

To the ICF Board of Directors Members:
Dear Colleagues:

We respectfully submit to your consideration the following **Report and recommendations of Olympic Disciplines for the Olympic Games, Tokio 2020 Option A**

The Commission submitted a Progress report on March 21st 2015. After that the work and meetings continued:

- Meeting in person in Milan, August 18th 2015.
- Skype meeting, October 19th 2015.

After intensive discussion and collection of verifiable data; the following is the proposal submitted by the ICF Sprint Committee to be implemented for the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020.

Sprint 12 Events	200 m	500 m	1000 m	other formats
Men Kayak	K-1	K-4	K-1 / K-2	Not applicable
Women Kayak	K-1 /K 2*	K-1 / K-2 / K-4		
Men Canoe			C-1 / C-2	
Women Canoe	C1	C2*		

The Slalom events shall be:

Slalom Events	
Women Kayak	K1
Women Canoe	C1
Men Kayak	K1
Men Canoe	C1

The convenience of including one more Kayak Women event or one more Canoe Women event (which appears on the chart above in red color*) was under discussion at the Commission meeting held on October 19th 2015, where all the points submitted by the Sprint Committee were taken into consideration.

Those points were:

Participation at the Senior World Championships, Milan 2015:

WC1	WC2	W K1 500m	WK 2 500m	W K 1 200m	Women K 2 200 m
41	21	48	31	49	17

Advantages of having one more Kayak Women event	Disadvantages of having one more Kayak Women event
Highest probability in Women Kayak for a bigger participation as a better base for the upcoming IOC Evaluation (deadline World championships 2019) because more countries practice Women Kayak compared with Women Canoe	No considerable increase in participation since Szeged 2009
Wider grassroots activities and a healthy base in all age categories worldwide	No gender equality in events
Women Kayak depends not so strong from TIP activities	Higher probability that team medals go's only to European countries
Greater spread of Kayak activities worldwide (Universality)	
Higher excellence in competitions (Excellence)	
Difference between the first in the heats in Milan (K1 200 m Lisa Carrington with 40,33) and the average time of the last 10 athletes in heats (52,41) = 29,9 %	

Advantages of having one more Canoe Women event	Disadvantages of having one more Canoe Women event
Reflected an amazing development during the last 4 years	Lower excellence compared with Women Kayak.
Gender equity in discipline events	Difference between the first in the heats (C 1 200 m Staniliya Staminova 48,08) and the average time of the last 10 athletes in heats (69,03) = 43,6 %
Higher probability of spreading medals between several continents (Universality)	Progress depends from intensive support by the TIP (accommodation for 19 from 41 athletes was paid by TIP in Milan
Easier for Continents rather than Europe to develop the Women's Canoe discipline – many of these continents have the Canoe (women and men) as an indigenous historical mode of transport and this is shown to be a strong reason for support and development by National sport organizations & governments	

In light of the relevant facts, **the commission recommends to the ICF BOD** the following

Option A:

Sprint 12 Events	200 m	500 m	1000 m	other formats
Men Kayak	K-1	K-4	K-1 / K-2	Not applicable
Women Kayak	K 2	K-1 / K-2 / K-4		
Men Canoe			C-1 / C-2	
Women Canoe	C1	C2		

The quantity of participants, the fast growth and the high technical level reached since the canoe events were included into the World Champions Programme.

The expectation of proper funding and support from the NOCs and other stakeholders to the NFs for the participation on the Canoe Women events while there will be part of the Olympic Programme anticipate a sustainable high quality event.

It also ensures the equity of genders and fair opportunities to athletes from all around the world.

Financial support through many different ICF Programmes was given before to other Olympic Disciplines with great success. This helped the NFs to understand the value of disciplines and events taking their own initiative to make the events better and the participation larger. Further support and funding for Women Canoe is still necessary to reduce the performance differences in the Women Canoe events.

Option A. Added Value to the Olympic Movement:

- Gender Equity in events and in quota places first ever since the implementation of Canoe Sprint 1932
- With an additional 200 meters women event we continue to use this exciting distance and popular discipline, increasing the media and social media interest.
- We ensure the wide spread of excellence with 3 distances.
- With the composition of the 3 distances we showcase and depict the daily canoe sports activities in the clubs around the world and the wide range of our sport. We can daily connect with billions of paddlers around the world showing the historical importance of our Sport.
- The proposed program brings more universality to the Games and reflect the improvement of our sport on the 5 Continents.

Option B

The Option B was analysed during the Skype meeting held on October 19th.

The four participants out of the six committee members were: Thomas Konietzko, Cecilia Farias, Mario Santos and Jean Michel Prono.

Apologies were received from Frank Garner and Lluís Rabaneda who were not able to join the meeting.

The “Option B” was requested by the ICF President in case that the option A will not be accepted by the IOC.

The Commission discussed the feasibility of the incorporation of the new “Canoe Slalom Cross” format for the option B for 2020.

Following the explanation of our Slalom experts, the possible implementation for 2020 will depend on the future progress of this format, as well on the IOC deadlines for the submission of new events.

The commission appreciates the efforts to develop a new slalom format but can't decide, yet if this format is strong enough to be considered for its incorporation to the programme of the 2020 Olympic Games. The decision have to be taken in a later stage based on the progress of this event and the IOC deadlines.

The Ocean Racing, Marathon, Free Style, Canoe Polo, and Wild Water events while exciting and successful shall be considered for the 2024 program selection.

The base for the recommendation of our Non-Olympic disciplines will be a survey used by the IOC for the Shortlist sports for Tokyo 2020.

Several evaluations and statistics produced by the IOC were revised looking for a solid foundation to make the most appropriate choice. On that line there was a request of proposals done to the Chairmen of the Competitive Non –Olympic Disciplines. Those proposal should be done based on verifiable data that will help the decision makers on a decision process

As of October 19th no response was received on that regard.

Recommendations:

The Commission will deliver and justify a strategic proposal. On such a way the ICF Board can select the Olympic events 2024 after the Commission will finalise its mandate and submit its final report.

That provided that

Other Recommendations:

1. To analyze and approve the New Olympic Programme for 2024 not before the end of the competition season 2018.
2. To discuss to reduce the distances and competition lanes for Sprint to shape and develop our brand better and to extend the competition time for TV and media broadcast.
3. To test and evaluate new formats in Sprint and Slalom that would be more exiting and public and sponsor friendly.
4. To keep the new formats simple and to utilize available venues.
5. To open opportunities for the future Olympic program for the Non-Olympic disciplines.
6. To try to increase the participation in World Championships.
7. To improve the event's format and sports presentation.
8. To re-asses the status of our sport in full at the end of the competition Season 2018.
9. To the Non-Olympic Disciplines to prepare a Development Programme Worldwide for which one a specific budget shall be allocated.
10. To connect the development of Whitewater racing with Slalom and the development of Marathon with Sprint.

End of the report.