

American Canoe Association
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 Pan American Games
Sprint (competition dates November 1-4, 2023)
March 14, 2023

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) or Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG and PPAG only) standards for participation (if any):

- An athlete must meet ICF eligibility rules outlined in the [ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules](#), Section 1.3 - Athlete Eligibility for ICF Competition (Level 1 to 3).
- Athletes must have signed and submitted the athlete eligibility conditions forms.
- Must be at least 15-years old.

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Athletes must be in good standing with ACA at the Team Trials and all National and International competitions.
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older is required to undergo a background screening in accordance with the current ACA Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

- 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials scheduled April 13 – 15 at Lake Natoma in Folsom, CA.
- Team Boat Selection Camp scheduled August 1 – 14 in Dusiburg, Germany

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

- The 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials are open to all ACA members meeting the requirements stated in section 1.1.
- Athletes will be selected for the Team Boat Selection Camp based on performances at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The maximum team size for the Pan American Games team is 18 (9 male and 9 female). Events to be contested at the Pan American Games include:

EVENTS	
Men	Women
MK1 1,000m	WK1 500m
MK2 500m	WK2 500m
MK4 500m	WK4 500m
MC1 1,000m	WC1 200m
MC2 500m	WC2 500m

From the Pan American Games qualification events, the United States earned 16 quota slots (8 male and 8 female) according to the below breakout for the Pan American Games.

	Women	Men
Kayak	5	6
Canoe	3	2
Sub-Total	8	8
Max-Total	16	

The 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials are a three-day event.

The following thirteen events will be raced at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials.

MENS KAYAK	WOMENS KAYAK	MENS CANOE	WOMENS CANOE
K1 1000 / 500 / 200	K1 500 / 200	C1 1000 / 500	C1 500 / 200
K2 500	K2 500	C2 500	C2 500

1.3.1 EVENT ORDER AND START INTERVALS/CANCELLED RACES AND EVENTS:

The Chief Official establishes the final event order, start interval, and the overall schedule as soon after the close of the registration period for the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials. This will be at least ONE WEEK prior to the event start. The Host Organizing Committee will communicate the competition

schedule to athletes, coaches and officials no later than 6 pm local time 7 days before the first day of the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials.

A minimum of 45 minutes between each race must be provided to athletes competing in any two events. Races will be heats, semifinals and finals, with as many finals as needed for selection and rankings. The trials will be a three-day event with K1 and K2 events on Day One and Day Two and team boat pool as needed on Day Three conducted by the head coaches in accordance with the procedure set out in this document.

Should a race or event at the CSP National Team Trials be cancelled, the Chief Official in consultation with the Sprint Competition Committee (SCC), shall designate additional races to replace the canceled race or event(s). Any replacement race or event shall be held as soon as possible either during or after the scheduled races as determined by the Chief Official and SCC.

1.3.2. BOAT SEEDING IN EVENT HEATS AND FOR PROGRESSIONS:

All boats are seeded by random draw.

1.3.3. MEN'S KAYAK TEAM

The Men's Kayak team size will be comprised of up to 6 athletes. Athletes will be named to the 2023 Pan American team based on results from designated races at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials and/or athlete combinations from the Men's Team Boat Pool.

1.3.3.1. MEN'S K1 1000M SELECTION:

- The WINNER in the K1 1000m Olympic distance event will be nominated to the Pan American Games Team, will race the K1 1000m at the Games, and will be named to the Team Boat Pool as defined in these procedures.
- If the selected athlete declines the Pan American Games K1 1000m it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials.
- If the WINNER declines nomination to the team and to the boat pool, the next ranked athlete from the K1 1000 event will be offered nomination to the team, will race the K1 1000m at the Games, and will be ranked as the winner of the event in the Team Boat Pool.
- If the WINNER of the event declines nomination, but accepts entry into the boat pool, the second-place finisher in the K1 1000m will be nominated to the team, will race the K1 1000m at the Games but will not be entered into the boat pool as the winner of the K1 1000m.
- If the WINNER of the event declines entry into the boat pool, but accepts nomination, the second-place finisher in the K1 1000m event will not automatically be named to the team but will be named to the boat pool as the winner of the K1 1000m event.

1.3.3.2. MEN'S K2 500M SELECTION:

- The WINNER in the Men's K2 500m event at the will be nominated to the Pan American Games Team, will race the K2 500m at the Games, and will be named to the Team Boat Pool as defined in these procedures.
- If one or more of the athletes in the winning Men's K2 500m declines the nomination for the K2 500m event, it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials. If one athlete declines, the boat will have declined nomination to the team.
- If one or both athletes from the winning K2 500m boat declines nomination to the team, the next boat from the K2 500m event will be offered nomination to the team, will race the K2 500m at the Games, and will be ranked as the winners of the K2 500m in the Team Boat Pool.
- If only one athlete from the winning boat declines nomination or entry into the boat pool, the athlete who did not decline entry or nomination will be added to the boat pool and ranked as the K2 500m winner along with the athletes who placed second in the K2 500m. The three athletes will be ranked according to their individual K1 500m placement in the boat pool.

1.3.3.3. SELECTION INTO THE MEN’S TEAM BOAT POOL:

MEN’S TEAM BOAT POOL RANKINGS: Athletes will be added to the Team Boat Pool and ranked based on finish at 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials according to the below up to a maximum of (6) total athletes in the Team Boat Pool. **Should an athlete qualify for the boat pool in more than one event, they will be ranked according to their highest placement.**

Positions 1&2	K2 500m winners (ranked individually in the order they finish in the K1 500m)
Next Ranked	K1 500m winner
Next Ranked	K1 1000m winner
Next Ranked	K1 500m second place
Next Ranked	Next ranked athletes in the K1 500m may be added based on order of finish up to a maximum of 6 athletes

1.3.3.4. MEN’S K4 500M SELECTION:

- Athletes will be chosen for the MK4 500m event from the Team Boat Pool. Those athletes named to the Team Boat Pool will participate in supplemental races held at the trials and will take part in the Team Boat Selection Camp.
- During the supplemental races and the Team Boat Selection Camp, a variety of team boat combinations will be raced. Both objective and discretionary criteria (see section 2) will be used to determine the best athlete combinations for the K4 500m event.
- Selection to the Team Boat pool does not guarantee placement on the Pan American Games team.
- The athletes who make the fastest boat combinations will be named to the Pan American Games team not to exceed the number of quotas awarded.

1.3.4 WOMEN’S KAYAK TEAM

The Women’s Kayak team size will be comprised of up to 5 athletes. Athletes will be named to the 2023 Pan American team based on results from designated races at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials and/or athlete combinations from the Women’s Team Boat Pool.

1.3.4.1. WOMEN’S K1 500M SELECTION:

- The WINNER in the K1 500m Olympic distance event will be nominated to the Pan American Games Team, will race the K1 500m at the Games, and will be named to the Team Boat Pool as defined in these procedures.
- If the selected athlete declines the Pan American Games K1 500m it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials.
- If the WINNER declines nomination to the team and to the boat pool, the next ranked athlete from the K1 500m event will be offered nomination to the team, will race the K1 500m at the Games, and will be ranked as the winner of the event in the Team Boat Pool.
- If the WINNER of the event declines nomination, but accepts entry into the boat pool, the second-place finisher in the K1 500m will be nominated to the team, will race the K1 500m at the Games, but will not be entered into the boat pool as the winner of the K1 500m.
- If the WINNER of the event declines entry into the boat pool, but accepts nomination, the second-place finisher in the K1 500m event will not automatically be named to the team but will be named to the boat pool as the winner of the K1 500m event.

1.3.4.2. WOMEN’S K2 500M SELECTION:

- The WINNER in the Women’s K2 500m event will be nominated to the Pan American Games Team, will race the K2 500m at the Games, and will be named to the Team Boat Pool as defined in these procedures.
- If one or more of the athletes in the winning Women’s K2 500m declines the nomination for the K2 500m event, it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials. If one athlete declines, the boat will have declined nomination to the team.
- If one or both athletes from the winning K2 500m boat declines nomination to the team, the next boat from the K2 500m event will be offered nomination to the team, will race the K2 500m at the Games, and will be ranked as the winners of the K2 500m in the Team Boat Pool.
- If only one athlete from the winning boat declines nomination or entry into the boat pool, the athlete who did not decline entry or nomination will be added to the boat pool and ranked as the K2 500m winner along with the athletes who placed second in the K2 500m. The three athletes will be ranked according to their individual K1 500m placement in the boat pool.

