

CANOEING SOUTH AFRICA



SPRINT KAYAKING SELECTION DOCUMENT

Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024



OVERVIEW OF SELECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SPRINT KAYAK ATHLETES FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

1. Abbreviations

ANOCA	Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa
CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
CGF	Commonwealth Games Federation
CSA	Canoeing South Africa
ICF	International Canoe Federation
ICF QS	The ICF Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad - Paris 2024 document
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
IWGA	International World Games Association
National Sprints Regatta	SA Schools and SA Sprints 2024 is the selection event.
NF	National Federation which in South Africa is CSA
NOC	National Olympic Committee which in South Africa is SAS-COC
OCOG	Organising Committees for the Olympic Games
Olympic Games	Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024
Performance Tracking data	Performance Tracking Data refers to % differentials that compare athletes to certain positions at the same regatta. For example % behind winning athlete in the same heat, % behind fastest athlete from all the heats and % behind winning athlete in that event.
RSA	The Republic of South Africa and/or South African athlete
SASCOC	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee

2. The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024

2.1 The Olympic Games will take place in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 2024. Information can be found via <https://olympics.com/en/olympic-games/paris-2024>.

2.2 The ICF QS document shall apply as released, or as updated, by the ICF and can be found via <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Canoe-Sprint.pdf>.

2.3 Final selection shall be at the sole and final discretion of the NOC in line with eligibility and selection policies.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Athletes

3.1.1 To be eligible for selection by the NOC to compete at the Olympic Games:

- 3.1.1.1 The athlete shall be a South African Citizen with a valid South African Identity Document and valid South African passport. South African Citizens holding dual citizenship shall not have participated in any event representing their adopted country at international level; and
- 3.1.1.2 For athletes who have competed for other countries at international events, they shall observe the “cool-off” period prescribed by the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA for the respective Games; and
- 3.1.1.3 The athlete shall be a member in good standing with the NF for the duration of the selection period and the Olympic Games; and
- 3.1.1.4 The athlete shall not be under suspension for any offence (including but not limited to doping) during the selection period; and
- 3.1.1.5 The athlete shall comply with and uphold the Constitution, Rules and Code of Conduct of the NF, NOC, and the relevant international macro sports bodies, that is, the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA; and
- 3.1.1.6 The athlete, if under 18 years of age, shall present a signed and completed parental (or guardian) consent and declaration form to the OCOG at their Delegation Registration Meeting;
- 3.1.1.7 The athlete shall have nominated to be considered for selection and shall compete at the National Sprints regatta being SA Schools & SA Sprint regatta in 2024. If for whatever reason a National Sprint regatta in 2024 cannot be held, a specific National Selection event will be held in Gauteng, in that year, for those athletes who have nominated to be considered for selection for international sprint regattas in that year; and
- 3.1.1.8 The athlete satisfies the same nationality requirements as for the Olympic Games; and
- 3.1.1.9 Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games which can be found via (<https://olympics.com/ioc/olympic-charter>).

3.2 Officials

3.2.1 For officials to be eligible as coaches or team leaders/managers, for the Olympic Games, they shall satisfy the following criteria:

- 3.2.1.1 The official shall be a member in good standing with the NF; and
- 3.2.1.2 The official shall comply with all the terms and conditions of Canoeing South Africa’s Safeguarding policy which can be found via (weblink: <https://www.canoesa.org.za/safeguarding>); and
- 3.2.1.3 The official shall not be under suspension for any offence during the selection period; and

- 3.2.1.4 The official shall have a proven track record in the position they are recommended for and shall have demonstrated a level of competence acceptable to the NOC. Where there is no track record, the NF shall motivate to the NOC for such official to be considered; and
- 3.2.1.5 The official shall comply and uphold the Constitution, Rules and Code of Conduct of the NF, NOC, and the relevant international Macro sports bodies, that is, the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA; and
- 3.2.1.6 In the case of coaches, the NOC shall consider foreign coaches based on the value added to the NF and the proven track record the coach has in delivering results at international events. The NF, however, shall have to show a skills transfer and succession plan for the development of South African Coaches; and
- 3.2.1.7 Foreign and local personal coaches shall be registered with and affiliated to the respective NF.

3.3 All officials and athletes shall always:

- 3.3.1 Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and behave accordingly, and
- 3.3.2 Respect and comply in all aspects with the:
 - 3.3.2.1 World Anti-Doping Code; and
 - 3.3.2.2 International safeguarding policies.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1 Quota places

- 4.1.1 The ICF QS document shall apply as released, or as updated, by the ICF and can be found via <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Canoe-Sprint.pdf>.
- 4.1.2 In terms of paragraph B.2. of the ICF QS document there is an athlete quota of six. If the NOC receives various quota places by the ICF, the NOC will take into consideration which eligible athlete(s) can achieve a better result. Should athletes have similar performance tracking data then preference will be given to accepting K2 and/or K4 boat quotas over individual K1 quotas. In terms of para E.1. of the ICF QS document the NOC has a 10 working day period to confirm to the ICF.
- 4.1.3 As per paragraph B.3. of the ICF QS document, the athlete quota places selected for the Olympic Games are allocated to the NOC and are not tied to the specific athlete who obtained the quota place on behalf of the NOC. The athlete(s) that will be awarded the quota places will be determined at the National Sprint regatta and if required at subsequent shoot out events.
- 4.1.4 In terms of paragraph D.3.3.7 of the ICF QS document an NOC can only qualify two athlete quota places in each category. Should the NOC receive a quota place for the K1 and the K2, the NOC will take into consideration which eligible athlete(s) can achieve a better result. Should athletes have similar performance tracking data then preference will be given to accepting to the

K2 quota place. In terms of para E.1. of the ICF QS document the NOC has a 10 working day period to confirm to the ICF.

