



Singapore Canoe Federation

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Selection Policy

(Canoe Sprint)

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Introduction

The role of the National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee (“NCSPS Committee”) of the Singapore Canoe Federation (“SCF”) is to provide a framework for the development of sprint and identify National Canoe Sprint Athletes and provide an effective and harmonious environment for success as an elite team.

NCSPS Committee

The NCSPS Committee consists of:

- Chairman of the Canoe Sprint Coaching Committee
- National Canoe Sprint Coach/es
- Not fewer than two members appointed by the Executive Committee of the SCF, to ensure that the NCSPS Committee is always comprised of an uneven number of members.

The members of the NCSPS Committee shall be elected annually, and are eligible for re-election upon approval by the Executive Committee.

The number of members in the NCSPS Committee may vary and will be determined by the Executive Committee.

All decisions of the NCSPS Committee will be made by vote, with each member of the NCSPS Committee having one (1) vote.

Definitions

“NCSPS Committee”	Means the National Canoe Sprint Selection Committee
“ACC”	Means the Asian Canoe Sprint Championships race to be held in Pattaya

“World Cups”	Means the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups in Poznan and Duisburg in 2019
“Olympic quota place”	Means a results-based achievement that qualifies a country to nominate an athlete for the Olympic Games
“SNOC”	Means the Singapore National Olympic Committee

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To identify athletes with potential to win medals at regional/international competitions.
- 1.2 To identify and develop junior athletes for high-level performance.
- 1.3 To provide opportunities for committed athletes to achieve higher standards of performance.

2. Selection Aims

- 2.1 To give context to the following policy and processes, the aims of the Singapore Canoe Federation’s High-Performance program for the 2019 season are as follows:
 - a. Identify athletes who demonstrate the international performances required to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
 - b. Qualify Olympic quota places for Singapore through the Olympic Qualification Event; in 2019, that means a high priority will be placed on the following boat classes: (i) MK1 200m (ii) WK1 500m (iii) WK1 200m.
 - c. Qualify for A finals at major competitions including ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups and the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019.
 - d. Develop athletes for the 2024 cycle.

3. Selection Considerations

- 3.1 All athletes wishing to be considered for selection as National Canoe Sprint Athletes must meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. be a Singapore Citizen (Permanent Residents will be based on a case-to-case basis);
 - b. hold the Kayaking Proficiency Personal Skills One Star Award (Recreational) under the National Kayaking Accreditation Scheme; and
 - c. must have competed at stipulated competitions and achieved the minimum standards stated over a given period.
- 3.2 Athletes who wish to be considered for selection must complete and sign the National Canoe Sprint Squad Selection Application form (Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook), and return it to the NCSPS Committee before the stipulated closing date. Application forms will be sent to all affiliated clubs and can be downloaded from the SCF's website at URL: <http://www.scf.org.sg>.
- 3.3 Athletes must be available for international and domestic training camps which will occur periodically throughout the year and the Olympic cycle.

4. Qualification Competitions

4.1 Domestic Races

Entries will be open to all domestic athletes for all Singapore National selection races as follow:

- a. Singapore National Selection Race – 6th and 7th of April 2019
- b. Singapore National Selection Race (ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019 and SEA Games 2019) – 6th and 7th of July 2019
- c. Singapore National Selection Race (for Asian Canoe Championships - ACC) – 20th to the 22nd of December 2019
- d. Pre-ACC Singapore National Selection Race (Approximate one month prior to ACC once confirmed)

4.2 International Races

Only athletes that qualify through domestic races as per the selection policy guidelines in section 4 of this selection policy will be eligible to race in the following races

- a. ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 1 Poznan 2019
- b. ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 Duisburg 2019
- c. ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships Szeged 2019
- d. Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (ACC) Pattaya 2020 (date not yet confirmed)
- e. ICF Sprint Canoe World Cup 2 Duisburg 2020

5. Qualification for Major Competitions & Olympic Games

5.1 Singapore National Selection Race - 6th and 7th of April

- a. This selection will determine who races at ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 1 Poznan 2019 and ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 Duisburg 2019
- b. Selection for the events will be as follows:
 - i. 1st and 2nd in Olympic distance K1 events will be selected to race K1
 - ii. 3rd and 4th in Olympic distance K1 events will go into selection pool for team boats
 - iii. 1st in C1 and C2 will be considered for selection
 - iv. Athletes inclusion in the National Team at the World Cups will be conditional on fulfilling minimum timing criteria as outlined in the athlete handbook.
 - v. Selection to the World Cups team will be dependent on approval by the NCSPS

5.2 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups Poznan and Duisburg 2019

- a. Results of the World Cups will determine athletes racing at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019

- b. The best performing K1 from World Cups based on ranking across both World Cups will be selected as the K1 athlete for the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019.
- c. K2 will be formulated from the remaining pool of athletes or a combination of one of the remaining athletes and the nominated K1 paddler. The NCSPS will select this combination with the National Team Head Coach.
- d. C1 and C2 athletes from the World Cups will be selected by the NCSPS to compete at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019. Athletes will only be selected if they have competitive results from the Asian countries competing at the World Cups.

5.3 Singapore National Selection Race (ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019 and SEA Games 2019) - 6th and 7th of July 2019

- a. Athletes will have to maintain performance from the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups up until the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships with the purpose of this selection race to ensure athletes are maintaining their performance leading into the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.
- b. Athletes selected from World Cups to the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships are expected to maintain time performances similar or better to those performed at the World Cups.

