



## **Singapore Canoe Federation**

### **Selection Policy**

2024 Canoe Sprint Olympic Hopes Regatta  
(Szeged, Hungary)

Canoe Sprint

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## About The Selection Policy

The following selection policy is established to uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and excellence in the process of selecting athletes for participation in the 2024 Canoe Sprint Olympic Hopes Regatta (OHR). Recognising the significance of equitable opportunities and the pursuit of sporting achievement, this policy aims to outline the criteria, procedures, and considerations guiding the selection process.

This policy seeks to provide a clear framework that ensures objectivity, integrity, and accountability in the selection of athletes representing our nation at regional, national, and/or international levels.

The selection process outlined herein is founded on the values of meritocracy, dedication, and respect for each athlete's commitment to their sport. It endeavours to prioritise the identification and endorsement of individuals who exhibit exceptional skill, dedication, and potential to uphold the values of fair play and competitive spirit.

It is Singapore Canoe Federation's (SCF) commitment to uphold the following core values to ensure that all athletes are given equal opportunities to showcase their abilities and contribute to the legacy of our sport endeavours:

- **Transparency** (in everything that we do. In this case, our entire selection process.)
- **Respect** (towards all stakeholders)
- **Inclusive** (in providing equal opportunity to athletes who meet the specified criteria)
- **Professional** (operating within governance and without bias)

<b>Competition</b>	2024 Canoe Sprint Olympic Hopes Regatta (OHR) (19 to 22 September 2024)			
<b>Qualifying Period</b>	1 June to 31 August 2024			
<b>Objective</b>	To provide youth athletes with international racing opportunities that will contribute to their development for future success as national athletes for Singapore.			
<b>Committees Involved</b>	<p>National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee (“Selection Committee”) comprising:  Chair of the High-Performance Committee &amp; Vice-President, High Performance – Sean Chua  Assistant Honorary Secretary – Timothy Chia  Appointed Member – Lionel Lee</p> <p>Appeals Committee comprising:  President – Nicholas Yap  Vice-President, Community and Infrastructure – Andrew Xiao  Appointed Member – Kyle Chong</p>			
<b>Selection Events based on events available at the competition</b>		<b>200m</b>	<b>500m</b>	<b>1000m</b>
<b>Men</b>	K1 (U15, U16, U17)		✓	✓
	K2 (U15-U16, U17)		X	X
	K4 (U15-U17)	X	X	X
	C1 (U15, U16, U17)		✓	✓
	C2 (U15-U16, U17)		X	X
	C4 (U15-U17)	X	X	X
<b>Women</b>	K1 (U15, U16, U17)		✓	✓
	K2 (U15-U16, U17)		X	X
	K4 (U15-U17)	X	X	X
	C1 (U15, U16, U17)	X	X	X
	C2 (U15-U16, U17)		X	
	C4 (U15-U17)	X	X	X
<b>Mixed</b>	XK4 (U15-U17)		X	
	XC4 (U15-U17)		X	

