



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION (ACA) CANOE SLALOM ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 2020

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Following the IOC's announcement that the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 have been rescheduled to take place July 23 – August 8, 2021, it was confirmed that these Games will still be referred to as the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Therefore, any references to the Olympic qualification system, Olympic Team, and Olympic Games still reflect '2020' in these selection procedures.

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 Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor.

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

The complete ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 can be found at:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-olympics/tokyo-2020/qualification-system>



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

ICF Rules:

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

ACA Slalom Racing Rules (for team trials/domestic events):

<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/Slalom> - scroll down to “Racing Rules”

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.

1.2. Tryout Events

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

- 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, La Seu d’Urgell, Spain, September 24-29, 2019.
- ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition – ~~2020~~ 2021 Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 30 – May 2, 2021 ~~April 3-5, 2020~~.
- ~~2020~~ USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials (in 2021) – Competition 1, Charlotte, NC, April 9 – 11, 2021 ~~May 2-3 (4), 2020~~. **April 12 - 14, 2021.**
- 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2, May TBD, 2020. This event was cancelled due to the pandemic and subsequent postponement of the Olympic Games. Therefore, ACA has designated the following international competition to serve as its replacement:



[2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2, June 11 – 13, 2021 \(hereafter referred to as “USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2” or simply “Competition 2”\)](#)

[Force Majeure – the contingency plan for Competition 2:](#)

- [1. If, for some reason, the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2 is cancelled or the U.S. cannot attend, the ACA will use results from the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #1 to determine the final selection and nominations to the U.S. Olympic Team.](#)
- [2. If, for some reason, the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #2 and the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #1 are cancelled or the U.S. cannot attend, the ACA will use results from the USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials \(in 2021\) – Competition 1 to determine the final selection and nominations to the U.S. Olympic Team.](#)

- 1.2.2. Provide 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 2019 Global ~~and 2020 Continental~~ Qualification Competitions, athletes are selected through the 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, [Oklahoma City, OK, April 12-14, 2019](#). [For the 2021 Continental Olympic Qualification Competition – 2021 Canoe Slalom Pan-American Championships, and for the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups, athletes are selected through the USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials \(in 2021\) – Competition 1.](#)

2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, Oklahoma City, OK, USA, April 12-14, 2019 – The 2019 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials will be open to all ACA members in good standing.

The ~~2020~~ USA Olympic ~~and National~~ Canoe Slalom Team Trials ([in 2021](#)) – Competitions ~~1 & 2 will be~~ [is](#) 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 2020 U.S. Olympic Team nominees (include maximum team size).**

- 1.3.1. Maximum of four (4)* canoe slalom athletes can qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, if all available athlete quota places are qualified at the two Olympic Qualifiers: the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition and the ~~2020~~ [2021](#) Continental Qualification Competition:

[* Note – Based on results from the 2019 Global Qualification Competition, the U.S. has qualified two \(2\) \(of the possible 4\) quotas for the 2020 Olympic Games \(in MK1](#)



[and WC1](#)). The only remaining quota still possible for the U.S. to earn is for the [MC1](#) which will be determined in accordance with the [ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System](#).

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	1 female in Kayak (WK1)	1 female in Canoe (WC1)
Total	4 3		

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. 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships,
- II. ~~2020~~ USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 ([in 2021](#)), and
- III. ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials ([in 2021](#)) – Competition 2.

This ranking will determine the order in which athletes will be nominated for the available quota places on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.

In the case of a tie [in ranking](#) between two or more athletes in an event ([i.e., M/WK1, M/WC1](#)), if the athlete that qualified the Olympic quota place either at the Global or Continental Qualification Competition is one of the tied athletes, he/she will be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.

If other athletes (none of whom qualified the Olympic quota either at the Global or Continental Qualification Competition) are tied, the athlete with the higher placing final result from the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 2 will be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.

[If, for some reason, the USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 2 is cancelled or the U.S. cannot attend, and other athletes \(none of whom qualified the Olympic quota either at the Global or Continental Qualification Competition\) are tied, the athlete with the higher placing final result from the USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 1 will be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 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 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team based on their finish at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. Points will be awarded according to each athlete’s final race result as follows:

Table 2: Points accrual at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

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

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 E.2.2 and E.2.3 of [the ICF Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#), where MK1 and WK1 events are allocated 24 = (18 + 5 + 1) athlete quota places each, and events MC1 and WC1 are allocated 17 = (11 + 5 + 1) athlete quota places each.

1.3.5. Point accruals from the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competitions 1 ~~and 2~~:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team based on their overall result at each of the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions (1 & 2) [held in 2021](#).

[After the USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 1 in 2021](#), fixed-point values will be awarded in each event (MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) as shown in Table 3:



Table 3: Points accrual at the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trial Competitions ~~1 & 2~~

	2020 Olympic Team Trials – Competition 1
1 st place	3 points
2 nd place	2 points
3 rd place	1 point
4 th place and lower place	0 points

1.3.6. Point accruals from the USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial (in 2021) – Competition 2:

Athletes can accrue points towards a nomination to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team based on their finish at the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup. Points will be awarded according to each athlete’s final race result as follows:

Table 4: Points accrual at the USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trial – Competition 2

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

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

1.3.7.1. Example: Men kayak event (MK1)

Athlete A places 21st at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (Table 2 ~~in section 1.3.4~~), he places 1st in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 3 points (Table 3 ~~in section 1.3.5~~), and ~~1st~~ 11th in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues 3 points (~~Table 4 Table 3 in section 1.3.5~~). In total, he accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in Table 5 ~~Table 4~~. The result from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped for the Athlete A in Table 5 ~~Table 4~~.

Athlete B places 12th at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 3 points (Table 2 ~~in section 1.3.4~~) and qualifies the quota place for the U.S. team. He places 2nd in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which he accrues 2 points (Table 3 ~~in section 1.3.5~~), and 18th 2nd in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which he accrues ~~2~~ 3 points (~~Table 4 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 (Section 1.3.2), his score from the ~~2020~~



USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of ~~5~~ 6 points as outlined in Table 5 [Table 4](#).

Table 5: MK1 ranking example

MK1 event	2019 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	21st 0 points	1 st 3 points	1st <u>11th</u> 3 points	6 points
Athlete B	12 th 3 points	2nd 2 points	2nd <u>18th</u> 2 <u>3</u> points	5 <u>6</u> points

[This example shows that Athletes A and B tied in total points accrued, however, since Athlete B qualified the quota place for the U.S. at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition, he would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2021 U.S. Olympic Team \(Section 1.3.2\). In this example, Athlete A would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.](#)

1.3.7.2. Example: Women canoe event (WC1)

Athlete A places 12th at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (Table 2 [in-section-1.3.4](#)), she places 1st in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 3 points (Table 3 [in-section-1.3.5](#)), and ~~1st~~ 15th in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues 3 points ([Table 4 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 (Section 1.3.2), her score from 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) 6 points as outlined in Table 6 [Table 5](#).

Athlete B places 9th at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 4 points (Table 2 [in-section-1.3.4](#)) [and qualifies the quota place for the U.S. team](#), she places 2nd in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 2 points (Table 3 [in-section-1.3.5](#)), and 2nd in the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues ~~2~~ 5 points ([Table 4 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 (Section 1.3.2), her score from the ~~2020~~ USA Olympic [and National](#) Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of ~~6~~ 9 points as outlined in [Table 5](#) Table 6.



Table 6: WC1 ranking example

WC1 event	2019 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	12 th 3 points	1 st 3 points	4th 15 th 3 points	6 points
Athlete B	9 th 4 points	2nd 2 points	2 nd 2 5 points	6 9 points

In this example Athlete B collects more points and would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

This example shows that Athletes A and B tied in total points accrued, however, since Athlete B qualified the quota place for the U.S. at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition, she would be nominated for the available quota place on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

1.3.7.3. Example: Women kayak event (WK1)

Athlete A places 11th at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 3 points (Table 2 in section 1.3.4) and qualifies the quota place for the U.S. team. She places 3rd in the 2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 1 point (Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and ~~3rd~~ 11th in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues ~~1~~ 3 points (Table 4 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 (Section 1.3.2), her score from the 2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 is dropped. In total, she accrues (collects) ~~4~~ 6 points as outlined in Table 7 Table 6.