1.3.4.3. SELECTION INTO THE WOMEN’S TEAM BOAT POOL:

TEAM BOAT POOL RANKINGS: Athletes will be added to the Team Boat Pool and ranked based on finish at 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials according to the below up to a maximum of (5) total athletes in the Team Boat Pool. **Should an athlete qualify for the boat pool in more than one event, they will be ranked according to their highest placement.**

Positions 1&2	K2 500m winners (ranked individually in the order they finish in the K1 500m)
Next Ranked	K1 500m winner
Next Ranked	K1 500m second place
Next Ranked	K1 500m third place
Next Ranked	K1 200m winner
Next Ranked	Next ranked athletes in the K1 500m may be added based on order of finish up to a maximum of 5 athletes

1.3.4.4. WOMEN’S K4 500M SELECTION:

- Athletes will be chosen for the WK4 500m event from the Team Boat Pool. Those athletes named to the Team Boat Pool will participate in supplemental races held at the trials and will take part in the Team Boat Selection Camp.
- During the supplemental races and the Team Boat Selection Camp, a variety of team boat combinations will be raced. Both objective and discretionary criteria (see section 2) will be used to determine the best athlete combinations for the K4 500m event.
- Selection to the Team Boat pool does not guarantee placement on the Pan American Games team.
- The athletes who make the fastest boat combinations will be named to the Pan American Games team not to exceed the number of quotas awarded.

1.3.5. MEN'S CANOE TEAM

The Men's Canoe team size will be comprised of 2 athletes. Athletes will be named to the 2023 Pan American team based on results from designated races at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials and a time-trial.

Men's Canoe qualified in both the Men's C1 1000m and the Men's C2 500m events at the 2022 Pan American Championship. *Team USA was only awarded two quotas based on qualifying the Men's C2 500m spot with the same athlete who qualified the C1 1000m.*

At the 2022 Pan American Championships, the C1 1000m racer was closer to the winner by time percentage than the C2 500m racers were to the winner of C2 500m. Since only two quotas were awarded, priority will be given to the C1 1000m. The winner of the C1 1000m event at trials will be nominated to the team for that event. The last quota spot on the team will be given to the athlete that makes for a faster C2 500m boat with the winner of the C1 1000m.

1.3.5.1 MEN'S C1 1000M & C2 500M SELECTION:

- The winner of the Men's C1 1000m will be selected to the team and race the C1 1000m at the Pan American Games. If the winner declines, the selection goes to the next ranked athlete. This athlete will fill one quota spot.
- If the selected athlete declines the Pan American Games C1 1000m it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials.
- For the remaining quota spot and selection for the Men's C2 500m event, a time-trial will occur. The top two-placed finishers in the C1 500m event and the winner of the C1 1000m will be selected to a time-trial. If the C1 1000m athlete is also one of the top 2 place finishers in the C1 500m, the third-place finisher in the C1 500m will be selected to the time trial. Each athlete in the time trial will race a C2 500m with the winner of the C1 1000m from Trials. The athlete in the time trial with the fastest C1 500m time at trials will have the first-time trial with the C1 1000m winner. The next placed athlete from the C1 500m will go second with the C1 1000m winner. The time-trial will occur within 45 minutes of each other. The athlete with the fastest time in the C2 500m time trial with the winner of the C1 1000m will be selected to the team and race the C2 500m at the Pan American Games.

Because all men's canoe quotas will be filled at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials, there will not be a Team Boat Selection Camp for men's canoe.

1.3.6. WOMEN'S CANOE TEAM

The Women's Canoe team size will be comprised of up to 3 athletes. Athletes will be named to the 2023 Pan American team based on results from designated races at the 2023 USA CSP National Team Trials and/or athlete combinations from the Team Boat Pool. **Should an athlete qualify for the boat pool in more than one event, they will be ranked according to their highest placement.**

1.3.6.1. WOMEN'S C1 200M SELECTION:

- The WINNER in the Women's C1 200m event will be nominated to the Pan Am team and will race the C1 200m at the Games.
- If the selected athlete declines the Pan American Games C1 200m it must be declined before the end of Day Two of trials.
- If the winner declines nomination, the next ranked finisher in the Women's C1 200m will be named to the team and will race the C1 200m at the Games. This process will continue until an athlete accepts the nomination.

