



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.



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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	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.



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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 12 – 13 May 2021 9-11 April 2021	Oceania Continental Qualifying Event – Penrith (AUS) Asian Continental Qualifying Event – Pattaya (THA) European Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualifier – Szeged (HUN) 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