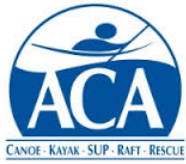


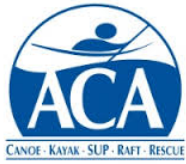
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES:
USA Canoe Slalom National Team
to compete at the
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups,
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship,
2018/19 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races,
2018/19 COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships,
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 World Championships

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** In order to be considered for eligibility for the USA Canoe Slalom National Team, athletes must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:
 - 1.1. **Citizenship:**
 - 1.1.1. Citizenship is not necessarily a requirement of eligibility for the USA Canoe Slalom National Team. Athletes must meet ICF eligibility rules for competition. (These rules are outlined in the ICF Slalom Competition Rules, Section 3 – Competitors.)
 - 1.2. **Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation** (if any):
 - 1.2.1. Eligibility for the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials will be governed by the current International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom Competition Rules and the ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules, Article 3:
 - ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules:
www.americancanoe.org/ICFslalomrules
 - ACA Canoe Slalom Competition Rules:
www.americancanoe.org/ACAslalomrules
 - 1.3. **Other requirements** (if any):
 - 1.3.1. Athletes must be members in good standing with ACA at the time of the start of the Trials.
 - 1.3.2. C2M and C2MX teams shall qualify only as a team and not as individuals.



2. **SELECTION EVENT:** Via the procedures set forth herein, athletes will qualify for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, U23 World Championships, and World Cup teams at the selection event shown below.
 - 2.1. **Team Trials:** the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials, “Team Trials,” will be held at USNWC in Charlotte, NC on April 6-8, 2018.
 - 2.1.1. **Events:** A total of six events will be offered at the Team Trials and results will be computed independently for each of these six events. These events are:
 - Men’s K1 (K1M)
 - Women’s K1 (K1W)
 - Men’s C1 (C1M)
 - Women’s C1 (C1W)
 - Men’s C2 (C2M)
 - Mix C2 (C2MX)
3. **METHOD OF CONDUCTING AND SCORING THE TEAM TRIALS:** This section describes the format, methodology, and scoring of a Team Trials which will be used to nominate athletes to USA Canoe Slalom National Team positions.
 - 3.1. **Format:** Team Trials will be run in the following format:
 - 3.1.1. The event will be a three-day competition. Each day will consist of one race on a unique course, with two runs each day. The event will therefore consist of six separate runs on three separate courses.
 - Race runs 1 and 2 are completed on the first day on course 1.
 - Race runs 3 and 4 are completed on the second day on course 2.
 - Race runs 5 and 6 are completed on the third day on course 3.

*A Force Majeure may cause runs to be cancelled and an alternate selection method, as outlined below, in 3.6 may be implemented.
 - 3.2. **Rules:** The Team Trials shall be governed by the rules of canoe slalom at the time of the event as shown via the links in Section 1.2.1.
 - 3.3. **Calculation of Athlete Percentage of Each Run:** At the Team Trials event, athletes earn a total score based on the rules of Canoe Slalom. Following the completion of each race at Team Trials, the athlete’s percentage on each run will be computed off of the leading score from that day in that particular event. The leading score in an event is the fastest score in that event of the two runs from that day.



$$\frac{(\text{Athlete Score} * 100)}{\text{Best Score}} - 100 = \text{Athlete Percentage}$$

Example:

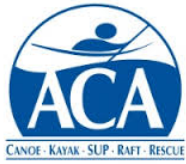
The percentage off the leading score is calculated as follows:

Athlete A has the best score of the day with a 95.7 on their first run. Athlete B's time on her second run is 97.2. Therefore, Athlete B's athlete percentage for the second runs is computed as follows:

$$\frac{(97.2 * 100)}{95.7} - 100 = 1.57\%$$

Note that the boat with the fastest time of the day will have a 0% result on their fastest run.

- 3.4. **Scoring of Race Runs:** Team selection shall be based on the average of the athlete percentages of the runs counted.
- 3.4.1. **Runs Counted:** The athlete's best run of each day, plus the athlete's best score of the three remaining runs, will be used towards calculating that athlete's overall ranking. The runs used to calculate the overall ranking are defined as the "counted runs."
- 3.4.2. A minimum of 4 runs must be conducted to constitute the 2018 Team Trials. If fewer than 4 runs are conducted, an additional race will be conducted in order to complete the remaining runs.
- 3.4.3. A Force Majeure may cause runs to be cancelled and an alternate selection method, as outlined below in Section 3.6, may be implemented.
- 3.5. **Ranking of Results:**
- 3.5.1. **Ranking using average percentage off the leader:** An athlete's counted runs are averaged to give each athlete a result for the team trials event. This result is calculated by summing the runs counted for each athlete and dividing the result by four. The ranking of results is completed by placing the athlete with the lowest team trials result in the highest ranked position. The athlete with the second lowest team trials result is placed in the next position. This process is continued until all of the eligible athletes who have competed in the team trials event have been ranked in each of the events which have been conducted at the team trials.



Example: An athlete finishes the three days of team trials having completed six runs on three differing courses. Using the algorithm shown above for determining the athlete percentage on each run the athlete has been given the following scores for each of the six runs:

Run 1:	1.57%
Run 2:	0.97%
Run 3:	1.85%
Run 4:	0.00%
Run 5:	5.43%
Run 6:	0.45%

This athlete's four lowest athlete percentages are then selected as the runs counted and averaged to give a Team Trials Result. In this instance runs 1,2,4, and 6 are summed and divided by four:

$$\frac{1.57 + 0.97 + 0.00 + 0.45}{4} = 0.75\%$$

If this method of determining the athlete's result is applied to three athletes in the same event and the athletes are given the team trials results, for example, of:

Athlete 1:	1.35%
Athlete 2:	0.75%
Athlete 3:	1.97%

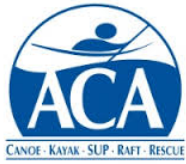
Then the Ranking of Results of the team trials, based on the athlete ranking, for these three athletes will be determined to be First Place for Athlete 2, Second Place for Athlete 1, and Third Place for Athlete 3.

3.6. Cancelled Runs:

- 3.6.1. **Runs Cancelled and Replaced:** In the event that one or more of the six individual runs shall be canceled for any reason, ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff, along with the Chief Judge, shall designate additional runs to replace the canceled run(s). Any replacement run(s) shall be held as soon as possible after the completion of the final scheduled run. It is ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff's decision whether the replacement runs shall be conducted on the same course or on an alternate course.



- 3.6.2. **Runs Used to Determine Results if Some Runs are Cancelled:** In the event that ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff along with the Chief Judge determine that no alternative race sites and dates are reasonably available, the National Team selection process shall be modified as follows:
- If runs are cancelled, the best run of EACH DAY will always be counted towards the final ranking of the Team selection.
 - In the event that one race run is canceled, the racer's best 3 out of the 5 race runs will be used to determine Team selection.
 - In the event that two race runs are canceled, the racer's best 3 out of the 4 race runs will be used to determine Team selection.
 - If less than 4 runs are conducted, an alternate race to complete the remaining runs will be proposed to be held within the following three weeks. A minimum of at least 4 runs must be conducted to constitute the Team Trials.
- 3.7. **Event Order:** The same event order will be used each day. All events will be run back-to-back, in the following order: C1M, K1W, C2M, C1W, K1M, C2MX.
- 3.8. **Start Interval:** Racers will be started at intervals established and announced before the beginning of the Team Trials. The interval will be consistent for the entire event.
- 3.8.1. **Additional Time Between Racers:** As per ICF Competition Rules, any boat may petition the Chief Judge to allow additional time between themselves and another boat beyond the scheduled time. The Chief Judge will grant the petition in cases where the boat has been interfered with by a slower boat or has overtaken a slower boat during a previous 2018 Team Trials race run, or otherwise demonstrates concrete evidence of disadvantage.
- 3.9. **Racer Seeding:** The racers with the highest ranking shall start last within their respective events. The Team Trials start order for each event shall be determined first by the ranking of the top 100 from the Final 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking. If the athlete is not ranked in the top 100 from the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking, they will be ranked after the top 100 by the 2017 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials final results. Those athletes still unranked will be ranked by 2017 US Nationals. If still not ranked, the athlete will be ranked by random draw after all participating boats from the 2017 Team Trials have been ranked. Boats with 2017 results substantially below their 2016 results due to injury may petition the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff and the Chief Judge to run at the front of their event. Petitions must be received no later than March 23, 2018. Petitions will be granted only in cases where race results demonstrate that the boat is likely to be competitive for the National Team.
- 3.10. **Tied Results:** Results shall be calculated for the athlete percentage to an accuracy of a hundredth of a percentage point. The athlete's percentage for each run shall then be averaged to determine a final ranking, which is also accurate to the hundredth percentage point. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the lowest average of their three best runs shall



be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the lowest average of their two best results shall be the winner. In the event of a continuing tie, the athlete with the best result shall be the winner.

3.11. The Course:

3.11.1. **Course Design:** The course must be designed by a three-member Course Committee approved by ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff.

3.11.2. **Demonstration Runs:** After the course is erected, with all gates in position, a demonstration run must be made by at least one non-competitor. Demonstration runs should be conducted, if possible, to include all boat types: C1M, K1W, C2M, C1W, K1M, and C2MX.

3.11.3. **Course Approval:** The race shall not commence until the course has been approved. Course will be approved per ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules.

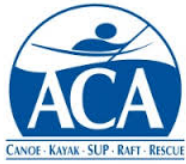
3.12. **Applicability of Results:** The results of the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials can be used to determine athlete eligibility for the 2018 National Team, which athletes will compete in which international competitions, access to National Team Coaching, ACA athlete funding, and other benefits provided by the USOC and ACA. All types of the aforementioned eligibility and benefits apply to qualifying athletes from the completion of the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials until the completion of the 2019 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials. USOC benefits apply only to Olympic events. Athletes give up their rights to these benefits by not accepting their National Team nominations.

4. **SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE NATIONAL TEAM:** This section describes how athletes are selected to be members of the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team.

4.1. **Purpose:** Being a USA Canoe Slalom National Team Member is an honor and privilege earned by an athlete's hard work and effort towards being the best in the World. A National Team member has privileges that extend beyond those privileges allocated to other athletes, even those athletes who are selected to represent the United States in international competition but do not meet the standards necessary to become a National Team Member. National Team athletes competing in Olympic events will receive invitations to camps, testing, USNWC Water Access, coaching at specific locations, and other privileges. The purpose of naming a National Team is to identify top performing athletes that have the potential to be internationally successful and to raise the level of competition in the USA.

4.2. **Available Places:** Up to three boats in each event can qualify to become National Team Members. The National Team selection procedures will be the same for all events, with the exception of C2MX.

4.2.1. In C2MX, it is not possible to calculate accurate Class Adjusted Percentage (CAP) because there is an insufficient quantity of C2MX results at the international level with



which to calculate the Event Adjustment Factor. Due to the current lack of CAP data, C2MX will be considered a Development Event. The top three C2MX boats will be eligible to compete at the World Cups and World Championships.

4.2.2. **Allocation of National Team Places:** There are three ways in which an athlete can be named to the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team:

4.2.3. **Method 1:** The athlete must finish with a Team Trials result that is less than 15% of the Class Adjusted Percentage (CAP).

4.2.3.1. The athlete's result is calculated by averaging the CAP of all his/her counting runs.

4.2.3.2. **Definition of Overall CAP:** The CAP sets a baseline standard by which performance in each event can be evaluated with regards to the expected standard at a highly competitive international competition. The CAP is computed based on the assumption that at any given event, one of the athletes, in one of the events, will have a run of International Standard. The run of best standard is identified by adjusting each of the event's results by the expected difference between them. The time of the winner of the event with the lowest adjusted result becomes the baseline, and the expected difference is then used to solve for the CAP standard for each event.

4.2.3.3. **Terminology:** CAP, or Class Adjusted Percentage, is the method chosen by ACA to determine performance standards for each *class/event*. (In 2018, the ICF has replaced the established term *class*, which refers to the boat/sex of the racer with the new term *event*. This document has adopted this new terminology but retains the term CAP.)

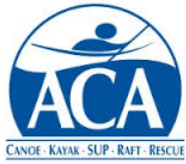
4.2.3.4. **Computation of the Baseline CAP:**

Step 1: The best result in each event is divided by the expected difference factors between the events. These factors for 2018 are: K1M 100%; K1W 113.93%; C1M 107.46%; C1W 126.94%; C2M 116.35%. These factors are calculated based on results from the 2016-17 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups Series, the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, and the 2016 Olympic Games.

www.americancanoe.org/2018CAPS

Step 2: The lowest result after Step 1 is selected (this might be in any event).

Step 3: The Event Adjusted percentage baseline for each event is determined by multiplying the result selected in Step 2 by the expected difference between the events factors: K1M 100%; K1W 113.93%; C1M 116.35%; C1W 126.94%; C2M 110.75%.



Step 4: Multiply the result for each event from Step 3 by 115% in order to determine the time which will be used for the Overall CAP calculation.

Example:

A hypothetical computation of the 2018 CAP for each event is shown below:

Event	Best run of the day	Event Adjustment Factor	Calculation Per Event	Baseline K1M Result	Event Adjusted Baseline Per Event	Calculation for Event Adjusted 15% Result
K1M	90.22	100.00%	90.22	87.76	87.76	100.93
K1W	103.37	113.93%	90.73	87.76	99.99	114.99
C1M	94.31	107.46%	87.76	87.76	94.31	108.46
C1W	126.94	126.66%	100.22	87.76	111.16	127.83
C2M	110.75	116.35%	95.19	87.76	102.11	117.43

4.2.4. **Method 2:** If no athletes in a given event finish within the 15% Event Adjusted Percentage, the first place finisher at the 2018 Team Trials is named a National Team Member so long as they compete in at least two World Cups and the World Championship in 2018.

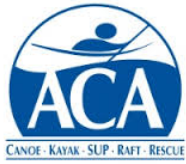
4.2.5. **Method 3:** Finally, if an athlete finishes in the top three at the 2018 Team Trials but does not meet the 15% Event Adjusted Percentage standard, this athlete can be named a National Team Member if he/she qualifies to the semi-finals at a 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup or World Championships in an event in which the semi-final field must reduce the field by at least 60%.

5. **SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2018 WORLD CUPS:** These procedures describe how an athlete is selected to compete at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups.

5.1. **Available Places:** The maximum number of event entries that have been allocated to the USA by the ICF for the 2018 ICF World Cup races is as follows:

- K1M 3 Places
- K1W 2 Places
- C1M 3 Places
- C1W 2 Places
- C2M 2 Places
- C2MX 3 Places

5.2. **Allocation of Team Places:** The places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials. If, for example, three places are



available in the Men's K1 then the top three performing eligible finishers are nominated to the US World Cup Team.

5.3. **Replacement of ineligible Athletes:** If after the conclusion of the 2018 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for World Cup participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2018 Team Trials.

5.4. **Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete:** Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups #1, #2 and #3 during 2018 USA Canoe Slalom National Team Processing on April 8, 2018. The deadline for confirmation for World Cups #4 and #5 is May 24, 2018. The schedule for the 2018 World Cup Events is as follows:

- World Cup #1 (June 22 - 24) Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK
- World Cup #2 (June 29 – July 1) Krakov, POL
- World Cup #3 (July 6 - 8) Augsburg, GER
- World Cup #4 (August 31 – Sept. 2) Tacen, SLO
- World Cup #5/Final (Sept. 7-9) La Seu D'Urgell, ESP

5.5. **Declaration of Team Positions Taken:** Athletes who qualify to compete in two events at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup must confirm their intention to participate in both or only one of the events during National Team Processing on than April 8, 2018.

5.5.1. This schedule is subject to change. Updates to this list will be provided at:
www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar

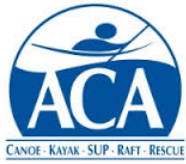
5.5.2. Deposits for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups must be paid to ACA via check or online by midnight of April 13, 2018 for events #1, 2, and 3, and by midnight of May 31 for events #4 and 5.

5.6. **Failure to Confirm:** If a boat fails to confirm participation during National Team Processing on April 8, 2018, a replacement athlete will be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 12 – Replacement of Athletes.

6. **SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE 2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** These procedures describe how an athlete is selected to compete at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in Rio de Janiero, BRA – September 25 – 30 2018.

6.1. **Available Places:** Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the World Championships.

6.2. **Allocation of Team Places:** The places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2018 Team Trials. If, for example, three places are available in the Men's K1, then the top three performing eligible finishers are nominated to the World Championships Team.



- 6.3. **Replacement of ineligible Athletes:** If after the conclusion of the 2018 Team Trials any boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for World Championships participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the Team by the next eligible ranked boat from the 2018 Team Trials.
- 6.4. **Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete:** Deadline for confirming participation at the 2018 World Championships is May 24, 2018.
 - 6.4.1. Deposits for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships must be paid to ACA via check or online by midnight of May 31, 2018.
- 6.5. **Failure to Confirm:** If a boat fails to confirm via email to USA Canoe Slalom National Team Coach by midnight of May 24, a replacement athlete will be nominated according to the rules set forth in Section 12 – Replacement of Athletes.
7. **SELECTION OF COMPETITORS FOR THE 2018 & 2019 ICF CANOE SLALOM RANKING RACES AND 2018 COPAC CANOE SLALOM PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2019 COPAC CANOE SLALOM PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS / PAN AMERICAN GAMES QUALIFIER (BEFORE 2019 NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS):** These procedures describe how an athlete is selected to compete in an ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race and the COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships. Selection at the 2018 Team Trials qualifies an eligible athlete to compete in all ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races between the 2018 and 2019 US Team Trials. Athletes' eligibility for these events held prior to the 2018 Team Trials will be determined by their ranking at the 2017 Team Trials.
 - 7.1. **Available Places:** ICF does not limit the number of entries at ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Races and COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships. Limitations may be imposed by the Event Organizer, at the Organizer's discretion.
 - 7.2. **Allocation of Available Places:** In the case that places are limited by the Event Organizer, the places available are allocated to the top performing athletes from the 2018 Team Trials. If, for example, six places are available in the K1M then the top six eligible finishers are given priority to compete in the COPAC Pan American Championships and the ICF Ranking Races.
 - 7.2.1. C2M will not be included at the 2018 & 2019 COPAC Pan American Championships, per the Event Organizer.
 - 7.2.2. Reference: www.canoeicf.com/event-calendar
 - 7.3. **Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete:** Athletes must confirm participation at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships or the 2018 ICF Ranking Races via email to ACA Slalom High Performance Manager by midnight on the dates listed below:



7.3.1.

Event	Date	Must Declare Intent
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race Ivrea	April 28 – 19, 2018	April 13, 2018
70 th International Tatra Slalom	May 12 – 13, 2018	April 27, 2018
2018 ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race Merano	June 8 – 10, 2018	April 27, 2018
2018 Danube Cup 1	July 28 – 29, 2018	July 13, 2018
Kananaskis Open	Aug. 3 – 5, 2018	July 19, 2018
2018 Danube Cup 2	Aug. 4 – 5, 2018	July 20, 2018
Prague Wave Festival	Aug. 11 – 12, 2018	July 27, 2018
Rutherford Creek Open	Aug. 17 – 19, 2018	Aug. 2, 2018
2018 British Open Slalom	Sept. 15 – 16, 2018	Aug. 31, 2018
2018 Pan American Championships	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
2019 Pan American Championships	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

7.4. Athletes are encouraged to double-check their participation in the 2018 ICF Ranking Races via Google Docs: www.americancanoe.org/2018SlalomRankingRacesSignup

7.5. **Failure to Confirm:** If an athlete fails to confirm by the dates designated above, the next ranked athlete from the 2018 Team Trials will be eligible to enter.

