

## INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

### *Canoe Slalom*

#### A. Events (4)

MEN'S EVENTS (3)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
K-1 Men C-1 Men C-2 Men	K-1 Women

#### B. Athlete Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES*	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	57	0*	4	61
Women	20	0*	1	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>

\* Two Tripartite Commission Places are available in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint) however the numbers are calculated in the Canoe Sprint Qualification System.

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	4
Women	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5*</b>

\* An NOC is allowed a maximum of one boat per event. For the C2 men's event, an NOC can be represented with a maximum of two boats. One boat must be qualified through the C2 qualification system and the other boat can be entered using athletes already qualified in other slalom events (K1 and C1 men's events)

#### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter (at all times) may participate in the Olympic Games. For the sake of clarity, all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force during the qualification period for the Olympic Games up until the end of the period of the Olympic Games.</p> <p>An NOC must participate in at least one event at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships to be eligible for an Athlete Quota Place in the canoeing events at the Olympic Games.</p>

#### D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>Athlete qualification quota places will be allocated to the respective NOC and not to competitor(s) that achieved the quota place in the qualification event.</p> <p>The number of Athlete and Boat Quota Places allocated in the Qualification Competitions for Canoe Slalom will be as follows:</p>

EVENTS	ATHLETE QUOTA PLACES	BOAT QUOTA PLACES
<b>MEN</b>		
K-1	21	21
C-1	16	16
C-2	24	12
<b>TOTAL MEN</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>WOMEN</b>		
K-1	21	21
<b>TOTAL WOMEN</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL (Men + Women)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>

**i) World Championships and Continental Qualification**

The number of athletes qualified at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships and Continental Qualification Events are defined in the table below:

Events	World Champs 2011	Europe	America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Continental Qualification Total	Total
K-1 Men	15 (15)*	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	6 (6)	21 (21)
C-1 Men	10 (10)*	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	6 (6)	16 (16)
C-2 Men	16 (8)*	2 (1)	6 (3) quota places				8 (4)	24 (12)
K-1 Women	15 (15)*	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	6 (6)	21 (21)
<b>Total</b>	56 (48)	8 (7)					26 (22)	82 (70)

Note: \* The athlete quota includes the host nation place in each discipline. The process for Host Country Representation is outlined below.

Note: () denotes the number of boats in each qualification event.

- ii) An NOC will be able to obtain athlete quota places from the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships. The best placed athletes will achieve quota places for their NOC.
- iii) An NOC that has not obtained athlete quota places at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships can participate in the respective Continental Qualification Event in order to obtain a quota place in the same event.
- iv) To obtain an athlete quota place a maximum of three (3) boats per event per NOC can be entered in any of the Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualifying Events.

**2. K1 (Men and Women) and C1 Men’s Events**

Athletes will have two opportunities to obtain an athlete quota place, the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships and also the respective Continental Qualifying Event where athlete quota places can only be won by NOCs that have not obtained them at the 2011 World Championships.

**3. C2 Men’s Event**

- i) The 8 highest ranked NOCs from the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships in the C2 Men’s event will receive two (2) athlete quota places each.
- ii) Two (2) athlete quota places will be reserved for a European Continental Qualifying Event to be held after the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships.
- iii) There must be at least four (4) continents represented in the C2 Men’s competition.
- iv) In the case that there are less than four continents represented then the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and, if necessary, the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) NOC athlete quota places will be awarded to the continent with the highest ranked NOC(s) at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships without any C2 athlete quota places.

- v) If a continent is awarded athlete quota places in the C2 event from the above mentioned process for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> rankings then all NOCs on that continent are able to participate in a Continental Qualification Event to gain the athlete quota places irrespective of which NOC acquired the continental place at the 2011 World Championships.
- vi) If an NOC ranked in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> position at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships is the sole representative of a continent then these athlete places will remain with that NOC.
- vii) Athlete quota places that have to be removed to allow for other continental representation will be the lowest ranked NOC from a continent that has two or more NOCs qualified in the 11 highest ranked NOCs.

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

Should the Host NOC not manage to obtain an athlete quota place in the respective events, it will be entitled to receive quota places in the following events:

EVENT	ATHLETE QUOTAS	BOAT QUOTAS
K1 Men	1	1
C1 Men	1	1
K1 Women	1	1
C2 Men	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

The quota places allocated to the Host NOC would be taken from the lowest ranked NOC(s) in the respective events at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

**TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES**

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint) are made available for eligible NOCs.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs by 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation Places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

As per Section C, athletes attributed Tripartite Commission Invitation Places should have participated at the ICF 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

**E. Confirmation process for quota places**

**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

The ICF will inform NOCs/NFs in writing on 1 June 2012 of the athlete quota places they have obtained at the Qualification Events. Eligible NOCs must inform the ICF in writing by 15 June 2012 whether or not they intend to participate at the Olympic Games. By 21 June 2012 the ICF will reallocate all available quota places.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places**

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES	
i)	Should an NOC decline an athlete quota place that has been obtained at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships then the next best ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
ii)	Should an NOC decline an athlete quota place from a Continental Qualification Event, the next best ranked NOC in that event at the Continental Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place. The process will be repeated until all places are allocated.
iii)	In the case where there are no more eligible NOCs that can gain an athlete quota place in the Continental Qualification Event the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified from that continent in the specific event at the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships will be allocated the quota place. In the event that no further NOC from the continent can gain a place from the 2011 Canoe Slalom World Championships the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified from the 2011 World Championships, regardless of continental representation.
iv)	In the case where a Continental Qualification Event cannot be held or the results of such competition are deemed not valid then the ICF Ranking for 2012 (first ranking published after the World Cup Series) will be used to determine the Continental athlete quota places. The highest ranked athlete not yet qualified from that Continent in the ICF Ranking will achieve one athlete quota place for his/her NOC. Should the NOC decline the place, it would be offered to the next best ranked NOC on the ICF Ranking list and so forth until all places are filled.
v)	If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the quota places will become Tripartite Commission Places and will be allocated accordingly.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES	
See “Host Country Representation” section above.	

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	
Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the place(s) they will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to the 2012 ICF completion rankings (eg. Canoe Slalom Ranking and the Canoe Sprint World Cup Ranking).	

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
7 - 11 September 2011	Canoe Slalom World Championships (Bratislava, SVK)
October 2011	Pan American Games (Guadalajara, MEX)
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
Date TBC	African Championships (Location TBC)
15 – 18 Dec 2011	Asian Championships (Miyi, CHN)
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests of Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
3 - 5 March 2012	Oceania Championships (Perth, AUS)
May 2012	European Championships (Augsburg, GER)
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs.
1 June 2012	ICF to inform NOCs/NFs of quota places obtained
15 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of quota places
21 June 2012	ICF reallocates all available unused quota places
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms