

CANOE SPRINT OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM Q&A LA28

We have compiled a working document of questions we have received with our responses regarding the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 qualification system for Canoe Sprint. This document will be updated as we progress towards the Olympic Games LA28 and is provided to ensure a consistent and transparent response in regard to the questions posed around the qualification system. Please note that this paper does not in any way or form represent the rules themselves.

For the rules you should refer to: [Qualification System for the Olympic Games LA28](#)

1. If an NF enters two boats at any World Cup in the same event, which boat's result count for ranking points?

Only the result of the better-ranked boat of an NF will count for the ranking.

2. Can athletes double up in events across the same category and earn ranking points?

Correct, doubling up is not restricted during the ranking phase.

3. How is the ranking calculated in events where certain NFs enter two boats and the results of the second boats are not counted?

Ranking point allocation is based on the final ranking of each boat in the event. Second boats of each NF will be skipped. E.g.: 1. RSA 1000pts, 2. RSA 900pts not used for ranking), 3. USA 840pts, 4. FRA 800pts. In this case, 900pts won't be allocated on the ranking. NFs following will earn points according to their original ranking.

4. What's the situation with validity of events at the Continental Championships?

The validity of Continental Championships is not defined on the ICF level, it is at the discretion of the continents. (It is different for the direct Continental Qualification Competitions where the OQ rules prevail when direct quota allocation comes to play.)

5. Do all single boat events count for ranking, irrespective of the (Olympic, non-Olympic) distance?

Yes, all single-boat events on the competition programme count for ranking and athletes can collect ranking points. These points will be accumulated in one single-boat ranking, observing only the best result (highest point) of each NF across all single-boat events in the same category at a competition.

6. Is there a special criteria that describes which 5 NOCs can be allocated a fifth quota from those 11 NOCs that already earned 4 quotas from the K4 ranking?

The top six NOCs from the K1 Event Ranking will be allocated one (1) quota each (in both genders). Out of this six there cannot be more than 5 NOCs who already obtained 4 quotas. E.g. in case the top six NOCs on the K1 Event Ranking have already earned four quotas, only the top five (5) will be allocated K1 quotas, the remaining (sixth) K1 quota will be allocated to the next highest-ranked NOC on the K1 Event Ranking with not more than two quotas.

7. Is there a continental (minimum representation) rule in K2 and C2 like the one we have in K4?

No such rule have been introduced.

8. NOCs obtaining a quota from the OQR are not eligible to participate at the Continental Qualifiers in the same category?

Yes, e.g. if an NOC obtains a quota in K1 Men from the OQR, they are not eligible to participate in Men's Kayak events at the Continental Qualifier.

9. What happens if the same athlete participates in both Women's K1-500m and Women's K2-500m at the Continental Qualifier and earns a quota place in both events?

If an athlete qualifies for more than one (1) quota in K2/C2 and K1/C1 at the Continental Qualification Competition, the athlete's NOC will be allocated only one (1) of these quotas. This shall be the quota in K2/C2.

10. What if there is a tie at the Continental Qualifiers in the last qualifying position?

In case the result at a Continental Qualification Competition on the last qualifying position is a tie, the respective Event Ranking standings at the time of locking the OQR will break the tie.

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