



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

Canoe Sprint

A. EVENTS (12)

Men's Events (8)	Women's Events (4)
Kayak Single (K1) 200m Kayak Single (K1) 1000m Kayak Double (K2) 200m Kayak Double (K2) 1000m Kayak Four (K4) 1000m Canoe Single (C1) 200m Canoe Single (C1) 1000m Canoe Double (C2) 1000m	Kayak Single (K1) 200m Kayak Single (K1) 500m Kayak Double (K2) 500m Kayak Four (K4) 500m

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Canoe Sprint:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
Men	156	2	158	2*
Women	87	1	88	
Total	243	3	246	248*

* Two Tripartite Commission Places are available in the sport of Canoe (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint). They can be attributed to any discipline; however the numbers are shown in the Canoe Sprint Qualification System.

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men Kayak	8	1 boat per event
Men Canoe	4	1 boat per event
Women	6	1 boat per event
Total	Maximum 18	

If an NOC utilises their quota places, then the NOC must participate in the event(s) through which they qualified prior to being selected for additional available events at the Olympic Games.

An athlete that is selected by their NOC for the Olympic Games can participate in other events at the Olympic Games in Canoe Sprint as long as no other athlete/boat from their NOC is entered in that event at the Olympic Games.



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3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The athlete quota place is allocated to the NOC.

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 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 Sprint World Championships to be eligible for an Athlete Quota Place in the Canoe Sprint events at the Olympic Games.

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place the athlete must have participated in at least one (1) Olympic Qualification Event in Canoe Sprint.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

An athlete can compete in one (1) or more events at an Olympic Qualification Event; however the athlete can only acquire one (1) athlete quota place at a Competition (i.e.: World Championships or Continental Qualifier) for its NOC regardless of how many places or boats that athlete tries to qualify.

The athlete quota place(s) will be given to the largest boat class and the remaining athlete quota place is reallocated using the unused athlete quota place process as outlined in section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**.

The number of athlete and boat quota places for Canoe Sprint will be as follows:

Events	Athletes Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men		
K1 1000m	14	14
K1 200m	14	14
K2 1000m	20	10
K2 200m	20	10
K4 1000m	40	10
C1 1000m	13	13
C1 200m	13	13
C2 1000m	24	12
TOTAL MEN	158	96
Women		
K1 500m	14	14
K1 200m	14	14
K2 500m	20	10



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K4 500m	40	10
TOTAL WOMEN	88	48
TOTAL (Men + Women)	246	144

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Number of Athletes Quota Places	Qualification Events				
171	2015 ICF Canoe World Championships				
	Events	World Championships 2015	Host Country	Athlete Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
	Men				
	K1 1000m	7	1	8	8
	K1 200m	8		8	8
	K2 1000m	12		12	6
	K2 200m	12		12	6
	K4 1000m	40		40	10
	C1 1000m	6	1	7	7
	C1 200m	7		7	7
	C2 1000m	12		12	6
	TOTAL MEN	104	2	106	58
	Women				
	K1 500m	7	1	8	8
	K1 200m	8		8	8
	K2 500m	12		12	6
	K4 500m	40		40	10
	TOTAL WOMEN	67	1	68	32
	TOTAL (Men + Women)	171	3	174	90



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K1 and C1 events (Men and Women)

The best ranked athletes will receive one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC in the respective events. The numbers are indicated in the table above.

K2 and C2 events (Men and Women)

The six (6) best ranked NOCs from the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Men's C2, K2 and Women's K2 events will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.

K4 events (Men and Women)

All the athlete quota places will be allocated at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

The 10 best ranked NOCs from the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will receive four (4) athlete quota places each.

There must be at least four (4) continents represented in the 10 best ranked NOCs.

In the case that there are less than four (4) continents represented in the 10 best ranked NOCs, then the tenth (10th), ninth (9th) and if necessary, the eighth (8th) ranked place(s) will be given to the next best ranked NOC at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships from a continent without any K4 athlete quota places.

Qualification in the same boat class over two distances at the World Championships

Where the same athlete qualifies an athlete quota place in the same boat class but for two (2) different distances (for example: Men's K1 1000m and K1 200m) 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 reattributed to the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified.

Qualification in different boat classes at the World Championship

An athlete who qualifies more than one (1) athlete quota place at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in different boat classes (i.e. K1, K2, K4 or C2 and C1) will be attributed only one (1) athlete quota in the largest qualified boat class (regardless of how many places that athlete qualifies in other events). The remaining athlete quota place would be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified using the following procedure:

i) On completion of the 2015 Canoe Sprint World Championships, should two (2) athlete quota places be available from team boats in the same gender and category (for example: Men's Kayak, Men's Canoe or Women's Kayak) then the places will be added together and given to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that category (1000m distance for Men and 500m for Women), starting with the largest boat class.

ii) On completion of the 2015 Canoe Sprint World Championships, if one (1) athlete quota place is available from team boats then the reallocated athlete quota place will be used to fill a team boat from the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that category where an athlete quota place is required within the same category and gender (for example: Men's Kayak, Men's Canoe or Women's Kayak) to complete a boat quota, starting with largest distance and largest boat.

iii) If the athlete quota place is unable to fill a team boat following the procedure outlined above then the place will be attributed to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the single events (i.e. K1 Men, C1 Men, K1 Women) in the same category and distance from which the athlete quota place came from.



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Continental Qualification Events

Only an NOC that has not obtained any athlete quota place in an event at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships can participate in the respective Continental Qualification in order to obtain a quota place in that event.

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) NOCs in each event then the athlete quota place will be returned to the ranking of the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in that event and reallocated accordingly irrespective of the continent.

The number of athlete quota places available at the Continental Qualification Events are:

Events	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Athletes Quota Places	Boat Quota Places
Men							
K1 1000m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K1 200m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K2 1000m	2	6 quota places available				8	4
K2 200m	2	6 quota places available				8	4
C1 1000m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
C1 200m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
C2 1000m	4	2	2	2	2	12	6
Total Men						52	38
Women							
K1 500m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K1 200m	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
K2 500m	2	6 quota places available				8	4
Total Women						20	16
Total (Men and Women)						72	54

K1 and 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. For the European Continental Qualification Event two (2) athlete quota places will be available per event.

K2 events (Men and Women)

Two (2) athlete quota places will be contested at the European Continental Qualification Event for the 1000m and 200m K2 Men's events and the K2 Women's 500m.

In K2 Men's and Women's events the three (3) next best ranked NOCs from three (3) different continents (excluding Europe) at the World Championships will earn that Continent two (2) athlete quota places each. The two (2) places will then be contested at each respective Continental Qualification Event.



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C2 Men's Event

For Men's C2 1000m two (2) athlete quota places will be given to each continent and Europe will have four (4) athlete quota places available.

Maximum quotas at Continental Qualification Events

An NOC can qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places in the Men's Canoe category at the Continental Qualification Events.

If an NOC obtains more than two (2) athletes quota places at the Continental Qualification Events in the Men's Canoe category they will need to return the additional places. Any remaining athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from that Continental Qualification Event, in the event that the NOC returns the athlete quota place.

Qualification in the same boat class over two distances at Continental Qualification Events

At the Continental Qualification Events an NOC can only qualify one boat per class regardless of the distance (For example: K1 1000m and 200m or K2 1000m 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 reattributed to the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified.

Qualification in different boat classes at Continental Qualification Events

An athlete who qualifies more than one (1) athlete quota place at the Continental Qualification Event in different boat classes (i.e. K1, K2 or C2 and C1) will be attributed only one (1) athlete quota in the largest qualified boat class. The remaining athlete quota place would be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified using the following procedure:

- i) If two (2) athlete quota places are available from team boats in the same gender and category (for example: Men's Kayak, Canoe or Women's Kayak) then the places will be added together and given to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that category (1000m distance for men and 500m for women).
- ii) If one (1) athlete quota place is available from team boats then the reallocated athlete quota place will be used to fill a team boat from the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in that category where an athlete quota place is required within the same class and gender (for example: Men's C2, Men's K2 or Women's K2) to complete a boat quota, starting with the largest distance.
- iii) If the athlete quota place is unable to fill a team boat following the procedure outlined above then the place will be attributed to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the single events (i.e. K1 Men, C1 Men, K1 Women) in the same category and distance from which the athlete quota place came from.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host NOC not manage to obtain an athlete quota place in each respective category (i.e. Men's Kayak, Women's Kayak and Men's Canoe), it will be entitled to receive one (1) athlete quota place in the following events:

- Men's Kayak Single (K1) 1000m
- Men's Canoe Single (C1) 1000m
- Women's Kayak Single (K1) 500m

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in single boats are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games 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. 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 weeks following each qualification event, the ICF will publish the results on its website at www.canoeicf.com, publish in Paddleaway (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, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

If an allocated quota place from the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC then the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.



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i) If an allocated quota place from the Continental Qualification Events is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in that event at that Continental Qualification Event, not yet qualified. The 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 Event, the next best ranked NOC from that continent in the same event at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place.

iii) In the case that no further NOCs from the same continent can gain a place from the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC from the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.

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 best ranked NOC, not yet qualified in Canoeing, based on the results of the 2015 Canoe Sprint World Championships across all Olympic events.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the respective event at the 2015 ICF Canoe Sprint 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 to the next best ranked NOC from the 2015 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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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
August 2015 – June 2016	Qualification Events
19 – 23 August 2015	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships – Milan (ITA)
By 6 September 2015	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
By 16 September 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ICF, no later than ten (10) days after being notified of the places attributed to them.
4-7 November 2015	Asian Continental Qualifying Event - Palembang (INA)
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
12-14 February 2016	Oceania Olympic Qualifying Event – Adelaide (AUS)
29 March-2 April 2016	African Continental Qualifying Event – Pretoria (RSA)
18-19 May 2016	European Continental Qualifying Event - Duisburg (GER)
19-20 May 2016	Pan American Continental Qualifying Event – Gainesville (USA)
In relation to end of each qualifying event	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places, two weeks after each Olympic Qualification Event
In relation to end of each qualifying event	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ICF, no later than ten (10) days after being notified of the places attributed to them.
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