

2018 Youth Olympic Games World Qualification Selection Race (HPP Nov 25th 2017)

OVERVIEW

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) provides an opportunity for young athletes to gain multisport event experience and aid their development into senior athletes capable of medal winning success at future Olympic Games, the next YOG event will be hosted in Buenos Aires 6th-18th October 2018.

There is a World Qualification event hosted in Barcelona, Spain from 12th-15th April 2018, this precedes the YOG and is where athlete quotas will be decided by continental placing which enables a nation to participate at the YOG 2018. Athlete/s are racing at the World Qualification Event to qualify the nation and themselves a place at the YOG.

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for the process of nominating athletes to attend the World Qualification event in Barcelona. An outline of the overall process is included in Appendix 3.

There are eight canoeing events at the YOG and the World Qualification Event.

Men's Events (4)		Women's Events (4)	
K1	Head to head sprint	K1	Head to head sprint
K1	Obstacle slalom	K1	Obstacle slalom
C1	Head to head sprint	C1	Head to head sprint
C1	Obstacle slalom	C1	Obstacle slalom

A team of 4 athletes will be selected, athletes must compete in both Sprint and Slalom events of the same category (K1 or C1) in order to qualify for the World Qualification Event as it is the combined score that will determine the successful quota places for the YOG and in turn the same category's will be raced at the YOG 2018.

All information on the qualification system and technical information is available on the ICF website: <https://www.canoeicf.com/youth-olympic-games-buenos-aires-2018>

ELIGIBILITY

The 2018 YOG and World Qualification Event is open to athletes born between 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2003 who hold a British passport and are eligible to represent Great Britain and N.I. at an Olympic Games, under the rules of the International Canoe Union (ICF).

Athletes will need to be current members of British Canoeing.

Athletes must be available to attend the whole duration of the World Qualification Event in Barcelona 12th-15th April 2018 and the 2018 Buenos Aires YOG from 6th to 18th October 2018.

There is also an official training camp for the World Qualification event in Barcelona running from 6th -11th April 2018, attendance requirement for this period is yet to be defined.

Given the format of the qualification event in Barcelona and the point in the season, we are restricted to the hosting of the selection event. There will therefore be a required competency standard for athletes wishing to participate within the selection race. Athletes will need to be able to evidence one of the following achieved within 2017.

- A ranking in Division 1 or above in Canoe Slalom
- Boys/Girls A/B division in Canoe Sprint
- Marathon Division 2/3 (Men), Division 4 or higher (Women and C1)
- Have been assessed as 'Eligible' or above against the GB Wild Water Racing athlete assessment guidance.
- Polo Division 2 (Men) Division 1 (Girls)
- An overall top 10 placing at a National Open Freestyle event.

At the absolute discretion of the British Canoeing Performance Leadership Team - a suitable equivalent level in another paddler sport discipline such as Stand Up Paddleboard.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Register of Interest

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must have registered their interest with British Canoeing by 13th November 2017 by filling out the Google form [HERE](#).

2. Selection Process

A total of four athletes will be selected to attend the World Qualification Event. Two male athletes (one racing Sprint and Slalom K1 and one racing Sprint and Slalom C1) and two female athletes (one racing Sprint and Slalom K1 and one racing Sprint and Slalom C1) will be identified based on their combined performances in each Slalom/Sprint discipline in their chosen class (C1 or K1) during the YOG Global Qualification selection race held at Nottingham Water Sports Centre on Saturday 25th Nov 2017.

A non-travelling reserve male and female athlete will also be identified, please refer to Section 3 below for more details as to when a replacement would be required.

The course configuration used at the 2018 YOG and 2018 World Qualification Event for each discipline is included in Appendices 1 and 2. Where practically possible the principle of this configuration will be represented in the course layout used during the YOG World Qualification selection race at HPP, facility limitations may result in a slightly different

configuration employed during the selection event, this will be clearly indicated and published on the day of the selection event.

A crucial part of the Slalom event will be the athlete's ability to complete a full eskimo roll (fall right-come up left or fall left and come up right), this will be a requirement of the selection race.

Athletes will be supplied the same type of boats at both the World Qualification Event in Barcelona and at the YOG in Buenos Aires (K1 and C1 Vintage boats produced by NELO will be provided in different sizes. For the Canoe Slalom events the hybrid type {K1&C1} "Versatile" slalom boats produced by Polaczyck Co. will be provided). No other types of boats will be allowed at these events.

To replicate this as far as possible British Canoeing will provide access to a Sprint C1/K1 (Nelo Vintage) and a Slalom C1/K1 (of approximate equivalence to the Polaczyck Hybrid models) for use during the selection event. No other boats will be allowed at the selection event. Paddles, spray decks, helmets and buoyancy aids will also be provided.

Athletes will have the opportunity to complete two time trials in each discipline boat (Slalom and Sprint) and will be ranked in order of their combined single fastest time achieved in each discipline. Those male and female athletes ranked 1st and 2nd on their combined score will be nominated for the World Qualification Event. The 3rd ranked male and female athletes will be nominated as non- travelling reserves.

In the event of a tie break the result will be decided by count back to the combined 2nd fastest time.

Results will be ratified by members of the British Canoeing Performance Leadership Team and published by December 1st. Successful athletes will be notified at this point.

