

CANOEKAYAK BC - WHITEWATER BC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA - FREESTYLE

PRINCIPLES

1. Objectivity; BC Team shall be selected using objective criteria based on measurable parameters
2. Transparency; selection method shall be easily interpreted and published prior to each season
3. Talent Identification; selection method shall identify talented athletes at all levels
4. Performance Based; method shall utilize provincial event results and rankings
5. Athlete Development; one objective of selecting a BC Team is to help developing athletes improve
6. High Performance; selection is also intended to support high performance and elite athletes in BC
7. The BC Team is selected prior to the National Championships each year, to identify athletes who will be prioritized for coaching and funding

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Maximum of six (6) boats per class. Theoretical maximum team size is 72 boats.
2. Classes are:

K1M Senior	K1M Junior	K1M Cadet
K1W Senior	K1W Junior	K1W Cadet
C1M Senior	C1M Junior	C1M Cadet
C1W Senior	C1W Junior	C1W Cadet

MINIMUM SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Athletes must make their principal residence in BC.
2. Athletes must have resided in BC a minimum of three months (total) prior to commencement of the competition season in BC in the year for which the athlete wishes to be considered for selection to the Team. Time spent in BC in the current or previous year may be considered.
3. It is preferred that National Team athletes training in BC maintain their provincial affiliations, however if the majority of time spent in Canada is in BC, an athlete may be eligible for the BC Team.
4. Athletes must be competitive members in good standing of CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater, and must have been a member prior to the start of the competition season in BC in the year in which the athlete wishes to be considered for selection.
5. In order to receive all benefits associated with membership on the Team (such as funding for travel and coaching), athletes must compete at the Canadian National Championships in the class in which they qualified, and be registered as a BC athlete. Athletes may also compete in additional classes if they so choose.
6. In order to be considered for selection, athletes must attend at least one BC competition event in the year, discipline, and class in which the athlete wishes to be considered (some exceptions possible).

BC TEAM RANKING SELECTION PROCESS

1. Athletes are encouraged to apply for the BC Team (application form below), to ensure all information is accurate and up to date. However, submission of an application form is not required for selection.
2. An interim BC ranking will be used; athletes accumulate points for results in BC competitions held prior to the national championships of the same calendar year. Points will also be accumulated for results at the *previous* national championships (not national ranking). Otherwise the points format will be identical to that used for the final BC ranking.
3. **ALL** BC Freestyle competitions held prior to the national championships will be used for earning points. The list of events will be published as early in the year as possible, ideally at least one month prior to the first event of the season.
4. If an insufficient number of events are available in the province of BC (i.e. less than three), the Performance Director may include events held in the state of Washington, USA, or in the province of Alberta, if suitable events are available.

5. If athletes compete in more than one class (i.e. K-1 and C-1) the Performance Director will select the athlete for the class in which they are ranked the highest. **If the athlete wishes to be selected in a particular class, they must complete a “BC Team Application”, or otherwise notify the Performance Director in writing, prior to April 1.**
6. Prior to the national championships, the interim BC ranking will be compiled for the purposes of team selection. Only athletes who meet the minimum requirements (as specified above) will be included in the ranking for BC Team selection.
7. If an athlete cannot attend any of the BC competitions and still wishes to be considered, they must submit a letter to the Performance Director no later than one month prior to the national championships, indicating why they were not able to attend any events. If less than six athletes have qualified in the given class, and the athlete’s reason(s) for missing BC Events are in the spirit of good competition, the Director may consider the athlete for selection. At no time will an athlete who has missed all BC competitions displace an athlete who has attended one or more.
8. The top six athletes in each class will be named to the BC Team.
9. If less than six athletes are included in the rankings for a given class, the Performance Director may, at their discretion, select additional athletes up to the maximum of six for the class, regardless of whether the athletes attended BC competitions. This discretionary selection will primarily be used for assisting developing athletes. Athletes considered must still meet the other minimum requirements.
10. There is no separate class for Masters; these athletes will be ranked in the Senior category.
11. The results of the selection process (athlete rankings in each class) will be posted on the CanoeKayak BC website prior to the national championships each year.

POINT SYSTEM

National Championships (Freestyle) 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 results from the national championships in the *previous* calendar year, as published by CanoeKayak Canada, will be used (with the exception of inclusion of Masters athletes in Senior ranking).

BC Freestyle 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 (Interim BC Freestyle Ranking)

Athlete	Event 1		Event 2		Event 3		Event 4		Event 5		Nationals		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

(only athletes meeting minimum requirements will be included in the interim ranking for BC Team selection)

BENEFITS OF BC TEAM MEMBERSHIP

1. All BC Team members will automatically be entered at the National Championships for that year, and their fees will be paid for by CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater, budget allowing.
2. A very basic level of travel funding may be made available to each BC Team member who competes at the National Championships. This funding is typically comprised of money provided by Whitewater Canada, specifically earmarked for National Championships travel. In some instances, the CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater executive may decide to add to this money from other sources. It should be noted that this money is not available if Nationals are in BC, and also that funding levels are variable as Whitewater Canada's funding changes from year to year. If available, this block of funding will be divided equally amongst all BC Team members who attend Nationals. However, in order to receive funding, athletes must submit original receipts for their travel costs to the Performance Director.
3. Efforts will be made to obtain some sort of team uniform - T-shirt, hat, jacket etc. If funding allows, the team uniform costs will be covered by CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater. However, additional fundraising may be required, and athletes may be required to cover a portion, or all of the cost.
4. BC Team athletes *may* qualify for funding for supplemental personal coaching, depending on funding levels. These funds must be spent on a NCCP certified coach. Athletes who wish to access available funds must send a written coaching proposal to the Performance Director. Amounts available typically do not exceed \$200 per athlete per year.
5. BC Team athletes will be eligible to attend BC Team training camps. The number of training camps will depend on funding and volunteer resources available. Typically between one and four training camps of at least two days duration will be held per year. Some training camps may be open to other BC athletes, but BC Team members will be given priority.
6. A BC Team/Provincial Coach will normally be appointed each year. BC Team athletes will typically receive coaching at events in BC and at the National Team Trials and National Championships. Coaching during training, and assistance in developing, implementing, and monitoring training and competition plans may also be provided. Other BC athletes may also receive coaching, but BC Team athletes will be given priority. The BC Team Coach position is typically a volunteer or intermittently funded position, and resource levels vary from year to year.
7. BC Team membership may be a prerequisite for, or increase the likelihood of, receiving other benefits, such as athlete carding from PacificSport, or Athlete Assistance Program funding from the BC Sport & Physical Activity Branch.
8. An athlete who has qualified for more than one BC Team (i.e. slalom, Freestyle, freestyle, or canoe polo) will not be eligible for duplicate benefits for travel. Allocation of other duplicate benefits will vary according to available funding, and the prioritization criteria as below.
9. In general, funding for each BC Team will be in accordance with the CanoeKayak BC – Whitewater discipline prioritization policy; disciplines offering the highest level of competition will be prioritized (i.e. Olympic and international multi-sport games disciplines will be prioritized over world championship disciplines).

APPEALS PROCESS

Informal Inquiry

If an athlete is dissatisfied with a selection decision, they may start by making an informal inquiry to the Performance Director. This is merely an opportunity for information gathering by both sides.

Formal Appeal

Step 1 of a formal appeal - If an informal inquiry fails to clarify the issue or satisfy the parties involved, a written appeal may be made to the Performance Director.

The written appeal must be submitted by email or by mail, not later than one week following the posting of the BC Team selection results on the CanoeKayak BC website. It should be addressed to CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater, to the attention of the Performance Director.

The appeal will be reviewed by the Performance Director, and a decision in writing will be provided to the athlete within one week of receipt of the appeal.

Step 2 of a formal appeal – If the athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Performance Director, they may appeal directly to the CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater Board of Directors. The written appeal must be submitted by email or mail, within one week following the decision of the Performance Director. A Board of Director's meeting will be convened within one week (or as soon as is possible) of receipt of the Step 2 appeal. At the Board meeting, the Executive Chair or the Performance Director will present the decision of the Performance Director either verbally or in writing. The athlete, or a representative for the athlete, may then make a written or verbal submission. The chair of the meeting (CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater President) may set equal time limits on the submissions. After discussion the Director's present (a quorum will be required) will vote on whether to accept the appeal or to deny it. A majority decision will be final. The eligible voters will be the elected Directors of CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater, and any other parties accepted by both sides.

END OF DOCUMENT

Application form on following page;

APPLICATION FOR BC TEAM – Freestyle

YES I WANT TO BE ON THE BC TEAM!!!!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

email: _____

What Class will you be competing in? (circle)

Senior Junior Cadet K-1 K-1W C-1M C-1W

I have read the selection criteria and I understand it.

SIGNATURE: _____

Send this completed form to:

CanoeKayak BC-Whitewater
 20585, 124 Avenue
 Maple Ridge, British Columbia
 V2X 0M6

PLEASE DONOT FILL IN THIS SECTION (office use only)

Date	rank	points
Event#1;		
Event#2;		
Event#3;		
Event#4;		
Event#5;		
Event #6;		
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