

## **Pacific Division Qualifying Policy for the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships - V.7**

The following policy outlines the process to qualify in the Pacific Division for the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships (“National Championships”).

### **1) Eligibility to Qualify an Entry for the National Championships:**

- a) To qualify an entry in a specific event at the Qualifying Regatta, competitors must be eligible to compete at the National Championships.
  - i) The eligibility criteria is outlined within the current Canoe Kayak Canada Sprint Racing Discipline Competition Rules (“Competition Rules”).

### **2) Events at the National Championships:**

- a) Crews shall qualify for the National Championships in the events listed in the Competition Rules (see the Special Rules for the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships section).

### **3) Process to Qualify:**

- a) In each 200m, 500m and 1000m event listed in the Competition Rules, crews shall finish in the top four (4) at the Qualifying Regatta to receive an entry in the specific event at the National Championships.

Crews shall finish in the top five (5) in the 6000m event at the Qualifying Regatta to receive an entry in the 6000m event at the National Championships.

- b) Crews will be entered into the National Championships based on their finishing position in the specific event (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> place will be the first entry; 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be the second entry, etc) at the Qualifying Regatta.
- c) In events where there are less than four (4) entries in the 200m, 500m and 1000m events and less than five (5) for the 6000m event, crews will be ranked based on previous race results from the current year (National Team Trials, BC Cups, Ted Houk, etc).

### **4) Random Draw:**

- a) Crews who do not place in the top four (4) in the 200m, 500m and 1000m events and in the top five (5) in the 6000m event can still qualify for the National Championships through a random draw.
- b) Crews will be ranked based on their finishing position at the National Qualifying Regatta (e.g. 5<sup>th</sup> place in the U19 Men’s K-1 1000m will be the first entry for the random draw; 6<sup>th</sup> place will be the second entry, etc)
- c) A random entry counts towards the competitor’s maximum race limit at the Qualifying Regatta and National Championships.
- d) A random entry cannot be scratched at the National Championships.

## **Bye Policy**

A “bye” gives a competitor(s) an entry in the absence of racing in the event at the Qualifying Regatta.

### **5) Competitors Requesting a Bye for National Team Projects and Junior/U23/Senior Worlds Participation**

- a) To be eligible for a “bye”, competitor(s) must be selected by Canoe Kayak Canada to participate in the national or international canoe sprint paddling training camp or competition during the Qualifying Regatta.
- b) “Byes” may only be requested for events up to and including the competitor(s) National age class (e.g. U19 competitor may not receive a bye for a Junior event)
- c) Crew boats may request a “bye” if at least fifty per cent of the crew meets the criteria in Section 5a-5b above.
- d) A competitor who receives a “bye” shall not compete in any event at the Qualifying Regatta.
- e) Partner(s) of competitor(s) receiving a “bye” shall not compete in the “bye” event although it shall count toward their maximum race limit at the Qualifying Regatta.
- f) Competitor(s) requesting a “bye” should be entered by their coach on the official Pacific Division Qualifier Entry Form with the word (BYE) beside their name. Competitors will be ranked in appropriate events prior to the qualifying regatta - subject to Bye Committee approval.
- g) Requests for "byes" shall be presented along with the club’s Pacific Division Qualifier Entry Form. The Flag Officer will then convene a meeting of the Bye Committee to render a decision prior to the start of the Qualifying Regatta.

### **6) Competitors Requesting a Bye who are Injured or Ill Prior to the Qualifying Regatta:**

- a) Competitor(s) requesting a “bye” for medical reasons will be required to provide a medical note from a registered medical professional to the Flag Officer explaining why they should not compete or continue to compete.
  - i) If the medical note is produced prior to the entry submission for the Qualifying Regatta, the Flag Officer will convene a meeting of the Bye Committee to render a decision prior to the start of the Qualifying Regatta.
  - ii) If the medical note is produced between the time of entry submission and the start of the Qualifying Regatta, the Flag Officer will convene a meeting of the Bye Committee to determine if a “bye” will be granted within five (5) days after the Qualifying Regatta.
- b) If a “bye” is granted prior to the Qualifying Regatta:
  - i) The competitor(s) would not be eligible to race at all during the Qualifying Regatta.

- ii) The Bye Committee would use previous race results from the current year to rank the competitor(s) (National Team Trials, Canada Cups, BC Cups, Ted Houk).
- iii) For fours and war canoes, a substitute would be required to race and the crew required to qualify if there is only one competitor from a crew seeking a “bye”.
- iv) There must be a reasonable expectation that the competitor(s) can return to compete at Nationals. ALL entry costs for Nationals are the responsibility of the competitor.
- c) To be eligible for a “bye”, the competitor(s) shall demonstrate that they have the ability to qualify in the specific event via previous race results from the current year (e.g. National Team Trials, Canada Cups, BC Cups, Ted Houk).

**7) Competitors Requesting a Bye who are Injured or Ill During the Qualifying Regatta and Unable to Continue to Compete:**

- a) In the event competitor(s) are unable to compete in any further races during the Qualifying Regatta for medical reasons, the Flag Officer must be notified immediately.
- b) Once the Flag Officer has been notified, the competitor would not be eligible to race for the remaining part of the Qualifying Regatta.
- c) Competitor(s) requesting a “bye” will be required to provide a medical note from a registered medical professional to the Flag Officer explaining why they could not continue to compete at the Qualifying Regatta.
  - i) The medical note should be produced within 48 hours from the end of the competition.
- d) The Flag Officer will convene a meeting of the Bye Committee to determine if a “bye” will be granted within five (5) days after the Qualifying Regatta.
- e) If a “bye” is granted:
  - i) The Bye Committee would use previous race results from the current year to rank the competitor(s) (National Team Trials, Canada Cups, BC Cups, Ted Houk).
  - ii) For fours and war canoes, a substitute would be required to race and the crew required to qualify if there is only one competitor from the crew seeking a “bye”.
  - iii) There must be a reasonable expectation that the competitor can return to compete at Nationals. ALL entry costs for Nationals are the responsibility of the competitor.
- f) To be eligible for a “bye”, the competitor(s) shall demonstrate that they have the ability to qualify in the specific event via previous race results from the current year (e.g. National Team Trials, Canada Cups, BC Cups, Ted Houk).

**8) Number of “Bye” Requests Exceed the Number of Qualifying Positions**

- a) Should the number of “bye” requests exceed the number of qualifying positions available in the event, the “bye” requests will be ranked and awarded using the

finish position as determined at the most recent National Team Trials in the specific event. Ranking will then be determined by finish position at Ted Houk Regatta in the specific event.

**9) Disqualified Crew Seeking a Bye**

- a) A crew in the Qualifying Regatta who fails to secure a qualifying position is not entitled to seek a “bye”.

A coach can ask for the crew to be placed on the Division Entries List if a position is available (e.g. if a qualifying spot has not been filled, a coach may ask for the crew to be added to the List)

**10) The Bye Committee:**

- a) The Committee will be comprised of a coaching representative from each affected club in the Division; BC Provincial Coach and Yukon Provincial Coach or their designate; and the Flag Officer. A “bye” will be granted when there is a simple majority.