4.1.5 The ICF modification to D.3.3.7 and D.3.3.8 in respect of the African Championships Continental Qualification Qualifier for Paris 2024 with the consent of the IOC shall apply.

4.1.6 The current RSA quota place confirmations are Women K2 500m, and Men K2 500m. Should additional places be offered then paragraph 8 below shall apply

4.2 Date of the National Sprints Regatta for the RSA Team Trial

4.2.1 A trial will be held to determine which athletes will be awarded the RSA quota places.

4.2.2 The trial will be the National Sprint regatta, which will be held at VLC, Germiston, Gauteng, on the 22 to 24 March 2024.

4.3 Format of the trial

4.3.1 Athletes who have correctly nominated themselves to be considered for selection, to represent South Africa, at the 2024 Olympic Games, to be held in Paris, may challenge for the quota spots which have been awarded to RSA. The quota spots are the K2 500m for men and the K2 500m for women.

4.3.2 Crew boat athlete quota spots:

4.3.2.1 Selection for the Olympic Games will be based on the performance of athletes at the National Sprints regatta in the K2 500m U23 & Senior A Final.

4.3.2.2 If athletes in the K2 500m, win by a margin of 1.5% or more, then those athletes will be selected for that event for the Olympics Games.

4.3.2.3 If the K2 500m final is not won by 1.5% or more, then all boats that finished within 1.5%, will be allowed to compete in a “best of 3 shoot out” utilizing the results of the K2 500m final and 2 further races over 500m. The necessity for the holding of the 3rd “shoot out” will be determined by the results of the first two “shoot out” events.

4.3.2.4 The scheduling of the “shoot out” events will be determined by the selectors, taking into account predicted conditions over the 3 days, allowing for adequate recovery between events.

4.3.2.5 If the selection is to be determined by the results of a “shoot out”, the point’s allocation will be as follows: 1 point for a win, 2 for second, 3 for third, and so forth. The crew with the least points will claim the spot.

4.3.2.6 If, after the 3 shoot out events, there is a tie in the number of points, then a sudden death race will be held between only those boats with the same number of points. The winner of the sudden death race will claim the spot.

4.4 Exceptional circumstances in relation to the selection trial

If an athlete has an injury and/or illness, which may impact on his or her performance in the trials, then paragraph 6 of the NF’s Selection Procedure By-Law shall apply.

4.5 The NF will follow the IOC Framework on Fairness, Inclusion and Non-discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sex Variations as well as any policy instituted by Canoeing South Africa and SASCOC.

5. Selection Committee

5.1 The members of the NF Sprint Selection Committee will be the following:

Convenor of Selectors	-	Colin Simpkins
Selector	-	John Oliver
Selector	-	James Godden
Selector	-	Jodie Ellinor – Dreyer

5.2 Given the ICF time constraints on the quota places the NOC, NF, Sprint Committee, Selectors and athletes are all cognizant of the importance of timeous responses to deadlines.

6. Tripartite Commission Invitation Places

6.1 It is specifically recorded that the NOC does not qualify for any tripartite invitation places, therefore, none shall be available.

7. Universality places

7.1 It is specifically recorded that the NOC does not qualify for any universality places, therefore, none shall be available.

8. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places

8.1 It is specifically recorded that in the event of any reallocation or wild card places, being allocated/offered to the NOC and/or NF, such reallocation or wild card places shall be offered to the next fastest K1 athlete over 500m (if female athlete) and 1000m (if male athlete) as per the results at the National Sprint Selection regatta 2024 (para 4.2.2).

9. Selection Appeals/Disputes

9.1 No Party (NOC, NF, Athlete/Team) shall approach the High Court to resolve selection appeals/disputes; and

9.2 Should an Athlete/Team have a query with the selection process, they will lodge their appeal with the NF; and

9.3 The NF will exhaust all its internal selection appeals processes in line with the NF Constitution/Rules and regulations; and

9.4 The NF will communicate the outcome of the appeal process to the NOC for mediation; and

9.5 Should there be no favourable conclusion reached, the process shall go to Arbitration; and

9.6 Should the arbitration process not be favourable to either party, the IOC shall be consulted; and

9.7 CAS headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland shall be the last step in the resolution of selection appeals/disputes.

10. Agreement

10.1 Athletes who wish to be considered for selection for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 must complete the online nomination process which will close when entry to the selection event closes.

10.2 Kindly note that all International sprint selection document(s) will be available on the Canoeing South Africa website in the Sprint section found under Disciplines (<https://www.canoesa.org.za/portfolio/canoe-sprint>).

10.3 This agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument; and

10.4 It is specifically recorded that irrespective of the provisions referred to in their Clauses and sub clauses above, final confirmation of selection and participation for Team South Africa shall solely vest with the NOC.

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