



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

Canoe Slalom

A Events (4)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Event (2)
Kayak Single (K1) Canoe Single (C1)	Kayak Single (K1) Canoe Single (C1)

B Athletes Quota

B.1 Total Quota for Canoe Slalom

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	39	2	0*	41
Women	39	2	0*	41
Total	78	4	0*	82

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

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes that can qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

	Quota per NOC	Category
Men	2	1 male in Kayak and 1 male in Canoe
Women	2	1 female in Kayak and 1 female in Canoe
Total	4	

An athlete that qualifies for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 may, if selected to do so by their NOC, participate in more than one (1) event in Canoe Slalom at the Olympic Games as long as no other athlete from their NOC is entered to compete in those events at the Olympic Games. However, the athlete must compete in the event that the NOC qualified in.

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.



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B.4 Maximum entries at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

An NOC can enter a maximum of one (1) boat per Canoe Slalom event at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

C Athlete eligibility

C.1 IOC Requirements

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

C.2 Additional IF Eligibility 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 Global World Qualification Competition.
- C.2.2 To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, an NOC must also be listed on the “ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking” **by 1 June 2021**.
- C.2.3 A minimum of three (3) NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Olympic Qualifying Competitions for the event to be valid. If there are less than three (3) NOCs in any Olympic event then the athlete quota place will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section **G – “Reallocation of Unused Quota Places”**.



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D Athlete quota places distribution

D.1 Distribution of Athlete quota by Events

The number of athlete quota places available in the Qualification Competitions for Canoe Slalom will be as follows:

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
K1	24
C1	17
Total Men	41
Women	
K1	24
C1	17
Total Women	41
Total (Men + Women)	82

D.2 Distribution of athlete quota through the qualification pathway

The initial distribution of athlete quota places through the Global World Qualification Competition, the Continental Qualification Competitions and the Host Country places, subject to (i) the limit on maximum athlete quota places as specified in B.2. above and (ii) any eventual reallocation of places in accordance with section G – “Reallocation of Unused Quota Places” is defined in the table below:

Events	Global World Qualification	Continental						Host Country	TOTAL	
		Europe	Americas	Asia	Africa	Oceania	TOTAL			
K1 Men	18	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	24	
C1 Men	11	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	17	
K1 Women	18	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	24	
C1 Women	11	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	17	
TOTAL	58							20	4	82



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E Qualification pathway

E.1 Rules applicable to all Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualification Competitions

- E.1.1 A maximum of three (3) boats per event per NOC can be entered in any of the Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualification Competitions.
- E.1.2 For all Canoe Slalom Qualifying Competitions, where there is a tie between two (2) or more athletes by time, then the results from previous rounds will be used to break the tie, in accordance with ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules. The highest placed athlete will earn their NOC an athlete quota place.

E.2 Global World Qualification Competitions – 58 athlete quota places

- E.2.1 The Global World Qualification Competition will be held at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships (La Seu d’Urgell, ESP).
- E.2.2 The highest placed athletes in each Canoe Slalom event at the 2019 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships (La Seu d’Urgell, ESP) will obtain athlete quota places for their NOC as follows:

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
K1	18
C1	11
Total Men	29
Women	
K1	18
C1	11
Total Women	29
Total (Men + Women)	58

- E.2.3 In the situation that the Global World Qualification Competition cannot be held or the results of such competition are cancelled, then the “ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking” for the relevant events, as of 1 September 2019, will be used to determine athlete quota places.
- E.2.4 An NOC can only obtain one (1) athlete quota place for each of its athletes who have won athlete quota places during the Global World Qualification Competition (pursuant to E.2.2 or E.2.3 above). Where an athlete provisionally obtains more than one (1) athlete quota place during the Global World Qualification Competition or pursuant to E.2.3 above, the NOC must confirm which one (1) of the athlete quota places they wish to use and return the unused athlete quota place(s) in accordance with the following section **F - “Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places”**.



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E.3 Continental Qualification Competitions – 20 quota places

- E.3.1 Only an NOC that has not obtained an athlete quota place in an event at the Global World Qualification Competition can participate in the respective Continental Qualification Event in order to compete for an athlete quota place.
- E.3.2 An athlete who obtains an athlete quota place during the Global World Qualification Competition, is ineligible to participate in any Continental Qualification Event to obtain an additional athlete quota place.
- E.3.3 The highest placed athletes in each Canoe Slalom event at the respective Continental Qualification Event will obtain athlete quota places for their NOC as follows:

Events	Athlete quota places				
	Europe	Americas	Asia	Africa	Oceania
Men					
K1 Men	1	1	1	1	1
C1 Men	1	1	1	1	1
Total Men	10				
Women					
K1 Women	1	1	1	1	1
C1 Women	1	1	1	1	1
Total Women	10				
Total (Men + Women)	20				

- E.3.4 In the situation that a Continental Qualification Competition cannot be held and/or the results of such competition are cancelled, then the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" for the relevant event as of 1 June 2021 will be used to determine the athlete quota places. The highest ranked athlete from that Continent in the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" will obtain one (1) athlete quota place for his/her NOC. If less than three (3) NOCs from a continent are included in the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" of 1 June 2021, who would otherwise be eligible to enter the Continental Qualification Competition, the athlete quota place will be reallocated as outlined in section **G – "Reallocation of Unused Quota Places"**. The allocation and reallocation of athlete quota places will occur in the order of the qualification competitions defined in the section **H - "Qualification timeline"**.
- E.3.5 At the Continental Qualification Competition, an NOC can qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places across the four (4) events. Where an NOC provisionally obtains more than two (2) athlete quota places during a Continental Qualification Competition, the NOC has to confirm two (2) athlete quota places they wish to use and return unused athlete quota places by following section **F - "Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places"**.
- E.3.6 An NOC can only obtain one (1) athlete quota place for each of its athletes who have won athlete quota places during the Continental Qualification Competition (pursuant to E.3.3 or E.3.4 above). Where an athlete obtains more than one (1) athlete quota place during a Continental Qualification Competition (or pursuant to E.3.4) the NOC must confirm which one (1) of the athlete quota places



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they wish to use and return the unused athlete quota place(s) in accordance with section F - “Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places”.

E.4 Host Country Places

The Host NOC provisionally obtains an athlete quota place in each event for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020:

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
K1	1
C1	1
Women	
K1	1
C1	1
Total (Men + Women)	4

E.5 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places

- E.5.1 Two (2) Tripartite Places are available in Canoe Sport. These places can be attributed to Canoe Sprint and/or Canoe Slalom athletes. Please refer to Canoe Sprint Qualification System for additional information.
- E.5.2 To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, an NOC must have participated in the Global World Qualification Event and be listed on the “ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking” on 1 June 2021.



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F Confirmation and Return Process for Athlete Quota Places

- F.1.1 Within two (2) weeks following each qualification Competition, the ICF will publish the results on its website (www.canoeicf.com) and inform the respective NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places.
- F.1.2 The NOCs will then have 10 working days to confirm to the ICF:
- that they wish to accept their allocated athlete quota places or to return them to the ICF for reallocation to other NOCs;
 - where they need to return provisionally allocated athlete quota places in accordance with E2.4, E3.5 and/or E3.6 above, 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
 - whether they wish for any other reason to decline an allocated quota place.

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 **G – “Reallocation of Unused Quota Places”**.

G Reallocation of unused athlete quota places

G.1 Reallocation of Global World Qualification Competition and Continental Qualification Competitions unused athlete quota places

- G.1.1 Should an NOC decline or return an athlete quota place that has been obtained at the Global World Qualification Competition (or pursuant to E.2.3) then the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified, in that event will be allocated the athlete quota place. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
- G.1.2 Should an NOC decline or return an athlete quota place obtained at a Continental Qualification Competition (or pursuant to E.3.4) the next highest placed NOC not yet qualified in that event at the Continental Qualification Competition will be allocated the athlete quota place. The process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
- G.1.3 Where there are insufficient or no more eligible NOCs that can gain an athlete quota place in the Continental Qualification Competition or it is not possible to allocate an athlete quota place (pursuant to E.3.4) because fewer than three (3) NOCs from the relevant continent are included in the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" as at 1 June 2021, the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified, from that continent in the specific event at the Global World Qualification Competition will be allocated the athlete quota place. In the case that no further NOC from the relevant continent can gain a place from the Global World Qualification Competition, the athlete quota place will be given to the next highest placed NOC not yet qualified in that event at the Global World Qualification Competition, regardless of continental representation.
- G.1.4 In the event that athlete quota places are not filled from the procedures outlined above, the ICF Executive Committee will allocate the remaining athlete quota to the next highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in the sport of Canoe at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 using the "ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking" of 1 June 2021.



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G.2 Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

- G.2.1 Where the Host Country obtains athlete quota places through the Global World Qualification Competition or the Asian Continental Qualification Competition, the unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified, in that event respectively from the Global World Qualification Competition or the Asian Continental Qualification Competition.
- G.2.2 Should the Host NOC decline or return any of the Host Country places for any other reason, they will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC from the Asian Continent, not yet qualified, in the same event from the Global World Qualification Competition.

G.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 using the reallocation procedures outlined in the Canoe Sprint Qualification System.



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H qualification timeline

Date	Milestone
25-29 September 2019	Global World Qualification Competition: World Championships 2019, La Seu d'Urgell, ESP
2 weeks after the Event	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places no later than two weeks after World Championships 2019.
10 days after notification of places	NOCs to confirm use of allocated athlete quota places to ICF no later than 10 days after receiving ICF letter regarding athlete quota place allocations.
1-3 February 2020	Oceania Continental Championships – Auckland (NZL)
TBC¹	African Continental Championships – TBC
February or March 2021, TBC²	Asian Continental Championships – Pattaya (THA)
30 April to 2 May 2021	Pan-American Continental Championship - Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
6-9 May 2021, TBC³	European Continental Championships – Ivrea (ITA)
2 weeks after the Event	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places no later than two weeks after each Continental Olympic Qualification Competition.
10 days after the Event	NOCs to confirm use of allocated athlete quota places to ICF no later than 10 days after receiving ICF letter regarding athlete quota place allocations.
1st June 2021	ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking List
15 January 2020	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
2 June 2020	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
30 June 2021	ICF must have reallocated all unused athlete quota places
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July to 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

¹ To Be Confirmed

² To Be Confirmed

³ To Be Confirmed