Athlete B did not race in the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships. She places 2nd in the 2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 2 points (Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and ~~1st~~ 3rd in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues ~~3~~ 5 points (Table 4 Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of ~~5~~ 7 points as outlined in Table 7 Table 6.

Athlete C places 21st at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which she accrues 0 points (Table 2 in section 1.3.4), she places 1st in the 2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1 for which she accrues 3 points (Table 3 in section 1.3.5), and ~~2nd~~ 10th in the 2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2 for which she accrues ~~2~~ 4 points (Table 4 Table 3 in section 1.3.5). Athlete C accrues (collects) a total of ~~5~~ 7 points as outlined in Table 7 Table 6.



Table 7: WK1 ranking example

WK1 event	2019 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	11 th 3 points	3 rd 1 point	3rd <u>11th</u> 1 <u>3</u> points	4 <u>6</u> points
Athlete B	DNR	2 nd 2 points	1st <u>3rd</u> 3 <u>5</u> points	5 <u>7</u> points
Athlete C	21 st 0 points	1 st 3 points	2nd <u>10th</u> 2 <u>4</u> points	5 <u>7</u> points

In this example, Athlete B would be nominated for the available quota place on the [2020 U.S. Olympic Team](#) because she is the winner of the [2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2](#) (Section 1.3.2). [Based on the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition results, USA WK1 athletes cannot be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Team \(see ‘*’ in 1.3.1.\)](#).

1.3.7.4. Example: Men canoe event (MC1)

Athlete A places 16th at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships for which he accrues 0 points (Table 2 [in-section 1.3.4](#)), he places 1st in the [2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1](#) for which he accrues 3 points (Table 3 [in-section 1.3.5](#)), and ~~2nd~~ 12th in the [2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2](#) for which he accrues ~~2~~ 3 points (Table 4 [Table 3 in-section 1.3.5](#)). In total, he accrues (collects) ~~5~~ 6 points as outlined in Table 8 [Table 7](#). Athlete A wins the Continental Qualification Competition and qualifies the Olympic quota place for the U.S. Team.

Athlete B places 17th the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships [for which he accrues 0 points](#) (Table 2), he places 2nd in the [2020 USA Olympic and National Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 1](#) for which he accrues 2 points (Table 3 [in-section 1.3.5](#)), and ~~1st~~ 8th in the [2020 USA Olympic Canoe Slalom Team Trials – Competition 2](#) for which he accrues ~~3~~ 4 points (Table 4 [in-section 1.3.5](#)). Athlete B accrues (collects) a total of ~~5~~ 6 points as outlined in Table 8 [Table 7](#).

Table 8: MC1 ranking example

MC1 event	2019 World Championships	USA Olympic Trials Competition 1	USA Olympic Trials Competition 2	Total points collected
Athlete A	16 th 0 points	1 st 3 points	2nd <u>12th</u> 2 <u>3</u> points	5 <u>6</u> points
Athlete B	17 th 0 points	2 nd 2 points	1st <u>8th</u> 3 <u>4</u> points	5 <u>6</u> points

Because Athlete A qualified the quota place for the U.S. at the Continental Qualification



Competition, he would be nominated for the available quota place on the [2020](#) U.S. Olympic Team (Section 1.3.2).

1.4. Method of selecting the event in the situation where one athlete preliminarily qualifies two quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships or at the [2020](#) [2021](#) Continental Qualification Competition – [2020](#) [2021](#) Pan American Championships:

According to [the ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#), Sections E.2.4. and E.3.6., an individual may not qualify more than one (1) athlete quota place during the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition (pursuant to E.2.2 or E.2.3) or [during](#) the [2020](#) [2021](#) Continental Qualification Competition (pursuant to E.3.3. or E.3.4.). Where an athlete provisionally obtains more than one (1) athlete quota place during the Global World Qualification Competition (or pursuant to E.2.3.), or the Continental Qualification Competition (or pursuant to E.3.4.), the NOC must confirm which one (1) of the athlete quota places they wish to use and return the unused athlete quota place(s) in accordance with Section F of the qualification system (“Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places”).

