

**American Canoe Association  
Athlete Selection Procedures  
2024 Olympic Games  
Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross  
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**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

The 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) 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) standards for participation (if any):

The complete ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 can be found at:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-olympics/paris-2024>

The following rules will govern any event associated with these athlete selection procedures:

ICF Rules:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/rules#slalom>

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with ACA at the time of nomination.
- 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 as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training.
- ACA Slalom Racing Rules (for team trials/domestic events):  
<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/Slalom> - scroll down to "Racing Rules"

## 1.2. Tryout Events

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

- 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, London, GBR, September 19-24, 2023.
- 2024 Continental Qualification Competition – 2024 Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, TBD, 2024.
- 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1, TBD, 2024.
- 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2, TBD, 2024.
- 2024 USA Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trial – to be held in conjunction with the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials - Competition 2
- 2024 Kayak Cross Global Olympic Qualification Competition – Prague, CZE, TBD, 2024

*Some of the competition dates are unknown at this time. Once confirmed, notification will be posted at [www.americancanoe.org/Competition](http://www.americancanoe.org/Competition) at least 30-day prior.*

1.2.2. Event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events, and camps listed in Section 1.2.1. (if any):

For the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and 2024 Continental Qualification Competitions, athletes are selected through the 2023 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials.

- 2023 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, Oklahoma City, OK, USA, April 14-16, 2023 – The 2023 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials will be open to all ACA members in good standing.

For the 2024 Kayak Cross Global Olympic Qualification in Kayak Cross, athletes are selected through 2024 USA Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials.

- 2024 USA Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials will be held in conjunction with 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2– **Date & Location TBD**. The 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competitions 1 & 2 will be open to all ACA members in good standing.

1.3. Comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team nominees (include maximum team size).

1.3.1. Maximum of four (4) canoe slalom and two (2) Kayak Cross athlete quota places can be qualified for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, at the three Olympic Qualifying competitions: the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition and 2024 Kayak Cross Global Olympic Qualification Competition:

Once quota spots are known, events will be prioritized (see section 1.4) and athletes will be named based on the number of quotas earned.

Table 1: Maximum Available Quota Places for Canoe Slalom Events

	Quota	Events	
		Slalom Kayak	Slalom Canoe
Men	2	1 male in Kayak (MK1)	1 male in Canoe (MC1)
Women	2	1 female in Kayak (WK1)	1 female in Canoe (WC1)
Men	1	1 male in Extreme Slalom (XMK)	
Women	1	1 female in Extreme Slalom (XWK)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>		

## 1.3.2. Overall, USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Selection Scoring System:

Individual USA athletes will be ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the following three competitions:

- I. 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- II. 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1, and
- III. 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2.

This ranking will determine the order in which athletes will be nominated for the available quota places on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team.

In the case of a tie between two or more athletes in an event, an athlete that ranked higher at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships will be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team.

In case of a tie between athletes where only one or none of the athletes competed at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, the athlete with a higher ranking at the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 will be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team.

## 1.3.3. Points awarded to an athlete in one boat event only apply to that boat event and cannot be transferred across events.

## 1.3.4. Points accrual from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team based on their finish at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. Points will be awarded according to each athlete's final race result according to Table 2 as follows:

Table 2: Points accrual at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1 events: Top 3 overall finish	5 points
MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1 events: 4 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> overall finish	4 points
MK1 and WK1 events: 11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> place MC1 and WC1 events: 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> place	3 points

If an athlete competes in both CSL events (C1 and K1) at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and qualifies the Olympic quota place in canoe event (C1), they will not be eligible to qualify a quota place in kayak event (K1). However, the athlete will still be able to accrue the points towards their nomination as per Table 2 of this Section.

Note:

The difference in defined performance criteria between kayak events (MK1 and WK1) and canoe events (MC1 and WC1) in Table 2 stems from sections D.1.1 and D.1.2 of the [ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024](#), where MK1 and WK1 events are allocated 21 = (15 + 5 + 1) athlete quota places each, and events MC1 and WC1 are allocated 17 = (12 + 5) athlete quota places each.