3. Selection and De-selection

British Canoeing reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has lost form, is suffering from illness or injury up to the world qualification registration deadline. To be eligible to participate in the YOG, athletes must attend the YOG World Qualification Event.

In these circumstances the Talent Pathway Manager (from both Sprint and Slalom) will determine if a fitness trial is required. The Talent Pathway Manager may request that the British Canoeing medical officer or another appointee should conduct a fitness trial or test to determine ability to participate.

Disciplinary Offence under the British Canoeing Rules

British Canoeing reserves the right to deselect any athlete who has been found guilty of any breach or offence under British Canoeing Athlete Codes of Conduct or who is in breach of British Canoeing anti-doping policy.

4. Appeals

There is a formal appeals process that will apply should there be dis-satisfaction with a selection decision. A written request for a formal review should be submitted to the Slalom

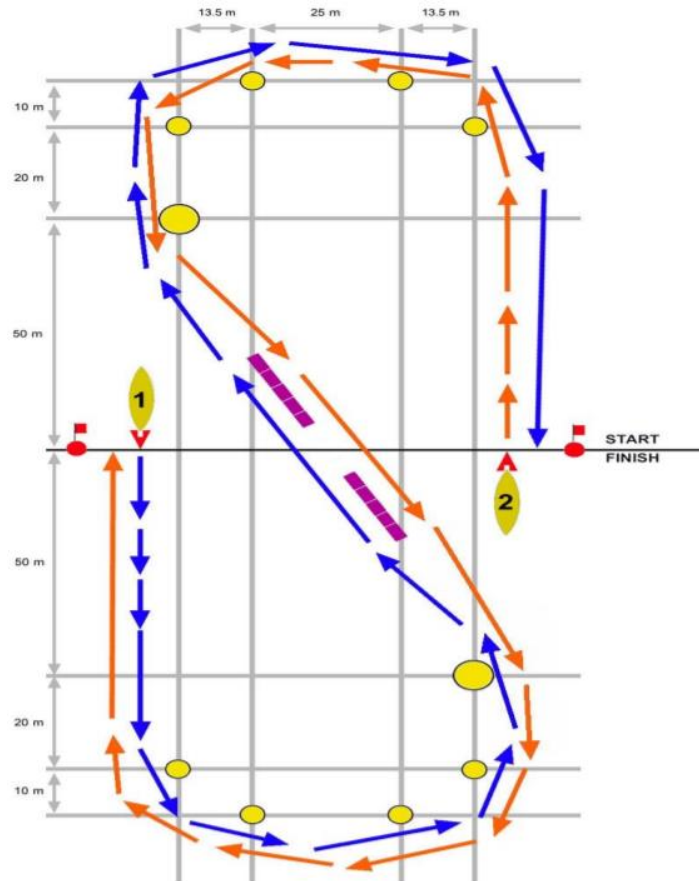
and Sprint Talent Pathway Managers within 5 working days of selection being announced or communicated. The Talent Pathway Managers will advise of the formal appeals process and within 10 working days will advise in writing of the outcome of the review and the subsequent selection decision.

5. Anti-doping

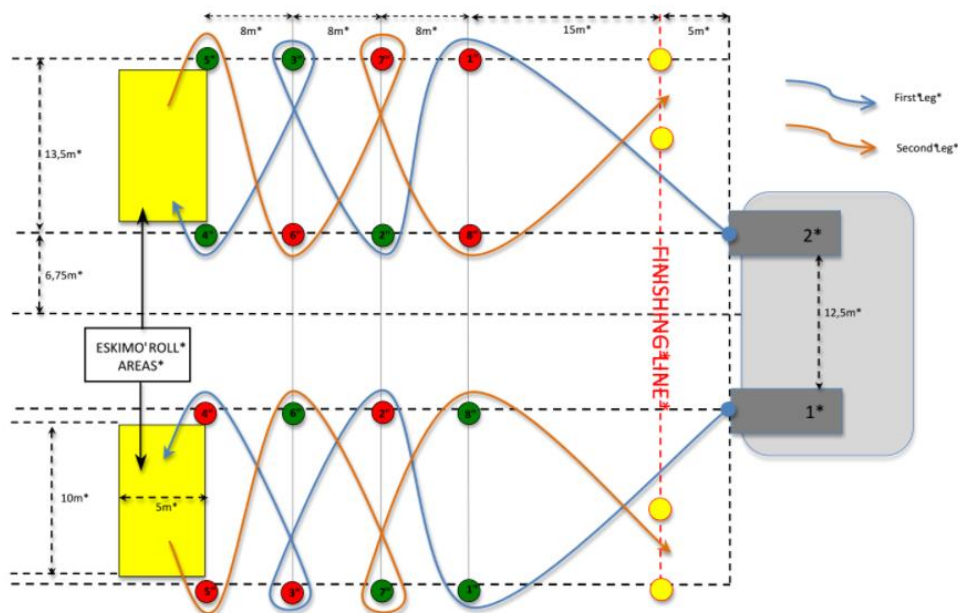
Athletes must be compliant with British Canoeing anti-doping policy at all times. The British Canoeing anti-doping Policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/competition/anti-doping-1/>

APPENDIX 1 CANOE SLALOM COURSE LAYOUT



APPENDIX 2 CANOE SPRINT COURSE LAYOUT



APPENDIX 3 Flow chart outline key timelines for progression to Youth Olympic Games event

