



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
for
USA Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Teams
to compete at:
the 2024/25 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak
Cross Ranking Races,
the 2024 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World
Championships,
the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Cups,
and
to become a member of USA CSL & CSLX National Teams.

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1 GLOSSARY & ABBREVIATIONS

Discipline	A discipline is a branch of a sport comprising one (1) or several events (e.g., Canoe Slalom, Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom).
Boat	A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g., canoe or kayak): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single boat: a boat with only one (1) place for an athlete (e.g., kayak single); • A crew boat: a boat with more than one (1) place for athletes (e.g., mixed canoe double).
Age group	e.g., Junior (Jr), Under 23 (U23), Seniors, Masters depending on each discipline
Category	A category is defined by a boat and a gender (e.g., Men Kayak, Mixed Canoe).
Class	A class is defined by a category and the number of places in a boat (e.g., men kayak single; mixed canoe double).
Event	An event is a contest in one (1) discipline resulting in the award of medals. An event is defined by at least a class and depending on the competition and the discipline with the additional optional information: an age group (e.g., Junior men’s kayak, Under 23 women’s kayak single).
Type of event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual events: A boat comprised of one (1) or more athletes competing against other boats. • Team events: three (3) boats competing together against other teams.
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g., heats, semi-final, final).
Run	The basic unit of an event phase (e.g., heats 1st run, semi-final, final).
Competition program	The list of events included in a competition.
Competition schedule	The complete list of events and their different phases with the time at which they shall be held.
ICF	International Canoe Federation
ACA	American Canoe Association (USA National Governance Body for the sports of Canoe & Kayak)
NGB	National Governance Body
CSL	Canoe Slalom
CSLX	Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom
WCH	World Championships
WCS	World Cup Series
Team Trials	USA National Team Trials
USA CSL Team /	USA Canoe Slalom Team



the U.S. CSL Team	
USA CSLX Team / The U.S. CSLX Team	USA Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Team
USA Jr CSL Team / the U.S. Jr CSL Team	USA Junior Canoe Slalom Team
USA U23 CSL Team / the U.S. U23 CSL Team	USA U23 Canoe Slalom Team
USA Senior CSL Team / the U.S. Senior CSL Team	USA Senior Canoe Slalom Team
USA Jr CSLX Team / the U.S. Jr CSLX Team	USA Junior Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Team
USA U23 CSLX Team / the U.S. U23 CSLX Team	USA U23 Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Team
USA Senior CSLX Team / the U.S. Senior CSLX Team	USA Senior Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Team
ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH	ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships
DSQ-R	Disqualification for the run
DNS	Did not start
DNF	Did not finish

2 ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for eligibility for USA Canoe Slalom National Team or USA Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom National Team, athletes must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

2.1 Citizenship

2.1.1 Nationality/Passport requirements:

The athlete must be a national of the United States and hold the valid US Passport to be eligible to compete on behalf of the United States in CSL and CSLX events during:

- the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Cups 1, 2 and 3

2.1.2 Citizenship is not a requirement of eligibility to compete on behalf of the United States in CSL and CSLX events during:

- the 2024/25 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Ranking Races,
- the 2024 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Championships,



- the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Cups 4 and 5,

However, athletes must meet ICF eligibility rules for competition. These rules are outlined in the ICF Slalom Competition Rules, Section 1.3 – Athlete Eligibility for ICF Competition (Level 1 to 3).

2.2 Minimum standards for participation

Eligibility for the 2024 USA CSL Team Trials and 2024 USA CSLX Team Trials shall be governed by the current International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom Competition Rules and the ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules, Article 3:

- ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules: <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules>
- ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules: www.americancanoe.org/ACAslalomrules

2.3 Other requirements

2.3.1 Athletes must be members in good standing with ACA at the time of the start of the Team Trials and during all national and international competitions.

2.3.2 Age requirements for Junior and U23 events

- Only athletes born in years 2006 to 2009 can qualify for the 2024 USA Junior CSL and CSLX Teams.
- Only athletes born in years 2001 to 2009 can qualify for the 2024 USA U23 CSL and CSLX Teams.

3 TEAM TRIALS

Via the procedures set forth herein, athletes will qualify for the 2024 USA CSL and CSLX Teams and the right to compete on behalf of the United States at:

- the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Ranking Races,
- the 2024 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Championships,
- the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Cups, and



- the 2025 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races^(a),

^(a) Applies to qualified athletes from the completion of the 2024 Team Trials until the conclusion of the 2025 Team Trials.

3.1 Junior CSL and CSLX Team Trials

Junior CSL and CSLX Team Trials shall be held at 1100 Maxwell Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36104 concurrently with the 2024 U.S. Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 and will consist of a two-days competition: from April 13 to 14, 2024.

3.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials

U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials shall be held concurrently with the 2024 U.S. Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials and will consist of two two-days competitions at:

- 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 - 1100 Maxwell Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36104 on April 13-14, 2024 at, and
- 2024 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 - 2800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 on April 26-27, 2024.

3.3 U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials

U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials are scheduled to be held at 800 Riversport Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 on April 28, 2024. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will publish the event date/time on its website before or on April 1, 2024.

3.4 Events Offered

A total of six events shall be offered at the Team Trials and results shall be computed independently for each of these six events. These events are:

- Men's Kayak (MK1)
- Woman's Kayak (WK1)
- Men's Canoe (MC1)
- Women's Canoe (WC1)

and

- Men's Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom (MCSLX)
- Woman's Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom (WCSLX)



4 METHOD OF CONDUCTING THE TEAM TRIALS – THE COMPETITION FORMAT

4.1 Competition Rules

The Team Trials shall be governed according to the rules outlined in links in Section 2.2.

4.2 Junior CSL Team Trials

Junior CSL Team Trials shall be a two-day competition and shall be used to nominate athletes to USA Junior CSL Team positions. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day.

4.2.1 Competition shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:

- Race 1: runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on the course 1.
- Race 2: runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on the course 2.

4.2.2 Junior CSL Team selection shall be based on a minimum of 2 out of a total of 4 runs at the Team Trials unless an exception is triggered due to Force Majeure. Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled, and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6, shall be implemented.

4.2.3 Runs Counted: The athlete's best run of each day of the Team Trials shall be used towards calculating athlete's overall ranking.

4.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials

U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials shall be consist of two two-days competitions. The combined result from the Competitions 1 and 2 shall be used to nominate athletes to USA U23 and Senior CSL Team positions.

4.3.1 Competition 1 shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:

- Race 1: runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on the course 1.
- Race 2: runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on the course 2.

4.3.2 Competition 2 shall be comprised of four separate runs on two different courses:

- Race 3: runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on the course 3.
- Race 4: runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on the course 4.

4.3.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team selection shall be based on a minimum of 2 out of a total of 4



runs at each of the two Team Trials Competitions, i.e., Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, unless an exception is triggered due to Force Majeure. Force Majeure may cause runs to be canceled, and an alternate selection method, as outlined in Section 6, shall be implemented.

4.3.4 Runs Counted: The athlete’s best run of each day shall be used towards calculating the athlete’s overall ranking.

4.4 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials

The Jr, U23 and Senior CSLX Team Trials competition shall be structured in two phases and shall be used to nominate athletes to USA Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team positions.

4.4.1 Ranking athletes at CSLX Team Trials

The Time Trials race for Jr CSLX shall be held to rank athletes for the first phase of the CSLX competition and determine their Head-to-Head phase brackets.

The athletes will be ranked for the USA Teams nominations based on their points accrual for both Time Trial and Head-to-Head phases of the competition as follows:

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

Table 1: Points accrual at the 2024 USA National Jr, U23 and Senior Kayak Cross Team Trials (Time Trial & Head-to-Head phases of the competition)

In the case of a tie between two or more athletes, an athlete with higher ranking at the 2024 USA National Jr, U23 or Senior Kayak Cross Team Trials – Head-to-Head phase, will be ranked first.



Quarterfinals	Semi-finals	Final
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Quarterfinal 1	(QF1)
1st in time trial	①
8th in time trial	②
12nd in time trial	③
16th in time trial	④

Semi-final 1		(SF1)
1st	in QF1	
2nd	in QF1	
1st	in QF2	
2nd	in QF2	

Quarterfinal 2	(QF2)
4th in time trial	①
5th in time trial	②
9th in time trial	③
13rd in time trial	④

Final		(F)
1st	in SF1	
2nd	in SF1	
1st	in SF2	
2nd	in SF2	

Quarterfinal 3	(QF3)
3rd in time trial	①
6th in time trial	②
10th in time trial	③
14th in time trial	④

Semi-final 2		(SF2)
1st	in QF3	
2nd	in QF3	
1st	in QF4	
2nd	in QF4	

Quarterfinal 4	(QF4)
2nd in time trial	①
7th in time trial	②
11st in time trial	③
15th in time trial	④

Table 2: Bracket table for the fastest 16 athletes that have progressed to the quarterfinals after the time trials.



5 METHOD OF SCORING AND RANKING THE CANOE SLALOM TEAM TRIALS RESULTS

5.1 Calculation of Athlete Percentage for Each Run

At the Team Trials, athletes earn a total score based on the ICF rules of Canoe Slalom as shown in Equation 1:

Equation 1: Calculation of Athlete Score of Each Run

$$\text{Athlete Score} = \text{Time of the Run in seconds} + \text{Penalty seconds}$$

Following the completion of each race, Athlete Percentage for each race run shall be computed off of the leading score from that day in that particular event. For the sake of clarity, the leading score in an event is the lowest score in that event as computed from up to two runs on the same course as shown in Equation 2:

Equation 2: Calculation of the Leading Score in an event

$$\text{Leading Score} = \min(\text{Lowest Score Run 1}, \text{Lowest Score Run 2})$$

Athlete Percentage is computed as shown in Equation 3:

Equation 3: Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run

$$\text{Athlete Percentage} = \frac{\text{Athlete Score} * 100}{\text{Leading Score}} - 100$$

Example:

Athlete A has the leading score of the day with 95.70 sec on the second run. Athlete B's time on her first run is 97.21 sec and on her second run is 96.53 sec. Therefore, Athlete B's percentage for the first run is computed as follows:

Equation 4: Example Calculation of Athlete B Percentage of Run 1 in an Event

$$\text{Run 1: Athlete B Percentage} = \frac{97.21 * 100}{95.70} - 100 = 1.58\%$$

Furthermore, Athlete B's percentage for the second run is computed as follows:

Equation 5: Example Calculation of Athlete B Percentage of Run 2 in an Event

$$\text{Run 2: Athlete B Percentage} = \frac{96.53 * 100}{95.70} - 100 = 0.87\%$$



5.2 Scoring of Results

First, an athlete’s counted runs (defined in Sections 4.2.3 and 4.3.4) are scored according to Equation 3 to compute his/her Average Percentage of each run completed during the Team Trials. Then, the athlete’s Average Team Trials Percentage (ATTP) is calculated by summing the athlete’s Athlete Percentages from runs counted in each race and dividing the result by the number of runs counted as shown in Equation 6:

Equation 6: The Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage (AATTP)

$$\text{ATTP} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\text{Runs counted}} (\text{Athlete Percentage})_n}{\text{Runs Counted}}$$

Example:

A junior athlete finishes the two days of Team Trials having completed four runs on two differing courses. The algorithms shown in Equation 3, is used to compute the Athlete Percentage for each run. This athlete has earned the following scores for four runs as shown in Table 2:

Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete’s Percentages
1	1	1.85	2
1	2	0.00	1
2	1	1.43	1
2	2	5.43	2

} 0.72%

Table 3: Example Athlete Percentage

This athlete’s best athlete percentages from each day are then selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP. In this instance “Day 1: Run 2” and “Day 2: Run 1” Athlete Percentages are summed and divided by two (divided by the number of runs counted):

Equation 7: Example Junior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage

$$\text{ATTP} = \frac{0.00\% + 1.43\%}{2} = 0.72\%$$



Example:

An U23/Senior athlete competed in an event in the Team Trials during Competition 1 and 2. The athlete earned the following Athlete Percentage for each of the four runs computed by the algorithm in Equation 3:

	Day	Run	Athlete Percentage (%)	Ranked Athlete's Percentages	
Comp. #1	1	1	1.57	2	} 0.49%
	1	2	0.97	1	
	2	1	1.85	2	
	2	2	0.00	1	
Comp. #2	1	1	5.43	2	} 0.73%
	1	2	0.45	1	
	2	1	1.01	1	
	2	2	2.56	2	

Table 4: Example Athlete Percentage

Next, this athlete's best Athlete Percentages from each day of the Competition 1 are selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP result for Competitions 1. In this instance, Athlete Percentages from Day 1: Run 2 and Day 2: Run 2 are summed and divided by two (divided by the number of runs counted) to compute the Athlete Percentage for an event in the Competition 1:

Equation 8: Example U23/Senior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage for Competition 1

$$\text{Competition 1: ATTP} = \frac{0.00\% + 0.97\%}{2} = 0.49\%$$

And, this athlete's best Athlete Percentages from each day of the Competition 2 are selected as the runs counted and averaged to compute his/her ATTP result for Competitions 2. In this instance, Athlete Percentages from Day 1: Run 2 and Day 2: Run 1 are summed and divided by two to compute the Athlete Percentage for an event in the Competition 2:

Equation 9: Example U23/Senior Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage for Competition 2

$$\text{Competition 2: ATTP} = \frac{0.45\% + 1.01\%}{2} = 0.73\%$$

Finally, the athlete's Team Trials Percentage (TTP) in an event is computed by adding together the athlete's ATTP results from the Team Trial Competitions 1 and 2:



Equation 10: Example U23/Senior Athlete Final Team Trials Percentage

$$\text{TTP} = 0.49\% + 0.73\% = 1.22\%$$

5.3 Ranking of Results

The ranking of results is completed by placing the athlete with the lowest Team Trials Percentage in the highest ranked position. The athlete with the second lowest TTP is placed in the next position. This process is continued until all of the eligible athletes have been ranked in each event.

Example:

Three athletes in the same event during the Team Trials earn the following Team Trials Percentage:

Athlete	Team Trials Percentage (TTP)	Ranking
A	1.22%	2 nd
B	0.61%	1 st
C	1.97%	3 rd

Table 5: Example ranking of the athletes based on the Athlete Average Team Trials Percentage

Ranking of the Team Trials Percentage results for these three athletes results in:

- the first (1st) place for Athlete B,
- the second (2nd) place for Athlete A, and
- the third (3rd) place for Athlete C.

6 FORCE MAJEURE – CANCELED RUNS OR RACE-DAYS

In the event that the ~~Chief Judge~~ **Jury** determines that a run or a race-day is canceled, the USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials process shall be modified as described in this Section 6.

6.1 Junior CSL Team Trials

- 6.1.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.



- 6.1.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.3 If the first run on the first day of the selection is canceled and the first run on the second day of the selection is canceled, then the best run of these two days shall count for the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.4 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.1.5 If the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the U.S. Junior CSL Team selection.
- 6.1.6 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted, the second alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed by the ~~Chief Judge~~ **Jury**, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA. This second alternate race-day shall be held as soon as possible, preferably during the next scheduled Team Trial competition, i.e., the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials – Competition 1
- 6.2.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.3 If the first run on the first day of the selection is canceled and the first run on the second day of the selection is canceled, then the best run of these two days shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.