<b>Selection Races</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Singapore Sprint Cup (22-23 June 2024)</li> <li>2. Other SCF-recognised events within the Qualifying Period</li> </ol>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>To be considered for the competition, an athlete must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the period leading up to the competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be not be older than 17 years old on 31 December 2024 (born before 31/12/2007).</li> <li>2. Met performance standards as designated by SCF<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>3. Have competed and qualified in at least 1 of the selection races stated in the previous section within the qualifying period. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An exemption may be granted under the provisions of the criteria by the Selection Committee.</li> <li>b. This exemption may only be granted under extenuating circumstances. On request of the Selection Committee, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered.</li> <li>c. Extenuating circumstances may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Injury or illness</li> <li>ii. Equipment failure</li> <li>iii. Travel delays</li> <li>iv. Bereavement</li> <li>v. Such other circumstances that the committee may consider to be relevant</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Be available to fulfil the Team Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection.</li> <li>5. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Anti-Doping Singapore's, World Anti-Doping Agency, or International Canoe Federation's Anti-Doping Rules.</li> </ol>
<b>Team Commitments</b>	<p>All athletes must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign and always comply with the provisions of the SCF National Athlete Handbook.</li> <li>2. Conform to SCF requirements regarding team training participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable training plan, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required.</li> <li>3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SCF.</li> <li>4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the SCF, athlete or affiliate club into public disrepute.</li> </ol> <p>Athletes are required to appear at events and platforms whereby their images and presence are needed to achieve SCF's objectives of giving back to the Sport and the wider community. These obligations will be outlined in the SCF Athlete's Agreement.</p>
<b>Performance Requirements</b>	<p>SCF Performance Criteria age-group Performance Standard timing.</p> <p>Refer to specific Performance Standard in Annex A.</p> <p>Additional criteria for team boats applies. Athletes must be able to train together for a designated period prior to the competition.</p> <p>Note: In the event of extreme weather conditions, a percentage deviation will be applied to the timing of the best-performing athlete during the trial. Athletes</p>

<sup>1</sup> Athletes must meet individual performance standards (in Annex A) to qualify for team boat events.

	whose timings fall within the percentage deviation will be considered for selection.
<b>Team Size</b>	Each country is allowed to send 2 boats per event.  SCF shall not be obligated to take a full team of 2 boats per event if there are no qualifying athletes available for selection.
<b>Selection Considerations</b>	<p>Athletes will be selected to the Team based on their performances at the selection trial in the events using the following order:</p> <p><u>Men's and Women's Kayak</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The top 2 eligible Athletes with the best times per gender and age-group in the K1 500m that achieves the performance standard during the qualifying window will be automatically selected.</li> <li>ii. The top 2 eligible Athletes with the best times per gender and age-group in the K1 1000m that achieves the performance standard during the qualifying window will be automatically selected.</li> <li>iii. The selection panel may select additional athletes up to a maximum total of 6 male and 6 female athletes per age-group.</li> </ol> <p><u>Men's Canoe</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Up to 2 of the top eligible Athletes based on the finishing order of the Men C1 200m "A" Final in the respective age-group that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.</li> <li>ii. Up to 2 of the top eligible Athletes based on the finishing order of the Men C1 500m "A" Final in the respective age-group that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.</li> <li>iii. Up to 2 of the top eligible Athletes based on the finishing order of the Men C1 1000m "A" Final in the respective age-group that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.</li> <li>iv. The selection panel may select additional athletes up to a maximum total of 6 male athletes per age-group.</li> </ol> <p><u>Additional Considerations</u></p> <p>When considering whether the maximum number of athletes will be selected in each category (Men's Kayak, Women's Kayak, and Canoe), the Selection Panel may consider a combination of all or none of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weightage):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If an Athlete's selection fulfils the Objectives laid out in this Selection Policy. An Athlete who does not fulfil the Objectives may be selected if he/she meets the selection criteria and if there are unfilled quota and no other suitable athlete to select.</li> <li>ii. Relevant factors applicable to Crew combinations, including but not limited to, proven team boat performances, technical compatibility, Crew compatibility, attitude, and coachability.</li> <li>iii. An Athlete's performance in relation to the Performance Standard for a</li> </ol>

	<p>relevant event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>iv. Relevant factors applicable to team size, competition schedules, and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes.</li><li>v. National performances over the most recent 12 months.</li></ul> <p>When considering which events the athletes will race in, the Selection Committee, in consultation with coaches and athletes, will prioritise maximising the Team's overall performance. Consideration may be given to race scheduling, individual athlete development, and programme priorities. Winning an event (selection or otherwise) and/or producing a Performance Standard time will not automatically earn the right to race that event at the OHR.</p> <p>The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether any athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve the Performance Standard is at the discretion of the Selection Panel, based on the influence of external conditions that may either positively or negatively influence the ability of an athlete to achieve the Performance Standard. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, wind speed/direction, water temperature, wave size, and currents.</p> <p>In the event of external conditions that may negatively influence the ability of an athlete to achieve the Performance Standard, an athlete's performance in relation to the Performance Standard may be considered in the selection process.</p> <p>Prior to the cancellation of any Selection Trial or Event, the SCF will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule that Trial or Event for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed.</p> <p>If the Selection Trial or Event is cancelled, and there is no reasonable opportunity to re-schedule the Trial or Event, then the Selection Panel may select athletes at their discretion.</p>
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<b>Appeals Process</b>	<p>The athlete/legal guardian (if athlete is younger than 18 years old) will submit an appeal in writing via email to SCF High Performance Manager (HPM) (hpm@scf.org.sg) within 48 hours following the announcement of nominations by Selection Committee, along with supporting evidence to be reviewed by the SCF Appeals Committee.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee will deliberate on the merits of the appeal independently of the Selection Committee.</p> <p>With consideration of fairness and consistency in selection based on the posted selection criteria (as per Performance Requirements in this document) and, with consideration of any special circumstances as described in the “Eligibility” section in this document.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee may request additional information from the athlete through SCF’s HPM if necessary, to further deliberate on the merits of the appeal.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee will provide the HPM with outcome of the appeal to correspond to the said athlete, within 21 working days that the appeal is in good order (with all additional information submitted).</p> <p>The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.</p>
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## Annex A

## Performance Standard

Event	Performance Standard		
	U15	U16	U17
Men K1 500m	≤ 1min 57s	≤ 1min 53s	≤ 1min 50s
Men K1 1000m	≤ 4min 09s	≤ 4min 01s	≤ 3min 55s
Women K1 500m	≤ 2min 11s	≤ 2min 07s	≤ 2min 03s
Women K1 1000m	≤ 4min 44s	≤ 4min 35s	≤ 4min 28s
Men C1 500m	≤ 2min 09s	≤ 2min 04s	≤ 2min 01s
Men C1 1000m	≤ 4min 35s	≤ 4min 26s	≤ 4min 19s
Additional Criteria for Team Boat Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MK2 500m</li> <li>- MK2 1000m</li> <li>- MK4 200m</li> <li>- MK4 500m</li> <li>- MK4 1000m</li> <li>- MC2 500m</li> <li>- MC2 1000m</li> <li>- MC4 200m</li> <li>- MC4 500m</li> <li>- MC4 1000m</li> <li>- WK2 500m</li> <li>- WK2 1000m</li> <li>- WK4 200m</li> <li>- WK4 500m</li> <li>- WK4 1000m</li> <li>- XK4 500m</li> </ul>	<p>Any permutation of athletes for teamboat and relay events who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1/C1 performance selection timing criteria <b>and</b> can execute at least 3 trainings a week, together in the team boat, for a minimum consecutive period of 4 weeks prior to the competition.</p> <p>The teamboat pairings will be at the sole discretion of the Team's Coach after discussion with the Head Coach. The coach's decision is final.</p>		



**Annex B****National Team Performance Timing Criteria****Under 15/Under 16**

Event	Timing
MK1 500m	≤ 2min 05s
MK1 1000m	≤ 4min 26s
MC1 500m	≤ 2min 17s
MC1 1000m	≤ 4min 53s

Event	Timing
WK1 500m	≤ 2min 20s
WK1 1000m	≤ 5min 03s
WC1 200m	≤ 59.2s
WC1 500m	≤ 2min 41s
WC1 1000m	≤ 5min 57s

**Under 17**

Event	Timing
MK1 500m	≤ 2min 02s
MK1 1000m	≤ 4min 19s
MC1 500m	≤ 2min 14s
MC1 1000m	≤ 4min 45s

Event	Timing
WK1 500m	≤ 2min 16s
WK1 1000m	≤ 4min 55s
WC1 200m	≤ 57.7s
WC1 500m	≤ 2min 37s
WC1 1000m	≤ 5min 48s