

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE CSP 2024 ICF USA U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

The last year an athlete can compete in the Under-23 age group is the year of their 23rd birthday.

All athletes wishing to be considered for the ICF U23 WCH National Team are required to have indicated their nomination for this event on the registration for this tour before **March 7, 2024**.

MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE

	U23 Women	U23 Men
Kayak	8	8
Canoe	8	8
Sub-Total	16	16
Total	Maximum 32	

MEN'S U23 KAYAK TEAM

I. MEN'S U23 K1 1000m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNER (highest ranked U23)** in the Men's K1 1000m will be nominated to the U23 WCH Team and given the right of first refusal for that event.
2. If the selected athlete declines the nomination will go to the next ranked U23 athlete in the Men's K1 1000m.

II. MEN'S U23 K2 500 SELECTION:

1. Any athlete(s) declining their position in the U23 WCH team or team boat pool must decline in writing to the National Coaches by **9pm PST on Day Two** of trials. The next ranked athlete will be selected into the pool with a maximum of 8 paddlers.

III. MEN'S U23 K2 500m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNING BOAT (highest ranked U23 boat)** in the Men's K2 500m Olympic distance event will be nominated to the U23 WCH Team and be given the right of first refusal for that event.
2. If either one or both Men's highest ranked K2s declines the U23 World Championships MK2 500m the next ranked BOAT will be offered the entry.

IV. MEN'S U23 K4 500m SELECTION

1. The **WINNING BOAT** (highest ranked U23 boat) in the Men's K2 500 event and then the next eligible athletes from the K1 500 at the National Team Trials will be offered entry for Men's K4 500.
2. If Men's highest ranked K2s declines the U23 World Championships in the Men's K4 the next ranked athlete(s) in the Men's K1 500 will be offered the entry.

V. NON-OLYMPIC U23 MEN'S KAYAK EVENT SELECTION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The ACA High-Performance strategy prioritizes the Olympic events and the qualification for non-Olympic events are selected using the following criteria:

1. The **WINNER** of the Men's K1 500m has the right of first refusal for that event. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
2. Men's K1 200m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Men's K1 500m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
3. Men's K1 5000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Men's K1 1000m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 1000m using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
4. Men's K2 1000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Men's K2 500m. If an athlete/crew declines, that event is offered to the fastest boat using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team. If multiple athletes are interested in competing in the event, then a race-off is facilitated by the head coach and will be conducted at the beginning of the WCH tour.
5. Mixed K2 500m will be offered to the two fastest athletes in the Men's and Women's K1 500m. If either athlete/both athletes decline their nomination, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m only using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
6. The mixed relay team will be selected from the National Team pool with preference given to the highest ranked athletes in the most relevant event at contested trials. The Head Coaches rationale for the nomination will be presented to the Selection Committee for approval.

WOMEN'S U23 KAYAK TEAM

I. WOMEN'S U23 K1 500m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNER (highest ranked U23)** in the Women's K1 500m Olympic distance event will be nominated to the U23 WCH Team and given the right of first refusal for that event at the U23 World Championships.
2. If the selected athlete declines the position on the U23 WCH Team, the nomination to the team and the right of first refusal will go to the next ranked U23 athlete in the K1 500m at trials.

II. WOMEN'S U23 K2 500m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNING BOAT (highest ranked U23 boat)** in the Women's K2 500m Olympic distance event will be selected into the team boat pool and given the right of first refusal for that event.
2. If either one or both Women's highest ranked K2 declines the U23 World Championships WK2 500m the nomination to the team and the right of first refusal for the Women's K2 500m will go to the next ranked U23 boat in the WK2 500m event.

III. WOMEN'S U23 K4 500m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNING BOAT** (highest ranked U23 boat) in the Women's K2 500 event and then the next eligible athletes from the K1 500 at the National Team Trials will be offered entry for Women's K4 500.
2. If the highest ranked K2s declines the U23 World Championships in the Women's K4 the next ranked athlete(s) in the Women's K1 500 will be offered the entry.

IV. NON-OLYMPIC WOMEN'S KAYAK EVENT SELECTION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The ACA High-Performance strategy prioritizes the Olympic events and the qualification for non-Olympic events are selected using the following criteria:

1. The **WINNER** of the Women's K1 500m has the right of first refusal for that event. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m until that event is filled.
2. Women's K1 200m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Women's K1 500m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m until that event is filled.
3. Women's K1 1000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Women's K1 500m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m only using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
4. Women's K1 5000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Women's K1 500m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m only using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
5. Women's K2 200m is offered to the **WINNER** of the Women's K2 500m. If an athlete/crew declines, that event is offered to the fastest boat using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team. If multiple athletes are interested in competing in the event, then a race-off is facilitated by the head coach and will be conducted at the beginning of the WCH tour.
6. Mixed K2 500m will be offered to the two fastest athletes in the Men's and Women's K1 500m. If either or both athlete(s) decline their nomination, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the K1 500m only using athletes nominated to the WCH National Team.
7. The mixed relay team will be selected from the National Team pool with preference given to the highest ranked athletes in the most relevant event at contested trials.

MEN'S CANOE TEAM

I. MEN'S C1 1000m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNER** (Highest Ranked U23) in the Senior C1 1000m event will be nominated to the team and given the right of first refusal of that event at the U23 World Championships.
2. If one of the selected athletes declines, the nomination goes to the next ranked athlete until all spots are filled. The team boat athletes can only be nominated from the team boat selection pool.

II. MEN'S C-2 500m SELECTION

1. The **WINNING BOAT (highest ranked U23 boat)** in the Men's C2 500m Olympic distance event will be selected into the team boat pool and given the right of first refusal for that event.

2. If the Men's highest ranked C2 declines the U23 World Championships Men's C2 the nomination to the team and the right of first refusal for the Men's C2 500m will go to the next ranked U23 boat in the MC2 500m event.

III. NON-OLYMPIC EVENT SELECTION:

1. U23 Men's C1 500m - U23 **WINNER** of the C1 500m has the right of first refusal at this race. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the C1 500 until that event is filled.
2. U23 Men's C1 5000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the U23 Men's C1 1000m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the C1 1000m until that event is filled.
3. U23 Men's C2 1000m will be offered to the fastest boat selected from the team boat selection pool in the U23 division. If a boat crew declines, that event is offered to the next ranked crew in the team boat pool until that event is filled.
4. U23 Men's C4 500m will be selected from the team boat selection pool.
5. During the team boat selection races, a variety of C4 combinations will be raced. The fastest boat combination will be ranked in the U23 category. The fastest C4 in will be named to the team.
6. Mixed C2 500m will be offered to the two fastest athletes in the Men's and Women's C1 500m in the U23 categories. If either or both athletes decline, then the C2 will be selected from the results of the respective singles results.
7. The mixed relay team will be selected from the National Team pool with preference given to the highest ranked athletes in the most relevant event at contested trials.

WOMEN'S CANOE TEAM

I. WOMEN'S C1 200m SELECTION:

1. The **WINNER (Highest Ranked U23)** in the Senior Women's C1 200m event will be nominated to the team and given the right of first refusal of that event at the U23 World Championships.
2. If the selected athlete declines, the nomination goes to the next ranked athlete until all spots are filled.

II. WOMEN'S C2 500m SELECTION:

1. The U23 **WINNER** of the Women's C2 500m will be selected to the U23 team. The next ranked U23 athletes in the C1 500m will be selected into the team up to a maximum of 8 athletes.
2. An athlete has the right to be considered in multiple age categories, an example would be an athlete qualifies for the Junior team in a single and also qualifies for the team in the U23 category in a team boat.
3. A variety of C2 combinations will be raced. The fastest boat combination will be ranked in the U23 category.

III. NON-OLYMPIC EVENT SELECTION:

1. U23 Women's C1 500m - U23 **WINNER** of the Women's C1 500m has the right of first refusal at this race. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the Women's C1 500m until that event is filled.
2. U23 Women's C1 5000m is offered to the **WINNER** of the U23 Women's C1 500m. If an athlete declines, that event is offered to the next ranked athlete in the C1 500 until that event is filled.

3. U23 Women's C4 500m will be selected from a variety of C4 combinations that will be raced. The fastest boat combinations will be ranked in the U23 category. The fastest C4 in each category will be named to the team.
4. Mixed C2 500m will be offered to the two fastest athletes in the Men's and Women's C1 500m in the U23 categories. If either or both athletes decline, then the C2 will be selected from the rankings of the respective events.
5. The mixed relay team will be selected from the National Team pool with preference given to the highest ranked athletes in the most relevant event at contested trials.