



## **Atlantic Teams Criteria**

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With this document, ADCKC seeks to combine selections criteria into a single location that will then not require annual updates unless a problem in the criteria is identified, or specific team or event limitations necessitate a change. Items such as event dates or year-of-birth references have been removed where possible and replaced with descriptive text that should only require modification if a particular event specifies a different age eligibility.

**General:** The Atlantic Division, CanoeKayak Canada works to increase the pool of Atlantic Canadian athletic talent in Sprint Canoe Kayak racing. We will act by fair and ethical means, to achieve performance at the highest levels of competition. By identifying through competition and talent identification, a pool of committed athletes and providing training and competitive opportunities the Atlantic Division will serve to enhance the level of the athlete, the region, and the nation within the CanoeKayak community.

**Atlantic Team Identifications:** Atlantic Division CanoeKayak Teams are designed to support a number of levels of athletes.

**Note:** Where class is defined by age as of January 1, the determination is that an athlete must be the age, or younger for the ENTIRE year. For example, U18 Age Class: In the year an athlete will turn 19, even if not until December 31<sup>st</sup>, they are no longer a U18 athlete. This can also be understood as; The year an athlete turns 18 is their LAST year of eligibility as U18, whether the date of birth is as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, or as late as the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

- a. **Bridge Athletes:** Athletes above the ICF Junior Age who are also above the current Canada Games eligibility age, who are involved in a structured training program and legitimately working towards selection to the Senior National Canoe Kayak Team. These athletes should have raced National Team Trials. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on the results of Atlantic Trials and National Team Trials (see e, below). There is no maximum or minimum number of athletes to be named.
- b. **Canada Games Team:** Canada Games Eligible Athletes will be under 21 years of age in the year of the Canada Summer Games competition for the current Canada Summer Games Quadrennial. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on rankings generated from results of Atlantic Trials, the results of National Team Trials (see e, below). There are no predetermined maximum sizes for core teams, and the teams will include all those who meet the specific criteria. A minimum of 4 athletes in each discipline (MK/WK/WC/MC) will be nominated as ADCKC team athletes. For the actual Canada Games competition, the maximum team size is 9 Male, 9 Female (18 total athletes).
- c. **U16:** Athletes must be under 16 years of age as of January 1 in the year the criteria is applied. This category applies to touring group selections and core team selections. Numbers depend on funding, team opportunities, and performance relative to direct competition. Selection to ADCKC teams will be based on rankings generated from results of Atlantic Trials, and National Team Trials.
- d. Athletes selected to Tours based on results at National Team Trials may be exempted from Atlantic Division Trials and named to Atlantic teams including the touring teams where eligible. These exemptions will be based on age classifications, competitive need, and availability. National Trials results will only be considered for athletes named to National tours or programs that preclude



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participation in ADCKC trials.

- e. **Athletes** may be exempted from Atlantic Division Trials and named to Atlantic teams including the touring teams where eligible provided they are working toward National Team status, and have taken part in National Team Selection trials. These exemptions will be based on age classifications, competitive need, and availability.
- f. In some instances, singles based performance measures may not clearly reflect an athlete's potential for success in other events or in the future, the High Performance committee may include athletes outside the core singles performance group based on objective talent identification parameters developed by the Sport Excellence Lead (Fitness Measures, Sport Excellence Lead organized open events or other ADCKC testing opportunities). Athletes identified in this manner will not displace ranked athletes who satisfy performance--based criteria. This section (Part f) DOES NOT apply to selection of competitive or touring teams.

Support for all of these above listed athletes may include (but is not limited to), access to competitive opportunity, training program support, grant applications endorsements, and educational opportunities.

The Atlantic Division is the final authority on decisions regarding team composition, application of criteria, and the resolution of any discrepancies arising as a result of team selection.

### **Eligibility: Teams and Core Teams not including the team for the Canada Games**

For Core teams and Touring teams other than for the Nova Scotia Canada Games Canoe Kayak Team:

Support for these athletes may include (but is not limited to), access to competitive opportunity, training program support, grant applications endorsements, and educational opportunities.

- I. The Atlantic Division is the final authority on decisions regarding team composition, application of criteria, and the resolution of any discrepancies arising as a result of team selection.
- II. For consideration and support, Athletes must be residents of the Atlantic Division (Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, or Newfoundland and Labrador), compete for an Atlantic Division Canoe Club, and NOT be supported members of another Division Team (For Example: Ontario Team Card holders) unless exemption has been granted. Atlantic Division Members of the National Team may be eligible for support or inclusion as members of competitive teams as funding allows, evaluated on a case by case basis.
- III. Selection is open to amateur athletes who are members in good standing of their club, the Atlantic Division, and CanoeKayak Canada. The Atlantic Division does NOT determine club standing, but is bound by the respective determinations of its member clubs. The ADCKC assumes an athlete to be in good standing with their club unless notified otherwise.
- IV. Within each selected ADCKC Core Team (not touring teams), a Nova Scotia Provincial Team may be named that includes only those named to that Team who race for Nova Scotia Clubs.



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### **Nova Scotia Canada Games Team – Special Eligibility Rules for Canada Games**

#### **Selections**

##### **Excluded from the Canada Games:**

- . a) Senior National Team Athletes are not eligible for the Canada Games\* [?]
- . b) Athletes that have held a senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time;
- . c) Athletes that have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Olympic Games or Senior World Championship. Participation in a Youth Olympic Games does not constitute a reason for exclusion from the Canada Games.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status, (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status within 90 days of the Opening of the Games).

\*Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status, may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee

- Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Canada Games Technical Package. [?]
- Atlantic Division CKC 'Competitive' registration is required. Athletes must be members in good standing of the ADCKC and an ADCKC member club.
- Athletes must be under 21 years of age as of January 1st in the year of the games (Year of Birth = Year of the Upcoming Canada Games – 21 Years)
- The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents. [?]
- An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile. [?]
- An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year. [?]
- An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:



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- o i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season ☐- AND – ☐
  - o ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, National or Regional championship, ☐- AND – ☐
  - o iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team. ☐- OR ☐
  - o iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered. ☐
  - o If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province where the centre is located provided they have a demonstrated commitment as listed above.
- An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another Province or Territory. An athlete may try out for one Province or Territory in one sport, and may try out for another Province or Territory in another sport (see next point)).
- Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.
- Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled to take place in the in the same week. Athletes taking part in more than one sport must demonstrate to the ADCKC High Performance Committee that commitments to either sport will not infringe adversely upon the demands of the other.

In general, there will be no guaranteed composition of the Atlantic Team or the Canada Games Team. For ADCKC competitive opportunities, team size may be limited logistically and will be published prior to selection trials taking place.

The purpose of the Atlantic Team is to encourage and support the development of high performing Mens Kayak, Mens Canoe, Womens Kayak, and Womens Canoe athletes, and to create a bridge to eventual National Team selection. In addition, the Atlantic Team has a goal to improve its development and competitive ability in Paracanoe.



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### **ADCKC Team Selections.**

Performance relative to standards, and competition as well as funding expectations and availability of other resources all influence team size and makeup.

Atlantic Team Trials Distances as outlined below for each age classification. Singles only. Atlantic Division CKC Registration is required. Heats, semifinals, and A,B,C, finals as required. Rules to mirror competition rules for National Team Trials. Atlantic Spring/Summer Trials will be comprised of Open, and Canada Games age eligible events. Fall Trials will be comprised of Canada Games age eligible events.

All classes will race as follows:

Spring/Summer

Men K1 1000m, 200m
Men C1 1000m, 500m
Women K1 500m, 200m
Women C1 500m, 200m
Para (combined) 200m

*\*All Para entries currently to be combined, pending number of entries and depth of field that necessitates heats, semis and Finals A,B,C as needed.*

Fall (subject to change)

Men K1   2000m, 5000m
Men C1   2000m, 5000m
Women K1   2000m, 5000m
Women C1   2000m, 5000m
Para   200m

a. All exemptions (other than emergency medical), and pre-selections will be published prior to the trials event. (See 'Exemptions', below)

b. Failure to start a race may result in disqualification from the regatta, and the voiding of all results unless an exemption has been granted, or at least 2 hours notice has been given. Failure to start a Semi-Final or Final created by advancement from heats, without prior exemption may result in disciplinary action and the forfeiture of team standing. (See 'Exemptions', below).

c. All rules of conduct apply. (see 'CanoeKayak Canada Standard Of Conduct Policy):

<http://canoekayak.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf>

and ADCKC Code of Conduct for Teams and Travel:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bbcb894704680568ece5555/t/5cd9b22c0d929774f10b7c98/1557770>



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### **Selection - Touring Opportunities, Special Projects and Canada Games (in a Canada Games year)**

Only trials races designated for touring teams (or designated special opportunities) and selection will be used to identify teams for competitions.

Athletes not exempted under Part 'e' (page 1) will be ranked based on point totals from ADCKC Summer Trials.

Points will be awarded to the finishers as follows and will be used to rank athletes for selection to the Atlantic Team:

Mens/Womens 200m, Womens 500m, Mens 1000m

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	9
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	8
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	6
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	5
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	4
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	3
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	2
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	1

Provided there have been no exemptions based on National Team nominations, winners in each of the Mens/Womens 200m, Womens/Mens 500m and Mens 1000m races will receive top ranking regardless of points total and will be nominated for team inclusion based on that result alone. Exempted athletes will be placed at the top of combined ranking lists.

The winner of ADCKC Trials (Mens/Womens 200m, Womens 500m, and Mens 1000m) will receive full 1st place points, but not status over the exempted athlete(s).

Athletes with 'event winner' status or exempt status in each designated event will receive automatic nominations for all selections as indicated (ADCKC team, HP Group, or Touring Group).

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken based on the best Olympic Singles Distance placing. If this still results in a tie, the final tie-break will be based on the best placing from the longer Trials distance (500m for Women, 1000m for men). For Mens Canoe, ties will be broken based on the 1000m distance. This is a reflection of the greater number of racing opportunities for the longer distances.



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Nomination based on event winner criteria DOES NOT indicate assignment of events in Atlantic Team (Summer) racing opportunities.

Ranking and Performance relative to peers — Potential team members will be ranked based on the criteria outlined above. Selected team members must have a ranking within the determined team size for their classification and discipline, AND be within a predetermined time differential of the ADCKC Trials 1<sup>st</sup> place entry in at least one of their two events, Canada Games team, and Domestic Touring team Selection Differentials:

500m and 1000m----- 105%

200m Events----- 104%

For example, if the 1<sup>st</sup> place paddler in a Womens K1 500m has a time of 1:57.6, in order to be given consideration, other places must achieve a time within the selection differential (105%), or a time of 2:03.5 or better. The Selection committee may, at their discretion, include 'next' ranked athletes who do not meet the differentials if deemed necessary to create crew opportunities or to fill available spaces created by athletes declining their nominations. Only times from 'A' finals in ADCKC Trials will be used to determine performance relative to peers criteria.

With respect to Canoe events, additional selection considerations also apply that may affect paddlers based on side paddled:

The touring team will include the top 2 ranked rights, and the top 2 ranked lefts who have made 'A' finals, provided that performance relative to peers differentials have been met. The Selection Committee may at their discretion include ranked athletes, who do not meet differential requirements in order to balance Right/Left side paddler needs for C-2 and C-4 entries. In the event that, Left/Right balancing must look beyond the ADCKC Trials 'A' finals or athletes who have been exempted, the touring team MAY not be balanced with regards to left/right paddling sides. In short, it is likely that the two top ranked paddlers, even if paddling on the same side, may be better option from both a regatta results, and long term individual development perspective than pairing the top ranked paddler with a much lower ranked paddler simply in order to achieve Left/Right balance.

The High Performance Committee will also identify spares or alternates to be named to the team in the event that named team members become ineligible, are unable to compete, or decline due to nomination to a National Team. If spares are required to be named to competing teams, tie break processes, and team balancing (Left or Right with respect to canoe) will be applied as previously described if necessary.

Selection of the actual entries for Atlantic Team competitions will be at the discretion of the Sport Excellence Lead, and the event coaching staff and/or ADCKC staff for the event(s) in question.

Depending on funding, minimum and maximum team size for tours will be determined as available resources become finalized. User pay amounts will be noted on the entry page for ADCKC trials. Athletes will be required to commit to, or decline nomination prior to the selection event. Declining a nomination to a touring team does not affect ranking for team status. Notwithstanding all ranking and selection criteria for tour selection, the High Performance Committee (Sport Excellence Lead, Paddling Chair, Flag Officer and Supporting Staff Members) has the right to refuse participation on a competitive team or in an ADCKC event based on an athlete's prior



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behavior in contradiction of the ADCKC Code of Conduct for Trips and Events (Appendix 1).

The personal club or coach of any athlete may refuse participation for individual athletes. The ADCKC has no obligation to place the organization or staff at risk due to the behavior of any team member. (See general notes on eligibility III, above)

### **ADCKC Bridge, Canada Games, and other Core Teams:**

The ADCKC Team selections result from the efforts of Canada Games eligible paddlers over the racing season. The team may include paddlers racing for ANY ADCKC club, including those in New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

Nomination to the Core Teams is NOT a nomination to the touring teams. Not being named to a core team does not preclude qualifying for ADCKC competitive teams, including the Canada Games.

The ADCKC Bridge Core Group is in place to ensure that Athletes leaving the ICF Junior Class, or who are no longer eligible for Canada Games consideration, are recognized in their efforts, and are able to access available facilities and support as they work towards National Teams.

### **Bridge Athletes (Post-Canada Games) Core Group**

- Up to 3 athletes per discipline (MK, WK, WC, MC)
- Any Athlete named to the most recent Canada Games team who is not age eligible for the next Canada Games, but who is actively competing for status on the Canadian National Team.
- U23 (18-23) Athletes not age-eligible for the next Canada Games, who are actively pursuing National Team Placement AND who placed in an 'A', or 'B' Final at National Team Trials in singles events.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, POST Canada Games eligibility 'A' finals ADCKC Spring/Summer Trials.

### **The ADCKC Canada Games Gold Core Team group will be comprised of:**

- Up to Top 5 Ranked Athletes per discipline. ADCKC Spring/Summer Trials, Canada Games designated finals combined ranking list.
- There will be no Right/Left considerations in selecting the Canada Games Core Team.





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### **The ADCKC U16 Gold Core Team will be comprised of:**

- Up to Top 4 U16 'A' Finalists, All Disciplines. ADCKC Spring/Summer Trials, Canada Games designated finals combined ranking list.
- A medal in a U16 singles result (not including 6000m events) at the Canadian National Championships will also automatically name an athlete to the team and automatically place them on the team (regardless of placement at the Atlantic Team Spring/Summer Trials. In the event of multiple medalists in a discipline, the tie breaker will go to the better finish, and secondary tie breaker to the Olympic distance event.
- There will be no Right/Left considerations in selecting the U16 Team

### **The ADCKC Para Team:**

The goal of this team is to create a competitive training team of athletes who showcase the ability to progress towards the Paralympic Games. The composition of this team will be determined by Atlantic Team Trials results (Spring/Summer and Fall), and other ADCKC and Sport Excellence Lead efforts.

- Up to Top 3 Athletes per discipline based on combined ranking list from ADCKC Spring/Summer and Fall Trials.

### **The ADCKC U14 Team:**

The goal of this team will be to create a core team that will take part in training opportunities throughout the year to support each athlete's development.

- Based on Top 5 athletes per discipline in singles results from the Atlantic U12/U14 Champs in the U14 category specifically.

### **Ranking Lists:**

In each Atlantic Team (U16, U18/Canada Games, Bridge, and Para), there will be a ranking list for both silver and bronze designated core teams to support invitations to future. Support for these athletes may include (but is not limited to), access to competitive opportunity, training program support, grant applications endorsements, and educational opportunities.

### **\* Exemptions**

Medical or Personal Exemption: The High Performance Committee MAY exempt an athlete from competition due for medical or personal reasons (eg: work or family issue) if supported by appropriate documentation. Selection of exempted athletes will be subject to the athletes ranking among Atlantic Team eligible athletes from National Team Trials, or completed Atlantic Trials Races. Any athlete exempted for medical reasons will gain provisional nomination and may be subject to performance expectations (race-offs, etc) at a time, place,



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and format to be determined by the ADCKC High Performance Committee.

National Team Selection: Athletes may be exempted from Atlantic Team Trials and possibly selected to the team(s) by virtue of selection to National Team projects that render them unavailable for competition in ADCKC Trials or other opportunities. In these cases, selections will be based on athlete ranking from National Team Trials for all Atlantic Team eligible athletes in that discipline\*. All tie-break formulae will apply with respect to rank, and possible selection.

\*A Canada Games / U18 Athlete requesting exemption based on selection from a National Team Trials to a National Team tour or project, must rank above non-exempted Atlantic Team eligible athletes, in head to head competition (ranked from same discipline pool). The high performance committee will not step over higher ranked, older, non--exempted competitors in granting exemptions to U18 Age.

<b>Age Category Core Teams</b>	<b>Gold Core Team Compositions</b>
<b>U16</b>	Up to Top 4 Each Discipline - Gold Core Team
<b>U18 / Canada Games Age Core Team (minimum of U18, depending on the year in the Canada Games quadrennial cycle)</b>	Up to Top 5 from Each Discipline - Gold Core Team
<b>Bridge Athletes</b>	Up to Top 3 from Each Discipline
<b>Para Athletes</b>	Up to Top 3 from Each Discipline
<b>U14</b>	Top 5 Per Discipline in U14 Singles events at the U12/U14 Atlantic Champs.

\*Note - There may be crossover between U16 and Canada Games Core Teams or the U14 and U16 Core Teams. In cases of crossover, additional athletes will not automatically be named to fill out team size, rather athletes will be named to each team where they qualify. The one exception to this rule is that Bridge athletes if named must be in the age range described earlier, i.e. beyond Canada Games eligible age but still trying actively to achieve a berth on a National Team.