

## **PACIFICSPORT BRONZE PROGRAM CANOEKAYAK BC – WHITEWATER ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Sport: Whitewater Canoe/Kayak**

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### **BRONZE” DEFINITION:**

The PacificSport “Bronze” program is intended to complement the provincial Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) and is designed to assist identified BC provincial team athletes through “SPORTWORKS” our menu of innovative programs and services geared to provincial level high performance athletes.

PacificSport “Bronze” athletes reside and train in BC and are recognized as *provincial elite* high performance athletes that currently possess the greatest potential to represent Canada (National Team Prospects) within the next five years in their particular sport.

In order to be eligible for the PacificSport Group Provincial “BRONZE” Program, the athlete must satisfy the “general athlete eligibility” as specified by PacificSport Group:

### **GENERAL ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

- *Have potential to be on the national junior/senior team within the next five<sup>1</sup> years (minimum entry point i.e. Canada Games level)*
- *Be a resident of British Columbia*
- *Demonstrate a significant commitment<sup>2</sup> to their sport (technical, tactical, physical and mental training)*
- *Make a commitment<sup>3</sup> to drug-free training and competition*
- *Does not receive Sport Canada AAP funds (nationally carded<sup>4</sup>)*
- *Participates in a sport event that is in the Olympic, Paralympic, and/or Sport Canada funded (SFAF/FAFAD).*

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<sup>1</sup> PacSport Bronze eligibility is one year renewable to a maximum of 5 years. This is to ensure that we are focussing our resources on athletes who are continuing to move through the athlete development system.

<sup>2</sup> Commitment can be assessed using a number of different criteria that would be relevant to the sport, including, having a periodized training plan, maintaining a training diary, number of training sessions per week, training with a certified coach etc.

<sup>3</sup> Athletes will sign a contract with PacSport in order to be eligible for services. This contract will identify behavioural expectations and include a commitment to drug-free sport.

<sup>4</sup> Athletes who are nationally carded would fall into one of the other PacSport categories (Silver or Gold).

**CANOEKAYAK BC-WHITEWATER "Bronze" Level Athlete Eligibility Criteria:**

CANOEKAYAK BC-WHITEWATER (PSO) eligibility criteria are specified below. Any athlete satisfying the general eligibility requirements as above and the criteria listed below will be eligible for the "BRONZE" Program:

1. The athlete will be a member in good standing of CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater. See constitution and by-laws attached.

**-AND-**

2. The athlete was BCAAP carded in the previous or current fiscal year; see "CANOEKAYAK BC-WHITEWATER Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Criteria" attached.

**-OR-**

3. The athlete was a member of the CanoeKayak Canada/Whitewater Canada (NSO) Senior National Team, Senior National Development Team or Junior National "A" or "B" Team in either the previous or current fiscal year and did not receive a Gold or Silver card from the Pacific Sport Group National Sport Centre-Greater Vancouver. See "National Team Selection Policy" attached.

**-OR-**

4. The athlete was a member of the CANOEKAYAK BC-WHITEWATER Provincial Team ("BC Team") in the previous or current fiscal year; see "BC Team Selection Criteria" attached.

**-OR-**

5. The athlete has demonstrated either in the previous or current fiscal year the potential to qualify for the BC Team in the following fiscal year. Numerical results from CANOEKAYAK BC-WHITEWATER competitions will take priority over other subjective evaluation factors.

Note: Out of province athletes who are technically "residents" of British Columbia due to time spent training in the province, but who maintain a primary residence out of province and who also wish to maintain their home province affiliation, may be eligible if all of the criteria are satisfied. However, athletes with their primary residence in British Columbia will be given priority.

## CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater “Bronze” Ranking Criteria

- Athletes who meet the General Criteria, and Eligibility Criteria as specified above, will be prioritized for Bronze status in order of their total points in the Final BC Ranking.
- **This prioritization will be interclass; regardless of class, the athletes with the highest number of points will be prioritized.**
- **Masters athletes will be ranked with the Seniors, according to event results. This includes national ranking.**
- The Final BC Ranking is typically compiled in October of each year; athletes are awarded points for their performance at BC competitions, and for their final National Ranking of that same year:

### BC Ranking Point System

#### National Ranking Points

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 or less
Points	30	27	24	20	15	13	11	9	7	5	1

The athlete's final national ranking for the current season, as published by CanoeKayak Canada, will be used.

#### BC Competitions Points

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or less
Points	10	8	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	1

#### Sample Points Summary (Final BC Ranking)

Athlete	BC Race 1		BC Race 2		BC Race 3		BC Race 4		BC Race 5		National Rank		Total
	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	
F. Wosk	3	7	1	10	3	7	3	7	4	6	6	13	50
A. Doe	1	10	2	8	2	8	4	6	3	7	10	5	44
J. Smith	2	8	3	7	1	10	7	2	5	5	9	7	39

For more details, see the CanoeKayak BC – Whitewater “BC Whitewater Rankings & Championships Policy” attached.