

American Canoe Association

Slalom and Kayak Cross

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2028 Olympic Games

March 11, 2026

TO: Members of American Canoe Association

FROM: American Canoe Association

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games

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To provide information in a timely manner, the American Canoe Association is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games (Games). This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2028 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by American Canoe Association (ACA) once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

**A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:**

- Athletes must comply with all International Canoe Federation (IF) eligibility requirements posted [here](#) (see Qualification).
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all ACA, USADA, USOPC, WADA, IF and International Olympic Committee (IOC) anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the [USOPC Background Check Policy](#) and [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

**B. IF Qualification System Overview:**

- The maximum Team size can be **three (3) men and three (3) women**; however final Team size will depend on earned IF quota. IF quotas are awarded by quota places to National Olympic Committee (NOC).
- The IF Qualification System can be found here (see Qualification): <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>

**C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:**

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events, which include Phase 1, 2, and 3 events from the [Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#), as well as Olympic Team Trials. Please note that Evaluation Event dates and locations may change and will be updated once confirmed.

EVENT NAME	DATE/LOCATION
2026 World Championship	July 20-25, Oklahoma City, OK
2026 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #4	September 4-6, 2026 - Paris, France
2026 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #5	September 11-13, 2026 – La Seu, Spain
2027 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #1	June 4 -6, 2027 – Prague, Czech Republic
2027 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #2	June 11 -13, 2027 – Augsburg, Germany
2027 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #3	August 13 – 15, 2027 – Lee Valley, England
2027 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #4	August 20 – 22, 2027 – Pau, France
2027 Slalom & Kayak Cross World Cup #5	TBD
2027 World Championship	September 7-12, 2027 – La Seu, Spain
2028 Continental Qualification Competition	TBD
2028 Global Qualification Competition	TBD
2028 Olympic Team Trials (required)	TBD

Once selection procedures for the competitions listed above are complete, they will be posted here [American Canoe Association Slalom & Kayak Cross Page](#).

**D. Disclaimer:**

This preliminary notice is based on the IF rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2028 Olympic Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the ACA Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at [American Canoe Association Slalom & Kayak Cross Page](#).

For questions about the 2028 Olympic Games selection process, please contact Jed Hinkley, Competition Director, [jhinkley@americancanoe.org](mailto:jhinkley@americancanoe.org).

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