1.3.6.2. WOMEN'S C2 500M SELECTION:

- Athletes will race the Women’s C1 500m and be ranked by their placing. The WINNER of the C1 500 will be ranked in the boat pool behind the C2 500m winner.
- The WINNER of the Women’s C2 500m will be selected to the team boat selection pool and will be given priority ranking in the boat pool. The two athletes will be ranked by order of their individual finish in the C1 500.
- If one or both athletes from the winning C2 500m decline entry into the team boat selection pool, the next ranked boat until accepted will be selected into the team boat selection pool and given priority ranking.
- If only one athlete from the winning C2 500m boat declines entry into the boat pool, the athlete who did not decline entry or nomination will be added to the boat pool and ranked as the C2 500m winner along with the athletes who placed second in the C2 500m. The three athletes will be ranked according to their individual C1 500m placement in the boat pool.
- The next ranked athletes in the C1 500m singles may be added into the team boat selection pool up to a maximum total of 6 athletes.

Positions 1&2	C2 500m winners (ranked individually in the order they finish in the C2 500m)
Next Ranked	C1 500m winner
Next Ranked	C1 500m second place
Next Ranked	C1 500m third place
Next Ranked	C1 500m fourth place
Next Ranked	The next ranked athletes in the C1 500m may be added based on order of finish up to a maximum of 6 athletes

- During the team boat selection camp, a variety of team boat combinations will be raced. The fastest boat combinations will be ranked.
- The fastest C2 500m combination will be named to the team to race the C2 500m meters. If one or both athletes decline the second fastest ranked boat from the team boat selection camp will be nominated until accepted.
- Selection to the Team Boat pool does not guarantee placement on the Pan American Games team.
- The athletes who make the fastest boat combinations will be named to the Pan American Games team not to exceed the number of quotas awarded.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Development of Canoe Sprint Team Boats is a complex process that requires longer term analysis and synchronization of two or four athletes, which cannot be accomplished during the Team Trials. Once the athlete pool for team boats has been selected at the Team Trials, the National Team Coach is responsible for assembling a combination of athletes to compete as a team to achieve the highest possible standard. This process should represent the ACA’s values of fairness, objectivity, and performance.

- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):
Team Boats representing the U.S, at the Pan American Games will be determined based upon performances during the supplemental races at the Trials and during the Team Boat Selection Camp.

During the supplemental races and during the Team Boat Selection Camp, coaches will consider, but are not limited to, evaluating athletes the below variables in no particular order:

- The interaction of differing athletes' techniques
- Proficiency in particular team boat specific skills such as timing
- Time to develop different combinations of athletes
- The cohesiveness of the team boat athletes

At the conclusion of the Team Boat Selection Camp, the National Coach will recommend athletes to the Discretionary Selection Committee for approval.

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

The Discretionary Selection Committee consists of:
The ACA Executive Director
The Sprint High Performance Manager
The AAC Athlete Representative

- 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB/PSO's ethics committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the ethics committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to NGB/PSO's ethics committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, the NGB/PSO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by the ACA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the [ACA Athlete Code of Conduct](#)
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the [ACA Bylaws, Article X, Section 4](#) and the [USOPC Bylaws, Section 9](#).

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and NGB/PSO's SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Should a replacement be necessary:

Men's and Women's Kayak

- The highest ranked athlete not currently on the team from the original boat pool ranking (see sections 1.3.3.3 and 1.3.4.3).

Men's Canoe

- The second-place finisher from the C2 500m time-trial (see section 1.3.5.1).

Women's Canoe

- C1 200m – the next highest finisher from the C1 200m event at from the Trials not already named to the team (Section 1.3.6.1).
- C2 500m - the next highest ranked boat from the Team Boat Selection Camp (Section 1.3.6.2.).

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:
See section 4.1.1.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB/PSO will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games (include as attachments or provide links):

- [ACA Athlete Code of Conduct](#)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB/PSO in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. NGB/PSO Web site: Americancanoe.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

- 7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: September 10, 2023

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Athletes will be notified of all training and/or competitions at least 30 days prior to the start of the mandatory training or competitions.

There is no mandatory training scheduled at this time. Should mandatory training become necessary, athletes will be notified at least 30 days in advance.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Sprint Competition Committee

Charles Luckman – Chair

Alyson Mrozinski – Vice Chair

Elana Wolgamot – Secretary and Athlete Representative

Gus Cook – Athlete Representative

Rami Zur

Shelley Oates-Wilding

Kenny Kasperbauer – AAC representative (non- voting)

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The NGB/PSO Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: Article VIII, Section 3(D):

https://americancanoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ACA-Bylaws-final-changes-accepted_2022_10_07.pdf

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or your IF/CF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or your IF/CF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to NGB/PSO. However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.




To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
 WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by NGB/PSO.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Beth Spilman		3/20/2023
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Steve Kelly		3/20/23
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Kenny Kasperbauer		March 20, 2023

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.