

2015 Team BC Western Canada Summer Games Selection Criteria

The purpose of this section is to describe the specific procedure and criteria that will be used by CanoeKayak BC (CKBC) to select athletes to the Western Canada Summer Games Team (Team BC).

Athletes will be selected to Team BC based on their performances at one set of trials on May 24, 2015 at Burnaby Lake. Team BC will be composed of 8 women and 8 men.

ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be born in 1996 or later (Under 19 years of age as of January 1, 2015)
- All athletes must meet the Western Canada Summer Games Eligibility criteria, as outlined in Appendix 1.
- Excluded from the Games are:
 - a) Athletes that have held a Senior Card at any time
 - b) Athletes that have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Olympic Games or Senior World Championships. Participation in a Youth Olympic Games does not constitute a reason for exclusion from the Western Canada Summer Games

EXPECTATIONS

All participants are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Athletes disqualified due to poor sportsmanship will not be nominated to Team BC.

PROCESS

The events at the Selection Trials will be the following singles events:

- **Women's Kayak:** 500m and 200m
- **Women's Canoe:** 500m and 200m
- **Men's Kayak:** 1000m and 200m
- **Men's Canoe:** 1000m and 200m

Points will be awarded for each qualified place in each K-1 and C-1 race as follows:

18 pts	1 st	13 pts	6 th
17 pts	2 nd	12 pts	7 th
16 pts	3 rd	11 pts	8 th
15 pts	4 th	10 pts	9 th
14 pts	5 th	...	

SELECTION TO TEAM BC

1. Athletes will accumulate points as described above in their respective singles events and will be ranked by discipline and gender based on their total points.
2. The top 4 ranked athletes in each discipline (Women's Kayak, Women's Canoe, Men's Kayak and Men's Canoe) will be nominated to Team BC.

- 2.1. However, the Selection Committee retains the discretion to determine how best to allocate spots amongst disciplines in order to fulfill CKBC's mandate to make the strongest and most competitive team possible. As such, the Selection Committee may select less than four athletes in a discipline and award the remaining spots to the other discipline of the same gender.
- 2.2. If there are not four athletes in a discipline, the next ranked athletes in a different discipline, but of the same gender, may be nominated (to fill the quota of 8 athletes).
3. In the case of canoe athletes, a left and right ranking list may be established to balance the right/left side paddler requirements for team boats. Unfortunately, this may result in higher placed rights or lefts not being selected to Team BC.
4. In the event of a tie in total points, the athlete with the best placing in the 500m for women's kayak or women's canoe, and 1000m for men's kayak or men's canoe, will be selected.
5. Selection to Team BC shall be made by the Selection Committee (Executive Director, Provincial Coach and Development Coordinator).
6. The Selection Committee will meet within 2 days of the conclusion of the Trials to finalize selections. Athletes nominated to Team BC will be announced at the conclusion of the Selection Committee meeting.

ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

Athletes who wish to accept a Team BC nomination must sign the Athlete Code of Conduct and any team-specific contract necessary. By accepting a nomination to Team BC, an athlete agrees to participate fully in all team events including training camps, competitions and seminars (i.e. Team BC Banned Substances Workshop) that are deemed mandatory by CKBC.

All athletes selected to Team BC are expected to compete in events (e.g. testing) and participate in camps as determined by CKBC.

APPEALS

Participants wishing to appeal the decision of the Selection Committee must do so in writing within 48 hours of announcement of the Team. Notification of an Appeal must be directed to the VP Performance, and must contain the Participant's name, contact information and the complete details of the appeal issue.

Appeals will be heard by the Team Selection Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will be appointed within three days from the date the appeal is received by the VP Performance, and will be comprised of the Flag Officer, the Director of Officials and a person appointed by the CKBC Board of Directors. The appeal meeting will take place at a time, and date as decided by the Team Selection Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will render their decision within one week from the date that the Appeals Committee is appointed.

INJURY/ILLNESS

Athletes must disclose any illness or injury to CKBC as soon as possible. Should an athlete not be able to perform to a level consistent with his or her selection, the Selection Committee may replace the affected athlete with an alternate.

APPENDIX I

WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1. The Western Canada Summer Games are open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. *A permanent resident is someone who has been granted permanent residency 90 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Canada Games. Permanent residents have a Record of Landing (IMM 1000), a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (IMM 5292), a Permanent Resident Card, or any other document deemed eligible by Immigration Canada as proof of their status.*
2. The Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their provincial/territorial and/or national sport organization.
3. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the province or territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
4. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province/territory of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province/territory of permanent residence or the province/territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the academic year preceding the Games.
5. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province/territory of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province/territory of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province/territory where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (6), below.
6. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
8. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.
9. An athlete may participate in more than one sport, provided the sports occur in different phases of the Games.
10. The Technical Committee of the Council shall determine the eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package. Coaches or PSOs/TSOs must bring forward any cases in question to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Technical Committee.
11. Where a team/province/territory/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another provincial/territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.