



Atlantic Division CanoeKayak Canada

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2023-2024 Provincial Team & U14 Provincial Team Criteria

1. Introduction:

The following procedures are guided by Atlantic Division CanoeKayak Canada's (ADCKC) values of providing safe & positive sport experience for youth through developing high performance athletes and lifelong paddlers. Additionally, ADCKC strives to be a leader in Canada by investing in excellence, clubs, sport profile, infrastructure, and events.

2. Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to nominate athletes to the Nova Scotia Provincial Team and U14 Provincial Team for 2023-2024. ADCKC is committed to recognizing athletes for their achievements throughout the season and provide opportunities for development to complement the work done in the Daily Training Environment (DTE) at their respective clubs. The Nova Scotia Provincial Teams represent the highest ranked athletes in the province who are training towards top performances at a domestic and international level. The Provincial Teams are an integral part of ADCKC's strategic plan to progress athletes on the Long Term Athlete Development pathway and provide a positive sport experience. The Provincial Teams are meant to support the steps athletes take to determine their own direction in sport and their own aspirations. Above all, the composition of this criteria is based upon the principle of fair and equitable opportunity for all and to enhance athletes', clubs', and ADCKC's role as community members.

3. Funding and project inclusion policy

ADCKC is committed to identifying projects for funding to alleviate some of the financial strain from athletes and families. The funding level of these projects will be determined beforehand by ADCKC's staff and Board of Directors in accordance with the strategic plan and mandates from funding partners. Funding and access to projects will be tiered based upon the rank in which they were nominated to the team.

4. Nomination Procedure

- a. Nominations will be submitted by the ADCKC Technical Director to the ADCKC Paddling Committee for approval to ensure they were made in alignment with this document.
- b. Draft nominations will be submitted to the ADCKC Paddling Committee no later than September 6, 2023 and approved by September 8, 2023. Draft nominees will be notified subsequent to September 8, 2023 and are to provide support documentation of their training plans to the Provincial Coach by September 10, 2023.
- c. Final nominations will be submitted to the ADCKC Paddling Committee no later than September 12, 2023 and approved by September 14, 2023.



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5. Eligibility

- a. Age:
 - i. Senior: Athletes before December 31, 2004
 - ii. U18: Athletes born on or after January 1, 2005
 - iii. U16: Athletes born on or after January 1, 2007
 - iv. U14: Athletes born on or after January 1, 2009
- b. Daily Training Environment:
 - i. All athletes must be registered at and regularly attending a full-time approved training program at a CKC Member Club from September 2023 until June 2024 in order to be eligible for nomination to the Provincial Team
 - 1. Athletes must provide the Provincial Coach documentation to support their training plans, no later than September 10, 2023.

6. Team Structure & Size

- a. Athletes will be nominated to the following teams:
 - i. Provincial Team
 - ii. U14 Provincial Team
- b. Athletes may qualify for both the Provincial Team and the U14 Provincial Team.
- c. The minimum team size is that which fulfills discipline-specific criteria in Section 7. There is no maximum team size.
- d. Additional athletes may be nominated beyond specific selection criteria in Section 7. These nominations will be based on exceptional performances at the eligible selection competitions. The ADCKC Paddling Committee will review these additional nominations for approval. Any additional nominations will be on the basis of meeting ADCKC's purpose and performance & development objectives in accordance with the criteria and minimum team sizes.



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7. Age Specific Selection Criteria & Competitions

a. Senior:

- i. Senior Athletes initially nominated to the 2023 Canada Cup Team, in accordance with the respective criteria, will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- ii. Senior Athletes nominated for Sport Canada AAP carding will be nominated to the Provincial Team. However, they will not be eligible for funding for projects through the 2023-2024 cycle.
- iii. Athletes nominated to the 2023 U23 World Championships Team will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- iv. Athletes nominated to the 2023 Senior World Championships Team will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- v. Athletes nominated to the 2023 Pan American Games Team will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- vi. Athletes nominated to the 2023 World Cup Team will be nominated to the Provincial Team

b. U18:

- i. The top eight (8) U18 athletes from the combined rank list at ADCKC Trials in each discipline will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- ii. The next four (4) ranked athletes from the combined rank list at ADCKC Trials in each discipline will be nominated as Identified Athletes for inclusion in training opportunities, as identified by the Provincial Coach
- iii. Athletes nominated to the 2023 Junior World Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- iv. Athletes nominated to the U17 Olympic Hopes team will be nominated to the Provincial Team.
- v. Athletes nominated to the U16 Olympic Hopes team will be nominated to the Provincial Team.
- vi. Any U18 athlete winning a K1 or C1 medal at the 2023 National Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team.



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- vii. Any U18 athlete winning a medal in K2 500m or C2 500m at any age class at the 2023 National Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team.

c. U16:

- i. Athletes nominated to the 2023 Junior World Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team
- ii. Athletes nominated to the U17 Olympic Hopes team will be nominated to the Provincial Team.
- iii. Athletes nominated to the U16 Olympic Hopes team will be nominated to the Provincial Team.
- iv. Any U16 athlete winning a K1 or C1 medal at the 2023 National Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team.
- v. Any U16 athlete winning a medal in K2 500m or C2 500m at any age class at the 2023 National Championships will be nominated to the Provincial Team.

d. U14:

- i. The top eight (8) athletes, not already nominated to the Provincial Team, will be nominated to the U14 Provincial Team from the following finals at the U14 ADCKC Championships:
 - 1. U14 Men's C1 500m
 - 2. U14 Women's C1 500m
 - 3. U14 Men's K1 500m
 - 4. U14 Women's K1 500m

8. Appeals

Appeals can be filed to the ADCKC Executive Board of Directors for review by the ADCKC Paddling Committee no later than **11:59pm AT on September 20, 2023**. Any appeal will be responded to with a review of the complaint and method in which an athlete was nominated or was not nominated. The Chief Official of the selection competition will be consulted to ensure there was adherence to the relevant competition rules.



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Provincial Coach Identified Athletes

The ADCKC Provincial Coach may include athletes identified in collaboration with their club coach for inclusion in training opportunities to fulfill Provincial Team and U14 Provincial Team objectives on a case by case basis. Identified Athletes cannot take the place of an athlete from the respective Team in any project. Identified Athletes will not be permitted to receive direct project subsidies and must be supported by a documented rationale based on, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Limited availability of respective Team athletes rendering crew boat sessions not possible
- b. Consistently outperforming respective Team athletes during 2023 post-season training
- c. Reasonable rationale for performance changes between 2022 & 2023 (i.e. changing age classes)

All Identified Athletes must be approved for inclusion in training by the Performance Committee.