

Canoe Polo – World Games 2022, Birmingham (USA) *Qualification System*

I. EVENTS (2)

The competition programme of the World Games 2022, Birmingham, USA for Canoe Polo will consist of two events:

M	Men
W	Women

II. QUALIFICATION PLACES DISTRIBUTION

The number of teams competing at the World Games 2022 in Canoe Polo will be as follows:

Men	8
Women	8
Total teams	16

III. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

All the team allocations will be based on the ranking of the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in each event.

A. Best teams (6 teams per event)

The six (6) highest placed teams in each event at the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships (Rome, ITA) will qualify their National Federation for the World Games 2022.

B. Universality (1 team per event)

The highest placed team in each event at the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo Championships (Rome, ITA) from a continent not yet qualified will obtain a qualification place for their National Federation as long as this team is ranked in the top 12.

Otherwise, the next best ranked team not yet qualified will obtain a qualification place for their National Federation regardless of the continent.

C. Host National Federation (1 team per event)

The Host National Federation will qualify a place in each event if this team is ranked at the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships.

Otherwise, the next best ranked team not yet qualified will obtain a qualification place for their National Federation regardless of the continent.

IV. INVITATION AND CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

By the 20th October 2021, the ICF will inform the respective National Federations of their qualification places.

The National Federations will then have until 1st December 2021 to confirm to the ICF that they wish to accept qualification places or to return them to the ICF for reallocation to other National Federations.

If the qualification places are not accepted within the required time frame, they will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section V.

V. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Should a National Federation decline or return a qualification place that has been obtained then the next highest placed team, not yet qualified, in that event will be allocated the place for their National Federation. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

VI. FORCE MAJEURE

If the 2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships is not held, or if the ICF Executive Committee determines that there is not fair and equitable access to participation for most of the countries with the intention to compete, instead the results from the 2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships will be utilised, in the same manner as described in this document.

VII. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
5 th to 10 th October 2021	2021 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships, Rome, ITA
20 th October 2021	Invitation send out by the ICF
1 st December 2021	Deadline for National Federations to confirm the acceptance of the qualification places allocated.
TBC	ICF must have reallocated all unused qualification places
TBC	World Games 2022 Sport Entries deadline
7th to 17th July 2022	World Games 2022, Birmingham, USA