



INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

CANOE SPRINT

COMPETITION RULES

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide the rules that govern:

- a) Canoe Sprint
- b) The organisation of Canoe Sprint competitions

LANGUAGE

In case of doubt, British English written language is the recognised language for all communication relating to these competition rules and the conduct of all canoeing international competitions.

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RULES STRUCTURE

ICF Sport Governance Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Rules applicable to all disciplines• Exactly the same wording contained in the first chapter of each rule book	[CR]
ICF Principle Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The principle is applicable to all disciplines• Rules tailor made for each discipline• The principle affects all NFs to a high extent	[PR]
ICF Sport Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition and Field of Play rules• All technical aspects specific to the disciplines	[SR]

RULES DECISION PROCESS

ICF Sport Governance Rules [CR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X			

ICF Principle Rules [PR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal		X	X	X
Drafting Wording		X		
Discussion	X			
Vote	X Overall policy and direction	X Final wording after congress		

ICF Sport Rules [SR]

	Congress	Board of Directors	Technical Committee	National Federations
Proposal			X	X
Drafting Wording			X	
Discussion		X		
Vote		X		

PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF ICF RULES

The year prior to the Congress	May to November	Consultation with all stakeholders (e.g. athletes, coaches, officials) about rule changes needed.
	December to 1st March	Rule proposals by National Federations and ICF Technical Committees.
The year of the Congress	March	Analysis of all proposals by ICF Technical Committees.
	1st ICF Board of Directors meeting End of March / April	Vote of the sport rules [SR]. Assessment of sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	At least three (3) months prior to the Congress	Publication of the approved sport rules [SR] by the ICF Board of Directors. Publication of the assessed sport governance rules [CR] and principle rules [PR].
	ICF Congress November / December	Vote of the sport governance rules [CR]. Vote of the main policies and directions concerning the principle rules [PR].
	Board of Directors meeting after the Congress November / December	Vote of the principle rules [PR].
	1st January After the Congress	Publication and application of the approved rule changes.

GLOSSARY

Sport	The sport is canoeing, kayaking and all paddling activities.
National Federation	Member National Federation of the International Canoe Federation.
Discipline	A discipline is a branch of a sport comprising one (1) or several events (e.g. Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom...).
Competition	The competition runs from the start of the first event to the completion of the last event of a discipline, excluding the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
Athlete or player	Male or female athlete In Canoe Polo refer to player
Gender	Men or Women
Boat	<p>A boat is the watercraft used to practice canoeing (e.g. canoe, kayak, SUP):</p> <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 an athlete (e.g. canoe four).
Age group	e.g. junior, under 21, under 23, 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 double; women canoe four).

Event	<p>An event is a contest in one (1) discipline resulting in the award of medals.</p> <p>An event is defined by at least a class and depending on the competition and the discipline with the additional optional information: a distance and / or an age group (e.g. junior men's kayak double 500m, under 23 women's kayak single, men's canoe double classic).</p>
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: two (2) or more boats competing together against other teams.
Event Phase	A stage of competition (e.g. heats, semi-final, final).
Run or race or match	The basic unit of an event phase (e.g. heats 1 st run, semi-final, final).
Competition programme	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 will be held.
International Technical Official	Oversee the operation of the competition.
Host Organising Committee	The host organising committee can be a National Federation or a subsidiary or a third party organisation specialising in competition management.
Definition of meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may: optional • should: recommendation • must: mandatory / compulsory

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ICF	International Canoe Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
NOC	National Olympic Committee
OCOG	Organising Committee of Olympics and Paralympic Games
NF	National Federation
CSPC	Canoe Sprint Committee
ICF HQ	International Canoe Federation Headquarters
CR	Sport Governance Rules
PR	Principle Rules
SR	Sport Rules
HOC	Host Organising Committee
ITO	International Technical Official
DNS	Did Not Start
DSQ	Disqualified for the event
DNF	Did Not Finish
DQB	Disqualified for the whole competition for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour
WB	World Best Times
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency

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CHAPTER 1 - SPORT GOVERNANCE

1.1 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[CR]

1.1.1 - All competitions announced as international must be governed by the rules of the ICF.

1.1.2 - Competitions organised by a National Federation or its affiliated associations are regarded as international if foreign athletes are invited.

1.1.3 - Canoeing competitions in regional, continental and multi-sport Games must be organised under the ICF rules for World Championships for that discipline.

1.1.4 - The Olympic events should be used as a base for the competition programme in continental games.

1.1.5 - The organisation and programme of canoeing in multi-sport games on a world level must be approved by the ICF and for continental level by the relevant continental association.

1.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CALENDAR [CR]

1.2.1 - The international competition calendar of each discipline is organised in four (4) levels:

	Type of competition	Competition
Level 1	ICF competition	ICF World Championships
Level 2		ICF World Cups
Level 3		ICF World Ranking competitions
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International competitions• Masters or open competitions• Invitational competitions	

1.2.2 - Only a National Federation, associate member or a continental association of the ICF may apply for a competition to be entered into the ICF calendar.

1.2.3 - A calendar application for an international competition level 1 and level 2 is outlined in the ICF statutes.

1.2.4 - A calendar application for an international competition level 3 (if applicable) and level 4 can be made by the following process:

1.2.4.a A calendar application is made directly into the ICF database;

1.2.4.b The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 3 is 1st September the year before the competition;

1.2.4.c The deadline for calendar applications for international competition level 4 is three (3) months before the competition.

1.2.5 - Calendar publication

1.2.5.a The calendar of ICF competitions level 1 and level 2 will be published by 1st January the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.b The calendar of ICF competitions level 3 will be published by 1st October the year before the competitions;

1.2.5.c The calendar of international competitions (level 4) will be published immediately after approval by the ICF.

1.3 - ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR ICF COMPETITION (LEVEL 1 TO 3) [CR]

1.3.1 - Only athletes who are members of clubs or associations affiliated with a National Federation have the right to participate in an ICF competition.

1.3.2 - An athlete having satisfied 1.3.1 and also having first obtained the (written) consent of the athlete's National Federation, is permitted to compete individually in an ICF competition.

1.3.3 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes are in a good state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the level of the particular ICF competition.

1.3.4 - Each National Federation must ensure that their athletes, team officials, as well as the National Federation itself, carry appropriate health, accident and personal belongings insurance.

1.4 - AGE GROUP

[CR]

1.4.1 - The first year an athlete can compete in an ICF or international competition is the year of their 15th birthday.

1.4.2 - The last year an athlete can compete in the junior age group is the year of their 18th birthday.

1.4.3 - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 21 age group is the year of their 21st birthday.

1.4.4 - The last year an athlete can compete in the under 23 age group is the year of their 23rd birthday.

1.4.5 - An athlete can compete in a masters event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters' age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years.

1.4.6 - To enter in an event with a specified age group an athlete or the National Federation must produce documentary proof such as passport, identity card or similar document with a photograph, confirming the age of the athlete.

1.5 - ATHLETE SPORTING NATIONALITY CHANGE [CR]

1.5.1 - An athlete who has competed internationally at any level in the last three (3) years requires authorisation from the ICF with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved in order to change sporting nationality.

1.5.2 - For an athlete to be eligible for a change of sporting nationality he/she must have lived in that country for the last two (2) years or hold the nationality of the new country.

1.5.3 - An athlete who is aged 18 or under can change sporting nationality with the approval of the two (2) National Federations involved. He/she is not required to fulfil the two (2) year residency rule.

1.5.4 - The request for the change of sporting nationality must be made to the ICF by the new National Federation no later than 30 November the year before the athlete wants to compete.

1.5.5 - For the Olympic and Paralympic Games the Olympic and Paralympic Charter rules will be applied for nationality issues.

1.5.6 - For an athlete to gain an Olympic or Paralympic quota place in canoeing they must hold citizenship/nationality of the National Federation they represent.

1.5.7 - An athlete cannot compete for more than one (1) National Federation in any calendar year in canoeing.

1.6 - ENTRIES PROCESS

[CR]

1.6.1 - ICF competitions (level 1 to level 3)

1.6.1.a Nominal entries for ICF competitions will only be accepted from National Federations which are current members of the ICF;

1.6.1.b An entry must contain:

- Name of the National Federation to which the athlete(s) belongs;
- First and last name for the athlete(s);
- The country of birth of the athlete(s);
- The gender of the athlete(s);
- Date of birth of the athlete(s);
- The ICF number of the athlete(s) (if known);
- The events in which the athlete(s) or team(s) wish to take part;
- The first, last name(s) and the e-mail address of the Team Leader;

1.6.1.c Nominal entries must be made on the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.d A receipt for the nominal entry will be available via the ICF online entry system;

1.6.1.e The deadline for nominal entries is 10 days before the first day of competition or classification for paracanoe;

1.6.1.f In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Technical Chair for the acceptance of late nominal entries from National Federations. It is the Technical Chair's discretion to accept or decline a late entry. Late entries will incur a fee of 20 euros per athlete;

1.6.1.g In crew boats the names of the athletes must be in the order that they compete in the boat. The first name must be the athlete at the front of the boat.

1.6.2 - International competition (level 4)

1.6.2.a Nominal entries for international competitions (level 4) will be accepted from individuals or National Federations;

1.6.2.b Entries must be in writing or online in accordance with the regulations given by the HOC.

1.6.2.c An entry must contain:

- The sporting nationality of the athlete;
- First and last name(s) for the athlete;
- The gender of the athlete;
- Date of birth of the athlete;
- The events in which the athlete(s) or teams wish to take part.

1.6.2.d The HOC must acknowledge in writing or electronically the receipt of each entry within two (2) days.

1.7 - VALIDITY OF A COMPETITION

[CR]

1.7.1 - World Championships (ICF competition level 1)

1.7.1.a In the Olympic and Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations from at least three (3) continents start in the event. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected;

1.7.1.b For the non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events, a valid World Championship is held only if at least six (6) National Federations in each event and at least three (3) continents start OVERALL in the competition. If during the competition some National Federations drop out or do not finish, the validity of the Championships is not affected.

1.7.2 - World Cup (ICF competition level 2) and ICF competition level 3:

1.7.2.a A valid World Cup is held only when there is a minimum of five (5) National Federations from at least two (2) continents start in the competition;

1.7.2.b To be recognised as a valid event at least three (3) boats or three (3) teams from two (2) different National Federations start in that event;

1.7.2.c For the validity of the event it is not necessary for all three (3) boats or all three (3) teams finish.

1.7.3 - To be recognised as an international competition (level 4) at least an invitation must be distributed to National Federations or to foreign athletes.

1.8 - ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 1) [CR]

1.8.1 - World Championships are only organised upon the authority of the ICF Board of Directors and only in the events given in the competition programme.

1.8.2 - Changes to the organisation of the World Championships may only be made by the process documented in the contract between the ICF and the HOC.

1.8.3 - The competition programme is decided by the ICF Board of Directors.

1.8.4 - The competition schedule is the responsibility of the ICF. The ICF will consider the broadcasting needs and / or other external factors affecting the schedule.

1.8.5 - Jury

1.8.5.a During the World Championships, the supreme authority rests with the Jury;

1.8.5.b The Jury consists of three (3) persons;

1.8.5.c The ICF Board of Directors appoints the members of the Jury;

1.8.5.d One of these members is named Chair of the Jury.

1.8.6 - Awards

1.8.6.a The awards are given according to the ICF protocol guidelines;

1.8.6.b The medals are awarded as follows:

- 1st place: a gold medal
- 2nd place: a silver medal
- 3rd place: a bronze medal

1.8.6.c In the crew boat events or team events, each athlete will receive the appropriate medal;

1.8.6.d To maintain the formality of the ceremony the athletes receiving medals must wear their national team uniforms.

1.8.7 - Nations Cup

1.8.7.a The Nations Cup will be awarded to the National Federation at the World Championships with the best overall performance;

1.8.7.b The ranking list will be produced according to the system defined for each discipline.

1.9 - MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEVEL 4)

[CR]

1.9.1 - Masters World Championships can be organised in each discipline.

1.9.2 - The ICF Board of Directors determine the events based on recommendation of the concerned Technical Committee.

1.9.3 - Individual and National Federations entries will be accepted.

1.10 - ANTI-DOPING

[CR]

1.10.1 - Doping as defined in the World Anti-Doping Code and the ICF anti-doping rules is strictly forbidden.

1.10.2 - The anti-doping programme must be conducted in accordance with the ICF anti-doping control regulations under the supervision of the ICF medical and anti-doping committee.

1.10.3 - Athletes entered in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping education programme or equivalent before competing or risk being denied entry to the competition.

1.11 - APPEAL TO THE ICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[CR]

1.11.1 - A participating National Federation can appeal to the ICF Board of Directors if, after the end of the competition, new facts become known that would substantially affect a decision made at the competition.

1.11.2 - Matters of fact during the competition cannot be contested in an appeal.

1.11.3 - An appeal to the ICF Board of Directors must be submitted within 30 days following the end of the competition accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

1.11.4 - The ICF Board of Directors makes its decision and addresses it in writing to the National Federation.

1.12 - DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR

[CR]

1.12.1 - An athlete who attempts to win a competition by irregular means, wilfully breaks the rules, or who contests their validity, as deemed by the officials, may be disqualified for the competition (DQB).

1.12.2 - For disqualification after competition caused by doping or ineligibility the following must be completed:

- Deletion of all achieved results and rankings of boat(s) (DQB);
- Re-calculation of all results accordingly;
- Production of the revised version of all affected outputs (results, summaries, medals).

1.13 - RESULTS

[CR]

1.13.1 - For ICF competitions (level 1 to 3) an electronic copy of the detailed official results must be provided to the ICF in a specified format within seven (7) days of the end of the competition. Electronic results must be kept online for historical purposes.

1.13.2 - For international competitions (level 4) an electronic copy of the detailed official results should be sent to the ICF in pdf format for publication on the ICF website within seven (7) days of the end of the competition.

1.14 - TRADEMARKS AND ADVERTISING

[CR]

1.14.1 - The advertising of tobacco smoking and strong spirit drinks is not permitted.

1.14.2 - Boats, accessories and clothing may carry trademarks, advertising symbols and written text.

1.14.3 - Images, symbols, slogans and written text unrelated to sport funding or any political messages are not permitted.

1.14.4 - All advertising materials used should be placed in such a way that they do not interfere with athletes' identification and do not affect the outcome of the race.

1.15 - INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL (ITO) - EXAMINATION

[CR]

1.15.1 - Examination calendar

1.15.1.a Each year the calendar of official examinations is published for each discipline following proposal from each Technical Chair;

1.15.1.b Continental associations or National Federations are entitled to apply to hold an examination to the concerned Technical Chair. In this case, this organising entity has to cover the examination organisation costs including the full board and travelling expenses of the examiners.

1.15.2 - Candidates application

1.15.2.a Only National Federations are entitled to nominate candidates for examination at least 30 days before the examination;

1.15.2.b The applications must be sent to the ICF headquarters on the form designed by the ICF and published on the ICF website;

1.15.2.c The ICF headquarters will forward the list of candidates to the concerned Technical Chair;

1.15.2.d For every candidate applying for the examination, the National Federation will be charged 20 euros;

1.15.2.e The final invoice will be sent to the National Federation in the period between 30 October and 30 November;

1.15.2.f National Federations are financially responsible for their Officials (before and after the examination).

1.15.3 - Conduct of the examination

1.15.3.a A sub-committee, appointed by the concerned Technical Chair, will administer the examination;

1.15.3.b The examination will be carried out in English for officials who wish to be considered as officials for ICF competitions and will be based on their knowledge of the ICF statutes and the ICF rules. Each discipline may add a practical assessment or minimum experience requirement;

1.15.3.c If candidates take the examination in any other official language, they may not be considered for officiating at ICF competitions.

1.15.4 - Officials card

1.15.4.a After completion of the examination the concerned Technical Chair completes the ICF official examination report and sends it to the ICF headquarters, where the officials' cards for those who passed the exam are issued and sent to the National Federations;

1.15.4.b The officials' cards expire after four (4) years;

1.15.4.c If an official's card is expired, lost or destroyed a 20 euro fee for renewal will be charged.

1.16 - ITO - NOMINATION FOR ICF COMPETITIONS

[CR]

1.16.1 - Only National Federations are entitled to nominate ITOs for ICF competitions level 1 and level 2.

1.16.2 - The deadline for submitting ITO proposals for each discipline is the 31st December the year prior to the competition.

1.16.3 - The nominations are submitted to the respective Technical Chair (with a copy to the ICF headquarters).

1.16.4 - The Technical Chair will present a list of Officials to the ICF Board of Directors for their approval at the latest by 1st March.

CHAPTER 2 - INTRODUCTION

2.1 - OBJECTIVE

[PR]

The aim of a Canoe Sprint competition is for people to race each other in kayaks and canoes over a clearly defined unobstructed course in the shortest possible time according to the rules.

2.2 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

[PR]

2.2.1 - Types of international competitions:

Type of Competition		Competition	Entries
ICF competition	LEVEL 1	ICF World Championships ICF Junior and U23 World Championships	1 boat per event per NF
	LEVEL 2	ICF World Cups	2 boats per event per NF
	LEVEL 3		To be determined by the organiser
International competition	LEVEL 4	International competitions Masters or open competitions Invitational competitions	

2.2.2 - These competitions must be supervised or managed by at least one (1) accredited official in possession of a valid ICF Canoe Sprint Official card.

CHAPTER 3 - ATHLETE EQUIPMENT

3.1 - BOATS SPECIFICATIONS

[PR]

Boats	K1	K2	K4	C1	C2	C4
Maximum length (cm)	520	650	1100	520	650	900
Minimum weight (kg)	12	18	30	14	20	30

3.2 - CONSTRUCTION

[PR]

3.2.1 - The hull section and longitudinal lines of the hull of the kayak and canoe must not be concave (horizontally and vertically respectively).

3.2.2 - The deck construction may not be higher on any horizontal point than the highest point of the front edge of the first cockpit.

3.2.3 - All boats must be built symmetrically upon the axis of its length.

3.2.4 - No foreign substance may be added to the surface of the boats which can give the athlete an unfair advantage. The use of hull lubricants is not permitted.

3.2.5 - No part of the boat (including the seat and the footrest) may have moving parts which can be used to help propel the boat in a way which would give athletes an unfair advantage (existing moving seat systems already in use are accepted).

3.2.6 - For a new boat design to be eligible for international competitions the same boat design must have passed the official boat control at the World Championships or at World Cups. After CSPC approval and provided that the boat is available in the commercial market it can be used thereafter.

3.2.7 - Significant innovations in equipment including, but not limited to boats, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before they are allowed for use in ICF International Competitions, including World Championships and Olympic Games:

3.2.7.a They must be available to all athletes (no exclusive patents);

3.2.7.b The costs involved must be reasonable;

3.2.7.c There must be equal chances for all athletes;

3.2.7.d They must be safe and environmentally sound.

3.2.8 - The innovation must be submitted to the ICF CSPC for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all athletes by 1st of January of that year in order to be authorised for use at international competitions. Crews with unapproved innovations will not be allowed to compete. The ICF CSPC has the sole authority to decide all matters under this rule.

3.2.9 - A boat or an athlete may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or sport presentation. The device may be used by the athlete for analysis following a race but in no circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to the athlete during a race.

3.2.10 - The athletes are responsible to ensure the boats conform to the technical requirements for the competition.

3.3 - KAYAKS

[PR]

3.3.1 - Boats may have maximum of one (1) rudder. The rudder must be placed under the hull of the boat.

3.3.2 - The boat must be designed for athletes to sit-in (Kayak type) not a sit-on top design (Surf Ski type).

3.3.3 - Kayaks will be allowed weed deflectors in front of the rudder. Weed deflector can be a maximum 20 cm long and cannot be deeper than the rudder.

3.4 - CANOES

[PR]

3.4.1 - Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the canoe are not allowed.

3.4.2 - The C1 and C2 may be entirely open. The minimum length of the opening must be 280cm. The edge of the side of the boat (gunwale) can extend a maximum of five (5) cm into the boat along the whole defined opening. The boat can have a maximum of three (3) strengthening bars with a width of maximum seven (7) cm each.

3.4.3 - The C4 canoe may be entirely open, the minimum length of the opening must be 390cm. The edge of the side of the boat (gunwale) can extend a maximum of six (6) cm into the boat along the defined opening. The boat can have a maximum of four (4) strengthening bars with a width of maximum seven (7) cm each.

3.5 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT

[SR]

3.5.1 - The boats must be constructed so that it remains buoyant when filled with water.

3.5.2 - No part of the athlete's body should be attached to the boat in anyway. Such attachments must be removed.

3.6 - IDENTIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING TRADEMARKS

[PR]

3.6.1 - Requirements for advertising on equipment and clothing for ICF Canoe Sprint competitions (excluding Olympic Games, see Chapter 12) are detailed in the ICF Guidelines for Advertising Trademark Identification on Equipment Manual.

3.6.2 - There are reserved places on equipment (Eg. boat and paddle) with size limitations for trademarks and advertising. These areas are dedicated for the identification of athletes/NF, manufacturer, organiser and ICF (including sponsors).

3.6.3 - Athlete's name must be placed on each side of the boat under the cockpit.

CHAPTER 4 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

4.1 - BOATS AND DISTANCES

[PR]

4.1.1 - The official boats recognised by the ICF are:

Boats	
K1	Kayak single
K2	Kayak double
K4	Kayak four
C1	Canoe single
C2	Canoe double
C4	Canoe four
SUP	Stand Up Paddling Board

4.1.2 - The official distances recognised by the ICF are: 200m, 500m, 1000m and 5000m.

4.2 - EVENTS

[PR]

4.2.1 - The Olympic events are:

Men			Women	
MK1	200m		WK1	200m
MK4	500m		WC1	200m
MK1	1000m		WK1	500m
MK2	1000m		WC2	500m
MC1	1000m		WK2	500m
MC2	1000m		WK4	500m

4.2.2 - The potential Non-Olympic events are:

Men	Women	Mixed
200m		
MK2 200m	WK2 200m	XK2 200m
MK4 200m	WK4 200m	XK4 200m
MC1 200m		
MC2 200m	WC2 200m	XC2 200m
MC4 200m	WC4 200m	XC4 200m
500m		
MK1 500m		
MK2 500m		XK2 500m
		XK4 500m
MC1 500m	WC1 500m	
MC2 500m		XC2 500m
MC4 500m	WC4 500m	XC4 500m
1000m		
	WK1 1000m	
	WK2 1000m	XK2 1000m
MK4 1000m	WK4 1000m	XK4 1000m
	WC1 1000m	
	WC2 1000m	XC2 1000m
MC4 1000m	WC4 1000m	XC4 1000m
5000m		
MK1 5000m	WK1 5000m	
MK2 5000m	WK2 5000m	XK2 5000m
MK4 5000m	WK4 5000m	XK4 5000m
MC1 5000m	WC1 5000m	
MC2 5000m	WC2 5000m	XC2 5000m

CHAPTER 5 - COMPETITION FORMAT

5.1 - HEATS AND FINALS

[SR]

5.1.1 - At least three (3) kayaks or canoes must be entered before the race can be held. If the number of entries in races up to and including 1000 meters is higher than the number of lanes, heats are necessary.

5.1.2 - The division of the boats into heats should be determined by drawing lots or by ICF World Ranking. The system of heats and the progressions are defined in Appendix 1.

5.1.3 - When making the draw, the heats should have the same number of boats or a maximum of one (1) additional boat in a heat (e.g. heat 1 - 8 boats, heat 2 - 7 boats).

5.1.4 - B final will only be held when there are more than 18 boats in that particular event and a C final will only be held when there are more than 36 boats in that particular event.

5.1.5 - The composition of a crew, which has qualified for semi-finals or for the final, must not be changed.

5.1.6 - For races of more than 1000 meters, heats should not be held, and all boats taking part should start simultaneously.

5.1.7 - Should the width of water or other conditions not permit a simultaneous start, starts at regular intervals should be permitted.

CHAPTER 6 - INVITATIONS AND ENTRIES

6.1 - INVITATIONS

[PR]

6.1.1 - Invitations should be sent a minimum of two (2) months before the competition.

6.1.2 - Invitations to an international competition must contain the following information:

6.1.2.a Date and place of the competition;

6.1.2.b Situation and plan of the course(s);

6.1.2.c Proposed events;

6.1.2.d Competition programme;

6.1.2.e Conditions/terms of participation;

6.1.2.f Address to which entries should be sent;

6.1.2.g Entries deadline.

6.1.3 - As far as possible the order of races should be in accordance with the schedules detailed for World Championships and World Championships Juniors and Under 23.

6.2 - ENTRIES

[PR]

6.2.1 - Details of the entries process and forms are described in article 1.6.

6.2.2 - Similar details should be provided for the reserves, if any.

6.2.3 - In addition to nominated crews, participating NFs are allowed to enter unlimited number of substitutes.

6.2.4 - When making the entries, NFs must give the colours of the clothing worn by the athletes and these colours must not be changed during the competition.

6.2.5 - The HOC will accept the entries in conformity with the conditions/terms of participation. Therefore, the HOC can reject or delete the entry of the participants who fail to observe the conditions/terms of participation.

CHAPTER 7 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

7.1 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS

[SR]

7.1.1 - International competitions are to be supervised by the following International Technical Officials (ITOs):

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Deputy Chief Judge
- Competition Manager
- Boat Controller(s)
- Starter(s)
- Aligner(s)
- Course Umpire(s)
- Turning Point Umpire(s)
- Finishing Line Judge(s)
- Announcer
- Medical Officer

7.1.2 - If circumstances permit, one (1) person may function in two (2) of the above positions.

7.1.3 - The number of judges can be reduced or changed depending on technological systems available at the time of competition. The duties and procedures listed in article 7.3 may be adjusted accordingly. The organiser must inform Team Leaders of any changes to the composition of judges.

7.2 - DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE [SR]

7.2.1 - The competition is to be managed by a Competition Committee consisting of:

7.2.1.a Chief Official;

7.2.1.b Chief Judge;

7.2.1.c Deputy Chief Judge.

7.2.2 - Minimum two (2) members of the Competition Committee must be in possession of a valid International Canoe Sprint Official card.

7.2.3 - The **Competition Committee** will:

7.2.3.a Direct and supervise the competition;

7.2.3.b Postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, which make it impossible to carry out the competition;

7.2.3.c Decide on matters concerning disqualification in cases where the rules have been broken during the competition;

7.2.3.d Hear any protests that may be made and settle any disputes that may arise;

7.2.3.e Make decisions based on the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules;

7.2.3.f Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed;

7.2.3.g Hear the opinion of the Umpire who controlled the race in which the infraction was said to have occurred, before any decision is made regarding an alleged infraction of the rules.

7.2.4 - A member of the Competition Committee may not participate in a judgment connected with the disqualification of an athlete from his/her own NF.

7.3 - DUTIES OF THE OFFICIALS

[SR]

7.3.1 - The **Chief Official**, who is also the Chair of the Competition Committee, will decide on all matters arising during the actual competition, which are not dealt with in these rules.

7.3.2 - The **Chief Judge** will:

7.3.2.a Cooperate with the Chief Official and substitutes for the Chief Official where necessary;

7.3.2.b Collect the forms necessary for the administration of the competition;

7.3.2.c Formulate the decisions of the Competition Committee passed in the subject-matter of the protest and arrange to have it recorded in the minutes. He/she is responsible for the accuracy of the minutes.

7.3.3 - The **Deputy Chief Judge** will:

7.3.3.a Cooperate closely with the Chief Official and the Competition Manager and handle the administrative tasks of the competition;

7.3.3.b Check the personal identification documents of the athletes and their age if necessary;

7.3.3.c Keep in contact with the responsible IT person in case of computer data processing;

7.3.3.d Check the results race by race during the competition and prepare the list of the boats qualified in the next phase of the competition;

7.3.4 - The **Competition Manager** will:

7.3.4.a Keep in constant contact with the organisers to solve any problems arising;

7.3.4.b Supervise the races and is responsible for ensuring that the competition schedule is followed without unnecessary delay;

7.3.4.c Complete the competition administration for the races (competition schedule, drawings, results, technical documents, boat control, press, protests, etc.);

7.3.4.d Ensure that the announcer gives all necessary information about the races such as the start order, the name of any athlete failing to start and the results.

7.3.5 - The **Boat Controller(s)**:

7.3.5.a The ID Controller(s) must only allow athletes to compete in the race, whose identification has been checked and whose boat, equipment, clothing, starting number and body number conform to the rules. They will also check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in Chapter 3. The Official in charge must inform the Competition Committee in the case of missing boats;

7.3.5.b Post-race Boat Controller(s) will check boats after races:

- At least three (3) boats will be selected at random from the participants in the races for boat control after the finish;
- Should any of the boats not fulfil the ICF requirements in Chapter 3, they must be excluded (DSQ) from the competition.

7.3.6 - The **Starter(s)** will:

- 7.3.6.a Decide all matters concerning the start of the races;
- 7.3.6.b Be solely responsible for false start decisions;
- 7.3.6.c Ensure that the starting equipment is in working order;
- 7.3.6.d Communicate with the Competition Committee before each race. After having received a signal from them that all is ready, order the boats to their places;
- 7.3.6.e Utilise English in all communications with athletes, plus other languages if possible and deemed appropriate in the circumstances;
- 7.3.6.f Carry out the start according to the racing rules;
- 7.3.6.g Ensure that the circumstances at the start are free from any hindrance.

All decisions of the Starter are final.

7.3.7 - The **Aligner(s)** will:

- 7.3.7.a Bring the boats to the start line with the least possible delay;
- 7.3.7.b Check the uniformity of the athletes including their attire as well the bib numbers and the boat numbers;
- 7.3.7.c Utilise English in all communications with athletes;
- 7.3.7.d Raise a white flag to signify to the Starter that the boats are in position to start, when they are all aligned and/or completely inside the starting boots;
- 7.3.7.e Raise a red flag if the boats are not aligned and/or not in the starting boots;
- 7.3.7.f If an automatic starting system is in use the Aligners can be replaced by Course Umpires.

7.3.8 - The **Course Umpire(s)** will:

- 7.3.8.a Ensure that during a race the rules are complied with;
- 7.3.8.b Show a white flag after the race has completed if there is no infraction of the rules to report;
- 7.3.8.c Show a red flag and a lane number after the race has completed if there is an infraction of the rules to report;
- 7.3.8.d Report immediately any infractions to the Competition Committee, if the rules are broken;
- 7.3.8.e Present a written report to the Competition Committee within 10 minutes in such a case;
- 7.3.8.f Follow the 1000m races in a motorboat. The races should be accompanied by two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate catamaran type boats;
- 7.3.8.g Not follow the 200m races. Two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate motor boats will be positioned before the start line. Two (2) Course Umpires in two (2) separate motor boats will be positioned behind the finish line;
- 7.3.8.h For the 500m races, either system as used for the 1000m or the 200m races may be adopted for the Course Umpires to do their task. The Chief Official will decide on the most appropriate system to be used, based on his/her opinion of the course features;
- 7.3.8.i Follow and judge the race also from the Finish Tower as instructed by the Chief Official;
- 7.3.8.j Be completely unhampered during the race. No one except the Course Umpire and the driver can be admitted to the boat reserved for him/her;
- 7.3.8.k Stop the competition, passing all boats in the race and waving the red flag or using a sound signal until all boats have stopped paddling, in case of hindrances. Report immediately the infraction to the Competition Committee. After this all boats should return to the start;
- 7.3.8.l In long distance races with many athletes, more than one Course Umpire will be nominated.

7.3.9 - Turning Point Umpire(s) will:

7.3.9.a Be stationed at every turning point. One (1) or more Umpires and one (1) recorder are used when a race is run along a course with one (1) or more turning points. They should be positioned where they gain the best view of the turn;

7.3.9.b See the athletes turn according to the rules. The recorder will make a list of all who pass the turning point;

7.3.9.c Report immediately after the race has completed to the Competition Committee which boat has turned and if any infraction of the rules had taken place.

7.3.10 - Finish Line Judges will:

7.3.10.a Be placed in a position where all lanes at the finish line can be clearly seen;

7.3.10.b Time each race with at least two (2) stopwatches. When the stopwatches have not recorded the same time, the slowest time will be taken as correct. The stopwatches are to be started when the electronic or optical signal from the start is received;

7.3.10.c Decide the order in which the boats have crossed the finish line when there is no Photo Finish System;

7.3.10.d Use a simple majority to decide a dispute in the absence of a Photo Finish System and where the Finish Line Judges differ regarding determining the places of two (2) or more boats. In the case of equal voting, the Chief Judge has the casting vote;

7.3.10.e Determine the results and compare them with the photo finish results, if there is a Photo Finish System. The photo finish will be decisive;

7.3.10.f Record the position of the athletes in the boat with a video camera at the time of arriving at the finish line. The Chief Finish Line Judge will decide with the recording whether the athlete was in his/her boat upon arriving or not and report it to the Competition Committee.

7.3.11 - One (1) of Finish Line Judges will be appointed as Chief Finish Line Judge, who will:

7.3.11.a Ensure that the timing equipment is working correctly. He/she may divide the work amongst the Finish Line Judges;

7.3.11.b Compare the official times with the other Finish Line Judges at the end of each race and immediately inform the Deputy Chief Judge on them.

7.3.12 - The Announcer will:

7.3.12.a Announce the start of each race, the order of starting and the placing of the athletes during the race on the instructions of the Competition Manager;

7.3.12.b Announce the results after the race is completed.

7.3.13 - The Medical Officer will:

7.3.13.a Supervise the Anti-Doping procedures during the competitions;

7.3.13.b Be responsible for medical matters occurring during the competitions.

7.3.14 - Officials' obligations - to perform their tasks in conformity with the ICF rules:

7.3.14.a Every judge will have the obligation to check their equipment necessary to perform their tasks is in working order. In the case any shortcoming is found, it is reported to the Chief Official or Competition Manager;

Unauthorised persons must not enter any Officials area, unless are called for by either the Competition Committee or the Jury;

CHAPTER 8 - FIELD OF PLAY

8.1 - COURSE (1000M - 500M - 200M)

[SR]

8.1.1 - The standard ICF course for International Competitions, Continental Championships, World Championships (nine (9) lanes) and for Continental Olympic Qualification and Olympic Games (eight (8) lanes) must provide fair and equal racing conditions for all crews racing in separate, parallel lanes over the distances. For Olympic Games, Olympic Qualification, World Championships and World Cups, the standard course must be provided with technical installations and equipment as defined in the “ICF Technical Manual for Canoe Sprint Championships”.

8.1.2 - In order to be classified as a championship course, full details of the course concerned must be submitted in writing to the Technical Chair by the applicants. The course must be inspected at the cost of the federation concerned and approved by experts appointed by CSPC. The ICF Board of Directors may lay down special requirements for World Championship, Olympic Games, Olympic Qualification, Regional Games or World Cups. The ICF Board of Directors (or the CSPC) may grant exceptions where necessary for competition course in multi-sport competitions or other championships.

8.2 - LAYOUT

[SR]

8.2.1 - At least 5 hours before the start of the races the racing course must be measured and marked by means of clearly visible flags mounted on buoys. The length of the course and all intermediate distances must be measured by an independent qualified surveyor and an accurate, certified plan must be held by the HOC. This plan should be available for inspection by Chief Official at any time.

8.2.2 - Both the start and finish lines must be marked with red flags at the points where lines intersect the outer limits of the course. The start and the finish lines must be at right angles to the course.

8.2.3 - The standard course consists of up to nine (9) lanes. Each lane must be at least nine (9) m wide, straight and without any obstacles.

8.2.3.a The depth of the water in the entire course must be at least two (2) metres;

8.2.3.b The lanes must be marked with buoys or floats. The distance between the buoys cannot be more than 25 m;

8.2.3.c The last buoys must be marked from № one (1) to nine (9) and zero (0). The numbering goes from the left to the right with the number placed on the buoy in such a way as to be clearly visible from the finish tower;

8.2.3.d When there is television coverage of the competition, the lane numbering may be in the opposite direction - from right to left, so that the list of athletes and their lanes shown on the television screen match the appearance of the races to be televised;

8.2.3.e The buoys should be fixed no closer than one (1) metre and no further than two (2) metres behind the finish line;

8.2.3.f The numbered buoys must be clearly visible to the athletes and to be on the corresponding athlete's right-hand side as they pass it;

8.2.3.g The course settings can be variable with the approval of the Competition Committee.

8.2.4 - Heats and the final must be run on the same stretch of water.

8.3 - COURSES (LONGER THAN 1000M)

[SR]

8.3.1 - The start position numbering will be marked opposite from the finish tower and/or opposite from TV broadcast cameras.

8.3.2 - For races of more than 1000 meters, turning points are permitted. The radius of each turn must be at least 31.5 meters (180° turn is the width of seven (7) lanes).

8.3.3 - The turning points are to be marked by at least six (6) flags. The flags must be diagonally divided, with one half (1/2) in red and the other half (1/2) in yellow.

8.3.4 - The red flags on the finish line should be placed as much to the outside as possible in order to get the widest feasible finish line.

8.3.5 - All starting pontoons are to be removed if necessary.

CHAPTER 9 - PRE-COMPETITION

9.1 - DUTIES OF THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE [SR]

9.1.1 - The HOC is responsible for the preparation and running of the competition.

9.1.2 - The HOC must, in particular:

9.1.2.a Make available a suitable venue and technical equipment conforming to the present Canoe Sprint Racing Rules;

9.1.2.b Fix the date and the competition programme in agreement with the ICF;

9.1.2.c Draw up and distribute the advance competition programme including the date and time of the Team Leaders Meeting.

9.2 - TEAM LEADER [PR]

9.2.1 - The **Team Leader** will:

9.2.1.a Represent his/her team;

9.2.1.b Be the main contact with the Chief Official and the HOC throughout the competition, but he/she cannot disturb their work;

9.2.1.c Submit any changes or comments in relation to the competition no later than 24 hours before the first race;

9.2.1.d Arrange to submit a protest or an appeal as stipulated if necessary.

9.3 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAM LEADERS AND ATHLETES [PR]

9.3.1 - The preliminary draw should be available at the competition venue, at the latest 48 hours before the first race of the competition, giving the names and sporting nationality of the athletes and the results of the draw.

9.3.2 - Documentation should be available for each Team Leader, at least five (5) hours before the beginning of the competition, containing the following information:

- Detailed information on the courses and their markings;
- Detailed competition schedule;
- Type of boat control;
- Time and place of the awards ceremony.

9.4 - TEAM LEADERS MEETING

[PR]

9.4.1 - At least 12 hours before the first race of the competition, the Team Leaders Meeting is to be held.

9.4.2 - At this meeting the names of Team Leaders should be advised.

9.4.3 - The organisers will describe the racing course and all other arrangements which should be adhered to for the duration of the competition.

9.4.4 - The Chief Official will describe the competition schedule and ask for any changes to the entries.

9.5 - ALTERATION OF ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

[PR]

9.5.1 - Any athlete named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute in any other event.

9.5.2 - Notification of alterations of the entries must be given in written form to the Chief Official at least one (1) hour before the first race of the morning or afternoon session.

9.5.3 - The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and the same athlete/crew is not allowed to compete in any other events of the competition. Entry fees will not be refunded.

9.5.4 - If an athlete is unable or prevented to compete (e.g. illness or injury) in a crew boat the Competition Committee at the Team Leaders Meeting may allow the other eligible athlete(s) from that boat to be entered in other events.

9.6 - ALTERATION AT THE ORDER OF EVENTS

[PR]

9.6.1 - The sequence of races given in the invitation, and the intervals between the races as given in the Competition Programme, are binding on the organisers.

9.6.2 - Alterations cannot be made unless the respective Team Leaders at the Team Leaders Meeting give their consent.

9.7 - PRE-RACE BOAT CONTROL

[SR]

9.7.1 - The HOC must provide for boat control two (2) certified weighing and measuring devices. Standard checking procedures will be applied.

9.7.2 - The length of a kayak or a canoe must be measured between the extremes of the bow and the stern.

9.7.3 - No alterations in boats are permitted after the measuring and weighing and before the competition has taken place.

9.7.4 - All loose fittings must be removed.

9.7.5 - Any attachments consisting of water absorbing material must be absolutely dry or they will be removed for the weighing.

9.7.6 - Permanent attached knee rests in a definitive way to the floorboard are allowed.

9.8 - BOAT AND PERSONAL NUMBERS

[SR]

9.8.1 - All boats should carry a boat number. It is a vertical plate, made of non-transparent material, marked with black numbers on a white background.

9.8.2 - The plates should be placed on the centreline on the afterdeck or thwart.

9.8.3 - The size of the number plate should be 18 x 20cm. The numbers on the plate must be on each side and must measure 15 cm in height and 25 mm in thickness.

9.8.4 - The personal (bib) numbers will be provided by the HOC and must be placed on the back and/or on the front of the athlete as required by the HOC. The title or main sponsors name may be shown on the front side with the personal numbers.

CHAPTER 10 - COMPETITION

10.1 - MEANS OF PROPULSION

[SR]

10.1.1 - Kayaks must be propelled solely by means of a double-bladed paddle.

10.1.2 - Canoes must be propelled solely by means of a single-bladed paddle.

10.1.3 - The paddles must not be attached to the boat in any way.

10.2 - START

[SR]

10.2.1 - The Start Line must be marked by two (2) red flags or two (2) red buoys or a combination of both.

10.2.2 - Athletes must be on the water at the starting area, not less than three (3) minutes prior to the specified start time of their race. The starting area is defined as the area of water within 100 metres of the Start Line.

10.2.3 - Two (2) minutes before the defined starting time the competing boats must be in line with the allocated race lane.

10.2.4 - The start must commence without reference to any absentees.

10.2.5 - When signalled by the Starter, the athlete/ crew will take the start position designated so that the bow of the boat is on the start line. In case of an automatic starting system the athlete will place himself/herself so that the bow of the boat is on the start line and thus in the start machine. When all boats are properly aligned, the Aligner/Course Umpire will then raise a white flag.

10.2.6 - If the Starter is not satisfied with the line-up, he/she will call "STOP" and begin the start procedure again.

10.2.7 - The Starter will start a race when he/she is satisfied that everything meets with his/her approval.

10.2.8 - The starting command will be "Ready - Set - Go".

10.2.8.a At the "Ready" command the athletes begin their preparation to paddle;

10.2.8.b At the “Set” command the athletes place their paddle in the catch position. The athletes must not paddle forward, or this action will be deemed to be a false start. The boat must not move forward at this point in the starting procedure;

10.2.8.c The Starter when satisfied with the athletes positioning and attention will say “Go” (or shot or loud sound).

10.2.9 - The athletes must only react to the start command/signal “Go” and are not permitted to anticipate the start. The athletes can paddle only upon hearing the starting signal/command “Go”.

10.2.10 - In the case of a false start, the Starter must immediately give a loud buzzer sound signal. On hearing this signal all athletes must stop paddling and follow the Starter’s instructions for a new start.

10.2.11 - Before the new start, the Starter must identify the offending athlete(s) and boat(s) making the false start and give them a warning.

10.2.12 - In the case of a second false start by the same athlete/crew, the boat will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race and must leave the starting area and the course immediately.

10.2.13 - The Starter may also recall athletes for a new start in the case of any unforeseen circumstance (for example - a malfunction of the starting equipment). In such a case the same powerful sound signal as for a false start must be given.

10.2.14 - If a malfunction of the starting equipment was caused through a boat making a false start, as in 10.2.10, the athlete/crew must be given a warning, as in 10.2.13, even though that boat may not have crossed the start line. If the malfunction was not the cause of any athlete making a false start, no penalty should be imposed.

10.2.15 - If an athlete/crew does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Competition Committee, they will be disqualified for the remaining races of the competition (DNS).

10.2.16 - An athlete/crew, who arrives too late at the start, should be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn and will be disqualified for the remaining races of the competition (DNS).

10.2.17 - The Starter will make a written report on any disqualification and forward it to the Chief Official.

10.3 - PADDLING ON THE COURSE

[SR]

10.3.1 - In races up to 1000 meters, athletes must keep the whole of their boat within the five-(5) metre wide central area of their lane from the start to the finish of the course. Upon any deviation, the boat must go back immediately to this central area of the lane.

10.3.2 - If a boat fails to actively return and/or gains an advantage in the race, the boat may be disqualified from the event (DSQ).

10.3.3 - A boat which leaves its allocated lane, must be disqualified (DSQ) from the event.

10.3.4 - After receiving a written report from the Course Umpire, the Competition Committee must decide whether any of the athletes concerned may be disqualified or not.

10.3.5 - The Competition Committee must make its decision known before the result of the race is announced in such a case.

10.3.6 - If a race is declared null and void, no change of the composition of a crew is permitted for the new start.

10.3.7 - If there is a capsize the athlete or crew is disqualified (DNF) from the race.

10.3.8 - The Course Umpire has the right to interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen hindrances arise by using a red flag and a strong sound signal. Athletes must immediately stop paddling and await further instructions.

10.3.9 - If a paddle is broken, the athlete cannot be provided with a new one by a supporter.

10.4 - PACING AND WASH RIDING

[SR]

10.4.1 - Taking pace or receiving assistance from boats not in the race or by any other means is not permitted.

10.4.2 - When a race is in progress crews not taking part in the race are strictly forbidden to proceed over the whole or part of the course, even outside the marking buoys.

10.5.1 - Races of more than 1000 meters distance:

10.5.1.a Athletes may deviate from their lane, providing they do not impede other athletes;

10.5.1.b When a race is run on a course with turning points, these must be passed to port (i.e. in an anti-clock wise direction);

10.5.1.c An athlete will not be disqualified for touching a turning point buoy, unless, in the opinion of the Turning Point Umpires, an advantage has been gained. In making a turn, the boat may follow as closely as possible the course as marked by the buoys at the turning points;

10.5.1.d If there is a capsize the athlete or a crew is eliminated (DNF) from the race and they are not able to get in the boat without outside help;

10.5.2 - Group racing and overtaking

10.5.2.a When a boat is overtaking another boat, it is the duty of the overtaking boat to keep clear of other boat at all times;

10.5.2.b When a boat is racing in a group of boats it is the duty of all the athletes in the group to keep clear of other athletes at all time. This rule applies to any manoeuvring within the group.

10.5.3 - Collision or damage

Any athlete who is considered by a Course Umpire of race to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the boat or paddle of another athlete or unnecessarily deviates from their course may be disqualified (DSQ) and can be required to pay damages.

10.5.4 - Lapped boats must leave the course immediately. If the boat does not leave the course, the athlete is disqualified (DSQ).

10.6.1 - The boat has finished the race when its bow crosses the finish line with all crew members in it.

10.6.2 - The Finish Line Judges will determine the result of the competition based on the order of the boats arriving.

10.6.3 - If two (2) or more boats cross the finish line at the same time, they receive the same classification in the final ranking. In case of a dead heat finish for any position, which determines the advance to the next phase of the competition, the following rules will apply:

10.6.3.a Whenever there are sufficient number of lanes available in the next phase of the competitions, a drawing of lots will determine to which race these boats will advance. It is also possible to use lane number zero (0) or 10;

10.6.3.b Where there are not enough lanes available there will be a re-race between the boats involved after the last race of the day, or half-day programme;

10.6.3.c In case of a dead heat in a re-race, drawing of lots will determine the outcome.

10.6.4 - If the photo finish confirms a dead heat of two (2) or more boats at the finish, the final ranking will be determined according to the best place achieved by those boats. E.g. two (2) or more may be recorded as first, second, third etc.

10.7.1 - Any athlete who attempts to compete in a race by any other than honourable means or who breaks the racing rules, or who disregards the honourable nature of the racing rules will be disqualified from the race concerned (DSQ).

10.7.2 - Should an athlete/crew have completed a race in a boat which is shown upon inspection does not conform with the ICF rules will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race.

10.7.3 - It is forbidden to receive external assistance during a race.

10.7.4 - No athlete/crew may be accompanied along and adjacent to the race course by other boats while the race is in progress.

10.7.5 - No athlete/crew may receive assistance by using objects thrown into the course.

10.7.6 - Any of the above infractions will result in the disqualification of the athletes concerned (DSQ).

10.7.7 - Disqualifications must be confirmed by the Competition Committee in writing immediately, giving the reasons. The Team Leader of the athlete/team must acknowledge the receipt on the notice copy with the exact time, which marks the start of the protest time.

10.7.8 - Failure to deliver the copy confirmation of the disqualification to the Team Leader does not invalidate the disqualification.

10.7.9 - The Competition Committee may discipline any athlete or Official whose behaviour is detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may disqualify him/her for that competition.

CHAPTER 11 - POST-COMPETITION

11.1 - ATHLETES AFTER THE RACE

[SR]

11.1.1 - The athletes must leave the course after the finish of the race and cannot disturb the next race.

11.1.2 - The boats selected by the Competition Committee for a boat control must immediately go to the post-race boat control.

11.1.3 - If selected for doping control, the athlete must comply with the obligations stipulated in the ICF and WADA doping rules.

11.1.4 - Before the awards ceremony the top three (3) athletes/crews of the final must be present at the location and time indicated.

11.1.5 - At the World Championships, World Cups and Olympic Games the athletes must wear the uniform and shoes of their NF at the awards ceremony.

11.2 - PROTEST

[PR]

11.2.1 - A protest against the right of an athlete/crew to compete in a race must be addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official, not later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race of the competition.

11.2.2 - A protest made during a competition must be in written form, addressed to the Competition Committee and handed to the Chief Official not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed on the decision against his/her athlete or team and has signed the receipt.

11.2.3 - All protests must be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros (or an equal sum in the local currency). The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

11.2.4 - When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the Team Leader of the athlete/team in question should be presented the protest or report to read.

11.3 - WORLD BEST TIMES (WB)

[SR]

11.3.1 - The fastest race times will be recorded officially and included in the World Best Times (WB) list for Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, multi-sport Games, Continental and Regional Championships.

11.3.2 - World Best Times will only be official if the competition is validated with:

- ICF accredited/recognised start system;
- ICF accredited/recognised timing system;
- ICF accredited/recognised photo finish camera (NO VCR);
- ICF accredited/recognised course;
- ICF accredited/recognised wind measurement device(s) within the wind parameter determined by the ICF.

11.3.3 - The WB will be recorded in two (2) age groups, Junior (U18) and Seniors only. WB will only be recorded for events that are represented at the World Championships that year.

11.3.4 - New WB must be sent to the ICF by the HOC or recognised timing providers within 7 day of the conclusion of the competition to be validated.

11.4 - RESULTS AND REPORTS

[PR]

After the ending of World Championships and all International Canoe Sprint Competitions, listed in the ICF Competition Calendar, two (2) copies of the results, protests and appeals must be posted by the HOC to the ICF Headquarters (ICF HQ) as well as displayed electronically on official websites.

CHAPTER 12 - OLYMPIC GAMES

Refer to the International Competition Rules and special rules for World Championships except as amended in this Chapter.

12.1 - ORGANISATION

[SR]

12.1.1 - Applications, entries and programme for Olympic Games must be in accordance with the IOC Rules.

12.1.2 - Any rule not regulated by the IOC is subject to the relevant ICF rule.

12.1.3 - Where ICF rules are applicable they may be subject to IOC rules related to the Olympic Games.

12.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[SR]

Olympic events are:

Men		
MK1	Men's Kayak single	200m
MK4	Men's Kayak four	500m
MK1	Men's Kayak single	1000m
MK2	Men's Kayak double	1000m
MC1	Men's Canoe single	1000m
MC2	Men's Canoe double	1000m
Women		
WK1	Women's Kayak single	200m
WC1	Women's Canoe single	200m
WK1	Women's Kayak single	500m
WC2	Women's Canoe double	500m
WK2	Women's Kayak double	500m
WK4	Women's Kayak four	500m

12.3 - SYSTEM OF DIVISION AND PROGRESSION [SR]

12.3.1 - Drawing of lots or the use of World Ranking list for the heats should take place at a time and under the supervision of persons approved by the IOC.

12.3.2 - Division into heats must take place according to the system specified in articles 5.1 and 13.6. The Progression system is shown in Appendix 2.

12.4 - ENTRIES [SR]

Entries for Olympic Games can be made only through the NOC in accordance with the regulations given in the invitation.

12.5 - BOATS AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL [SR]

12.5.1 - In accordance with article 13.9.

12.5.2 - No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games.

12.5.3 - Boats, accessories and clothing may carry advertising symbols, trademarks or emblems and words for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification must not exceed total surface area designated suitable by the IOC.

