



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:
- (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 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
 - (c) 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



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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.



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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. An 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.



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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 2021 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



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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 2021 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.



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Events	2021 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.



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- ii) The highest ranked NOCs in each of the events at the Global Qualification Competition 2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 will receive one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC in the respective events.

In the situation that the Global Qualification Competition 2021 Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 cannot be held, then the results of the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships for the relevant event will be used to determine the athlete quota places. The highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in each event receives the athlete quota places.

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.



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- 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;

In the situation that a Continental Qualification Competition cannot be held, then the results of the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships for the relevant event will be used to determine the athlete quota places. Quota places will be allocated to the respective Continent, for which the Continental Qualification Competition could not be held.



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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.



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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**

An 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



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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 1 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 17 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 2021 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.



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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).



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I. QUALIFICATION TIMELINES

Date	Milestone
August 2019 – June 2021	Qualification Events
21 – 25 August 2019	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships – Szeged, Hungary
26-31 August 2019	African Continental Qualifying Event – African Games – Rabat (MAR)
19 – 23 May 2021	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 – Barnaul (RUS)
14-16 February 2020 February – March 2021	Oceania Continental Qualifying Event – Penrith (AUS) Asian Continental Qualifying Event – Pattaya (THA)
12 – 13 May 2021	European Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualifier – Szeged (HUN)
9-11 April 2021	Pan American Continental Qualifying Event – Curitiba (BRA)
17 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 2021	ICF to reallocate all unused quota places
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July – 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020