- 1.4.1. In the case where one U.S. athlete has placed high enough to qualify two (2) athlete quota places at either the Global or Continental Qualification Competition, ACA will rank these two events using the results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship to determine from which event the athlete quota place will be accepted (i.e., MK1 or MC1; WK1 or WC1).

The event with the U.S. athlete who had the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 (to be made available in October 2019 and posted at <https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-competitions-results-and-rankings>) will be ranked first and ACA will confirm with the ICF the acceptance of this event’s quota place.

- 1.4.2. In case of a tie between two eligible events, ACA will rank tied events using the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to determine which event’s athlete quota place to accept.

The event with the athlete who had the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 (link in 1.4.1 above) will be ranked first and ACA will confirm with the ICF the acceptance of this event’s quota place.



- 1.4.3. In case of a further tie between eligible events, ACA will rank tied events using the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 to determine from which event the athlete quota place will be accepted.

The event with the athlete who had the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 (link in 1.4.1 above) will be ranked first and ACA will confirm with the ICF the acceptance of this event's quota place.

- 1.5. **Method of ranking the events (boat classes) from the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition – ~~2020~~ 2021 Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship for the allocation of athlete quota places:**

According to [the ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#), Section E.3.5., an NOC can qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places across the four (4) events (men's & women's) at the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition. Where an NOC provisionally obtains more than two (2) athlete quota places during the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition, the NOC has to confirm which two (2) athlete quota places they wish to use and return unused athlete quota places by following Section F of the qualification system ("Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places").

This section describes how ACA will determine which events will be selected if not all athlete quota places qualified at the ~~2020~~ 2021 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 2019 Global World Qualification Competition.

- 1.5.1. In the case where the U.S. athletes have placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition (i.e.: 1st place finishes in at least three events - MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1), ACA will rank events using the results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship to determine from which events the athlete quota places will be accepted.

The event with the U.S. athlete who had the lowest race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 (to be made available in October 2019 and posted at <https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-slalom-competitions-results-and-rankings>) will be ranked first. The event with the U.S. athlete who had the second lowest race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition – 2019 ICF



Canoe Slalom World Championship according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 will be ranked second, and so on. See Example 1 in 1.5.5.1 below.

- 1.5.2. In case of a tie between eligible events, ACA will rank tied events using the results from the 2019 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 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 will be ranked first. The event with the athlete who had the second lowest race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 will be ranked second, and so on. See Example 2 in 1.5.5.2 below.

- 1.5.3. In case of a further tie between eligible events, ACA will rank these events using the results from the 2019 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. See Example 3 in 1.5.5.3 below.

- 1.5.4. 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, 2019 – Competition Handbook:

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

- 1.5.5. Examples of ranking the events following the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification – Pan American Continental Canoe Slalom Championship:

- 1.5.5.1. Example 1: Ranking events following the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition to illustrate 1.5.1 above.



Table 9: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition	18	18	11	11
The 2019 Global World Qualification Competition result	19 th	21 st	16 th	13 th
The 2020 <u>2021</u> Continental Qualification Competition result	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
Race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition 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 2019 Global World Qualification Competition. However, the U.S. athletes placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification with 1st place finishes in all four Olympic events (MK1, WK1, MC1, and WC1). Based on the results of the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualifications, and the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 in 2019, USA would accept the Olympic quotas in MK1 and WK1 events.

- 1.5.5.2. Example 2: Ranking events following the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition to illustrate 1.5.2 above.



Table 10: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition	18	18	11	11
The 2019 Global World Qualification Competition result	19 th	21 st	16 th	13 th
The 2020 2021 Continental Qualification Competition result	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
Race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition to the best USA athlete	16.08	24.51	24.51	25.63

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quotas at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition. However, the U.S. athletes placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification – Pan American Continental Championship with 1st 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 - Release #4 in 2019, USA would accept the Olympic quota in MK1 event.

Since events WK1 and MC1 are tied, ACA will reference the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the tie between the tied events WK1 and MC1:

Table 11: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition and using results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the events tie

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to the best USA athlete	N/A	18.09	22.12	N/A

Since the best U.S. finish in WK1 event earned lower race points in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) competition than the best U.S. finish in MC1 event according to the



ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 in 2019, USA would also accept the Olympic quota in WK1 event.

To summarize, in Example 2, USA would accept the Olympic quotas in MK1 and WK1 events.

1.5.5.3. Example 3: Ranking events using the World Cup Series competitions to illustrate 1.5.3 above.

Table 12: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition by using results from the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Number of NOCs/NFs to qualify quota places at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition	18	18	11	11
The 2019 Global World Qualification Competition result	19 th	21 st	16 th	13 th
The 2020 2021 Continental Qualification Competition result	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
Race points awarded at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition to the best USA athlete	16.08	24.51	24.51	25.63

In this example, the U.S. Team did not qualify any athlete quotas at the 2019 Global World Qualification Competition. However, the U.S. athletes placed high enough to qualify more than two (2) athlete quota places at the ~~2020~~ 2021 Continental Qualification Competition with 1st 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 - Release #4 in 2019, USA would accept the Olympic quota in MK1 event.

Since events WK1 and MC1 are tied, ACA will reference the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to attempt to break the tie between the tied events WK1 and MC1:



Table 13: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition and using results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to break the events tie

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) to the best USA athlete	N/A	18.09	18.09	N/A

Since the best U.S. finish in WK1 and MC1 events earned the same race points in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final) competition according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 in 2019, ACA will now reference the results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 to attempt to break the tie between the tied events WK1 and MC1. According to the Section 1.5.3: $i = 1$ because this is the first time that ACA needs to reference the World Cup Series competition prior to the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #5 (Final).

Table 14: Ranking events following the Continental Qualification Competition and using results from the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 to break the events tie

Event	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Race points awarded at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 to the best USA athlete	N/A	19.11	20.17	N/A

Since the best U.S. finish in WK1 event earned lower race points in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup #4 competition than the best U.S. finish in MC1 event according to the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking - Release #4 in 2019, USA would also accept the Olympic quota in WK1 event.

To summarize, in Example 3, USA would accept the Olympic quotas in MK1 and WK1 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 2020 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://www.americancanoe.org/AthleteCodeofConduct>

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 (3.1.) has the right to a hearing per the ACA's grievance process (www.americancanoe.org/Grievance), and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.



- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to the applicable ACA Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition

www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

- 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. e.g.*, MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) is removed from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, that athlete will be replaced by the next eligible athlete from the same event.

- 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 XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#).

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://www.americancanoe.org/AthleteCodeofConductSubmissionForm>

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 15, 2020~~ [June 13, 2021](#).

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Mandatory training will occur for all 2020 U.S. Canoe Slalom Olympic Team members, before the opening of the Games, at the Olympic site in Tokyo. 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 2020 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)
- Adam Van-Grack – Chair
- Brian Fike – Vice-Chair
- Nate Lord - Member
- Silvan Poberaj - Member
- Harriet Rollins (athlete representative)
- Michal Smolen (athlete representative)
- Rok Sribar - Member
- Karla Wescott - Member

- Rafal Smolen – Slalom National Team Coach

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The ACA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

- <https://www.americancanoe.org/Governance>

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

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) 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	<i>Beth Spilman</i>	12/16/20
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) Representative*	Emily Wright	<i>Emily Wright</i>	12/15/20
U.S. National Team Coach	Rafal Smolen	<i>Rafal Smolen</i>	12/14/2020

* If the USOC 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 USOC AAC Representative, ACA must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.