12.5.4 - The word “identification “means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the actual manufacturer of the item only. Third party branding of an article of equipment or clothing is not permitted. The identification can appear only once per item unless specified by the IOC.

12.5.5 - The uniform of the athletes and all persons holding an official position may include the flag of their NOC Olympic emblem or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Olympic emblem. The ICF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of the International Federation.

12.5.6 - Any boat, accessory or article of clothing, which does not comply with the above conditions, will be ineligible for use during the competition. Athletes are responsible for their own equipment.

12.5.7 - For a new boat design to be eligible for the Olympic Games the same boat design must have passed the official boat control at the World Championships or World Cup the year prior to the Olympic Games.

12.5.8 - At the Olympic Games the names of the athletes must be placed on the sides of the boats. The names (letters) on the stickers should be placed just below the cockpit. The precise positioning will be determined by the ICF Technical Delegate.

12.5.9 - The dimension of the names on the stickers will be a minimum of six (6) cm high and will be black letters on white background. The font should be “Arial Black” all in capital letters with first name or initial followed by family name.

12.5.10 - The stickers will be provided by the OCOG. They will be applied by the ICF Officials at the first boat control.

12.5.11 - At the Olympic Games all the boats must pass the 1st Boat Control prior to the competition.

CHAPTER 13 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Refer to the International Competition Rules except as amended in this Chapter.

13.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

13.1.1 - World Championships may be arranged every year with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors at a place and time approved by it and in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules. During an Olympic year the World Championships can consist only of non-Olympic events.

13.1.2 - The races may be held on four (4) or four and a half (4 ½) consecutive days.

13.1.3 - Entries for all events must be limited to one (1) per NF.

13.1.4 - Substitutes may be entered and may participate in the races according to the Rules in articles 1.6, 6.1, 6.2 and 9.5.

13.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[PR]

13.2.1 - World Championships are held in Olympic and non-Olympic events.

13.2.1.a For Olympic events refer to article 12.2.

13.2.1.b The non-Olympic events at the World Championships will be decided by the ICF Board of Directors on the recommendation of the CSPC the year before the competition is held. The potential list of events is:

Men	Women	Mixed
200m		
MK2 200m	WK2 200m	XK2 200m
MK4 200m	WK4 200m	XK4 200m
MC1 200m		
MC2 200m	WC2 200m	XC2 200m
MC4 200m	WC4 200m	XC4 200m

500m		
MK1 500m		
MK2 500m		XK2 500m
		XK4 500m
MC1 500m	WC1 500m	
MC2 500m		XC2 500m
MC4 500m	WC4 500m	XC4 500m
1000m		
	WK1 1000m	
	WK2 1000m	XK2 1000m
MK4 1000m	WK4 1000m	XK4 1000m
	WC1 1000m	
	WC2 1000m	XC2 1000m
MC4 1000m	WC4 1000m	XC4 1000m
5000m		
MK1 5000m	WK1 5000m	
MK2 5000m	WK2 5000m	XK2 5000m
MK4 5000m	WK4 5000m	XK4 5000m
MC1 5000m	WC1 5000m	
MC2 5000m	WC2 5000m	XC2 5000m

Additionally, Paracanoe events will be contested at the World Championships.

13.3 - SYSTEM OF DIVISION AND PROGRESSION [PR]

13.3.1 - The drawing of lots for the first races in each class must be carried out under the control of an ICF Official and the supervision of the HOC member.

13.3.2 - The division into heats should be made in accordance with the Canoe Sprint Rules, with the following additions:

13.3.2.a The division into heats will be based on:

- The results of previous World Championships. The boats placed in A, B and C finals, if applicable, will automatically be seeded. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots;
OR
- The official ICF World Ranking. Athletes and crews which are ranked will be automatically seeded. The remainder will be placed into the heats by drawing of lots.

13.3.2.b If changes at the Team Leaders Meeting result in the fact that the actual number of boats is too small for the plan used, there may be a new drawing of lots for the actual number of boats and a new plan selected.

13.3.3 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each heat go forward to the next appropriate phase of the competition. The others are eliminated.

13.3.4 - In relation to the progression plan the boats from each semi-final go forward to a final. The others are eliminated.

13.3.5 - The Competition Committee will decide which progression plan (1 or 2) will be used for the event.

13.3.6 - The distribution of lanes for semi-finals and finals is automatically determined by the results of the previous races.

13.3.7 - A semi-final will not be held if all the competing boats would reach the next phase of the competition. The lanes for the final will be determined by means of a draw from the boats that progressed.

13.3.8 - At the Global Olympic Qualification, the composition of a K4 crew, which has qualified for semi-finals or for the final, may be changed for next phase of the competition.

13.4 - INVITATIONS, ENTRIES AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE

[PR]

13.4.1 - Invitations for World Championships will be issued by the organising NF (or HOC) and must be in accordance with the ICF Rules. Invitations should be sent out at least nine (9) months before the first day of the Championships.

13.4.2 - Entries:

13.4.2.a Entry process is described in article 1.6;

13.4.2.b The deadline for the numerical entries is 45 full days before the first day of the competition;

13.4.2.c Withdrawing of a boat in an event is only permitted until five (5) days before the first day of the races without consequences.

13.4.3 - The Competition Schedule must be available at least three (3) days before the Championships and contain the following details:

13.4.3.a The starting time of each race (heats as well as finals);

13.4.3.b The names and NFs of the athletes in each race.

13.5 - RACES AND INTERVALS

[SR]

In the 1000m and 500m races, the interval between the events (heats, semi-finals and final) must not be less than 30 minutes.

13.6 - COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

[PR]

13.6.1 - World Championships must be held under the direction of a Chief Official appointed by the ICF Board of Directors.

13.6.2 - During the World Championships the Competition Committee must consist of three (3) officials who must be in possession of a valid International Official Canoe Sprint card. They are:

13.6.2.a Chief Official (Technical Chair or his/her deputy from the CSPC);

13.6.2.b Chief Judge (from the CSPC);

13.6.2.c Deputy Chief Judge.

13.6.3 - The officials (excluding the Jury and Competition Committee) to officiate at the World Championships are:

- Competition Manager
- Starters
- Aligners
- Course Umpires
- Finishing Line Judges
- Boat Controllers
- Medical Officer

13.6.4 - Travel expenses for the following International Technical Officials (ITOs) will be covered by the competing NFs:

- Chief Official
- Chief Judge
- Deputy Chief Judge
- Competition Manager
- Starters
- Aligners
- Course Umpires
- Finishing Line Judges
- Boat Controllers
- Medical Officer

13.6.5 - Each team attending the World Championships will pay an administration fee (set by the CSPC) to share the travel costs of the ITOs to officiate at the World Championships. The expenses (room and board) for all ITOs during the competition period are the responsibility of the HOC.

13.7 - START AND EQUIPMENT

[SR]

13.7.1 - An automatic start system accepted / approved by the ICF and equipped with loudspeakers at each start position is compulsory for all races.

13.7.2 - The HOC must provide a loudspeaker, to be at the disposal of the Starter.

13.7.3 - If necessary, assistants hold the stern of the boats and release them on the shot or electronic sound.

13.7.4 - There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow replay at each start line position to control the start of the athletes at World Championships and Olympic Games. The video will be only at the disposal of the Starter.

13.8.1 - At World Championships the order of the boats arriving at the finishing line will be decided with a Photo Finish System.

13.8.2 - The HOC must provide two (2) sets of Photo Finish equipment accepted by the ICF. The time must be recorded in 1/1000's and published in 1/100's of a second. In finals only, if the time difference between one boat and other boat(s) is 5/1000 seconds or less, the slower boats will be given the same time and position as the faster boat.

13.8.3 - There must be a video system with camera/VCR with slow motion that must show the athlete relative position in their boat at the finish line.

13.8.4 - An Official must see that a photo finish is taken for each race (heats, semi-finals and finals).

13.8.5 - The Photo Finish System must record the finish of all participating boats.

13.8.6 - The photo finish must be at the disposal of the Chief Finish Line Judge, the Competition Committee and the Jury.

13.8.7 - The Chief Finish Line Judge and the Competition Committee must compare their decisions with the results of the photo finish, with the latter being decisive. The results of each race are to be approved by the Competition Committee.

13.8.8 - During World Championships as well as Olympic Games no separate time-keepers will be used. If the electronic time keeping fails, the Finish Line Judges should take the time by stopwatch.

13.8.9 - Timing, Scoring and Results System Providers at ICF competitions can be conducted exclusively with ICF approved Timing, Scoring and Results System Providers.

13.8.10 - The Timing, Scoring and Results System have the task to supply information as defined in the "ICF Technical Manual for Canoe Sprint Championships".

13.8.11 - Requirements:

- Instant updates to the competition programme;
- Updates from Team Leaders Meeting;
- Race operations including instant classification of boats;
- Medal tables;
- Point rankings;
- Statistics (eg. number of races, athletes, best times);
- Interface that can be used for media / spectators;
- On-line system (on-line entries, accreditation, starting lists, results on website).

13.8.12 - The systems must be tested at least one (1) year prior to the start of the competition.

13.9 - BOATS AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL [SR]

There will be three (3) types of boat control:

13.9.1 - Pre-Competition boat control as per article 9.7;

13.9.1.a Teams are responsible for pre-competition boat control;

13.9.1.b Before the first day of the competition each participating NF can control their boats which will be used during the World Championships to satisfy themselves that their boats conform to the rules;

13.9.1.c Additional weight, if any, must be fixed to the hull of the boat.

13.9.2 - Identity and Polyox Control:

13.9.2.a Before proceeding to the start of a race all athletes and boats must pass through ID and Polyox control;

13.9.2.b The Officials will:

- Check all athletes ID, body numbers, boat numbers, uniforms and crew uniformity;
- Check for any performance enhancing foreign substance on the boat and any forbidden devices mentioned in articles 3.2.5 and 3.2.10;
- Inform the Competition Committee in case of missing boats.

13.9.2.c Uniform and uniformity:

- The athletes must wear an appropriate official clothing with easy identification of the nation they represent. Every athlete must compete in the team uniform mentioned in the nominal entries or at accreditation at the latest;
- In a crew boat there must be uniformity among all athletes including clothing sleeve length, hats, headbands and spray deck covers.

13.9.3 - Post-Race boat control will be directly after all the races.

13.10 - APPEAL

[PR]

13.10.1 - Team Leaders or other NF representatives have the right to appeal to the Jury against a decision of the Competition Committee on behalf of their athletes.

13.10.2 - The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury in writing with reasons, not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader has been informed with a written communication of the decision against the athlete or team and has signed the receipt given.

13.10.3 - An appeal must be accompanied by a fee of 75 Euros (or an equal sum in the local currency). The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13.10.4 - The appeal must be heard as soon as possible. Witnesses may be called.

13.10.5 - The decision of the Jury is final.

13.11 - AWARDS

[PR]

13.11.1 - The medals will be awarded in accordance with article 1.8.6 and must on no account be presented to any other persons than those who have won championship races.

13.11.2 - Only medals, to the exclusion of all other prizes, are to be presented at the official ceremony.

13.12 - NATIONS CUP RANKING

[PR]

13.12.1 - Nations Cup ranking is in accordance with article 1.8.7.

13.12.2 - The ranking will be calculated in the following table:

Points			
Position	Final A	Final B	Final C
1 st	30	20	10
2 nd	28	18	8
3 rd	27	17	7
4 th	26	16	6
5 th	25	15	5
6 th	24	14	4
7 th	23	13	3
8 th	22	12	2
9 th	21	11	1
All others	1	1	1

13.12.3 - All boats that participated in the event will receive a minimum of one (1) point.

13.12.4 - Paracanoe results (only Paralympic events) are included in the Canoe Sprint Nations Cup calculations.

13.13 - MASTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

[PR]

13.13.1 - There is no limit to numbers of boats per class per NF.

13.13.2 - In K2/C2 or K4/C4 events the average age of the competitors will determine the age group in which a crew can compete.

CHAPTER 14 - JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Refer to the International Competition Rules and special rules for World Championships except as amended in this Chapter.

14.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

14.1.1 - Junior and Under 23 World Championships may be arranged each year with the consent of the ICF Board of Directors, at the place and time approved by it and in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules. World Championships in Olympic disciplines for Junior and U23 age groups are to be organised together. Junior Championships must not be held at the same time and at the same venue as the Seniors Championships.

14.1.2 - The races may be held on four (4) consecutive days.

14.1.3 - Juniors and Under 23 are athletes, as specified in the rule in article 1.4.

CHAPTER 15 - WORLD CUP

Refer to the International Competition Rules and special rules for World Championships except as amended in this Chapter.

15.1 - ORGANISATION

[PR]

15.1.1 - The ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions must be arranged under the auspices of the ICF.

15.1.2 - The Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions are held in accordance with the ICF Canoe Sprint Rules.

15.1.3 - The Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions will be held every year with at least two (2) competitions.

15.1.4 - No World Cup competition can be held during the two (2) weeks preceding the World Championships or Olympic Games.

15.1.5 - Every NF can enter no more than two (2) boats in each event of the World Cup competition.

15.2 - COMPETITION PROGRAMME

[PR]

15.2.1 - The competition should be organised over three (3) or three and a half (3 ½) days but can be extended by the ICF Board of Directors if required. The progression system should be based on the World Championships rules.

15.2.2 - The competition schedule must be set at least three (3) months before the first day of the competition by the CSPC based on the events approved by the ICF Board of Directors.

15.2.3 - The competition schedule can be adapted to meet television requirements. Negotiations between ICF and television must be completed before 1st March in the year of the competition.

15.2.4 - After the completion of each World Cup Competition, the ICF (through the timing/scoring provider) should calculate the ranking of the athletes on points in accordance with the adopted system for men's kayak, women's kayak, men's canoe, women's canoe and all events separately.

15.3 - BIDDING TO HOST A WORLD CUPS EVENT [PR]

The CSPC should make a proposal regarding the venues to be chosen, taking into consideration the technical equipment of the racing course and the experience of the NF in organising ICF Championships or international competitions.

15.4 - COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS[PR]

15.4.1 - The Canoe Sprint World Cup competitions must be conducted under the authority of a member of the CSPC.

15.4.2 - The HOC must bear the travel, accommodation and meals expenses of the member of the CSPC.

15.4.3 - If the CSPC considers a technical visit necessary after the bid and before the competition, the costs of travel and stay will be charged to the HOC.

CHAPTER 16 - ICF CANOE SPRINT RANKING

16.1 - WORLD RANKING

[SR]

16.1.1 - Each athlete/boat can gain World Ranking points at specific Canoe Sprint competitions. The World Ranking tables will be periodically published by the ICF.

16.1.2 - Competitions that may be included in the World Ranking list are:

- Olympic Games
- World Championships
- U23 World Championships
- World Cups
- Continental Championships or Continental Games
- ICF invitational competitions

16.1.3 - Every athlete/boat can collect points at one (1) World Championships/Olympic Games and one (1) Continental Championships/Games each year. If an athlete/boat participates in more than one (1) Championships per calendar year the best result of the athlete/boat will be counted towards the World Ranking tally.

16.1.4 - World Ranking points will only be given to events represented in the World Cup program. If the World Cup events list changes at the beginning of the calendar year, points already won from removed events of the previous year will expire 12 months from the date they were obtained.

16.1.5 - In each event only the first crew per NF will be given points.

16.1.6 - In single events, World Ranking points will be awarded to the athlete.

16.1.7 - In team boats, World Ranking points will be given to the NF regardless of the athletes in the crew.

16.1.8 - If an athlete has a doping violation or other disciplinary sanctions, all World Ranking points will be annulled for the athlete/boat concerned. The points for athletes/boats ranked after will not be re-attributed.

16.1.9 - If an athlete changes sporting nationality the World Ranking points in the single boats will stay under his/her name. For team boats points will stay attributed to the previous NF.

16.1.10 - Based on current World Ranking points, athletes/crews can be seeded in ICF competitions.

16.1.11 - If two (2) or more athletes /crews have equal points in the final ranking, they will receive equal rank.

16.1.12 - The points system will be determined by the ICF and published the year before the competitions.

CHAPTER 17 - ITO - TRAINING PATHWAY

Procedure for becoming an ICF Canoe Sprint International Technical Official:

17.1 - EXAMINATION

[PR]

17.1.1 - In Canoe Sprint ITO examination is linked with a seminar. NFs are entitled to apply to hold together a seminar and an examination.

17.1.2 - Examination Procedure

17.1.2.a A sub-committee consisting of two (2) members, appointed by the Technical Chair, will:

- Run an ICF Official Seminar containing theory and practise sessions at an international level competition;
- Hold the examination after as per article 1.15.

17.1.2.b Candidates may pass the examination according the criteria created by their Continental Association or the ICF criteria created by the Technical Chair. Officials who are approved only at the continental level, may participate in a new examination without attending another seminar.

APPENDIX 1 - DIVISION SYSTEMS WITH A, B AND C FINALS

Legend:

H	= Heat
QF	= Quarterfinal
SF	= Semi-Final
BT	= by time
1-2, 1-3, 2-7...	= from first to second place, from first to third place, from second to seventh place...
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd ...	= boat winning first place, boat winning second place, boat winning third place...
3x3rd, 4x4th, 4x6th...	= 3 boats in third places, 4 boats in fourth places, 4 boats in sixth places...
4/H1 ... L7	4 TH place from Heat 1 will start in lane 7
The lane distribution of the boats qualified in A, B or C final will be based on their result or time achieved in the Semi - Final.	

BOATS	SYS TEM	HEATS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
10 - 18	A	2 x 9 1-3 to Final 4-7 + next BT to SF rest out	1 x 9 1-3 to Final rest out	A: 1 x 9
19 - 27	B	3 x 9 1st to Final A 2-7 to SF rest out	2 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-7 + next BT to Final B rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
28 - 36	C	4 x 9 1-6 + 3x7 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9
37 - 45	D	5 x 9 1-5 + 2x6 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9

46 - 54	E	6 x 9 1-4 + 3x5 th BT to SF rest out	3 x 9 1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9
55 - 63	F	7 x 9 1-5+ next BT to SF rest out	4 x 9 1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9
64 - 72	G	8 x 9 1-4+ 4x5 th BT to SF rest out	4 x 9 1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out	A: 1 x 9 B: 1 x 9 C: 1 x 9

PLAN A

BOATS

10 - 18

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
<div> <div>H1</div> <div>H2</div> <div>10. 5 5</div> <div>11. 6 5</div> <div>12. 6 6</div> <div>13. 7 6</div> <div>14. 7 7</div> <div>15. 8 7</div> <div>16. 8 8</div> <div>17. 9 8</div> <div>18. 9 9</div> </div>	Plan A1 - SF 1	Plan A2 - SF 1	FINAL A
	4/H1 ... L5	4/H1 ... L4	1/H1 ... L5
	5/H1 ... L6	5/H1 ... L3	2/H1 ... L3
	6/H1 ... L2	6/H1 ... L7	3/H1 ... L7
	7/H1 ... L8	7/H1 ... L1	1/H2 ... L4
	4/H2 ... L4	4/H2 ... L5	2/H2 ... L6
	5/H2 ... L3	5/H2 ... L6	3/H2 ... L2
	6/H2 ... L7	6/H2 ... L2	1/SF1 ... L8
	7/H2 ... L1	7/H2 ... L8	2/SF1 ... L1
	next BT... L9	next BT... L9	3/SF1 ... L9
<div>2 Heats</div> <div>1-3 direct to Final</div> <div>4 -7+ next BT to SF</div> <div>rest out</div>	<div>1-3 to Final</div> <div>rest out</div>		

PLAN B BOATS 19 - 27

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
H1 H2 H3 19. 7 6 6 20. 7 7 6 21. 7 7 7 22. 8 7 7 23. 8 8 7 24. 8 8 8 25. 9 8 8 26. 9 9 8 27. 9 9 9	Plan B1 - SF 1	Plan B2 - SF 1	FINAL A
	2/H1 ... L5	3/H1 ... L6	1/H1 ... L5
	4/H1 ... L7	5/H1 ... L2	1/H2 ... L4
	6/H1 ... L1	6/H1 ... L9	1/H3 ... L6
	3/H2 ... L4	3/H2 ... L4	1/SF1 ... L3
	5/H2 ... L2	4/H2 ... L7	2/SF1 ... L8
	7/H2 ... L9	6/H2 ... L8	3/SF1 ... L1
	3/H3 ... L6	2/H3 ... L5	1/SF2 ... L7
	4/H3 ... L3	4/H3 ... L3	2/SF2 ... L2
	6/H3 ... L8	7/H3 ... L1	3/SF2 ... L9
	Plan B1 - SF 2	Plan B2 - SF2	FINAL B
	3/H1 ... L6	2/H1 ... L5	4/SF1 ... L5
	5/H1 ... L7	4/H1 ... L3	5/SF1 ... L3
	7/H1 ... L1	7/H1 ... L9	6/SF1 ... L7
	2/H2 ... L5	2/H2 ... L4	7/SF1 ... L1
	4/H2 ... L3	5/H2 ... L7	4/SF2 ... L4
	6/H2 ... L8	7/H2 ... L1	5/SF2 ... L6
	2/H3 ... L4	3/H3 ... L6	6/SF2 ... L2
	5/H3 ... L2	5/H3 ... L2	7/SF2 ... L8
	7/H3 ... L9	6/H3 ... L8	Next BT ... L9
3 Heats 1 st to Final A 2-7 to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4 -7 + next BT to Final B rest out		

PLAN C BOATS 28 - 36

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
<div>H1 H2 H3 H4</div> <div>28. 7 7 7 7</div> <div>29. 8 7 7 7</div> <div>30. 8 8 7 7</div> <div>31. 8 8 8 7</div> <div>32. 8 8 8 8</div> <div>33. 9 8 8 8</div> <div>34. 9 9 8 8</div> <div>35. 9 9 9 8</div> <div>36. 9 9 9 9</div>	Plan C1 - SF1	Plan C2 - SF 1	FINAL A
	1/H1 ... L5	2/H1 ... L4	1/SF1 ... L5
	5/H1 ... L8	6/H1 ... L8	2/SF1 ... L3
	2/H2 ... L4	1/H2 ... L6	3/SF1 ... L8
	6/H2 ... L1	6/H2 ... L1	1/SF2 ... L4
	2/H3 ... L6	3/H3 ... L3	2/SF2 ... L7
	5/H3 ... L2	4/H3 ... L7	3/SF2 ... L1
	3/H4 ... L3	1/H4 ... L5	1/SF3 ... L6
	4/H4 ... L7	5/H4 ... L2	2/SF3 ... L2
	1 st BT ... L9	1 st BT ... L9	3/SF3 ... L9
	Plan C1 - SF 2	Plan C2 - SF 2	FINAL B
	3/H1 ... L6	3/H1 ... L6	4/SF1 ... L5
	4/H1 ... L2	5/H1 ... L8	5/SF1 ... L7
	1/H2 ... L5	3/H2 ... L3	6/SF1 ... L2
	5/H2 ... L8	4/H2 ... L7	4/SF2 ... L6
	3/H3 ... L3	1/H3 ... L5	5/SF2 ... L3
	4/H3 ... L7	6/H3 ... L9	6/SF2 ... L1
	2/H4 ... L4	2/H4 ... L4	4/SF3 ... L4
	6/H4 ... L9	4/H4 ... L2	5/SF3 ... L8
	2 nd BT ... L1	2 nd BT ... L1	6/SF3 ... L9
	Plan C1 - SF 3	Plan C2 - SF 3	
	2/H1 ... L6	1/H1 ... L5	
	6/H1 ... L1	4/H1 ... L7	
	3/H2 ... L3	2/H2 ... L6	
	4/H2 ... L7	5/H2 ... L2	
	1/H3 ... L4	2/H3 ... L4	
	6/H3 ... L8	5/H3 ... L8	
	1/H4 ... L5	3/H4 ... L3	
	5/H4 ... L2	6/H4 ... L9	
	3 rd BT ... L9	3 rd BT ... L1	
4 Heats 1-6 + 3x7 th BT to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B rest out		

PLAN D BOATS 37 - 45

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
<div>H H H H H 1 2 3 4 5 37. 8 8 7 7 7 38. 8 8 8 7 7 39. 8 8 8 8 7 40. 8 8 8 8 8 41. 9 8 8 8 8 42. 9 9 8 8 8 43. 9 9 9 8 8 44. 9 9 9 9 8 45. 9 9 9 9 9</div>	Plan D1-SF 1	Plan D2-SF 1	FINAL A
	1/H1 ... L5 4/H1 ... L2 2/H2 ... L6 5/H2 ... L1 3/H3 ... L7 1/H4 ... L4 4/H4 ... L8 2/H5 ... L3 5/H5 ... L9	2/H1 ... L6 4/H1 ... L2 1/H2 ... L5 5/H2 ... L9 2/H3 ... L3 3/H4 ... L7 4/H4 ... L8 1/H5 ... L4 4/H5 ... L1	1/SF1 ... L5 2/SF1 ... L3 3/SF1 ... L8 1/SF2 ... L4 2/SF2 ... L7 3/SF2 ... L1 1/SF3 ... L6 2/SF3 ... L2 3/SF3 ... L9
	Plan D1-SF 2	Plan D2-SF 2	FINAL B
	2/H1 ... L4 5/H1 ... L8 3/H2 ... L3 1/H3 ... L5 4/H3 ... L2 2/H4 ... L6 5/H4 ... L1 3/H5 ... L7 1 st BT ... L9	1/H1 ... L5 5/H1 ... L2 4/H2 ... L7 3/H3 ... L3 5/H3 ... L8 2/H4 ... L4 2/H5 ... L6 5/H5 ... L1 2 nd BT ... L9	4/SF1 ... L5 5/SF1 ... L7 6/SF1 ... L2 4/SF2 ... L6 5/SF2 ... L3 6/SF2 ... L1 4/SF3 ... L4 5/SF3 ... L8 6/SF3 ... L9
	Plan D1-SF 3	Plan D2-SF 3	FINAL C
	3/H1 ... L3 1/H2 ... L5 4/H2 ... L2 2/H3 ... L6 5/H3 ... L1 3/H4 ... L7 1/H5 ... L4 4/H5 ... L8 2 nd BT ... L2	3/H1 ... L3 2/H2 ... L6 3/H2 ... L7 1/H3 ... L5 4/H3 ... L8 1/H4 ... L4 5/H4 ... L1 3/H5 ... L2 1 st BT ... L9	7/SF1 ... L5 8/SF1 ... L3 9/SF1 ... L8 7/SF2 ... L4 8/SF2 ... L7 9/SF2 ... L1 7/SF3 ... L6 8/SF3 ... L2 9/SF3 ... L9
5 Heats 1-5 + 2x6 th BT to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C		

PLAN E BOATS 46 - 54

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
<div>H H H H H H 1 2 3 4 5 6</div> <div>46. 8 8 8 8 7 7</div> <div>47. 8 8 8 8 8 7</div> <div>48. 8 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>49. 9 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>50. 9 9 8 8 8 8</div> <div>51. 9 9 9 8 8 8</div> <div>52. 9 9 9 9 8 8</div> <div>53. 9 9 9 9 9 8</div> <div>54. 9 9 9 9 9 9</div>	Plan E1-SF1	Plan E2-SF1	FINAL A
	1/H1 ... L5	3/H1 ... L3	1/SF1 ... L5
	4/H1 ... L8	1/H2 ... L5	2/SF1 ... L3
	3/H2 ... L7	4/H2 ... L8	3/SF1 ... L8
	2/H3 ... L3	2/H3 ... L6	1/SF2 ... L4
	1/H4 ... L4	3/H4 ... L7	2/SF2 ... L7
	4/H4 ... L1	1/H5 ... L4	3/SF2 ... L1
	3/H5 ... L2	4/H5 ... L9	1/SF3 ... L6
	2/H6 ... L6	3/H6 ... L2	2/SF3 ... L2
	1 st BT ... L9	3 rd BT ... L1	3/SF3 ... L9
	Plan E1-SF2	Plan E2-SF2	FINAL B
	2/H1 ... L3	1/H1 ... L5	4/SF1 ... L5
	1/H2 ... L5	4/H1 ... L8	5/SF1 ... L7
	4/H2 ... L8	2/H2 ... L6	6/SF1 ... L2
	3/H3 ... L7	3/H3 ... L2	4/SF2 ... L6
	2/H4 ... L6	1/H4 ... L4	5/SF2 ... L3
	1/H5 ... L4	4/H4 ... L9	6/SF2 ... L1
	4/H5 ... L1	2/H5 ... L3	4/SF3 ... L4
	3/H6 ... L2	2/H6 ... L7	5/SF3 ... L8
	2 nd BT ... L9	1 st BT ... L1	6/SF3 ... L9
	Plan E1-SF3	Plan E2-SF3	FINAL C
	3/H1 ... L7	2/H1 ... L4	7/SF1 ... L5
	2/H2 ... L3	3/H2 ... L7	8/SF1 ... L3
	1/H3 ... L5	1/H3 ... L5	9/SF1 ... L8
	4/H3 ... L8	4/H3 ... L8	7/SF2 ... L4
	3/H4 ... L2	2/H4 ... L3	8/SF2 ... L7
	2/H5 ... L6	3/H5 ... L2	9/SF2 ... L1
	1/H6 ... L4	1/H6 ... L6	7/SF3 ... L6
	4/H6 ... L1	4/H6 ... L9	8/SF3 ... L2
	3 rd BT ... L9	2 nd BT ... L1	9/SF3 ... L9
6 Heats 1-4 + 3x5 th BT to SF rest out	1-3 to Final A 4-6 to Final B 7-9 to Final C		

PLAN F BOATS 55 - 63

HEATS								SEMI - FINALS		FINALS
								Plan F1-SF1	Plan F2-SF1	FINAL A
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	1/H1 ... L5	3/H1 ... L7	1/SF1 ... L5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	5/H1 ... L1	1/H2 ... L5	2/SF1 ... L8
55.	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	4/H2 ... L8	5/H2 ... L1	1/SF2 ... L4
56.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	4/H3 ... L2	4/H3 ... L2	2/SF2 ... L7
57.	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	2/H4 ... L6	2/H4 ... L4	1/SF3 ... L6
58.	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	1/H5 ... L4	1/H5 ... L6	2/SF3 ... L2
59.	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	3/H6 ... L7	5/H5 ... L9	1/SF4 ... L3
60.	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	2/H7 ... L3	4/H6 ... L8	2/SF4 ... L9
61.	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	1 st BT ... L9	3/H7 ... L3	1 st BT ... L1
62.	9	9	9	9	9	9	8			
63.	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	Plan F1-SF2	Plan F2-SF2	FINAL B
								2/H1 ... L4	4/H1 ... L8	2 nd (3 rd) BT L5
								1/H2 ... L5	2/H2 ... L4	3 rd (3 rd) BT L6
								5/H2 ... L9	1/H3 ... L6	4 th (3 rd) BT L4
								3/H3 ... L7	5/H3 ... L9	4/SF1 ... L3
								3/H4 ... L3	3/H4 ... L3	4/SF2 ... L2
								2/H5 ... L6	2/H5 ... L7	4/SF3 ... L7
								4/H6 ... L8	1/H6 ... L5	4/SF4 ... L8
								5/H6 ... L1	5/H6 ... L1	1 st (5 th) BT L1
								3/H7 ... L2	4/H7 ... L2	2 nd (5 th) BT L9
								Plan F1-SF3	Plan F2-SF3	FINAL C
								3/H1 ... L3	1/H1 ... L5	3 rd (5 th) BT L5
								3/H2 ... L7	5/H1 ... L1	4 th (5 th) BT L6
								1/H3 ... L5	3/H2 ... L7	6/SF1 ... L4
								2/H3 ... L6	2/H3 ... L4	6/SF2 ... L3
								4/H4 ... L8	4/H4 ... L2	6/SF3 ... L2
								4/H5 ... L2	3/H5 ... L8	6/SF4 ... L7
								5/H5 ... L9	2/H6 ... L3	1 st . (7 th) BT L8
								1/H6 ... L4	1/H7 ... L6	2 nd (7 th) BT L1
								5/H7 ... L1	5/H7 ... L9	3 rd (7 th) BT L9
								Plan F1-SF4	Plan F2-SF4	
								4/H1 ... L2	2/H1 ... L4	
								2/H2 ... L3	4/H2 ... L2	
								5/H3 ... L1	3/H3 ... L7	
								1/H4 ... L5	1/H4 ... L5	
								5/H4 ... L9	5/H4 ... L1	
								3/H5 ... L7	4/H5 ... L8	
								2/H6 ... L6	3/H6 ... L3	
								1/H7 ... L4	2/H7 ... L6	
								4/H7 ... L8	1 st BT ... L9	
7 Heats 1-5 + next BT to SF rest out								1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out		

PLAN G BOATS 64 - 72

HEATS	SEMI - FINALS		FINALS	
<div>HH HH HH HH</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8</div> <div>64. 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>65. 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>66. 9 9 8 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>67. 9 9 9 8 8 8 8 8</div> <div>68. 9 9 9 9 8 8 8 8</div> <div>79. 9 9 9 9 9 8 8 8</div> <div>70. 9 9 9 9 9 9 8 8</div> <div>71. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 8</div> <div>72. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9</div>	Plan G1-SF1	Plan G2-SF1	FINAL A	
	1/H1 ... L5 4/H2 ... L2 3/H3 ... L7 2/H4 ... L4 1/H5 ... L6 4/H6 ... L9 3/H7 ... L8 2/H8 ... L3 1 st BT ... L1	4/H1 ... L8 1/H2 ... L5 2/H3 ... L6 3/H4 ... L7 1/H5 ... L4 2/H6 ... L3 3/H7 ... L2 4/H8 ... L1 1 st BT ... L9	1/SF1 ... L5 2/SF1 ... L8 1/SF2 ... L4 2/SF2 ... L7 1/SF3 ... L6 2/SF3 ... L2 1/SF4 ... L3 2/SF4 ... L9 1 st BT ... L1	
	Plan G1-SF2	Plan G2-SF2	FINAL B	
	2/H1 ... L4 1/H2 ... L5 4/H3 ... L2 3/H4 ... L7 2/H5 ... L3 1/H6 ... L6 4/H7 ... L1 3/H8 ... L8 2 nd BT ... L9	1/H1 ... L5 2/H2 ... L6 3/H3 ... L7 4/H4 ... L8 2/H5 ... L3 3/H6 ... L2 4/H7 ... L9 1/H8 ... L4 2 nd BT ... L1	2 nd (3 th) BT L5 3 rd (3 th) BT L6 4 th (3 th) BT L4 4/SF1 ... L3 4/SF2 ... L2 4/SF3 ... L7 4/SF4 ... L8 1 st (5 th) BT L1 2 nd (5 th) BT L9	
	Plan G1-SF3	Plan G2-SF3	FINAL C	
	3/H1 ... L7 2/H2 ... L4 1/H3 ... L5 4/H4 ... L2 3/H5 ... L8 2/H6 ... L3 1/H7 ... L6 4/H8 ... L9 3 rd BT ... L1	2/H1 ... L6 3/H2 ... L7 4/H3 ... L8 1/H4 ... L5 3/H5 ... L2 4/H6 ... L1 1/H7 ... L4 2/H8 ... L3 3 rd BT ... L9	3 rd (5 th) BT L5 4 th (5 th) BT L6 6/SF1 ... L4 6/SF2 ... L3 6/SF3 ... L2 6/SF4 ... L7 1 st (7 th) BT L8 2 nd (7 th) BT L1 3 rd (7 th) BT L9	
	Plan G1-SF4	Plan G2-SF4		
	4/H1 ... L8 3/H2 ... L7 2/H3 ... L3 1/H4 ... L5 4/H5 ... L1 3/H6 ... L2 2/H7 ... L4 1/H8 ... L6 4 th BT ... L9	3/H1 ... L7 4/H2 ... L8 1/H3 ... L5 2/H4 ... L6 4/H5 ... L9 1/H6 ... L4 2/H7 ... L3 3/H8 ... L2 4 th BT ... L1		
	8 Heats 1-4 + 4x5 th BT to SF rest out			1-2 + next BT to Final A 3x3 rd + 4x4 th + 2x5 th BT to Final B 2x5 th + 4x6 th + 3x7 th BT to Final C rest out

APPENDIX 2 - OLYMPIC PROGRESSION 8 LANES (2020)

BOATS	SYS TEM	HEATS	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS
9-10	A	2 heats 1-2 to Final rest to SF	NO QF	1 SF 1-4 to Final rest out	Final A
11	B	2 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	1 QF 1-6 to SF rest out	2 SFs 1-4 to Final rest out	Final A
12	C	2 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	1 QF 1-6 to SF rest to Final B	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
13-14	D	2 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	2 QFs 1-3 to SF rest to Final B	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
15-16	E	3 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	2 QFs 1-3 to SF rest to Final B	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
17	F	3 heats 1-3 to SF rest to QF	1 QF 1-5 to SF 6-7 to Final B rest out	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
18-19	G	3 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	2 QFs 1-4 to SF 5 to Final B rest out	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
20-24	H	4 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	2 QFs 1-4 to SF rest out	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B
25-34	I	5 heats 1-2 to SF rest to QF	3 QFs 1-2 to SF rest out	2 SFs 1-4 to Final A rest to Final B	Final A Final B

APPENDIX 3 - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD - TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

Canoe Sprint

A. EVENTS (12)

Men's Events (6)			Women's Events (6)		
Kayak Single	(K1)	200m	Kayak Single	(K1)	200m
Kayak Single	(K1)	1000m	Kayak Single	(K1)	500m
Kayak Double	(K2)	1000m	Kayak Double	(K2)	500m
Kayak Four	(K4)	500m	Kayak Four	(K4)	500m
Canoe Single	(C1)	1000m	Canoe Single	(C1)	200m
Canoe Double	(C2)	1000m	Canoe Double	(C2)	500m

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1. TOTAL QUOTA FOR CANOE SPRINT

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
Men	121	2	123	2*
Women	121	2	123	
Total	242	4	246	248*

* Two (2) Tripartite Commission Places are available in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint). The provisions for allocation of these places are set out in Section F of the Canoe Sprint Qualification System below.

B.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES AND BOATS PER NOC THAT CAN QUALIFY AND BE SELECTED FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO 2020

	Athlete Quota per NOC	Boat Specific Quota
Men Kayak	6	1 boat per event
Men Canoe	3	1 boat per event
Women Kayak	6	1 boat per event
Women Canoe	3	1 boat per event
Total	Maximum 18	

B.3. TYPE OF ALLOCATION OF ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES

The athlete quota place is allocated to the NOC and is not tied to the specific athlete who won that place on behalf of their NOC.

B.4. MAXIMUM ENTRIES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

B.4.1. A NOC can enter a maximum of two (2) boats per event at the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020.

B.4.2. The NOC must participate in the event(s) which the NOC had originally obtained the athlete quota place and/or boat quota place. All athletes selected by an NOC must compete in at least one event at the Olympic Games.

B.4.3. An athlete participating at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 may participate in more than one (1) event in Canoe Sprint at the Olympic Games. This is subject to the selection of the athlete by their NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. IOC REQUIREMENTS

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter that is 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.

C.2. ADDITIONAL IF ELIIGIBILITY CRITERIA

C.2.1. To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all eligible NOCs must participate in at least one (1) Olympic event at the 2019 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

C.2.2. To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place the athlete must have participated in at least one (1) Olympic Qualification Competition for the Olympic Games, in Canoe Sprint.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS

For the purposes of this Qualification System, "Olympic Qualification Competition" shall refer to one of the following:

D.1.1. Global Qualification Competition 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship

D.1.2. Continental Qualification Competitions:

- a. Europe
- b. America
- c. Asia
- d. Africa
- e. Oceania

D.1.3. Global Qualification Competition 2020 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2

D.2. DISTRIBUTION OF ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES BY EVENT

D.2.1. An athlete may compete in one (1) or more events at an Olympic Qualification Competition.

D.2.2. However, the athlete may only acquire one (1) athlete quota place at the Olympic Qualification Competition for its NOC regardless of how many places or boats that the athlete tries to qualify.

D.2.3. The initial distribution of athlete quota places and boat quota places for Canoe Sprint will be as set out below, subject to:

- (i) the limits on maximum athlete quota places and boat quota places as specified in B.2. above; and
- (ii) any subsequent reallocation of places in accordance with the provisions of this Qualification System.

Events		Athlete Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men			
K1	200m	12	12
K1	1000m	13	13
K2	1000m	20	10
K4	500m	40	10
C1	1000m	12	12
C2	1000m	26	13
TOTAL MEN		123	70
Women			
K1	200m	12	12
K1	500m	13	13
K2	500m	20	10
K4	500m	40	10
C1	200m	12	12
C2	500m	26	13
TOTAL WOMEN		123	70
TOTAL (Men + Women)		246	140

D.3. OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS

D.3.1. GLOBAL QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS - 170 ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES

D.3.1.1. The initial distribution for the 170 athlete quota places and 82 boat quota places available at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships is set out in the table below, subject to the limits set out in Section B.2. and any subsequent reallocation in accordance with this Qualification System.

Events	World Championships 2019	Host Country	Total Athlete Quota Places	Total Boat Quota Places
Men				
K1 200m	5		5	5
K1 1000m	5	1	6	6
K2 1000m	12		12	6
K4 500m	40		40	10
C1 1000m	5	1	6	6
C2 1000m	16		16	8
TOTAL MEN	83	2	85	41
Women				
K1 200m	5		5	5
K1 500m	5	1	6	6
K2 500m	12		12	6
K4 500m	40		40	10
C1 200m	5	1	6	6
C2 500m	16		16	8
TOTAL WOMEN	83	2	85	41
TOTAL (Men + Women)	166	4	170	82

D.3.1.2. The initial distribution for the 6 athlete quota places and boat quota places available at the 2020 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 is set out in the table below, subject to the limits set out in Section B.2. and any subsequent reallocation in accordance with this Qualification System.

Events	2020 World Cup 2	Host Country	Total Athlete Quota Places	Total Boat Quota Places
Men				
K1 200m	1		1	1
K1 1000m	1		1	1
C1 1000m	1		1	1
TOTAL MEN	3		3	3
Women				
K1 200m	1		1	1
K1 500m	1		1	1
C1 200m	1		1	1
TOTAL WOMEN	3		3	3
TOTAL (Men + Women)	6		6	6

D.3.1.3 K4 events (Men and Women)

All the athlete quota places for the K4 events will be allocated at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

- (i) The 10 highest ranked NOCs from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will receive four (4) athlete quota places each.
- (ii) Where there are fewer than four (4) continents represented in the 10 highest ranked NOCs, then to the extent necessary to ensure that NOCs from four (4) continents receive athlete quota places, the tenth (10th), ninth (9th) and if necessary, the eighth (8th) ranked place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships from a continent without any K4 boats qualified in that event.
- (iii) Where NOCs from fewer than 4 continents compete in the Finals at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, then the highest ranked NOC(s) not yet qualified will obtain the athlete quota places regardless of continent.

D.3.1.4 C2 events (Men and Women)

The eight (8) highest ranked NOCs from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Men's C2 and Women's C2 events will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.

D.3.1.5 K2 events (Men and Women)

The six (6) highest ranked NOCs from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Men's K2 and Women's K2 events will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.

D.3.1.6 K1 and C1 events (Men and Women)

The athlete quota places available from the Global Qualification Competitions will be allocated as follows:

- i) The five (5) highest ranked NOCs from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in each of the Men's individual events (K1 200m, K1 1000m and C1 1000m) and the Women's individual events (K1 200m, K1 500m and C1 200m) will receive one (1) athlete quota place each.
- ii) The highest ranked NOCs in each of the events at the Global Qualification Competition 2020 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 will receive one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC in the respective events.

D.3.2. REALLOCATION OF PLACES RELEASED THROUGH "DOUBLING-UP"

It is a fundamental principle of this Qualification System that an athlete may only acquire one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC regardless of how many events the athlete competes in. Once an athlete obtains an athlete quota place they are not eligible to compete in any further Olympic Qualification Competitions.

This section sets out how athlete quota places will be reallocated where an athlete has qualified for more than one quota place as a result of their performance at the Global Qualification Competitions.

D.3.2.1 First Step - Qualification in the same boat class over two distances

Where an athlete qualifies for two (2) athlete quota places in the same boat class but for two (2) different distances (Men's K1 1000m and K1 200m; or Women K1

500m and K1 200m) their NOC will be allocated the place in 1000m for men or 500m for women.

The remaining athlete quota place in the 200m distance will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in the 200m distance, not yet qualified.

D.3.2.2 Second Step - Qualification in different boat classes at the World Championship

Where an athlete qualifies for more than one (1) athlete quota place in different boat classes (i.e. K1, K2, K4 or C1 and C2) at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships the athlete's NOC will be allocated only one (1) athlete quota place. This shall be an athlete quota place in the event with the largest boat class out of the events in which the athlete qualified a quota.

The remaining athlete quota place(s) will be reallocated using the following procedure:

- i) On completion of the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships all remaining athlete quota places which have been released as a result of athletes qualifying for more than one athlete quota place in different boat classes, will be grouped together in four separate pools as follows:
 - a. Men Kayak events;
 - b. Female Kayak events;
 - c. Male Canoe events; and
 - d. Female Canoe events.
- ii) The remaining athlete quota places in each of the Male and Female Kayak pools will be reallocated to the highest ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the relevant K4 event at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, to enable those NOCs to fill the K4 boats.
- iii) When a K4 boat cannot be completely filled with the remaining athlete quota places, then the remaining athlete quota places from the Male and Female Kayak pools will be reallocated to the highest ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the relevant K2 event at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, to enable those NOCs to fill the K2 boats.

- iv) The remaining athlete quota places in each of the Male and Female Canoe pools will be reallocated to the highest ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the relevant C2 event at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, to enable those NOCs to fill the C2 boats.
- v) Following the application of this procedure, if it is not possible to completely fill a K4, K2 or C2 boat with the athlete quota places, then:
 - a. the remaining Kayak athlete quota places will be given to the next highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in the longest distance K1 event (Men 1000m, Women 500m); and
 - b. the remaining Canoe athlete quota places will be given to the next highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in the C1 event (Men 1000m, Women 200m) from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

D.3.3. CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS - 70 ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES

D.3.3.1. Only an NOC that has not qualified in an event (ie. Boat and/or athlete quota places) at the Global Qualification Competitions can participate in the respective Continental Qualification to compete for an athlete quota place in that event.

D.3.3.2. Athletes that have qualified athlete quota places at the Global Qualification Competitions are not eligible to compete in the Continental Qualification Events.

D.3.3.3. A minimum of three (3) NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Continental Qualification for the event to be eligible. If there are not three (3) or more NOCs in an event, then the athlete quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, in that event, not yet qualified at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, irrespective of the continent.

D.3.3.4. The initial distribution of athlete quota places available at the Continental Qualification Events will be as set out in the table below, subject to:

- (i) the limits on maximum athlete quota places and boat quota places as specified in B.2. above; and

- (ii) any subsequent reallocation of places in accordance with the provisions of this Qualification System;

Events	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Athletes Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men							
K1 200m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K1 1000m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K2 1000m	2	6 quota places				8	4
C1 1000m	1	1	1	1	1	5	5
C2 1000m	4	6 quota places				10	5
Total Men						35	26
Women							
K1 200m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K1 500m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K2 500m	2	6 quota places				8	4
C1 200m	1	1	1	1	1	5	5
C2 500m	4	6 quota places				10	5
Total Women						35	26
Total (Men and Women)						70	52

D.3.3.5. K1 events (Men and Women)

Each continent will be given one (1) athlete quota place for single boats to be won at each Continental Qualification Event. For the European Continental Qualification Event two (2) athlete quota places will be available per event.

D.3.3.6. C1 events (Men and Women)

Each continent will be given one (1) athlete quota place for single boats to be won at each Continental Qualification Event.

D.3.3.7. K2 events (Men and Women)

For K2 events (Men and Women) the next highest ranked NOCs from three (3) different continents (excluding Europe) at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will earn that continent two (2) athlete quota places each. The two (2) athlete quota places will then be contested at each respective Continental Qualification Competition. Two (2) athlete quota places will be contested at the European Continental Qualification Competition.

D.3.3.8. C2 events (Men and Women)

For C2 events (Men and Women) the next highest ranked NOCs from three (3) different continents (excluding Europe) at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will earn that continent two (2) athlete quota places each. The two (2) athlete quota places will then be contested at each respective Continental Qualification Competition. Four (4) athlete quota places will be contested at the European Continental Qualification Competition.

D.3.3.9. Maximum quotas at Continental Qualification Competitions

A NOC can qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places in each category, that is, Kayak men, Kayak women, Canoe men and Canoe women at the Continental Qualification Competitions. The unused athlete quota places must be returned to the International Canoe Federation as outlined in **Section G - Confirmation Process of Athlete Quota places** and **Section H - Reallocation of Athlete Quota Places**.

D.3.3.10. Qualification in the same boat class over two distances at Continental Qualification Competitions

At the Continental Qualification Competitions an NOC can only qualify one boat per class regardless of the distance (ie. Men K1 1000m and 200m, Women 500m and 200m). Should the NOC qualify in both distances in the same boat class then the NOC will be attributed the place in 1000m for Men or 500m for Women. The unused athlete quota place in the 200m distance will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified at the Continental Qualification Championship.

E. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC provisionally obtains an athlete quota place in each respective category (i.e. Men's Kayak, Women's Kayak, Men's Canoe and Women's Canoe) from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in the following events:

- Men's Kayak Single (K1) 1000m
- Men's Canoe Single (C1) 1000m
- Women's Kayak Single (K1) 500m
- Women's Canoe Single (C1) 200m

F. TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in single boats are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in Canoe Sport. These places can be attributed to Canoe Sprint and/or Canoe Slalom athletes.

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place the athlete must have participated in at least one (1) Olympic qualification event.

On 14 October 2019 the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2020. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the *“Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations”*.

G. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Within 10 working days following each qualification competition, the ICF will publish the results on its website at www.canoeicf.com and inform the respective NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places. The NOCs will then have 10 working days from notification to confirm to the ICF:

(a) that they wish to accept their allocated athlete quota places or to return them to the ICF for reallocation to other NOCs;

(b) where they need to return provisionally allocated athlete quota places in accordance to B.2 above or to abide by the Continental Qualification Competition rules (D.3.3.9), which of their athlete quota places they wish to retain and which they will return to the ICF for reallocation to other NOCs; and/or

(c) whether they wish for any other reason to decline an allocated quota place.

(d) If a quota place is not accepted within the required time frame, the athlete quota place will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section H- “**Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**”.

H. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

H.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

H.1.1. Global Qualification Competitions

If an allocated athlete quota place from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships and/or the 2020 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined/returned by the NOC then the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

H.1.2. Continental Qualification Competitions

- i) If an allocated athlete quota place from the Continental Qualification Competitions is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined/returned by the NOC then the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
- ii) In the case where there are no more eligible NOCs that can gain an athlete quota place from the Continental Qualification Competitions, the next highest ranked NOC from that continent in

the same event at the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place.

- iii) In the case that no further NOCs from the same continent can gain a place from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships the athlete quota place will be given to the next highest ranked NOC from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.
- iv) If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the ICF Executive Committee would then reallocate the remaining quota place to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified in Canoeing, based on the results of the ICF Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualification Competitions across all Olympic events.

H.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Where the Host Country obtains athlete quota place through the Olympic Qualification Competitions the unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified, in that event respectively from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

H.3. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC from the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships that has not qualified any quota place in the sport of Canoe (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint).

I. QUALIFICATION TIMELINES

Date	Milestone
August 2019 – June 2020	Qualification Events
21 – 25 August 2019	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships – Szeged, Hungary
26 – 31 August 2019	African Continental Qualifying Event, Rabat, Morocco.
26 – 29 March 2020	Asian Continental Qualifying Event, Pattaya, Thailand.
14- 16 February 2020	Oceania Continental Qualifying Event, Penrith, Australia.
6 – 7 May 2020	European Continental Qualifying Event, Racice, Czech Republic
7 – 10 May 2020	Pan American Continental Qualifying Event, Curauma, Chile.
22 – 24 May 2020	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 – Duisburg, Germany
15 January 2020	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
10 working days after the Event	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places, no later than ten (10) working days after each Olympic Qualification Event
10 working days after notification of places	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ICF, no later than ten (10) working days after being notified of the places attributed to them.
2 June 2020	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
30 June 2020	ICF to reallocate all unused quota places
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined