



Singapore Canoe Federation

Selection Policy

2026 Age-Group International Competitions
(Junior, U21, U23)

Canoe Sprint

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1. About The Selection Policy

This is the selection policy for the following Age-Group (Junior, U21, and U23) International Competitions:

1. 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (Rotorua, New Zealand, 1-3 May 2026)

Selection policy for the following Age-Group (Junior, U21, and U23) International Competitions **has been updated.**

2. 2026 ACC Asian Junior & U23 Championships (Turkestan, Kazakhstan, 4-7 June 2026)
3. 2026 ICF World Junior & U23 Championships (Halifax, Canada, 1-5 July 2026)
4. 2026 Olympic Hopes Regatta (Bratislava, Slovakia, **17-20** September 2026)

Any competitions currently not listed in this policy may be added as an addendum.

2. Committees Involved

SCF Selection Committee

Jori Lim – Chairperson
Ho Hin Yang – Member
Shaun Ho – Member

SCF Appeals Committee

Qiu Yun Ru – Chairperson
Lim Ling Min – Member
Qua Bi Qi – Member
Noelle Seet – Member

3. Eligibility

Athletes who wish to qualify for the Age-Group International Competitions (Junior, U21, U23) must meet all of the following criteria:

- Singapore Citizen if aged 21 years old and above
- Meet selection criteria as per the Age-Group International Competitions (Junior, U21, U23) Selection Policy
- Must be in good financial standing with SCF and have no outstanding dues
- Must be in good standing and have not brought SCF into disrepute
- If not already an existing National Athlete, agree to comply with the provisions of the SCF National Athlete Handbook (Canoe/Kayak Sprint), including SCF's funding policy for international competition.
- Agree to adhere to team commitments, including participation in team activities where their presence or images contribute towards giving back to the sport and the wider community

Junior – Born on 1 Jan 2008 or later

U21 – Born on 1 Jan 2005 or later

U23 – Born on 1 Jan 2003 or later

4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1 Athletes may earn a quota through the designated Selection Competitions.
- a. For selections that consider results across more than one race e.g. Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18 and U17 K1 1000m Final A, and there is uncertainty over the actual timings due to technical issues, a race-off will take place between the affected boats directly contesting for the quotas e.g. Top 3 U18 and Top 3 U17 boats to race off.
 - b. All boats must meet the minimum Performance Criteria (Annex I).
- 4.2 If a K1 or C1 quota becomes available due to reasons including withdrawal of a selected athlete up to and including the SCF Confirmation Deadline, the quota shall be offered in the following order of priority:
- i) the next best-ranked athlete who has met the selection criteria; or
 - ii) an athlete who has already qualified in another event; or
 - iii) Notwithstanding the above, for development purposes, SCF may exercise its discretion to invite the next best-ranked athlete who has not met the selection criteria.
- 4.3 If a team boat quota becomes available due to reasons including withdrawal of a selected athlete/boat up to and including the SCF Confirmation Deadline, the quota shall be offered in the following order of priority. For avoidance of doubt, a team boat quota becomes available when any member withdraws.
- i) the next best-ranked team boat who has met the selection criteria; or
 - ii) a team boat who has already qualified in another event.
 - iii) Notwithstanding the above, for development purposes, SCF may exercise its discretion to invite the next best-ranked team boat who has not met the selection criteria.
- 4.4 After the team has been confirmed for a competition, any quota place that becomes available (e.g. K1 quota, one seat in a K2) may be offered to an athlete from the selected team as an additional event. This is a coaching decision as determined by the National Coaches and approved by the High Performance Management Committee. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5. Selection Competitions

5.1 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (Rotorua, New Zealand, 1-3 May 2026)

The 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (Rotorua, New Zealand, 1-3 May 2026) comprises **42 events**:

2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (Rotorua, New Zealand, 1-3 May 2026)					
Men Kayak (U16/18/21)	Women Kayak (U16/18/21)	Mixed Kayak (U16/18/21)	Men Canoe (U18)	Women Canoe (U18)	Mixed Canoe (U18)
K1 1000m	K1 500m	K2 500m	C1 1000m	C1 500m	C2 200m
K1 500m	K1 200m	K2 200m	C1 500m	C1 200m	XC1 200m x4 relay
K2 500m	K2 500m	XK1 200m x4 relay	C2 500m	C2 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		XK1 200m x6 mega relay		

Priority events, which are the 2028 Olympic Programme

Depending on event, selections take place at one of the following competitions:

- 2026 Singapore Junior Canoe Sprint Championships (14-16 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Junior Team Selections**
- 2026 APAC Selections (20 Mar).
- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Senior Team Selections**

Men Kayak U21

U21 K1 1000m	Top 3 U21 boats based on timings from the SCC K1 1000m Final A, followed by Final B.
U21 K1 500m	Top 3 U21 boats based on timings from the SCC K1 500m Final A, followed by Final B.

