athletes (Post-Canada Games) Core Group

- Any Athlete named to the most recent Canada Games team who is not age eligible for the next Canada Games, but who is actively competing for status on the Canadian National Team.
- U23 (18-23) Athletes not age-eligible for the next Canada Games, who are actively pursuing National Team Placement AND who placed in an 'A', or 'B' Final at National Team Trials in singles events.
- 1st , 2nd and 3rd place finishers, POST Canada Games eligibility 'A' finals ADCKC June Trials.

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The ADCKC Canada Games core team group will be comprised of:

- Top 5 Ranked Athletes. ADCKC June Trials, Canada Games designated finals.
- Top 3 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Fall CG Trials. Canada Games designated Finals only
- Age Eligible members of the National Development/NextGen, Junior Academy, Junior World Team, and U23 World Team Rosters

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

The ADCKC U15 Core Team will be comprised of:

- Top 4 U15 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Fall Trials.
- 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.)
- There will be no Right/Left considerations in selecting the U15 Team

The ADCKC U13 Core Team will be comprised of:

- Top 4 U13 (and younger) ranked 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Fall Trials.
- Top 3 U13 'A', Singles Finalists, ADCKC U13/U15 Championships (U13 'A' Finals only. Non-'Development' races only.)
- Top 3 U12 'A', Singles Finalists, ADCKC U13/U15 Championships (U12 '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 for medical or personal reason (eg: work or family issue) 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 (race-offs, etc) 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

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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.