- 6.2.4 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
- 6.2.5 If the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the result of the Team Trial Competition 1 of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.
- 6.2.6 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted, the second alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed by the ~~Chief Judge~~ **Jury**, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA. This second alternate race-day shall be held as soon as possible, preferably during the next scheduled Team Trial competition, i.e., the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.3 U23 and Senior CSL Team Trials – Competition 2
 - 6.3.1 If the second run on the first day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the second day of the selection, then the first day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the second day shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
 - 6.3.2 If the second run on the second day of the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection is canceled and two runs are completed on the first day of the selection, then the second day shall not count for the selection, and the best run from the first day shall count for the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection. An alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
 - 6.3.3 If one race-day (both runs) is canceled, an alternate race-day to complete the remaining runs shall be proposed to be held the next available day.
 - 6.3.4 In the event that the alternate race-day (both runs) is canceled, the best of the remaining two runs shall be used to determine the U.S. U23 and Senior CSL Team selection.
- 6.4 Worst Case
 - 6.4.1 Junior CSL Team Selection



- 6.4.1.1 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials, and no runs were successfully completed during the second alternate day, i.e., during the 2024 Olympic Team Trials Competition 2, then the final result shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 1.
- 6.4.1.2 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials, and no runs were successfully completed during the Junior Team Trials, i.e., during the 2024 Olympic Team Trials Competition 1, then the final result shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.4.1.3 If no runs are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the ~~Chief Judge~~ **Jury** and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternate scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of this document.
- 6.4.2 U23 and Senior CSL Team Selection
- 6.4.2.1 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials Competition 1, and Competition 1 was not successfully completed during the second alternate day, the results of the Competition 1 shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 1.
- 6.4.2.2 If fewer than two (2) runs are conducted at the Team Trials Competition 2, and Competition 2 was not successfully completed during the alternate day, the results of the Competition 2 shall be determined based on the singular run conducted during the Team Trials Competition 2.
- 6.4.2.3 Furthermore, if no runs are conducted at either the Team Trials Competition 1 or 2, then the Team Trials selection result will be determined based on the singular run completed during the Team Trials.
- 6.4.2.4 If no runs are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 and 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the ~~Chief Judge~~ **Jury** and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternate scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4, 4.1, and 4.2 of this document, i.e., the same method shall apply to Junior, U23 and Senior categories.
- 6.5 Jr, U23, and Senior CSLX Team Trials



- 6.5.1 If a Kayak Cross slalom event is not completed due to the cancellation of one or more Head-to-Head heats, the Chief Judge Jury can establish the final results of the competition based on the last completed phase of the event (e.g., Time Trials, Quarterfinal Heats or Semi-final Heats). In this instance, the Time Trial times should be used to rank remaining athletes to determine a winner.
- 6.5.2 The winning athletes of the previous phase are ranked according to their Time Trial time, then the second-placed athletes, etc. until all athletes are ranked.

6.5.3 Canceled Runs and Race-Days

If one or more of the runs or race-days are canceled for any reason, the Chief Judge, in consultation with representatives of the LOC and ACA, shall designate additional runs or race-days to replace the canceled race-run(s) or race-day(s). Any replacement run or race-day(s) shall be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled run or race-day. It is the Chief Judge's Jury's decision whether the replacement runs, or race- days shall be conducted on the same course or an alternate course.

6.5.4 Force Majeure – CSLX Fall Back

If no Time Trials are completed at the Team Trials Competition 1 or 2, then ACA representative in consultation with the Chief Judge Jury and a representative of the LOC shall determine the date and location of the alternate scheduled Team Trials. The alternative scheduled Team Trials shall be organized using the method of conducting the Team Trials described in Sections 4.

7 EVENT ORDER

7.1 CSL Events

- 7.1.1 All canoe slalom events shall be run back-to-back in the following order: ~~WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2~~ **WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1**. The duration of a pause between the events shall be at least twenty (20) minutes; although, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) could elect to schedule an extended break to serve its commercial needs. The LOC will communicate a complete competition schedule to athletes and officials before or on April 11th, 2024.

7.2 CSLX Events

- 7.2.1 Following the completion of the 2024 CSL Team Trials, two CSLX events shall be held in the following order: MCSLX and WCSLX.



7.2.2 The pause between the completion of the CSL events and the start of the CSLX events shall be a minimum of sixty (60) minutes.

8 START INTERVAL

Athletes shall be started at intervals established and announced before or on April 1, 2024. The interval shall be consistent for the entire event.

A minimum time of twenty ~~(20)~~ 30 minutes between each run must be provided to athletes competing in two events. This should ideally be achieved by adjusting the interval between events and not by changing the start order of the affected athletes.

As per ICF Competition Rules, any boat may petition the Chief Judge to allow additional time between themselves and another boat beyond the scheduled time. The Chief Judge will grant the petition in cases where the boat has been interfered with by a slower boat or has overtaken a slower boat during a previous 2024 Team Trials race run, or otherwise demonstrates concrete evidence of disadvantage.

