



Athlete Selection Procedures
2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta
Poznan, Poland
Travel September 9-17, 2018
Competition September 14-16, 2018

Final

1. TEAM USA - Selection Pre-requisites

Athletes must meet the minimum eligibility requirements to be considered for nomination to the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team:

- Citizenship: Athlete must be a national or permanent resident card (green card) holder of the United States at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport or permanent resident card (green card) that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta, held in Poznan, Poland, September 9-17, 2018.
- Athletes must meet the minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any).

2. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Selection Rules

Any event associated with these procedures will be governed by the following rules: International Canoe Federation (ICF) Rules: <http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Sprint/More-on-Canoe-Sprint/Technical-Information.html>

Athlete must be a member in good standing with the American Canoe Association.

3. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Selection Events

2018 ACA Sprint National Championships - August 1-4, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- Birth Year 2001 - Junior K1 & C1, Men & Women, 200m, 500m, 1000m Finals
- Birth Year 2002 - Juvenile K1 & C1, Men & Women, 200m, 500m, 1000m Finals
- Birth Year 2003 - Juvenile K1 & C1, Men & Women, 200m, 500m, 1000m Finals

4. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Selection Process

Goal: To support 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team eligible athletes in their preparation for the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta:

- a. With long term athlete development in mind, the SSC will review the two highest point earning singles performances of eligible athletes to determine who has reached an experience level to benefit from international competition relative to their age. The SSC will then nominate athletes who have reached the appropriate experience threshold not to exceed the maximum number of athletes from each class as defined. Some of the factors selectors will consider are ranked competitiveness and relative proximity to the first place finished in each age class at the ACA Sprint National Championship, solid technical base, team boat ability and high fitness level. Additionally, a positive recommendation from the designated club coach of each athlete as well as mental and physical strength relative to their age will be considered.

- b. Team USA event entry's at Olympic Hopes Regatta will be made by the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Leader and Head Coach and designated coaching staff in communication with SSC.

5. TEAM USA - 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Selection Ranking System

All finalists will be ranked according to their two highest point earning singles performances, according to the following points system. Points earned from K1 or C1, 200m & 500m or 200m & 1000m or 500m & 1000m:

2001 Birth - Junior Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
M/WK1 200m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WK1 500m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WK1 1000m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 200m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 500m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 1000m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

2002-2003 Birth - Juvenile Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
M/WK1 200m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WK1 500m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WK1 1000m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 200m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 500m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
M/WC1 1000m	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

6. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Fees

All Olympic Hopes Regatta Team members will be required to pay for all related Olympic Hopes Regatta Team expenses, which include but are not limited to team and coaching staff airfare, accommodation, meals, accreditation, uniforms and boat rental which will be arranged for each Olympic Hopes Regatta Team member and built into overall team athlete fees.

- a. Athletes must accept consideration for a position on the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team by providing a pre acceptance deposit of \$500. Payments must to be submitted by August 3, 2018 to guarantee an athlete will be considered for Olympic Hopes Regatta.
- b. Failure to pre accept a slot and pay the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team pre acceptance deposit by the designated times detailed in the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit and Pre Acceptance, Travel and Payment document and above will be considered a declination. The full costs associated with the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Trip will be tentatively finalized by the ACA Sprint National Championship. Athletes must pay their complete Olympic Hopes Regatta Team fees in full by 12 PM EST on August 7, 2018 or their slot on Olympic Hopes Regatta Team will be considered declined and Olympic Hopes Regatta Team pre acceptance deposit lost.

7. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Exceptional Circumstances

- a. If an athlete is ill or injured following the Nationals and is unable to train, travel or compete the Sprint Selection Committee may, but is not required, to name a

replacement, where appropriate.

- b. The Sprint Selection Committee reserves the right to review “unforeseen circumstances” from the Nationals in its deliberations on final team selections for the 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta.

8. TEAM USA - Committees

List the Names of all committees/groups who oversee the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

ACA Sprint Selection Committee (SSC):

Morgan House, ACA Competition Director
Chris Barlow, ACA Sprint High Performance Manager
Zsolt Szadovszki, ACA National Team Kayak Coach
Aaron Huston, ACA National Team Canoe Coach
Aasim Saleh, ACA Junior National Team Manager
Kalen Scholz, Sprint Coaches Association Chair
Emily Wright, Athlete Rep

9. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Removal of Athletes

- a. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the ACA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the ACA:
- b. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA Competition Director.
- c. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the ACA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- d. Violation of the ACA’s Code of Conduct or USOC Safesport Program.
- e. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the ACA Bylaws.
- f. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

10. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Required Documents and Postings

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Hopes Regatta Team.

- a. 2018 ACA Code of Conduct Sprint
- b. 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team Deposit and Pre Acceptance, Travel and Payment Document

- c. The 2018 Olympic Hopes Regatta Team selection criteria will be posted on the American Canoe Association website.

11. TEAM USA - Olympic Hopes Regatta Mandatory Training and/or Competition

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

12. TEAM USA - Anti-doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and USOC 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 USOC Rules, as applicable.

13. TEAM USA - American Canoe Association Bylaws and Grievance Procedure

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Grievance>

14. TEAM USA - International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, 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, IPC, PASO, as applicable, 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 the American Canoe Association. 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 USOC.

15. TEAM USA - Athlete Ombudsman

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by the American Canoe Association may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000 or 888-ATHLETE
- Email at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>