7.6. **Nomination to Compete for Athletes Who Did Not Compete in the US Team Trials:** If an athlete is not able to compete at the 2018 Team Trials due to a documented medical or family emergency, the athlete will be ranked after the final athlete from the 2018 Team Trials. The athlete must send an email and documentation to the ACA Slalom High Performance Manager to verify.

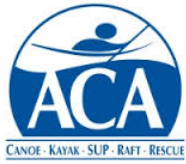
7.7. **Missed Competitions:** If an athlete confirms his/her participation at the 2018 COPAC Canoe Slalom Pan American Championships or an ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking Race and later pulls out without a documented medical or family emergency, and thus prevents another athlete from participating, that athlete will have their name dropped to the bottom of the priority list of all eligible athletes until the 2019 Team Trials.

7.8. **Deadline for Confirmation:** Athletes must confirm their intention to participate in the COPAC Pan American Championships and the ICF Ranking Races at least 40 days in advance of the competition unless posted otherwise.

8. **SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO THE 2018 USA CANOE SLALOM U23 NATIONAL TEAM AND THE 2018 ICF CANOE SLALOM U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** This section describes how athletes are selected to be members of the 2018 USA Canoe Slalom U23 National Team and to compete at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships in Ivrea, ITA, July 17-22, 2018.



- 8.1. **Available Places:** Three boats in each event can qualify to participate at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships.
 - 8.2. **Allocation of Team Places:** The top three athletes in each event at the 2018 Team Trials who were born in the year 1995 or later will be named as members of the USA Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships Team.
 - 8.3. **Replacement of ineligible Athletes:** If after the conclusion of the 2018 Team Trials any U23 boat fails to prove ICF eligibility for ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships participation, that boat is ineligible to compete and will be replaced on the U23 Team by the next highest eligible ranked boat from the 2018 Team Trials.
 - 8.4. **Deadline to Declare Intention to Compete:** Deadline for confirming participation at the U23 World Championships is one hour after the posting of final results on the final day of the 2018 Team Trials.
 - 8.4.1. **Deadline to Declare Intention to Travel and Lodge with the US Team:** Eligible boats must declare their intention to travel and lodge with the US Team at the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in Ivrea, ITA, at the 2018 National Team Processing on April 8, 2018. All athletes must make a deposit to cover estimated expenses by midnight of April 13, 2018. These expenses will include lodging, transportation, coaching fees, and accreditation fees.
 - 8.5. **Calculation of CAP for Selection for the 2018 USA U23 National Team:** An athlete's results at the above events may be used to select a subset of eligible athletes to receive specific racing, training or funding benefits as determined by ACA or the USOC. The CAP to determine eligibility for these benefits for U23 events will be calculated off the top performing U23 athletes at each event using the method described in Section 6.3.1.
9. **OVERSIGHT OF SELECTION PROCESS:** The selection process is overseen by the below members of the ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff, the ACA Canoe Slalom Committee Chair, and the ACA Canoe Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors. The oversight of selection is to ensure that the selection process has been followed by using the above selection method. If it appears that the selection method has not been followed, the committee will bring forward to the ACA Board of Directors to determine a reasonable solution for correcting any wrongdoings.
- 9.1. ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Staff:
 - 9.1.1. Morgan House, Director of High Performance & Competition
 - 9.1.2. Zuzana Montagne, ACA Slalom High Performance Manager
 - 9.1.3. Rafal Smolen, Slalom National Team Coach
 - 9.2. ACA Slalom Athlete Representative to the ACA Board of Directors – Scott Mann



9.3. ACA Slalom Committee Chair – Adam Van Grack

10. **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:**

10.1. No athletes will be selected to the National Team through discretionary selection. All nominations will be awarded through performance at the 2018 Team Trials or through the replacement process outlined below in Section 12.

