



## 13. PARA CANOE

### MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
5	5	0	10
Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2 Va's single VL3	Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2 Va'a single VL3		

### ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
50	50	0	100

### ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete. An athlete can only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.

An athlete can only obtain a qualification slot for his/her NPC during the qualifying competition if he/she has a 'Confirmed' status or a 'Review with a Fixed Review Date' status after 31 December 2024 at the qualifying competition.

If an athlete attains a qualifying rank in both a Kayak and a Va'a medal event at the same qualification event, the NPC is allocated the Va'a qualification slot while the Kayak qualification slot is allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the respective Kayak event (not otherwise qualified).

### MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of one (1) qualification slot per medal event. An NPC can obtain a maximum of five (5) male and five (5) female slots.

There must be a minimum of three (3) continents represented in each medal event at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (*ICF Three Continents Rule*). Should three (3) continents not be represented then the lowest ranked qualified NPC at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will lose their slot in the respective medal event and the qualification slot will be given to the highest ranked NPC from

another continent not represented in that event. This process will be repeated until three (3) continents are represented in all medal events. Host Country slots will count as representing a continent.

### **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after 31 December 2024;
- have competed in the 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships or the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

### **MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC**

An NPC must enter a minimum of one (1) eligible athlete per medal event for which a qualification slot was obtained. An athlete may be entered in a second medal event of the other boat category (Kayak or Va'a) as long as they hold the required sport class for that additional event and also meet the above eligibility requirements. An NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per medal event.

An athlete may enter a maximum of two (2) medal events, one Kayak and one Va'a, as long as the athlete meets all classification and eligibility requirements for both events.

### **QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

<b>METHOD</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2023 World Championships Qualification</b>	The top six (6) ranked athletes in each medal event obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.	30 male athletes 30 female athletes
<b>2024 World Championships Qualification</b>	The top four (4) ranked athletes in each medal event (not yet qualified) each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota. The number of slots allocated via this method is subject to the allocation of Host Country slots (see below).	Up to 20 male athletes Up to 20 female athletes

	<p>Note: The seeding of heats at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will be based upon the results ranking of qualified NPCs at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p> <p>In the event the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships is not held, or an event is not offered, the respective slots will be allocated to the next highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPCs in the same medal event at the 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p>	
<b>Host Country Allocation</b>	<p>The host country directly qualifies one (1) eligible male athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible female athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible male athlete in Va'a and one (1) eligible female athlete in Va'a, subject to participation in the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.</p> <p>The Host Country slots will be awarded from the events in which the host country has had the highest ranked performance at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships. In case the host country has more than one athlete in the same gender and boat category with the same rank at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, the host country must then select from which medal event it wants to obtain the qualification slot.</p> <p>These slots will be deducted from the 2024 World Championships Qualification quota in the respective medal event and gender.</p> <p>Should the host country obtain any qualification slot at the 2023 or 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships the host country will not receive a qualification slot for the respective boat category and gender, under the Host Country Allocation method.</p>	<p>Up to 2 male athletes</p> <p>Up to 2 female athletes</p>
<b>Total</b>		<p>50 male athletes</p> <p>50 female athletes</p>

## **TIMELINE**

Tbd, 2023	2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships
Tbd, 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
Tbd, 2024	2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships
Tbd, 2024	ICF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots
Tbd, 2024	NPCs confirm to ICF in writing the use of allocated qualification slots
Tbd, 2024	ICF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
5 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By tbd, 2024 each qualified NPC must confirm to the ICF in writing (emails are accepted) the qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their qualification slots, and ICF will reallocate these slots. If an NPC confirms acceptance of a qualification slot, the NPC commits to enter a boat into the medal event for which the slot was obtained.

By tbd, 2024 the ICF will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By tbd, 2024 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quotas granted for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use all of its allocated and accepted qualification slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and ICF.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any unused qualification slot from the 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified) in the respective medal event at the same competition. Should no ranked NPC be available, the slot will go to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) in the respective medal event at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

Any unused qualification slot from the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships will be offered to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified) in the respective medal event at the same competition. Should no ranked NPC be available, the slot will go to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) in the respective medal event at the 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.

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