Men Kayak U18, U16

U18 K1 1000m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18 and U17 K1 1000m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U18 boats.
U18 K1 500m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18 and U17 K1 500m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U18 boats.
U18 K2 500m	Top 3 U18 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections K2 500m Final.
U16 K1 1000m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U16/15/14 K1 1000m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U16 boats.
U16 K1 500m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U16/15/14 K1 500m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U16 boats.
U16 K2 500m	Top 3 U16 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections K2 500m Final.

Women Kayak U21

U21 K1 500m	Top 3 U21 boats based on timings from the SCC K1 500m Final A, followed by Final B.
U21 K1 200m	Top 3 U21 boats based on timings from the SCC K1 200m Final A, followed by Final B.

Women Kayak U18, U16

U18 K1 500m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18 and U17 K1 500m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U18 boats.
U18 K1 200m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections U18 K1 200m Final, subject to a maximum of two U18 boats.
U18 K2 500m	Top 3 U18 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections K2 500m Final.
U16 K1 500m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U16/15/14 K1 1000m Final A, subject to a maximum of two U16 boats.
U16 K1 200m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections U16 K1 200m Final, subject to a maximum of two U16 boats.
U16 K2 500m	Top 3 U16 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections K2 500m Final.

All other Kayak events

Crews/relay teams will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the above events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Men Canoe U18

U18 C1 1000m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18/17/16/15 C1 1000m Final A.
U18 C1 500m	Top 3 boats based on timings from the SJCC U18/17/16/15 C1 500m Final A.
U18 C2 500m	Top 3 U18 boats based on timings from the APAC Selections C2 500m Final.

Women Canoe U18 and Mixed Canoe U18

As there are no competitive U18 Women Canoe athletes, SCF will not field athletes in these events.

5.2 2026 ACC Asian Junior & U23 Championships (Turkestan, Kazakhstan, 4-7 June 2026)

The 2026 ACC Asian Junior & U23 Championships (Turkestan, Kazakhstan, 4-7 June 2026) comprises **22 events for Junior U18** and **25 events for U23**:

2026 ACC Asian Junior & U23 Championships (Turkestan, Kazakhstan, 4-7 June 2026)					
Men Kayak (Junior U18)	Women Kayak (Junior U18)	Mixed Kayak (Junior U18)	Men Canoe (Junior U18)	Women Canoe (Junior U18)	Mixed Canoe (Junior U18)
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	K2 500m	C1 1000m	C1 500m	C2 500m
K1 500m	K1 500m		C1 500m	C1 200m	
K1 200m	K1 200m		C2 500m	C2 500m	
K2 500m	K2 500m		C4 500m	C4 500m	
K2 200m	K2 200m				
K4 500m	K4 500m				

Men Kayak (U23)	Women Kayak (U23)	Mixed Kayak (U23)	Men Canoe (U23)	Women Canoe (U23)	Mixed Canoe (U23)
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	K2 500m	C1 1000m	C1 1000m	C2 500m
K1 500m	K1 500m		C1 500m	C1 500m	
K2 1000m	K1 200m		C1 200m	C1 200m	
K2 500m	K2 500m		C2 500m	C2 500m	
K4 1000m	K2 200m		C4 500m	C2 200m	
K4 500m	K4 500m			C4 500m	

Priority events, which are the 2028 Olympic Programme

Depending on event, selections are based on one of the following competitions:

- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Senior Team Selections**
- 2026 Singapore Junior Canoe Sprint Championships (14-16 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Junior Team Selections**
- 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (1-3 May)
- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May)

Junior U18 Kayak Men

K1 1000m	Top U18 K1 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U18 K1 1000m Final.
K1 500m	Top U18 K1 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U18 K1 500m Final.
K2 500m	Top U18 K2 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U18 K2 500m Final.
K4 500m	Top U18 K4 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U18 K4 500m Final.

Junior U18 Women Kayak

The pool of selected athletes are formed from the APAC U18 K4 500m crew. Specific event entries will be discussed within the team. Should there be interest from more than one boat to contest a particular event, a race off will be held during the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May).

Junior U18 Canoe Men

The top U18 athlete from the C1 500m is selected from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar).

Men & Women Kayak U23

The pool of selected athletes are formed from the FY26 Senior A and Senior B National athletes. Specific event entries will be discussed within the team. Should there be interest from more than one boat to contest a particular event, a race off will be held during the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May).

Men & Women Canoe U23

The top U23 athlete from the C1 500m for Canoe Men and top U23 athlete from the C1 200m for Canoe Women are selected from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar).

Women Canoe U18 and Mixed Canoe U18

As there are currently no competitive Junior U18 Women Canoe athletes in Singapore, SCF will not field athletes in these events.

All other events

Crews/relay teams and individual events not specified will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the above events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5.3 2026 ICF World Junior & U23 Championships (Halifax, Canada, 1-5 July 2026)

The 2026 ICF World Junior & U23 Championships (Halifax, Canada, 1-5 July 2026) comprises **24 events each for Junior and U23:**

2026 ICF World Junior & U23 Championships (Halifax, Canada, 1-5 July 2026)					
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Mixed Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe	Mixed Canoe
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	K1 5000m relay	C1 1000m	C1 500m	C1 5000m relay
K1 500m	K1 500m		C1 500m	C1 200m	
K1 200m	K1 200m		C1 200m	C2 500m	
K2 500m	K2 500m		C2 500m	C2 200m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C4 500m	C4 500m	

Priority events, which are the 2028 Olympic Programme

Depending on event, selections are based on one of the following competitions:

- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Senior Team Selections**
- 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (1-3 May)
- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May)

Junior Men Kayak

The top U18 athlete from the K1 1000m is selected from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (1-3 May).

Junior Women Kayak

SCF will not be sending a team because of priority for other competitions.

Junior Canoe Men

The top U18 athlete from the C1 500m is selected from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar).

Men & Women Kayak U23

The pool of selected athletes are formed from the FY26 Senior A and Senior B National athletes. Specific event entries will be discussed within the team. Should there be interest from more than one boat to contest a particular event, a race off will be held during the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May).

Men & Women Canoe U23

The top U23 athlete from the C1 500m for Canoe Men and top U23 athlete from the C1 200m for Canoe Women are selected from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar).

All other events

Crews/relay teams and individual events not specified will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the above events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5.4 2026 Olympic Hopes Regatta (Bratislava, Slovakia, 17-20 September 2026)

The 2026 Olympic Hopes Regatta (Bratislava, Slovakia, 17-20 September 2026) comprises 52 events:

2026 Olympic Hopes Regatta (Bratislava, Slovakia, 17-20 September 2026)			
Men Kayak (U15/16/17)	Women Kayak (U15/16/17)	Men Canoe (U15/16/17)	Women Canoe (U15/16/17)
U15/16/17 K1 5000m	U15/16/17 K1 5000m	U15/16/17 C1 5000m	U15/16/17 C1 5000m
U15/16/17 K1 1000m	U15/16/17 K1 1000m	U15/16/17 C1 1000m	U15/16/17 C1 500m
U15/16/17 K1 500m	U15/16/17 K1 500m	U15/16/17 C1 500m	U15/16/17 C1 200m
U15&16 K2 1000m	U15&16 K2 500m	U15&16 C2 1000m	U15&16 C2 500m
U15&16 K2 500m	U17 K2 500m	U15&16 C2 500m	U17 C2 500m
U17 K2 1000m	U15&16&17 K4 500m	U17 C2 1000m	U15&16&17 C4 500m
U17 K2 500m		U17 C2 500m	
U15&16&17 K4 500m		U15&16&17 C4 500m	

Priority events, which are the 2028 Olympic Programme

Depending on event, selections are based on one of the following competitions:

- 2026 Singapore Junior Canoe Sprint Championships (14-16 Mar), which also serves as the **Main National Junior Team Selections**
- 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup (1-3 May)
- 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May)

Men Kayak

U17 K1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U17 K1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U17 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 1000m event.
U16 K1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U16 K1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U16 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 1000m event.
U15 K1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U15 K1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U15 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 1000m event.
U17 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U17 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U17 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 500m event.
U16 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U16 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U16 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 500m event.
U15 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U15 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U15 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K1 500m event.
U17 K2 1000m	Top 2 U17 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K2 1000m event.
U17 K2 500m	Top 2 U17 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K2 500m event.
U15 & 16 K2 1000m	Top 2 U15 & 16 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K2 1000m event.

U15 &16 K2 500m	Top 2 U15 &16 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) K2 500m event.
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Women Kayak

U17 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U17 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U17 K1 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U18 K1 500m Final.
U16 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U16 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U16 K1 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U16 K1 500m Final or Semi Final.
U15 K1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U15 K1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U15 K1 from the 2026 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup U16 K1 500m Final or Semi Final.

Men Canoe

U17 C1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U17 C1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U17 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 1000m event.
U16 C1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U16 C1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U16 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 1000m event.
U15 C1 1000m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U15 C1 1000m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U15 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 1000m event.
U17 C1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U17 C1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U17 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 500m event.
U16 C1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U16 C1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U16 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 500m event.
U15 C1 500m	The first quota goes to the winner from the SJCC U15 C1 500m Final A. The second quota goes to the Top U15 boat from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C1 500m event.
U17 C2 500m	Top 2 U17 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C2 500m event.
U15&16 C2 500m	Top 2 U15&16 boats from the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Cup (23 & 24 May) C2 500m event.
U17 C2 1000m	The same crews as the U17 C2 500m are selected.
U15&16 C2 1000m	The same crews as the U15&16 C2 500m are selected.

Women Canoe

As there are currently no competitive U17 Women Canoe athletes in Singapore, SCF will not field athletes in these events.

All other events

Crews/relay teams and individual events not specified will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the above events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

6. Appeals Process

- a. An appeal can only be brought on the grounds that the selection was not carried out in accordance with this policy document;
- b. Appeals must be sent with supporting documentation to SCF's High Performance Manager (HPM) hpm@scf.org.sg within 48 hours of the announcement of the selection results. The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to SCF. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- c. 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.
- d. The outcome of the appeal will be conveyed to the athlete within 21 days.

7. Enquiries

Please direct all enquiries to:
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Annex I

Performance Criteria (Asia Pacific)

200m	K1	
U16 Women	50.5	
U18 Women	48.0	
U21 Women	46.6	
500m	K1	K2
U16 Women	2:20	2:12
U18 Women	2:12	2:04
U21 Women	2:09	
500m	K1	K2
U16 Men	2:05	1:57
U18 Men	1:58	1:50
U21 Men	1:55	
1000m	K1	K2
U16 Men	4:26	4:10
U18 Men	4:12	3:56
U21 Men	4:05	
500m	C1	C2
U18 Men	2:10	2:02
1000m	C1	
U18 Men	4:38	

Annex II

Performance Criteria (ACC and World Juniors & U23)

500m	K1	K2	K4
U18 Women	2:12	2:04	1:56
U23 Women	2:09	2:01	1:53
500m	K1	K2	K4
U18 Men	1:58	1:50	1:42
U23 Men	1:55	1:47	1:39
1000m	K1	K2	K4
U18 Men	4:12	3:56	3:40
U23 Men	4:05	3:49	3:33
500m	C1		
U18 Men	2:10		
U23 Men	2:07		
200m	C1		
U23 Women	54.6		

Annex III

Performance Criteria (OHR)

500m	K1	
U15/16 Women	2:20	
U17 Women	2:16	
500m	K1	K2
U15/16 Men	2:05	1:57
U17 Men	2:02	1:54
1000m	K1	K2
U15/16 Men	4:26	4:10
U17 Men	4:19	4:03
500m	C1	C2
U15/16 Men	2:17	2:09
U17 Men	2:14	2:06
1000m	C1	C2
U15/16 Men	4:53	4:37
U17 Men	4:45	4:29

Annex IV

The Junior and U23 World Championships programme (2025-2028) comprises **24 events**:

Junior and U23 World Championships programme (2025-2028)					
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Mixed Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe	Mixed Canoe
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	K1 5000m relay	C1 1000m	C1 500m	C1 5000m relay
K1 500m	K1 500m		C1 500m	C1 200m	
K1 200m	K1 200m		C1 200m	C2 500m	
K2 500m	K2 500m		C2 500m	C2 200m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C4 500m	C4 500m	

Priority events, which are the 2028 Olympic Programme

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<https://www.canoeicf.com/news/icf-ensures-continuity-athletes-canoe-sprint-events-2025-2028#:~:text=You%20are%20here,Championships%20and%20World%20Cups%20programmes.>