1.3.5. Point accruals from the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competitions 1 and 2:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team based on their overall result at each of the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions (1 & 2).

Fixed point values will be awarded in each event (MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) as shown in Table 3:

*Table 3: Points accrual at the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions (1 & 2)*

	2024 Olympic Team Trials – Competition 1	2024 Olympic Team Trials – Competition 2
1 <sup>st</sup> place	3 points	3 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	2 points	2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	1 point	1 point
4 <sup>th</sup> place and lower place	0 points	0 points

1.3.6. Examples of the overall USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Selection Scoring System:

Example: Men kayak event (MK1)

Athlete A places 21st at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 1st in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1st in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). In total, he accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in

Table 4. The result from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped for Athlete A in Table 4.

Athlete B places 12th at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 2nd in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see

Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2nd in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest

point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), his score from the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 4.

*Table 4: MK1 ranking example*

MK1 event	2023 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	21 <sup>st</sup> 0 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	6 points
Athlete B	12 <sup>th</sup> 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	5 points

In this example, Athlete A would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team.

#### 1.3.6.1. Example: Women canoe event (WC1)

Athlete A places 12<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in Table 5.

Athlete B places 9<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 4 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 6 points as outlined in Table 5.

*Table 5: WC1 ranking example*

WC1 event	2023 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	12 <sup>th</sup> 3 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	6 points
Athlete B	9 <sup>th</sup> 4 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	6 points

This example shows that Athletes A and B tied in total points accrued, however, since Athlete B finished ranked higher at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, she would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

## 1.3.6.2. Example: Women kayak event (WK1)

Athlete A places 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4) She places 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 1 point (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 1 point (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Since individual athletes are ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two single highest point scores from the qualifying competitions (see Section 1.3.2), her score from the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) 4 points as outlined in Table 6.

Athlete B did not race in the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. She places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 6.

Athlete C places 21<sup>st</sup> at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete C accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 6.

Table 6: WK1 ranking example

WK1 event	2023 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	11 <sup>th</sup> 3 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 point	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 point	4 points
Athlete B	DNR	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	5 points
Athlete C	21 <sup>st</sup> 0 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	5 points

In this example, Athlete B would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team because only one of the tied athletes competed at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships and Athlete B placed higher at the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 (see section 1.3.2).

## 1.3.6.3. Example: Men canoe event (MC1)

Athlete A places 16<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (see Table 2 in section 1.3.4), he places 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). In total, he accrues (collects) 5 points as outlined in Table 7.

Athlete B places 17<sup>th</sup> the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, he places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues

3 points (see Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of 5 points as outlined in Table 7.

*Table 7: MC1 ranking example*

MC1 event	2023 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	16 <sup>th</sup> 0 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	5 points
Athlete B	17 <sup>th</sup> 0 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 points	5 points

Because Athlete A finished ranked higher at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, he would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

1.3.7. Overall, USA Olympic Canoe Kayak Cross Selection System:

Individual USA athletes will be ranked according to the highest number of total points accumulated by adding together the two-point scores from the following two competitions:

- I. 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials – Time Trial phase of the competition
- II. 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials – Head-to-Head phase of the competition

*Table 8: Points accrual at the 2024 USA Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials (Time Trial & Head-to-Head phases of the competition)*

	Time Trial phase	Head-to-Head phase
1 <sup>st</sup> place	3 points	3 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	2 points	2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	1 point	1 point
4 <sup>th</sup> place and lower place	0 points	0 points

In the case of a tie between two or more athletes, an athlete with higher ranking at the 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials – Head-to-Head phase, will be ranked first.

Three highest ranked eligible athletes from the 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials will be selected to compete at the 2024 Global Olympic Qualification Competition for Kayak Cross. Athletes that have already qualified Olympic quota places in Canoe Slalom events are not eligible to compete in the 2024 Global Olympic Qualification Competition for Kayak Cross.

In case where the two highest ranked athletes at the 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials are already selected for the 2024 Olympic Team in Canoe Slalom events, they will also be nominated to race Kayak Cross event.

In case where the highest ranked athletes at the 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials are not selected for Canoe Slalom events and the Olympic quota place in Kayak Cross is earned at the 2024 Global Olympic Qualification Competition, the highest ranked athlete at the 2024 US Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials will be nominated for the first available Olympic quota place in Kayak Cross. The highest ranked athlete of those nominated in Canoe Slalom events will then be nominated for the second available Olympic quota place in Kayak Cross.

- 1.4. Method of ranking the events (boat classes) from the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition – 2024 Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship for the allocation of athlete quota places:

According to the [ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024](#), Section D.1.5., an NOC can qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete quota places per two (2) events of each gender at the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition. Where a NOC provisionally obtains more than one (1) athlete quota places per gender during the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition, the NOC has to confirm which one of those two (2) athlete quota places they wish to use and return unused athlete quota place.

This section describes how ACA will determine which events will be selected if not all athlete quota places qualified at the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition can be accepted by the U.S. The following method will only be used to rank events in which the athlete quota places were not qualified at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

- 1.4.1. In the case where the U.S. athletes have placed high enough to qualify more than one (1) athlete quota places at the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition per each gender, ACA will rank these events using the results from the 2023 Global World Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship to determine from which event the athlete quota places will be accepted.

The event with the U.S. athlete who had the lowest ICF Ranking race points awarded at the 2023 Global World Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking on December 31, 2023, will be ranked first.

- 1.4.2. In case of a tie between eligible events, ACA will rank tied events using the results from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to determine from which event(s) the athlete quota place(s) will be accepted.

The event with the athlete who had the lowest race points awarded at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking on December 31, 2023 will be ranked first.

- 1.4.3. In case of a further tie between eligible events, ACA will rank these events using the results from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup # (N - i). In # (N - i), N = 5 is a constant, and i = 1 is a variable that increases by +1 for every ranking iteration until the tie is broken between the eligible tied events, and ACA can determine which two (2) athlete quota places to accept.

- 1.4.4. The ICF Canoe Slalom Rankings and Points Calculations

The ICF Canoe Slalom Rankings can be found at:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/icf-canoe-slalom-world-ranking>

The ICF Points Calculation Methodology can be found in Appendix 1 of the Canoe Slalom, 2023 – Competition Handbook:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/canoe-slalom> (found under “Competitions Information”)



1.4.5. Examples of ranking the events following the 2024 Continental Qualification – Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship:

1.4.5.1. Example 1: Ranking events following the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition to illustrate 1.4.1 above.

*Table 9: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships*

Event	MK1	MC1	WK1	WC1
Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships	18	18	11	11
2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships result	19 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
The 2024 Continental Qualification Competition result	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Race points awarded at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships to the best USA athlete	16.08	24.51	27.90	25.63

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quotas at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in both genders. However, the U.S. athletes placed high enough to qualify more than one (1) athlete quota places at the 2024 Continental Qualification per gender with 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in all four Olympic events (MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1). Based on the results of the 2024 Continental Qualifications, and the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking on December 31, 2023, USA would accept the Olympic quotas in MK1 and WC1 events.

1.4.5.2. Example 2: Ranking events following the 2024 Continental Qualification Competition to illustrate 1.4.2 above.

*Table 10: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships*

Event	MK1	MC1	WK1	WC1
Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships	18	18	11	11
2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships result	19 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>

The 2024 Continental Qualification Competition result	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Race points awarded at the 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships to the best USA athlete	16.08	23.94	24.51	24.51

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quotas at 2023 Global Olympic Qualification Competition – 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. However, the U.S. athletes placed high enough to qualify more than one (1) athlete quota places per gender at the 2024 Continental Qualification – Pan American Continental Championship with 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes in all four Olympic events MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1. Based on the results of the Continental Qualifications, and the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking on December 31, 2023, USA would accept the Olympic quota in MK1 event.

Since events WK1 and WC1 are tied, ACA will reference the results from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the tie between the tied events WK1 and WC1:

*Table 11: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition and using results from the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the events tie.*

Event	MK1	MC1	WK1	WC1
Race points awarded at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to the best USA athlete	N/A	N/A	22.12	18.99

Since the best U.S. finish in WC1 event earned lower race points in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) competition than the best U.S. finish in WK1 event according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking on December 31, 2023, USA would also accept the Olympic quota in WC1 event.

To summarize, in Example 2, USA would accept the Olympic quotas in MK1 and WC1 events.

**2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members’ titles currently serving on the committee: N/A
- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A

**3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, ACA has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team by ACA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by ACA:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal

The athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA Executive Director.

- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by ACA.

If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling, and he/she may be removed.

- 3.1.3. Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct.

The ACA's Code of Conduct can be found at:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code\\_of\\_conduct/2023\\_aca\\_athlete\\_code\\_of\\_con.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code_of_conduct/2023_aca_athlete_code_of_con.pdf)

- 3.1.4. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the ACA's grievance process ([www.americancanoe.org/Grievance](http://www.americancanoe.org/Grievance)), and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.1.5 Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

- 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, WADA, ICF, 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 the ACA SafeSport Policy, 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:

The replacement athletes for all qualified events will be chosen from the next eligible athlete in line in their respective event, following the final ranking of the Overall USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Selection Scoring System as outlined beginning in Section 1.3.2.

If an athlete in any event (i.e., MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) is removed from the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team, that athlete will be replaced by the next eligible athlete from the same event.

If the athlete who qualified the athlete quota at the 2024 Global Qualification Competition for Kayak Cross is removed from the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team, that athlete will be replaced by next eligible athlete per ranking of the 2024 U.S. Olympic Kayak Cross Team Trials.

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

The same replacement process outlined in Section 4.1.1. will be used, provided the Local Organizing Committee allows replacements after the Entries by Name are submitted or as determined in accordance with the [ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024](#).

## 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ACA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including 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 Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

ACA Code of Conduct:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code\\_of\\_conduct/2023\\_aca\\_athlete\\_code\\_of\\_con.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/competition-documents/code_of_conduct/2023_aca_athlete_code_of_con.pdf)

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

- 7.1. NGB Web site: <https://www.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

The Nomination of Athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: May 31, 2024.

## 9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Mandatory training will occur for all 2024 U.S. Canoe Slalom Olympic Team members, before the opening of the Games, at the Olympic site in Paris. This training will happen as the training schedule of

the Olympic whitewater facility allows. The detailed plan will depend on the yet to be determined accessibility and operation of the official venue.

The mandatory training period and other required camps will be announced to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team members a minimum of 30 days before taking place.

#### **10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ICF, 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:

Members of ACA Slalom Committee and the National Team Coach were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures.

ACA Slalom Committee members:

- Casey Eichfeld (athlete representative)
- Lee Leibfarth – Chair
- Adam Van Grack – Immediate Past Chair
- Carlos Ifarraguerra - Member
- Angela Lokken - Member
- Tren Long (athlete representative)
- Tyler Westfall (athlete representative)
- Bert Hinkley - Member
- Adam Joseph – Vice Chair
- Zachary Lokken – Slalom athlete representative to ACA Board of Directors
- Jedediah Hinkley – Slalom Competition Advisor
- Rafal Smolen – Slalom National Team Coach

#### **12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

- [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod\\_documents/ACA\\_Bylaws\\_2017.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/bod_documents/ACA_Bylaws_2017.pdf)
- <https://www.americancanoe.org/page/Grievance>

#### **13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA. However, the selections 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 will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

**14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

The Athlete Ombudsman 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.

To contact the Athlete Ombudsman Office:


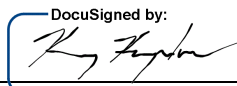
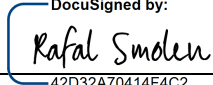
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

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**15. NGB SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF 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 ACA:

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
ACA Executive Director (NGB)	Beth Spilman	 5139578A79064AF...	March 29, 2023   8:12:
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) Representative*	Kenny Kaspenbauer	 E387E8664CFE4F6...	March 27, 2023   9:42:
U.S. National Team Coach	Rafal Smolen	 42D32A70414F4C2...	March 27, 2023   5:12:

\* 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 ACA, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

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