

Team Trial Selection Criteria

Team Selection

The MRC will select athletes to the World Championship Team; World Cup Team and other events requiring registration through the ACA. In addition to the Championship Team up to ten competitors per class may be named to the USA National Team and will be eligible to race in any international events that members of the USA World Championship Team choose not to attend. (Standards may be relaxed at the discretion of team selectors after considering ages of the athletes, potential for improvement and extenuating conditions of the course (including but not limited to wind, tide, current, boat traffic, water depth); Standards may also be relaxed for events other than the World Championships. In any case, the exercise of this discretion shall not change the deadlines or procedures mentioned below).

The MRC will offer full parity for female athletes in determining which classes are offered at Team Trials and in naming a USA National Team. This stipulation will not be impacted by the absence of any female classes contested at World Championships.

World Championships and World Cup Standards have been set in accordance with section 28 of ICF rules: **Competitors who have been lapped will end their race the next time they cross the finish line after the winner has finished their race. They will be recorded in the place they are at that point in the race. This rule applies to World Championships and World Cups.**

All participants at trials as well as those who want to be considered for team spots that remains open after trials shall sign a statement prior to Trials acknowledging that the athlete:

has read, understood and agrees to:

- ACA Code of Conduct
- Selection Criteria
- ICF Marathon Rules
- Willingness to be selected to team

Pace Standards

Selectors will recommend a team using the criteria below to ascertain who is eligible for the team, based on order of finish. Selectors will have the ability to make recommendations or adjustments at their sole discretion and present the final team for approval to the Marathon Chair and Vice Chair. **The decision of the Marathon Chair and Vice Chair will be final.** If the team status of a Selector or if the Marathon Chair or Vice Chair is affected by a decision, that person will be excluded from the vote on that particular decision.

The 500M Time is a recommendation only, not a standard - Race Organizers are not

Table 1

| Class | | Pace (KM/HR) | 500M Time - Guideline only |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Senior | K1 Men | 12.2 | 1:55 |
| | K1 Women | 10.9 | 2:00 |
| | C1 Men | 10.9 | 2:05 |
| | C1 Women | 9.2 | |
| | K2 Men | 13.0 | |
| | K2 Women | 11.5 | |
| | C2 Men | 11.1 | |
| | C2 Women | 10.0 | |
| | U23 | K1 Men | 12.2 |
| K1 Women | | 10.9 | 2:00 |
| C1 Men | | 10.9 | 2:05 |
| C1 Women | | 9.2 | |
| K2 Men | | 13.0 | |
| K2 Women | | 11.5 | |
| C2 Men | | 11.1 | |
| C2 Women | | 10.0 | |
| Junior | | K1 Men | 12.0 |
| | K1 Women | 10.7 | 2:05 |
| | C1 Men | 10.1 | |
| | C1 Women | 9.0 | |
| | K2 Men | 12.9 | |
| | K2 Women | 11.4 | |
| | C2 Men | 11.0 | |
| | C2 Women | 9.9 | |

expected to measure this time nor are team participants required to provide evidence that they can meet this time. The 500M time is provided as a guideline for those who wish to compete at the World Championship or World Cup level.

The ICF does not mandate a maximum team size for Masters World Championships and athletes do not have to meet a minimum time standard to compete. Masters' entries must however be coordinated and submitted through the ACA.

Marathon Selection Committee Guidelines

Objective:

To recommend the best marathon athletes to represent the USA.

The Selectors:

Selection to the World and US Teams will be done by 3 selectors voted on by the MRC. The strong preference is to have selectors meeting one of the following criteria:

1. The nominated selector shall have been a member of a World Marathon Team during the last ten years.

or

2. The nominated selector shall have placed in the top 50% of team trial participants during the last ten years.

If no selectors are available meeting these criteria, the MRC may consider other selectors.

At least one Selector must be present at Trials and all three should be present if possible. *It is highly recommended that at least one selector have access to a laptop computer (personal computer - not supplied by the race organizer or ACA) at trials to facilitate calculation of standards. Results of all Trials events should be posted as soon as possible. **Announcement of team members will be made within five days of the event (sooner if possible but determination of team eligibility should not delay posting of race results).***

The selectors must be paddlers that understand the dynamics of trials and marathon racing with regards to slip riding, group tactics as well as the effects of course conditions or equipment failure.

Selectors are to use the standard to recommend athletes for the team.

Selectors will need to submit an explanation to the MRC in the following situations:

- an athlete does not achieve the minimum standard and is recommended for the team
- an athlete achieves the minimum standard, places in 1st or 2nd and is not recommended for the team.

ICF Marathon Rules shall prevail.

A \$200 non-refundable deposit shall be due from any athlete offered and

accepting a spot on the team within ten days of the announcement of team members. Failure to accept a spot on the team and provide the deposit within 10 days of the announcement of the team will be considered a declination of the spot.

Selection of World Championship Team positions not filled at Trials

If any slots remain after the conclusion of Trials, the MRC may at its sole discretion select additional athletes based on the following criteria:

A petition from the single or doubles team must be received by the MRC prior to the start of Trials requesting permission to compete in a Time Trial or alternate race for an identified team slot.

Only slots not filled at Trials will be deemed an open slot.

Athletes must submit a plan to the MRC for completion of a Time Trial or alternate race. The plan must be approved in advance by the MRC.

The Time Trial must be completed in the presence of an objective observer approved by the MRC.

The athlete/team must submit a GPS log of the course and time in which the Time Trial occurred.

Announcements

All announcements including but not limited to Results of Team Trials, Team Membership etc. will be posted on the ACA website <http://www.americancanoe.org> Facebook and such other avenues as the MRC deems appropriate.

TEAM SELECTORS

Team Selectors shall be named by the MRC each year no later than a month before Trials.

Current Team Selectors:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____