

CANOE SPRINT OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM Q&A PARIS 2024

We have compiled a working document of questions we have received with our responses regarding the Olympic Games Paris 2024 qualification system for Canoe Sprint. This document will be updated as we progress towards the Olympic Games Paris 2024 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 Paris 2024](#).

- 1. Do I have to send athletes to the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Duisburg (Global Qualification Competition) if I only want to participate in the Continental Qualification Competition?**

Yes, your NF/NOC must have at least one athlete participating in one Olympic event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship in Duisburg. This will entitle your NF/NOC to participate in their applicable Continental Qualification Competition, provided other relevant qualification criteria are also met.

- 2. My NF/NOC has been awarded a quota place in the Men's K1 1000m at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships. Can I compete in other events at the Continental Qualification Competition?**

Yes, you can compete in other events, but not in the same event for which your NF/NOC has already qualified one or more athletes or a boat at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship.

- 3. How many athlete quota places will my NF/NOC receive if an athlete qualifies in two (or more) races at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship?**

An athlete can only receive one athlete quota place for their NF/NOC regardless of how many races they compete in at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships or Continental Qualification Competition.

- 4. Our athlete has qualified for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 via the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship. Can he/she also participate in the Continental Qualification Competition?**

No. Only athletes who did not obtain an athlete quota place at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships can participate in a Continental Qualification Competition.

- 5. Can the athlete who has received a quota place compete in other events at the Olympic Games?**

Yes. In fact, it is encouraged to participate in more than one competition. Remember that qualified NOCs must enter at least one boat in the disciplines at the Olympic Games in which they received quota place(s) during the qualification!

- 6. How many quota places does the NF/NOC receive if they are successful in both the Men's C1 1000m and C2 500m during the Continental Qualification Competition?**

Each NF/NOC has the opportunity to secure a maximum of two (2) athlete quota places in each category, such as Men's Canoe, during the Continental Qualification Competition. If one of the C2 athletes also qualified in the C1, the quota places will be allocated to the larger boat class (C2).

If a quota place for an athlete remains unused, it will be allocated to the next highest ranked NF/NOC that has not yet qualified for the C1 competition.

- 7. An NF/NOC has been awarded two (2) quota places in the Women K2 500m. Are these women allowed to compete in the K1 500m at the Olympic Games?**

Yes, they are both eligible. Just like in Tokyo 2020, an NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) boats per event in the Olympic Games in Paris 2024. So, the same rule applies. It is important to note that the two women must compete in the Women K2 500m event as their NOC has been allocated a boat quota place there.

- 8. The NF/NOC athlete(s) has/have been awarded a quota place at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships or at the Continental Qualification Competition. Do they have to compete with the same athlete(s) at the Olympic Games in these events?**

No. Athlete quota places are allocated to the respective NF/NOC and not to the athlete(s) who achieved the place at the qualifying event. The NF/NOC can decide which athlete(s) will compete at the Olympic Games.

9. Who can earn a reallocated quota place (s)?

Quotas from the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships will be allocated according to the results of the World Championship. The quota places for the Continental Qualification Competition will be allocated within the continent according to the results of the Continental Qualification Competition in the respective event.

Should a NF/NOC return an athlete quota place it has received at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship, the quota place will be awarded to the next NF/NOC in that event that has not yet qualified. This process will be repeated until all places have been allocated.

Should a NF/NOC return an athlete quota place from a Continental Qualification Competition; the quota place shall be awarded to the next placed NF/NOC in that discipline at the Continental Qualification Competition that has not yet qualified. The procedure shall be repeated until all places have been allocated.

If there are no more qualified NFs/NOCs that can obtain a quota place for an athlete in the Continental Qualification Competition, the quota place shall be awarded to the next placed NF/NOC from that continent in that event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships that has not yet qualified.

In the event that no other NFs/NOCs from that continent are able to obtain a place at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship, the athlete quota place shall be awarded to the next placed NF/NOC at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships that has not yet qualified, regardless of continental representation.

If an athlete quota place cannot be filled according to the procedures described above, the ICF Executive Committee will award the remaining quota place to the next placed NF/NOC not yet qualified in the sport of Canoe Sprint, based on the results of the Olympic Qualification Competitions in Canoe Sprint in all Olympic events.

10. What if a NF/NOC receives three (3) athlete quota places in Men's Kayak and another three (3) athlete quota places in Men's Canoe and intends to participate in K4? Can they do this by filling the fourth place with a canoe paddler?

Yes, this is possible, but the NF/NOC must enter boats in both Men's Canoe events.

- 11. What if both the Women K2 and K4 of the same NF/NOC qualify at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships and one athlete is the same in both boats? Who gets the quota place that is reallocated? What happens if this situation occurs more often?**

The quota places that become available in the Women's K2 boats will be grouped together and reallocated to the highest placed NFs/NOCs that have not yet qualified for the K2 Women's event at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships so that these NFs/NOCs can fill the Women's K2 boats.

If only one quota remains to be reallocated, it will go to the highest ranked NF/NOC that has not yet qualified for the K1 Women event.

- 12. What happens if a NF/NOC achieves boat quota places in all Kayak Men events (K1 1000m, K2 500m, K4 500m) at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships with seven (7) different athletes in the three boats? Which quota will be reallocated and how, considering the maximum number of six (6) quotas in this category?**

It is up to the NOC to decide which quota places for athletes and boats they confirm or reject. If they reject K1, the quota for an athlete in the K1 event will be reallocated. If they reject - for whatever reason - K2, both quota places for athletes in K2 will be reallocated.

The rejection of a quota place means that not only the athlete quota(s) but also the boat quota will be reallocated so that the NF/NOC rejecting it is not obliged to compete in that event at the Olympic Games.

- 13. A NF/NOC is allocated five (5) athlete quotas in the Women's Kayak category at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships. The same NF/NOC wins the Continental Qualifying Competition in the Women's K2 500m race but cannot be allocated both athlete quotas due to the maximum number of six (6) quotas in the category. How is the one remaining quota reallocated?**

The quota goes to the next placed NF/NOC who has not yet qualified for the K1 women's 500m race at the Continental Qualification Competition.

- 14. What happens if two boats finish with a difference of less than five-thousandths-of-a-second (0.005) but not with the exact same time in the qualifying places at an Olympic Qualification Competition? Does this count as a dead heat?**

No, it does not. According to the rules for Olympic qualification, time differences of up to one (1) thousandth of a second (0.001) decide the final placing.

15. What happens if two (or more) boats finish with the exact same time to the nearest thousandth of a second (0.001) in the qualifying places in an Olympic Qualification Competition?

In this case, a head-to-head re-race must take place at the end of the competition session on the same day.

16. A K4 women's boat secures four (4) athlete quotas at the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships. One (1) of the team members also wins the K1 event at the World Championships but cannot receive an additional athlete quota because she is already qualified as a member of the K4. In this scenario, can the same NF/NOC enter in the WK1 Continental Qualification Competition using another athlete who has not qualified yet?

No, the NF/NOC would not be entitled to enter a boat in the Women's K1 Continental Qualification Competition due to the boat quota already earned for the 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

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