QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

CANOE SPRINT

A. EVENTS (10)

Men's events (5)	Women's events (5)
Kayak Single (K1) 1000m	Kayak Single (K1) 500m
Kayak Double (K2) 500m	Kayak Double (K2) 500m
Kayak Four (K4) 500m	Kayak Four (K4) 500m
Canoe Single (C1) 1000m	Canoe Single (C1) 200m
Canoe Double (C2) 500m	Canoe Double (C2) 500m

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Canoe Sprint:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Universality places	Total
Men	115	2	2*	117
Women	115	2		117
Total	230	4	2*	**236***

* Two (2) Universality places are available in Canoe Sport (Canoe Slalom/Canoe Sprint). The provisions for allocation of these places are set out in Section D. of the Canoe Sprint Qualification System below.

B.2. Maximum number of athletes and boats per National Olympic Committee (NOC) that can qualify and be selected for the Olympic Games, Paris 2024:

	Athlete Quota Places per NOC	Boat Specific Quota
Men Kayak	6	1 boat per event
Men Canoe	3	1 boat per event
Women Kayak	6	1 boat per event
Women Canoe	3	1 boat per event
Total	**Maximum 18**	

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:
The athlete quota places in the boat are allocated to the NOC through qualification competitions. The athlete quota places selected for the Olympic Games are not tied to the specific athlete who won the place on behalf of the NOC at the qualification competition.

B.4. Maximum Entries at the Olympic Games in Paris 2024:
B.4.1 An NOC can enter a maximum of two (2) boats per event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

B.4.2 The NOC must participate in the event(s) which the NOC had originally obtained the athlete quota place and/or boat quotas. A boat quota can also be allocated to an NOC if an NOC qualifies the boat based on its ranking. In this case, no new athlete quota is assigned as the athlete is already qualified from another event they participated in.

B.4.3 All athletes selected by an NOC must compete in at least one Canoe Sprint event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

B.4.4 Athletes must compete in the event(s) that they are entered in by their NOC by the time of Sport Entries Deadline, but can compete in more than one (1) event including the other category (e.g. Canoe and/or Kayak). The maximum number of athletes entered in a category of the relevant gender is set in table B.2.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules
All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the competition rules of the ICF , may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Additional IF Eligibility Criteria
C.2.1. To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, all eligible NOCs must participate in at least one (1) Olympic event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships or the respective continental qualification competition.

C.2.2. To be eligible for a Universality Place the athlete must also have participated in at least one (1) Olympic Qualification Competition for the Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. For the purposes of this qualification system, "Olympic Qualification Competition" shall refer to one of the following:

D.1.1. Global Qualification Competition: 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

D.1.2. Continental Qualification Competitions:

a) Europe
b) America
c) Asia
d) Africa
e) Oceania

D.2. Distribution of Athlete Quota Places by Event

D.2.1. An athlete may compete in one (1) or more events at an Olympic Qualification Competition.

D.2.2. However, the athlete may obtain only one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC through Olympic Qualification Competitions.

D.2.3. Should any athlete quota place need to be determined other than by the results of direct competitions between athletes in the same race, the distribution of quota places will be to the athlete(s) with the fastest time in the preceding phase of the event.

D.2.4. In case the athlete/boat quota place is determined by direct ranking in finals and more athletes/boats achieve the same time by thousandth of a second (dead heat), the distribution of quota places will be determined through a re-race.

D.2.5. The initial distribution of athlete quota places and boat quota places for Canoe Sprint based on the Olympic Qualification Competition results will be as set out below, subject to:

(i) the limits on maximum athlete quota places and boat quota places as specified in B.2 above; and

(ii) any subsequent reallocation of places in accordance with the provisions of this Qualification System.

Events	Athlete Quota Places Available	Minimum Boat Quota Places
Men		
K1 1000m	15	15
K2 500m	22	11
K4 500m	40	10
C1 1000m	14	14
C2 500m	26	13
Total men	**117**	**63**
Women		
K1 500m	15	15

K2 500m	22	11
K4 500m	40	10
C1 200m	14	14
C2 500m	26	13
Total Women	**117**	**63**
Total (Men + Women)	**234**	**126**

D.3. Olympic Qualification Competitions

D.3.1. Global Qualification Competitions: 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

D.3.1.1. The initial distribution for the 162 athlete quota places and the initial 74 boat quota places available at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships is set out in the table below, subject to the limits set out in Section B.2. and any subsequent reallocation in accordance with this qualification system.

Events	World Championships 2023	Host country	Total Athlete Quota Places	Minimum Boat Quota Places
Men				
K1 1000m	6	1	7	7
K2 500m	12		12	6
K4 500m	40		40	10
C1 1000m	5	1	6	6
C2 500m	16		16	8
Total Men	**79**	**2**	**81**	**37**
Women				
K1 500m	6	1	7	7
K2 500m	12		12	6
K4 500m	40		40	10
C1 200m	5	1	6	6
C2 500m	16		16	8
Total Women	**79**	**2**	**81**	**37**
Total (Men + Women)	**158**	**4**	**162**	**74**

The athlete quota places available from the Global Qualification Competitions will be allocated as follows:

D.3.1.2. K4 events (Men and Women)

All the athlete quota places for the K4 events will be allocated at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

(i) The 10 highest ranked NOCs from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will each obtain four (4) athlete quota places.

(ii) Where there are fewer than four (4) continents represented in the 10 highest ranked NOCs, then to the extent necessary to ensure that NOCs from four (4) continents obtain athlete quota places, the tenth (10th), ninth (9th) and if necessary, the eighth (8th) ranked place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest

ranked NOC at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships from a continent without any K4 boats qualified in that event.

(iii) Should NOCs from fewer than 4 continents compete in the K4 Finals at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, then the highest ranked NOC(s) not yet qualified will obtain the athlete quota places regardless of continent.

D.3.1.3. C2 events (Men and Women)
The eight (8) highest ranked NOCs from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Men's C2 and Women's C2 events will each obtain two (2) athlete quota places.

D.3.1.4. K2 events (Men and Women)
The six (6) highest ranked unqualified NOCs from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Men's K2 and Women's K2 events will each obtain two (2) athlete quota places per gender.

D.3.1.5. K1 events (Men and Women)
The six (6) highest ranked unqualified NOCs from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in each of the Men's and Women's individual Kayak events will each obtain one (1) athlete quota place.

D.3.1.6. C1 events (Men and Women)
The five (5) highest ranked unqualified NOCs from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in each of the Men's and Women's individual Canoe events will each obtain one (1) athlete quota place.

D.3.2. Reallocation of places released through "doubling up" in different events
It is a fundamental principle of this qualification system that an athlete may only acquire one (1) athlete quota place for their NOC regardless of how many events the athlete competes in during the qualification process. Once an athlete obtains an athlete quota place they are not eligible to compete in any further Olympic Qualification Competitions. In each case an NOC qualifies in an event, a boat quota will be allocated regardless of the allocation (or reallocation) of the athlete quota place(s).

D.3.2.1. On completion of the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships all remaining athlete quota places which have been released as a result of athletes "doubling up", that is they qualify for more than one athlete quota place in a different boat class, will be redistributed in the following manner:

D.3.2.2. If an athlete qualifies for more than one (1) athlete quota place in different boat classes (i.e. K1, K2, K4 or C1 and C2) at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships the athlete's NOC will be allocated only one (1) athlete quota place. This shall be an athlete quota place in the event with the largest boat class out of the events in which the athlete qualified. The released athlete quota place(s) will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the next smaller boat class (i.e. from K4 to K2 or from C2 to C1) of the relevant event.

D.3.2.3. Any quota places released in the K2 or C2 boats will be grouped together and will be reallocated to the highest ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the relevant K2 or C2 event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, to enable those NOCs to fill the K2 or C2 boats.

D.3.2.4. Should there be any sole athlete quota place remaining after the reallocation to K2 and C2 events, then the quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in the K1 or C1 event in the respective gender at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

D.3.2.5. Any quota places released in the K1 or C1 boats will be reallocated to the highest ranked NOCs not yet qualified in the relevant K1 or C1 event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

D.3.2.6. In the situation that the Global Qualification Competitions cannot be held, then the results of the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships for the relevant event will be used to determine the athlete quota places. The highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in each event receives the athlete quota places.

D.3.3. Continental Qualification Competitions

D.3.3.1. Only an NOC that has not obtained an quota place in an event (e.g. boat or athlete quota places) at the Global Qualification Competitions can participate in the respective Continental Qualification to compete for an athlete quota place in that event.

D.3.3.2. Only athletes that have not obtained athlete quota places at the Global Qualification Competitions are eligible to compete in the Continental Qualification Competitions.

D.3.3.3. A minimum of three (3) NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Continental Qualification for the event to be eligible. If there are not three (3) or more NOCs in an event, then the athlete quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, in that event, not yet qualified at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, irrespective of the continent.

D.3.3.4. The initial distribution of athlete quota places available at the Continental Qualification Competitions will be as set out in the table below, subject to:

(i) the limits on maximum athlete quota places and boat quota places as specified in B.2. above; and

(ii) any subsequent reallocation of places in accordance with the provisions of this qualification system;

Events	Europe	Americas	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Athlete Quota Places	Minimum Boat Quota
Men							
K1 1000m	2	2	2	1	1	8	8
K2 500m	2	2	2	2	2	10	5
C1 1000m	2	2	2	1	1	8	8
C2 500m	2	2	2	2	2	10	5
Total Men						36	26
Women							
K1 500m	2	2	2	1	1	8	8
K2 500m	2	2	2	2	2	10	5
C1 200m	2	2	2	1	1	8	8
C2 500m	2	2	2	2	2	10	5
Total Women						36	26
Total (Men + Women)						**72**	**52**

D.3.3.5. K1 events and C1 events (Men and Women)
Europe, Americas and Asia continents will be given two (2) athlete quota places for single boats to be won at each Continental Qualification Competition. For the African and Oceanian Continents they will be given one (1) quota place for single boats to be obtained at each Continental Qualification Competition.

D.3.3.6. K2 events and C2 events (Men and Women)
Each continent will be given two (2) athlete quota places for double boats to be won at each Continental Qualification Competition.

D.3.3.7. Reallocation of places released through "doubling ups" in different events
If an athlete qualifies for more than one (1) athlete quota place in different boat classes (i.e. K1 and K2 or C1 and C2) at the Continental Qualification Competitions, the athlete's NOC will be allocated only one (1) athlete quota place. This shall be an athlete quota place in the event with the larger boat class out of the events in which the athlete qualified. The released athlete quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in the smaller boat class (i.e. from C2 to C1) of the relevant event.

D.3.3.8. Maximum Quota places at Continental Qualification Competitions
An NOC can qualify a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places in each category, that is, Kayak men, Kayak women, Canoe men and Canoe women at the Continental Qualification Competitions. The unused athlete quota places will be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC not yet qualified in the K1 or C1 event of that gender.

D.3.3.9. In the situation that a Continental Qualification Competition cannot be held, then the results of the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships for the relevant event will be used to determine the athlete quota places for that continent. Athlete quota places will be allocated to the respective continent, for which the Continental Qualification Competition could not be held in accordance with D.3.3.

D.4. Host Country Places

The host country will be provisionally allocated quota places in the following events:

- Men's Kayak Single (K1) 1000m
- Men's Canoe Single (C1) 1000m
- Women's Kayak Single (K1) 500m
- Women's Canoe Single (C1) 200m

The host country must compete in the respective category (i.e. Men's Kayak, Women's Kayak, Men's Canoe and Women's Canoe) at the ICF Canoe Sprint Global Olympic Qualification Competition to be eligible, plus they must comply with the requirements outlined in section C. Athlete Eligibility of this document.

D.5. Universality Places

Two (2) Universality Places in single boats are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 in the sport of Canoe. These places can be attributed to Canoe Sprint or Canoe Slalom athletes.

To be eligible for a Universality Place the athlete must have participated in at least one (1) Olympic qualification event.

On 1 October 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2024. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Universality Places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the sport concerned.

Detailed information on Universality Places is contained in the "Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024 - Olympic Games Universality Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations" document.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1 CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Within 10 working days following each qualification competition, the ICF will publish the results on its website at www.canoeicf.com and inform the respective NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places. The NOCs will then have up to 10 working days from that notification to confirm to the ICF:

a) That they wish to accept their allocated athlete quota places or to return them to the ICF for reallocation to another NOC;
b) Where they need to return provisionally allocated athlete quota places in accordance to B.2 above; or
c) If a quota place is not accepted within the required time frame, the athlete quota place will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section **F.1 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.**

E.2 CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to the ICF 10 working days after the last qualification competition the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1 REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1.1. Global Qualification Competitions

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified, at the Qualification competition at which the quota place was obtained, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

F.1.2. Continental Qualification Competitions

F.1.2.1. If an allocated athlete quota place from the Continental Qualification Competitions is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined/returned by the NOC then the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in that event, not yet qualified. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

F.1.2.2. In the case where there are no more eligible NOCs that can obtain an athlete quota place from the Continental Qualification Competitions, the next highest ranked NOC from that continent in the same event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place.

F.1.2.3. In the case that no further NOCs from the same continent can obtain a place from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in that event, the athlete quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.

F.1.2.4. If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the ICF Executive Committee would then reallocate the remaining quota place to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified in the sport of Canoe based on the results of the ICF Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualification Competitions across all Olympic events.

F.2 Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

Where the host country obtains an athlete quota place in any category, the unused host country place will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified, in that event respectively from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

F.3 Reallocation of unused Universality Places

Any unused Universality place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships that has not yet qualified any athlete quota in the sport of Canoe (Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom).

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
23-27 August 2023	2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships, Duisburg, GER
14-18 February 2024	Oceania Olympic Qualification, Sydney, AUS
TBC	African Olympic Qualification
TBC	American Olympic Qualification
TBC	Asian Olympic Qualification
8-9 May 2024	European Olympic Qualification, Szeged, HUN

Within 10 working days after the event	The ICF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
10 working days after the ICF Notification of Quota places	The NOCs to confirm to the ICF the use of the allocated quota places.
Within 10 working days of NOC quota responses	ICF to reallocate all unused quota places.
Within 10 working days the NOCs reply to reallocation	The NOCs to confirm to the ICF the use of the reallocated quota places.
TBC	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality Places to the NOCs (where applicable).
30 June 2024	ICF to reallocate any unused quota places.
8 July 2024	**Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline**
26 July – 11 August 2024	**Olympic Games Paris 2024**