5.4 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships Szeged 2019

- a. Any athlete/s who achieve/s an Olympic quota place for Singapore at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will be nominated to compete in the World Cups 2020 which will form the final selection race for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- b. An athlete that achieves an Olympic quota place at these championships will be eligible for direct qualification to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games by being the highest ranked Singaporean athlete at one (1) of the World Cup races 2020.

5.5 **Singapore National Selection Race for ACC – 20th to 22nd December 2019**

- a. One (1) selection event for each category not already qualified directly through the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019. Winners of this race will be selected as the Singaporean team representative for ACC.
- b. The NCSPS reserves the right to exclude any events that are considered not realistic qualification opportunities at ACC.

5.6 **Pre-ACC Singapore National Selection Race (Approximately one month prior to ACC once confirmed)**

- a. If an athlete qualifies an Olympic quota place at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships they will need to maintain performance at this pre-ACC selection race (this will be held approximately 1 month prior to ACC – once ACC is confirmed a date will be set).
- b. An athlete may be considered for selection to an event at ACC following this race if they place 1st by a margin of:
 - i. >2 seconds in MK1 1000m
 - ii. >0.6 seconds MK1 200m
 - iii. >1.5 seconds in MK2 1000m
 - iv. >0.75 second WK1 200m
 - v. >1.25 seconds WK1 500m
 - vi. >1 second WK2 500m
 - vii. > 1 second C1 200m (men or women)
 - viii. > 2 seconds for C2 (men or women)
 - ix. >2 seconds MC1 1000m
- c. The NCSPS Committee will also reserve the right to include any athlete in the team to race at ACC if they fulfil this criterion at the time trial race. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with at the discretion of the committee on a case by case basis.

5.7 **Asian Canoe Sprint Championships Pattaya 2020 (date not yet confirmed)**

- a. **K1 or C1** - Any athlete that qualifies a quota position will be eligible for direct qualification to the Olympic Games 2020 by being the highest ranked Singaporean athlete at one (1) of the World Cup races 2020.
- b. **K2 or C2** – If a quota position is qualified either athlete will be nominated to the Olympic games by being the highest ranked Singaporean athlete in the K2 or C2 event or either K1 or C1 events at the World Cups 2020.

5.8 **ICF Sprint Canoe World Cups 2020**

- a. **K1 and C1** – NCSPS will select the K1 athlete from ACC or ICF Canoe Sprint Championships 2019 (if an Olympic Quota place has been qualified) and the next highest ranked athlete from a combination of the last two selection trials to compete at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2.
- b. If an Olympic quota position has already been qualified then the athlete that qualified the quota place will be nominated to the SNOC for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games if they are the highest ranked athlete in one of the World Cups.
- c. If no previous quota place has been qualified and an athlete qualifies a quota place through the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 2020 that athlete will be nominated to the SNOC for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

5.9 **Additional Notes**

- a. Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (by laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 There is an error in the calculation of ranking at World Cups.
- 6.2 There is an error in the results of any of the National selected races.
- 6.3 There is an error in the selection and/or nomination of an athlete based on the selection criteria.
- 6.4 An appeals tribunal will be established by the NCSPS once an appeal has been made.
- 6.5 The appeals will not be a re-selection process but rather a process to inquire whether the decision reached by the selectors was properly made and according to the selection process & criteria laid out in this policy.
- 6.6 If the selection process is found by the appeals tribunal to be incorrect, it will be referred back to the selectors for a re-selection.
- 6.7 A bond of **SGD 100** must be lodged at the time of filing an appeal. Should the appeal be found to be unmeritorious or frivolous the bond will be forfeited.
- 6.8 Where athlete A's appeal poses a risk to athlete B of being excluded from the final selection, athlete B will be given an opportunity to be heard at the appeal.
- 6.9 Legal representation will be warranted in cases where legal issues are involved and the athlete's best chance of articulating the appeal depends on it.
- 6.10 Unresolved disputes internally by the Singapore Canoe Federations NCSPS will be referred to independent arbitration with specialists from the Court of Arbitration in Sport.

7. Overriding / Other Factors

- 7.1 **National Service**
 - a. Athletes unable to compete at a National Selection Trial on the stipulated date will need to submit the application and appeal forms to the NCSPS Committee before the closing date. The NCSPS Committee will consider the appeal as per paragraph 4.5 (b) of the Athlete Handbook.

- b. The SCF will apply on the behalf of the athlete for 'Leave of Absence' from the related authority if selected athletes are still serving Full-Time National Service.

7.2 Illness / Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances

- a. The NCSPS Committee may at its sole discretion, give special consideration to extenuating factors and may allow a second opportunity to athletes as per paragraph 4.5 (b) of the Athlete Handbook. Athletes may be granted a second opportunity under the following circumstances:
 - illness or injury,
 - bereavement, or other extenuating circumstances
- b. The NCSPS Committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis

- 7.3 The NCSPS Committee, in consultation with the National Canoe Sprint Coach/es may, at its absolute discretion admit athletes to the National Canoe Sprint Squad at any time if they satisfy the minimum timings as identified in the Athlete Handbook.

8. National Athlete Handbook

- 8.1 By nominating for the National Team as described in the National Athlete Handbook an athlete agrees to the code of conduct, declaration of commitment and nomination to the team.
- 8.2 In regards to Olympic selection, this document supersedes all other selection criteria in the National Athlete Handbook or other previous documentation distributed to athletes.