9 ATHLETES SEEDING

Athletes with the highest-ranking shall start last within their respective events. First, the Team Trials start order for each event shall be determined by the ranking of the top 100 from the final 2023 ICF CSL World Ranking. If the athlete is not ranked in the top 100 from the 2023 ICF CSL World Ranking, they shall be ranked after the top 100 by the 2023 Team Trials final results. Those athletes still unranked shall be ranked by the results from the 2023 U.S. Nationals. If still not ranked, the athlete shall be ranked by random draw after all participating boats from the 2023 Team Trials and the 2023 U.S. Nationals have been ranked. Boats with 2023 results substantially below their 2022 results due to injury may petition the Chief Race Official and the Chief Judge to run at the front of their event. Petitions must be received no later than April 1, 2024. Petitions shall be granted only in cases where race results demonstrate that the boat is likely to be competitive for the National Team.

10 RESULTS

10.1 Minimum Required Accuracy of the Results

The Athlete Percentage, the Average Team Trials Percentage, and the Team Trial Percentage shall be calculated without rounding with minimum accuracy of one thousandth of a percentage point. However, all results should be displayed and printed



with the accuracy of one hundredth of a percentage point. Rounding of the results for the purpose of display and printing shall be calculated to the nearest integer number, where any number smaller than 0.005 rounds to 0.00, and any number equal or larger than 0.005 rounds to 0.01.

10.2 Tied Results

If there is a tie after the completion of the Team Trials, then the athlete with the lowest Average Team Trials Percentage of his/her counted runs at the Team Trial Competition 2 shall be the winner. In the case of a continuing tie, the athlete with the lowest Average Percentage on the last day of the Team Trials Competition 2 shall be the winner.

11 THE COURSE

11.1 Course Design

Each course shall be designed by a two-member Course Designer Team nominated by the Canoe Slalom Committee. The local organizing committee (LOC) will publish, in consultation with ACA, a list of two-member Course Designer Teams before April 1, 2024.

11.2 Demonstration Runs

11.2.1 Canoe Slalom Course

After the course is erected with all gates in position, a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. Demonstration runs should be conducted, if possible, to include all boat types: WC1, MC1, WK1, MK1, and XC2.

11.2.2 Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Course

11.2.2.1 The time for the athletes to complete the CSLX course should be between 45 and 60 seconds.

11.2.2.2 The LOC can conduct the Time Trial race without gates.



- 11.2.2.3 The course during the Head-to-Head heats must consist of four (4) to six (6) downstream gates and where possible four (4) upstream gates. The four (4) upstream gates must be set in pairs, symmetrically, allowing the athlete to choose to negotiate either up right or up left.
- 11.2.2.4 The course must contain a marked kayak roll zone which is at least 25 meters (82 feet) long. The kayak roll zone must be placed between two (2) gate sequences.
- 11.2.2.5 Where possible there must be a suitable start platform which allows a drop into the main channel to start the race.
- 11.2.2.6 No demonstration runs shall be made for the Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom events.

11.3 Course Approval

The race shall not commence until the Chief Judge has approved the course. The course shall be approved per ACA and ICF CSL Competition Rules for the Canoe Slalom events, and per ACA and ICF CSLX Competition Rules for the Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom events. Reference Section 2.2 for more information.

12 APPLICABILITY OF RESULTS

The results of the 2024 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials shall be used to determine the athlete's eligibility to:

- Become members of the 2024 National Teams,
- Participate in international competitions listed in Section 3,
- Receive the USOPC/ACA athlete funding, and
- Obtain other benefits provided by the USOPC and ACA.

All types of eligibility and benefits mentioned above apply to qualified athletes from the completion of the 2024 Team Trials until the conclusion of the 2025 Team Trials. USOPC benefits apply only to Olympic events. Athletes give up their rights to these benefits by not accepting their National Team(s) nominations.

13 SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE CANOE SLALOM NATIONAL TEAM

The Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB) is the method chosen by ACA to determine performance standards for each event and to select members of the 2024 USA Junior, U23, and Senior Canoe Slalom National Teams.



13.1 Purpose

The purpose of naming the National Teams is to identify top-performing athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful and to raise the level of national competitions. Being a member of the National Team is an honor and privilege earned by an athlete's hard work and effort towards being the best in the world. A member of the National Team has rights that extend beyond those privileges allocated to other athletes, even those athletes who are selected to represent the United States in international competition but do not meet the quality standards necessary to become a member of the National Team.

The 2024 USA National Teams athletes will receive invitations to camps, testing, and other privileges as they may change from time to time.

13.2 Available Places on the CSL National Team

Up to three boats in each CSL event can qualify to become members of the National Team. The National Team selection procedures shall be the same for all events.

13.3 Terminology and Methodology

13.3.1 Definition of the ICF Event Factor (EF) and the Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB)

The Team Trials Event Adjusted Baseline is computed based on the assumption that on any given race day during the Team Trials, one of the athletes, in one of the events, will have a run at an international standard. The Best Run of the day is identified by adjusting each of the event's results by the expected difference between the events.

ACA has adopted a methodology where the expected difference between the events is calculated based on the results from the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series and the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships conducted during the two years before the Team Trials. For the 2024 Team Trials, ACA uses results from the 2022 and 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series, and the 2022 and 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships to compute the 2024 ICF Event Factors. These EFs in percentages are shown in Table 5.



Event	ICF Event Factor (%)
MK1	100.00
WK1	111.33
MC1	106.74
WC1	119.53

Table 6: The 2024 ICF Event Factors (EF)

13.3.2 Computation of the Event Adjusted Baseline is illustrated in Table 6:

Step 0: The Best Score of the day in each event is recorded in the Column 1, and the ICF Event Factors are recorded in the Column 2.

Step 1: The Best Score of the day in each event is divided by an appropriate ICF Event Factor (EF) for a given event and results are recorded in the Column 3.

Step 2: The lowest result after Step 1 calculation is selected (this might be in any event) and recorded in the Column 4. The lowest result is called the Best Standard.

Step 3: The Event Adjusted Baseline for each event is determined by multiplying the Best Standard by an appropriate ICF Event Factor, and results are recorded in Column 5.

2024	Column 1 <u>Race Results</u>	Column 2 <u>EF Table</u>	Column 3 <u>Step 1</u>	Column 4 <u>Step 2</u>	Column 5 <u>Step 3</u>
Event	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Event Adjusted Baseline (sec)
MK1	92.11	100.00%	92.11	92.11	92.11
WK1	103.37	111.33%	92.85	92.11	102.55
MC1	99.02	106.74%	92.77	92.11	98.32
WC1	114.05	119.53%	95.42	92.11	110.10



Table 7: Example Calculation of the Event Adjusted Baseline in seconds

13.3.3 Quality Standard, the Standard Event Limit, and Athlete Event Adjusted Result

An appropriate Quality Standard and the Standard Event Limit ensure that only those athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful are nominated to the CSL National Teams. The 2024 Quality Standard for USA Junior National Team is 20%, and the Quality Standard for USA U23 and Senior National Team is 15%.

Equation 11 illustrates how the Standard Event Limit is calculated for Junior WK1 event in Table 6 from the Event Adjusted Baseline (EAB) and the Quality Standard chosen by ACA:

Equation 11: The Standard Event Limit – Step 4

$$\text{Standard Event Limit} = \frac{\text{EAB} * (100\% + \text{Quality Standard})}{100\%}$$

$$\text{Standard Event Limit MK1} = \frac{102.31 * (100\% + 20\%)}{100\%} = 122.77 \text{ sec}$$

Therefore, only those athletes that achieve during the Team Trial an Athlete Event Adjusted Result that is scored below the Standard Event Limit could become members of USA CSL National Team in that event.

Using Equation 11, Table 6 can be extended (Step 4) to include the Standard Event Limits, as shown in Table 7.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
2024	<u>Race Results</u>	<u>EF Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Event Adjusted Baseline (sec)	20% Standard Event Limit (sec)
MK1	92.11	100.00%	92.11	92.11	92.11	110.53
WK1	103.37	111.33%	92.85	92.11	102.55	123.06
MC1	99.02	106.74%	92.77	92.11	98.32	117.98
WC1	114.05	119.53%	95.42	92.11	110.10	132.12

Table 8: Example Calculation of the 20% Standard Event Limits in seconds



13.4 Allocation of the CSL National Team Places

There are two ways (Methods) by which an athlete can be named to the 2024 USA Canoe Slalom National Team.

13.4.1 Method 1

13.4.1.1 The 2024 USA Junior CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 20% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. Only Junior athletes' results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2024 USA Junior CSL National Team selection.

Examples:

- A WK1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 110.87 sec. By comparing this result with the 20% Standard Event Limit for WK1 event in Table 7 (122.77 sec), it is concluded that this athlete meets a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team.
- An MC1 athlete's Event Adjusted Result is 116.72 sec. By comparing this result with the 20% Standard Event Limit for MC1 event in Table 7 (116.59 sec), it is concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team.



13.4.1.2 The 2024 USA U23 CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 15% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. Only Junior and U23 athletes’ results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2024 USA U23 CSL National Team selection.

2024	<u>Race Results</u>	<u>EF Table</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
Event	Best Score of the day (sec)	ICF Event Factor	Calculation Per Event (sec)	The Best Standard (sec)	Event Adjusted Baseline (sec)	15% Standard Event Limit (sec)
MK1	90.22	100.00%	90.22	90.16	90.16	103.68
WK1	100.37	111.33%	90.16	90.16	100.37	115.43
MC1	96.31	106.74%	90.23	90.16	96.23	110.67
WC1	116.94	119.53%	97.83	90.16	107.76	123.93

Table 9: Example Calculation of the 15% Standard Event Limits in seconds

Examples:

- A MK1 athlete’s Event Adjusted Result is 90.01 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for MK1 event in Table 8 (101.74 sec), it is concluded that this athlete meets a requirement to become a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team.
- An WC1 athlete’s Event Adjusted Result is 125.02 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for WC1 event in Table 8 (124.63 sec), it is concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team.

13.4.1.3 The 2024 USA Senior CSL National Team

An athlete must finish the Team Trials with the result that is less than 15% off of the Event Adjusted Baseline, i.e., with the result that is smaller than the Standard Event Limit. All of the athletes’ results are used to compute the Standard Event Limit for the 2024 USA Senior CSL National Team selection.

Examples:

- A MK1 athlete’s Event Adjusted Result is 101.75 sec. By comparing this result with the 15% Standard Event Limit for MK1 event in Table 8 (101.74 sec), it is



concluded that this athlete does not meet a requirement to become a member of the U.S. Senior CSL National Team.

13.4.2 Method 2

13.4.2.1 The 2024 USA Junior CSL National Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Junior Team Trials and exceeds the 20% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. Junior CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the finals at the 2024 ICF Junior CSL WCH.

13.4.2.1.1 The 2024 USA U23 CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the U23 Team Trials and exceeds the 15% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. U23 CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the finals at the 2024 ICF U23 CSL WCH.

13.4.2.1.2 The 2024 USA Senior CSL Team

If an athlete finishes in the top three at the Senior Team Trials and exceeds the 15% Standard Event Limit, this athlete can be named a member of the U.S. Senior CSL National Team if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at one of the first two 2024 ICF CSL WCS competitions.

14 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2024 ICF CSL WCS and CSLX WCS,

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete in all 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Cup Series. Athletes' eligibility for these events held prior to the 2025 Team Trials is determined by their ranking at the 2024 Team Trials.

14.1 Available Places

14.1.1 2024 ICF CSL WCS Events

The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA Team by the ICF for the 2024 ICF CSL WCS competitions are as follows:



- MK1 3 Places
- WK1 3 Places
- MC1 3 Places
- WC1 3 Places
- XC2 3 Places

14.1.2 2024 ICF CSLX WCS Events

The maximum number of event entries for the 2024 ICF CSLX WCS competitions are as follows:

- MCSLX 4 Places
- WCSLX 4 Places

14.2 Allocation of Team Places

14.2.1 2024 ICF CSL WCS Events

The places available are allocated to the top three performing athletes in each event from the 2024 U.S. CSL Team Trials, except that those athletes selected to the 2024 Olympic Team shall automatically secure one of the spots for the CSL World Cups 1, 2 and 3.

14.2.2 2024 ICF CSLX WCS Events

The places available are allocated to the top four performing athletes in each event from the 2024 U.S. CSLX Team Trials.

14.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

If after the conclusion of the 2024 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for World Cup participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and shall be replaced on the Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2024 U.S. CSL Team Trials.

14.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in the ICF CSL and CSLX World Cups 1, 2 and 3 during the 2024 USA CSL Team processing on April 28, 2024. The deadline for confirmation for the ICF CSL and CSLX World Cups 4 and 5 is June 15, 2024.

The schedule for the 2024 ICF CSL WCS Events is as follows:

- World Cup 1 (May 30 – June 2, 2024) Augsburg, Germany



- World Cup 2 (June 6 – 9, 2024) Prague, Czech Republic
- World Cup 3 (June 13 – 16, 2024) Krakow, Poland
- World Cup 4 (September 12 – 15, 2024) Ivrea, Italy
- World Cup 5/Final (September 19 – 22, 2024) La Seu d'Urgell, Spain

14.4.1 This schedule is subject to change. Updates to this list are provided at:
www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar

14.5 Failure to Confirm

If a boat fails to confirm participation during USA National Team processing on April 28, 2024, a replacement boat shall be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 23 – Replacement of Athletes.

15 SELECTION OF COMPETITORS FOR THE 2024 & 2025 ICF CSL AND CSLX RANKING RACES

The procedures in this section describe how an athlete is selected to compete in an ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Race. Selection at the 2024 Team Trials qualifies an eligible athlete to compete in all ICF and COPAC CSL and CSLX Ranking Races prior to the 2025 USA CSL and CSLX Team Trials. Athletes' eligibility for these events held prior to the 2025 Team Trials is determined by their ranking at the 2024 Team Trials.

15.1 Available Places

The ICF does not limit the number of entries at the ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races. Limitations may be imposed by the Competition Organizer, at the Organizer's discretion.

15.2 Allocation of Available Places

15.2.1 In the case that places are limited by the Competition Organizer, the places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2024 Team Trials. If, for example, six places are available in the MK1 event then the top six eligible finishers are given priority to compete.

15.2.2 Competition calendar reference: www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar

15.2.3 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

Athletes must confirm participation at the 2024 ICF CSL Ranking Races via email to ACA Competition Director at least 30 days before start of the competition.



15.3 Athletes Participation Reference

Athletes are encouraged to double-check their participation in the 2024 ICF CSL and CSLX Ranking Races via Google Docs:

15.4 Failure to Confirm

If an athlete fails to confirm by the dates designated above, the next ranked athlete from the 2024 Team Trials shall be eligible to enter.

15.5 Nomination to Compete for Athletes Who Did Not Compete in the 2024 Team Trials

If an athlete is not able to compete at the 2024 Team Trials due to a documented medical or family emergency, the athlete shall be ranked after the final athlete from the 2024 Team Trials. The athlete must send an email and documentation to the ACA Competition Director for verification of documentation.

16 SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2024 ICF JR & U23 CSL WCH

This section describes how athletes are selected to compete at the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross World Championships in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia from July 2 – 7, 2024.

16.1 Available Places

16.1.1 The 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH

Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH.

16.1.2 The 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH

Four boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH.

16.2 Allocation of Team Places

16.2.1 The 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH

The top three athletes in each event at the 2024 Team Trials shall be named as members of the 2024 USA Jr & U23 CSL WCH Teams.

16.2.2 The 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSLX WCH

The top four athletes in each event at the 2024 Team Trials shall be named as members



of the 2024 USA Jr & U23 CSLX WCH Teams.

16.3 Replacement of Ineligible Athletes

If after the conclusion of the 2024 Team Trials any Junior or U23 boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for the ICF Jr or U23 CSL or CSLX WCH participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and shall be replaced on the U.S. Jr or U23 WCH Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2024 Team Trials.

16.4 Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete

16.4.1 Deadline for the U.S. Jr CSL & CSLX Team Members

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2024 ICF Jr CSL WCH and the 2024 ICF Jr CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2024 Junior Team Trials. The intention must be sent via email to ACA Competition Director.

16.4.2 Deadline for the U.S. U23 CSL & CSLX Team Members

Deadline for confirming participation at the 2024 ICF U23 CSL WCH and the 2024 ICF U23 CSLX WCH is one hour after the posting of the final results on the final day of the 2024 U23 Team Trials. The intention must be sent via email to ACA Competition Director.

16.5 Travel and Lodge during the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL/CSLX WCH

Eligible boats must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the U.S. Team at the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL and CSLX WCH in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia, before or during the 2024 National Team processing on April 14, 2024 for Junior Team and April 28, 2024 for U23 Team. All athletes must make a deposit to cover estimated expenses by May 15, 2024. These expenses will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, ITO fees, and accreditation fees.

17 MISSED COMPETITIONS

If an athlete confirms his/her participation in any event at any 2024/25 ICF sanctioned CSL or CSLX competition and later pulls out without a documented medical or family emergency, and thus prevents another athlete from participating, that athlete will have their name dropped to the bottom of the priority list of all eligible athletes until the 2025 Team Trials.

17.1 Deadline for Confirmation



Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in any ICF or other International Competition at least 30 days in advance of the competition, unless posted otherwise in this document.

18 OVERSIGHT OF SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is overseen by the below members of the ACA, the ACA Canoe Slalom Committee, and the Canoe Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors:

- ACA Competition Director
- Canoe Slalom National Team Coach
- ACA Canoe Slalom Committee Chair
- Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors

The oversight of selection is to ensure that a proper process has been followed. Additionally, any question as to the interpretation of the selection process shall be determined by the selection process oversight individuals as described herein.

If it appears that the selection method has not been followed, the committee will bring the complaint forward to the ACA Board of Directors to determine a reasonable solution for correcting any wrongdoings.

19 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

No athletes shall be selected to the 2024 U.S. CSL and CSLX Team through discretionary selection. All athletes will earn nominations to the ICF sanctioned competitions during the 2024 USA CSL Team Trials and the 2024 USA CSLX Team Trials, or through the replacement process outlined in Sections 21.

20 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

An athlete who is nominated to the 2024 US CSL or CSLX Team by ACA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA Staff:

- Voluntary withdrawal: Athlete must submit a voluntary withdrawal via email to the ACA Competition Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by ACA or USOPC approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved ACA physician (or medical staff), his/her injury shall be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or violation of the Athlete's Agreement.



- Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.
- Violation of the IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process shall be managed through USADA.

An athlete who is removed from the 2024 U.S. CSL or CSLX Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing, as per the ACA's grievance process (see Section 30 for reference).

21 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

21.1 Selection

The replacement athlete shall be selected through the 2024 Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order. These athletes shall be considered the U.S. National Team Members if they meet all criteria as outlined in Section 13.4 and, if applicable, in Section Error! Reference source not found.

21.2 Performance Standard

An athlete must meet ACA defined Quality Standard specified in Section 13.4 in order to be a replacement athlete for the 2024 ICF Jr & U23 CSL WCH competitions. In the case that there are no athletes meeting this performance standard, the available spots will not be filled.

21.3 Special consideration for CSLX events

The replacement athlete shall be selected through the 2024 CSLX Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order.

22 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The documents required to be signed by each athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2024 USA CSL and CSLX Teams and to compete at National and International competitions shall be posted on the ACA website:

<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/AthleteCodeofConduct>

23 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) shall be published on the ACA website: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom, by **March 15, 2024**.



24 DATE OF ATHLETE NOMINATION

The Nomination of the USA National Team Athletes will occur directly after the final race of the 2024 Team Trials.

25 NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Athletes shall be notified of all National Team training camps and/or competitions on April 28, 2024.

26 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.

27 SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS

All National Team members must adhere to the ACA SafeSport Policy.

All athletes (18 years and older) traveling to sanctioned national and international competitions must adhere to the ACA's SafeSport Policy and complete the core online training modules at www.athletesafety.org.

OPTIONAL: minor athletes (17 and younger) have the option to complete age-appropriate minor athlete training at www.athletesafety.org.

28 ACA GOVERNANCE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

ACA Bylaws: www.americancanoe.org/Governance

Competition Council: www.americancanoe.org/CompetitionCouncil

Slalom Information: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom

Grievance Procedures: www.americancanoe.org/Grievance

29 INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations shall be distributed to affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA, as of February 6, 2024. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for



every possible contingency.

30 FORCE MAJEURE

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 shall be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to and approval by the Canoe Slalom Committee.

31 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete, and those questions are not answered by ACA, may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@USOPC.org
- www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman

32 SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the Athlete Selection Procedures set by ACA Slalom Committee. 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	<i>Beth B. Spilman</i>	3/15/24
ACA Competition Director	Jed Hinkley	<i>Jed Hinkley</i>	3/15/24
Slalom Athlete Representative on ACA Board			