



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

Canoe Slalom

A. EVENTS (4)

Men's Events (3)	Women's Event (1)
Kayak (K1) Canoe Single (C1) Canoe Double (C2)	Kayak (K1)

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Canoe Slalom:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	57	4	0*	61
Women	20	1	0*	21
Total	77	5	0*	82

* Two (2) Tripartite Commission Places are available in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint); however, the numbers are calculated in the Canoe Sprint Qualification System.

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	Maximum 1 boat per event
Women	1	Maximum 1 boat per event
Total	5	

An athlete that qualifies and is selected by their NOC for the Olympic Games can participate in more than one (1) event in Canoe Slalom at the Olympic Games (including the event that they qualified in) as long as no other athlete/boat from their NOC is in that event at the Olympic Games.

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The athlete quota place is allocated to the NOC.



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C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all eligible NOCs must participate in at least one (1) Olympic event at the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place an NOC must also be listed on the ICF ranking by 1 June 2016.

A minimum of three (3) NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Olympic Qualifying Events 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 to the ICF ranking for reallocation as outlined in section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

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

Events	Athlete Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men		
K-1	21	21
C-1	16	16
C-2	24	12
Total Men	61	49
Women		
K-1	21	21
Total Women	21	21
Total (Men + Women)	82	70

The distribution of athlete quota places through the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships, the Continental Qualification Events and the Host Country are defined in the table below:

Events	World Champs 2015	Europe	Americ	Asia	Africa	Oceani	Continental Qualification Total	Host Nation	Total
K1 Men	15	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	21
C1 Men	10	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	16
C2 Men	16 (8)	6 (3) quota places					6 (3)	2 (1)	24 (12)
K1 Women	15	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	21
Total	56						21	5	82

Note: () indicates boat quotas for C2 men



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QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification.

A maximum of three (3) boats per event per NOC can be entered in any of the Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualification Events.

MEN/WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events																														
56	<p>2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships, Lee Valley, London, GBR</p> <p>The best placed athletes in each Canoe Slalom event at the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships will achieve quota places for their NOC as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #00b050; color: white;">Events</th> <th style="background-color: #00b050; color: white;">Athlete Quota Places</th> <th style="background-color: #00b050; color: white;">Boat Quota Places</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="background-color: #cccccc;">Men</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C-1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C-2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Men</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="background-color: #cccccc;">Women</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K-1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Women</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total (Men + Women)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">56</td> <td style="text-align: center;">48</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In the event that the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship cannot be held or the results of such competition are cancelled due to natural causes (e.g. bad weather), then the ICF Ranking of 1 September 2015 will be used to determine boat quota places.</p>	Events	Athlete Quota Places	Boat Quota Places	Men			K-1	15	15	C-1	10	10	C-2	16	8	Total Men	41	33	Women			K-1	15	15	Total Women	15	15	Total (Men + Women)	56	48
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21	<p>Continental Qualification Events (Asia, Africa, Oceania, Europe, Pan Americas)</p> <p>Only an NOC that has not obtained an athlete quota place in an event at the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships can participate in the respective Continental Qualification Event in order to obtain a quota place in that event.</p> <p>In the C2 men’s event the next best ranked NOCs from three (3) different continents at the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships will earn that Continent two (2) athlete quota places each. The two (2) athlete quota places will then be contested at each of the respective Continental Qualification Events.</p> <p>An NOC may only qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places across the four (4) events at the Continental Qualification Event.</p> <p>The best placed athletes in each Canoe Slalom event at the respective Continental Qualification Event will achieve quota places for their NOC as follows:</p>																														



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	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania		Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania
Men											
K-1 Men	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
C-1 Men	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
C-2 Men	6						3				
Total Men	16						13				
Women											
K1 Women	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Total (Men + Women)	21						18				

The Pan American Continental Qualification Event will be the Pan-American Games in Toronto in 2015. As this event is held prior to the World Championships in Canoe Slalom, the results will be used to calculate the Continental quota places on completion of the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

In the event that a Continental Qualification Event cannot be held and/or the results of such competition are cancelled due to natural causes (e.g. bad weather), then the ICF Ranking of 1 June 2016 will be used to determine quota places.

The athlete ranked highest from that Continent in the ICF Ranking will achieve one (1) athlete quota place for his/her NOC. Should the NOC decline the place it would be offered to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified in that event on the ICF Ranking list and so forth until all places are filled.

For all Canoe Slalom Qualifying Events where a tie between two (2) or more athletes by time occurs then the results from previous rounds will be used to break the tie, in accordance with ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rule 35. The best ranked athlete will earn their NOC an athlete quota place.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host NOC not manage to obtain an athlete quota place in each event at either the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships or the 2015 Pan American Games, it will be entitled to receive one (1) boat quota place and the respective number of athlete quota places as per the table below:

Events	Athlete Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men		
K-1	1	1
C-1	1	1
C-2	2	1



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Women		
K-1	1	1
Total (Men + Women)	5	4

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are available in Canoe Sport. These places can be attributed to Canoe Sprint and/or Canoe Slalom athletes. Please refer to the Canoe Sprint Qualification System for additional information.

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, an NOC must have participated in the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships and be listed on the ICF ranking by 1 June 2016. The Tripartite Commission Invitation Places for Canoe are only available in single boats.

On 15 October 2015, 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 2016. 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 XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations”*.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Within two (2) weeks following each qualification event, the ICF will publish the results on its website (www.canoeicf.com) and in Paddleaway (the ICF internal newsletter) and inform the respective NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 10 working days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

i) Should an NOC decline an athlete quota place that has been gained at the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships then the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in that event will be allocated the athlete quota place. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

ii) Should an NOC decline an athlete quota place from a Continental Qualification Event the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that event at the respective Continental Qualification Event will be allocated the athlete quota place. The process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

iii) In the case where there are no more eligible NOCs that can gain an athlete quota place in the Continental Qualification Event, the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from that continent in the specific event at the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships will be allocated the quota place. In the case that no further NOC from the continent can gain a place from the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that event from the 2015 World Championships, regardless of continental representation.



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In the event that quota places are not filled from the procedures outlined above, the ICF Executive Committee will allocate the remaining quota to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the sport of Canoe at the Olympic Games using the ICF Ranking of 01 June 2016.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country qualifies athlete quota places at the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, the unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in the same event from the 2015 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

If the Host Country qualifies athlete quota places at the 2015 Pan American Games, the unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in the same event from the 2015 Pan American Games.

Should the Host NOC decline any of the Host Country places they will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in the same event from the 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

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 Canoe Sprint.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
July 2015 – June 2016	Qualification Events
10-26 July 2015	Pan American Games 2015 – Toronto (CAN)
16-20 September 2015	World Championships 2015 – Lee Valley, London (GBR)
10-15 November 2015	African Continental Championships – Sagana (KEN)
19 - 21 February 2016	Oceania Continental Championships - Penrith (AUS)
23-24 April 2016	Asian Continental Championships - Toyama (JPN)
13-15 May 2016	European Continental Championships - Liptovsky Mikulas (SVK)
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
1 June 2016	ICF Ranking List
TBD*	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places no later than two weeks after each Olympic Qualification Event.
TBD*	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ICF no later than 10 days after receiving ICF letter regarding athlete quota place allocations.
In relation to the end of the qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
10 July 2016	ICF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined