



Singapore Canoe Federation

Selection Policy

2026 Senior International Competition Selection Policy

Canoe Sprint

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1. About The Selection Policy

This is the selection policy for the following Senior International Competitions, except for the 2026 Asian Games which will be published in a separate selection policy:

Date	Event	Location	Note
16-19 Apr	Asian Games Test Event	Nagoya, Japan	
24-26 Apr	Asian Canoe Sprint Championships	Hefei, China	Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) event.
8-10 May	ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup Szeged	Szeged, Hungary	Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) event.
14-17 May	ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Brandenburg	Brandenburg, Germany	Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) event.
9-12 Jul	ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Montreal	Montreal, Canada	Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) event.
26-30 Aug	ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships	Poznan, Poland	Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) event.
19 Sep - 4 Oct (23-27 Sep)	Asian Games	Japan, Nagoya	
22-25 Oct	ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships	Guaileguaychú, Argentina	
25-29 Nov	ACC Canoe Marathon Asian Cup	Jiangle, China	

Athletes selected for both the ACC and Test Event must prioritise the ACC as it serves as the most relevant data point for Asian Games Qualification. Athletes may choose to compete at both competitions, provided it does not disrupt team boat preparations for their qualified ACC event.

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 Senior International Competitions must meet all of the following criteria:

- Singapore Citizen
- Meet selection criteria as per the Senior International Competitions 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

4. Selection Criteria

4.1 Athletes may earn a quota through the designated Selection Competitions.

- a. 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 Asian Games Test Event (Nagoya, Japan, 16-19 Apr 2026)

The 2026 Asian Games Test Event (Nagoya, Japan, 16-19 Apr 2026) comprises **12 events**:

2026 Asian Games Test Event (Nagoya, Japan, 16-19 Apr 2026)			
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe
K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500m	C1 500m
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m

First priority events, which are the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Programme

Second priority events, which are 2026 Asian Games but not 2028 Olympic Programme

Selections take place at the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28-29 Mar, 4-5 Apr), which also serves as the **Main National Team Selections**.

The Asian Canoe Sprint Championships serves as the performance benchmark for Asian Games qualification and shall take priority over the Test Event.

The 1st-placed boat in the Final A of each event shall be selected for the 2026 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (Hefei, China, 24-26 Apr 2026).

The 2nd-placed boat in the Final A of each event shall be selected for the Test Event.

5.2 2026 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (Hefei, China, 24-26 Apr 2026)

The 2026 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (Hefei, China, 24-26 Apr 2026) comprises **26 events**:

2026 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (Hefei, China, 24-26 Apr 2026)					
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Mixed Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe	Mixed Canoe
K1 5000m	K1 5000m	K2 500	C1 5000m	C1 5000m	C2 500
K1 1000m	K1 1000m		C1 1000m	C1 500m	
K1 500m	K1 500m		C1 500m	C1 200m	
K1 200m	K1 200m		C1 200m	C2 1000m	
K2 500m	K2 500m		C2 1000m	C2 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C2 500m	C2 200m	

First priority events, which are the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Programme

Second priority events, which are 2026 Asian Games but not 2028 Olympic Programme

Third priority events, which are not the 2026 Asian Games but the 2028 Olympic Programme

Selections take place at the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28-29 Mar, 4-5 Apr), which also serves as the **Main National Team Selections**.

Except for the events specified below, the 1st placed boat in each event is selected for the 2026 Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (Hefei, China, 24-26 Apr 2026) and must prioritise the ACC as it serves as the most relevant data point for Asian Games Qualification.

Women C2 1000m – The winner of the Women C2 500m is selected for this event.

5000m events – The athletes will be selected from those already qualified from the other events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5.3 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup Szeged (Szeged, Hungary, 8-10 May 2026) and 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Brandenburg (14-17 May 2026)

The 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup Szeged (Szeged, Hungary, 8-10 May 2026) and 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Brandenburg (14-17 May 2026) each comprises **24 events**:

World Cup I Szeged and World Cup II Brandenburg			
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe
K1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m	C1 5000m
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	C1 500m
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

First priority events, which are the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Programme

Second priority events, which are 2026 Asian Games but not 2028 Olympic Programme

Third priority events, which are not the 2026 Asian Games but the 2028 Olympic Programme

Selections take place at the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28-29 Mar, 4-5 Apr), which also serves as the **Main National Team Selections**.

Except for the events specified below, the Top 2 boats in each event are selected:

C4 500m – Crews will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the other events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5000m events – Athletes will be selected from those already qualified from the other events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5.4 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Montreal (Montreal, Canada, 9-12 Jul 2026) and 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Poznan, Poland, 26-30 Aug 2026)

The 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Cup Montreal (Montreal, Canada, 9-12 Jul 2026) and 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Poznan, Poland, 26-30 Aug 2026) each comprises **24 events**:

World Cup III Montreal and World Championships			
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe
K1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m	C1 5000m
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	C1 500m
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

First priority events, which are the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Programme

Second priority events, which are 2026 Asian Games but not 2028 Olympic Programme

Third priority events, which are not the 2026 Asian Games but the 2028 Olympic Programme

Athletes who are selected by SNOC for Asian Games are selected to race at the respective events for the World Cup III Montreal and World Championships.

Except for the events specified below, selections take place at the Asian Games Selection Competition, which will be held from May 23-25, 2026. The winner of each event is selected.

C4 500m – Crews will be formed based on athletes already qualified from the other events, by

Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5000m events – Athletes will be selected from those already qualified from the other events, by Coaches' Decision and not the Selection Committee. Decision is final and not subject to appeal.

5.5 2026 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships (Guaileguaychú, Argentina, 22-25 Oct 2026)

The competition comprises **11 events for Seniors**:

Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe
K1 short distance 3.4km	K1 short distance 3.4km	C1 short distance 3.4km	C1 short distance 3.4km
K1 long distance 29.8km	K1 long distance 26.2km	C1 long distance 22.6km	C1 long distance 15.4km
K2 long distance 29.8km	K2 long distance 26.2km	C2 long distance 22.6km	

Selections take place at the Selection Trials on 15 Aug (C1/K1) and 16 Aug (C2/K2), in the format of 3 loops of 3.3km including a portage every loop.

For avoidance of doubt, U23 athletes are automatically considered for both the Senior and U23 selections.

Subject to meeting the timing criteria, top 2 boats are selected. For C1/K1, the Top 2 boats are selected for both the long distance and short distance events.

Timing Criteria

	C1	C2	K1	K2
Senior Men	50:00.00	45:00.00	45:00.00	40:00.00
Senior Women	55:00.00	50:00.00	50:00.00	45:00.00

5.6 2026 ACC Canoe Marathon Asian Cup (Jiangle, China, 25-29 Nov 2026)

This is primarily a developmental competition for the FY26 National Team, including official training partners. As there is no limit on the no. of entries per country, no selection is required. However, athletes must complete the Expression of Interest Google Form by the specified deadline. More details will be shared when available.

6. Appeals Process

- An appeal can only be brought on the grounds that the selection was not carried out in accordance with this policy document.
- 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:

Gail Chia

High Performance Manager

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Annex I

Performance Criteria (Senior International Competitions)

1000m	K1		
Men	3:53		
500m	K1	K2	K4
Men	1:49	1:41	1:33
200m	K1		
Men	38.7		
1000m	K1		
Women	4:25		
500m	K1	K2	K4
Women	2:02	1:54	1:46
200m	K1		
Women	44.3		
1000m	C1		
Men	4:17		
500m	C1	C2	
Men	2:00	1:52	
200m	C1		
Men	43.6		
500m	C1	C2	
Women	2:20	2:12	
200m	C1	C2	
Women	51.9	48.7	

Annex II

The ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups and Senior World Championships programme (2025-2028) comprises **24 events**:

ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups and Senior World Championships programme (2025-2028)			
Men Kayak	Women Kayak	Men Canoe	Women Canoe
K1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m	C1 5000m
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	C1 500m
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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