
2018 CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG), BUENOS AIRES 2018

(To be held in Barcelona, Spain 12-15 April 2018)

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1. GOALS OF THIS COMPETITION

The ICF is organising a global qualification competition for National Federations to obtain quota allocations for the YOG, Buenos Aires 2018. The allocation of all the athlete quotas will be decided by continent according to the world ranking list from this competition. **This will be the only qualification competition.**

2. DATES AND LOCATION

This competition will take place in Barcelona on **12 - 15 April 2018**. The official training period starts on 6 April 2018.

3. TRAINING CAMP AND COACHES FORUM

During the official training period (6 to 11 April 2018), a training camp and a coaches forum will be organised by the ICF. All athletes and coaches will be able to attend. More information will be sent to the National Federation soon.

4. CATEGORIES AND EVENTS FOR THE CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION

The qualification events are listed in the table below:

Categories (4)	Events (8)
Kayak Men (K1M)	K1M – Head to head sprint
	K1M – Obstacle slalom
Kayak Women (K1W)	K1W – Head to head sprint
	K1W – Obstacle slalom
Canoe Men (C1M)	C1M – Head to head sprint
	C1M – Obstacle slalom
Canoe Women (C1W)	C1W – Head to head sprint
	C1W – Obstacle slalom

5. PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Date	Contents			
6 April 2018 to 11 April 2018	Official Training period			
12 April 2018	Morning	Head to head sprint	C1M – Qualification heats and repechage K1W – Qualification heats and repechage	
	Afternoon		C1M – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals K1W – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals	
13 April 2018	Morning		C1W – Qualification heats and repechage K1M – Qualification heats and repechage	
	Afternoon		C1W – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals K1M – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals	
14 April 2018	Morning		Obstacle slalom	C1M – qualification heats and repechage K1W – qualification heats and repechage
	Afternoon			C1M – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals K1W – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals
15 April 2018	Morning	C1W – Qualification heats and repechage K1M – Qualification heats and repechage		
	Afternoon	C1W – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals K1M – Quarterfinals, Semi finals and Finals		

6. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NOC FOR THE CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION

Two (2) athletes per National Federation can be entered per category in Barcelona:

Maximum Number of Athletes per category per NOC		
MEN	K1	2
	C1	2
WOMEN	K1	2
	C1	2
TOTAL		8

All Athletes can compete at the qualification competition in C1 and in K1 but they still cannot exceed the maximum of two athletes per NOC per event.

7. ENTRIES PROCESS FOR CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION

Date	Items	Comments
15 February 2018	Accommodation, catering and services booking deadline	See dedicated information bulletin
1 February 2018	Numerical entries deadline	ICF online entries system (SDP) https://icf.msl.es/icf/main.jsp
28 March 2018	Nominal entries deadline	
12 to 15 April 2018	Competition period	

Online entries: As all entrants will compete in both the head-to-head sprint and obstacle slalom in their respective event, all entries will be taken in just one location - through the event listed with the discipline as "canoe sprint". Each athlete must have the discipline "canoe sprint" selected in their profile to ensure their name appears in the drop-down menu for entry into the event.

8. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR 2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES, BUENOS AIRES

The Qualification System is available on the ICF website via the link below:
<https://www.canoeicf.com/youth-olympic-games-buenos-aires-2018>.

We kindly remind you to check carefully following items which has an impact on this qualification competition: B – Athletes quota, C – Athlete eligibility and D – Qualification pathway.

9. APPLICATION OF THE QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION IN BARCELONA 2018

- All athletes entered in a category must race in both head to head sprint event and obstacle slalom event.
- All athletes ranked in CANOEING WORLD QUALIFICATION COMPETITION will become eligible to participate in 2018 Youth Olympic Games (item C, Qualification system – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018).
- Only one place per National Federation will be awarded for Buenos Aires 2018 per event.
- Should 2 athletes from the same National Federation be ranked in the "world ranking list" for YOG qualification, the lower ranked athlete will not be awarded a quota place, with the next quota being allocated to the next best ranked National Federation not yet qualified.
- Each athlete can only obtain one quota place for the Youth Olympic Games. If an athlete obtains one quota place in C1 and one quota place in K1 his NOC must choose which slot they will return as outlined in section F (reallocation of unused quota places) of the Qualification system – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.
- The athlete does not have to compete in both categories (C1 and K1) at the Canoeing World Qualification Competition to be allowed to participate in both in Buenos Aires. However, they must demonstrate their competence in the other category during the Canoeing World Qualification Competition or training camp (section D, Qualification system – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018).

10. TECHNICAL HANDBOOK FOR HEAD TO HEAD SPRINT AND OBSTACLE SLALOM EVENTS

The 2018 technical handbook is available on the ICF website via the link below:
<https://www.canoeicf.com/youth-olympic-games-buenos-aires-2018>.

The handbook is the rules regulation in force for 2018 Canoeing World Qualification Competition and Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires 2018.

The following items are defined:

- Competition rules applicable for head to head sprint and obstacle slalom (Section A, B, D and E)
- Boat specifications (section A.7)
- Officials (section C)
- Combined World Ranking list for canoeing world qualification competition 2018 and tie break rules (section E)

11. BOATS: SIZE DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDER

A. 2018 Canoeing World Qualification Competition, Barcelona

	K1	C1
Head to head sprint	Provider and size distribution to be confirmed by the organiser	Provider to be confirmed by the organiser
Obstacle Slalom	Hybrid boat K1 / C1 Versatile from POLACZYK 15 – Versatile 50kg to 65kg 20 – Versatile 65kg to 74kg 10 – Versatile 74kg to 82kg	

B. 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires

	K1	C1
Head to head sprint	Vintage from NELO 10 – size S 16 – size M 4 – size L	Vintage from NELO 30 boats
Obstacle Slalom	Hybrid boat K1 / C1 Versatile from POLACZYK 15 – Versatile 50kg to 65kg 20 – Versatile 65kg to 74kg 10 – Versatile 74kg to 82kg	