11. **REMOVAL OF ATHLETES:**

11.1. **Causes of Removal:** An athlete who is to be nominated to the National Team by ACA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by ACA Staff:

11.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal: Athlete must submit a written letter to the ACA CEO.

11.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved ACA or USOC physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved ACA physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

11.1.3. Violation of the ACA Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement.

11.1.4. Violation of the ACA SafeSport Policy.

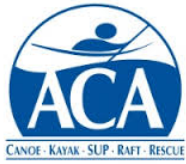
11.1.5. Violation of IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through USADA.

11.1.6. Lack of participation in scheduled National Team competitions. The National Team Athlete must participate in a minimum of two World Cups and the World Championships unless prevented from doing so by injury or illness (as described in Section 11.1.2.).

11.1.7. An athlete who is removed from the National Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing, as per the ACA's grievance process, found at:

12. **REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES:** Describes the replacement of athletes from the National Team or athletes who are/have been eligible to compete and selected for a place to represent the United States at ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup, World Championship, or other international competitions.

12.1. The replacement athlete will be selected through the 2018 National Team Trials, taking the next ranked athlete by rank order. These athletes will be considered National Team Members if they meet all criteria as outlined in Section 6 and commit to competing in at



least 2 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in 2018.

12.2. An athlete must be within the 15% CAP Performance Standard (described in Section 6.3.1) in order to be a replacement athlete for World Cup and World Championship competition. In the case that there are no athletes meeting this performance standard, the available spots will not be filled.

12.3. If either member of a C2 boat resigns, is removed from the team, is ineligible to compete, or is unable to compete, the entire boat will be removed from the team and replaced for World Cup and World Championship competition.

13. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** The following documents are required to be signed by each athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup and World Championships Teams and will be posted on the ACA website:

13.1. 2018 ACA Athlete Code of Conduct

13.1.1. www.americancanoe.org/2018AthleteCodeofConduct

14. **PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES:**

14.1. The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be published on the ACA website: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom

14.2. These procedures will be posted by February 15, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by Wade Blackwood, ACA Executive Director.

15. **DATE OF NOMINATION:**

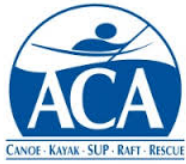
15.1. The Nomination of Athletes will occur directly after the final race of the 2018 ACA Canoe Slalom National Team Trials for the 2018 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups.

16. **NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION:**

16.1. Athletes will be notified of all National Team training and/or competitions at least 30 days prior to the start of the training/competitions.

17. **ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS:**

17.1. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA, and USOC Rules, as applicable.



18. SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS:

- 18.1. All National Team members must adhere to the ACA SafeSport Policy.
- 18.2. All National Team members must successfully complete the current version of all three online SafeSport training modules prior to attending any international competitions.

18.2.1. www.americancanoe.org/SafeSport

19. ACA GOVERNANCE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

- 19.1. ACA Bylaws: www.americancanoe.org/Governance
- 19.2. Competition Council: www.americancanoe.org/CompetitionCouncil
- 19.3. Slalom Information: www.americancanoe.org/Slalom
- 19.4. Grievance Procedures: www.americancanoe.org/Grievance

20. **INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER:** These procedures are based on IOC, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, as applicable, and/or ICF rules and regulations will be distributed to affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to ACA, as of January 13, 2018. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

- 20.1. If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the Canoe Slalom High Performance Committee.

21. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

21.1. Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete, and those questions are not answered by ACA, may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

21.1.1. Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)

21.1.2. E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org

21.1.3. www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman