



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOSCOW — 2009

SELECTION CRITERIA

FINAL

2009 MOSCOW JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Moscow Junior World Championships Team — MJWCT — that will compete in the Moscow Junior World Championships on July 30 – August 2, 2009.

1. Requirements:

- ⇒ *All athletes must have a valid individual or family membership and be in good financial standing with USA Canoe Kayak.*
- ⇒ *Athletes must abide by selection criteria and USA Canoe Kayak SRC Racing Rules, requirements and regulations. These are available on the USA Canoe Kayak website www.usack.org*
- ⇒ *All athletes must meet eligibility rules to compete for the United States under USA Canoe Kayak and ICF governance. Only registered USA Canoe Kayak members who are qualified to compete for the United States in international competition according to current ICF rules and regulations are eligible to qualify to compete for Team USA. See www.usack.org and www.canoeicf.org*

2. Minimum ICF standards for participation (if any):

- ⇒ *All athletes must meet the junior age requirements for participation in the 2009 Moscow Junior World Championships — the first year a competitor can compete in a junior category is the year that his/her 15th birthday falls in and the last year he/she can compete as a junior is the year that his/her 18th birthday falls — born in the years 1991, 1992 and 1993.*

3. Other requirements (if any):

- ⇒ *Based on their performance at the National Junior Team Trials, April 24-26, 2009, athletes will be nominated to the Lake Placid Training Camp June 21 to July 12, 2009 pool for kayak men, kayak women and canoe men.*
- ⇒ *Nomination fee — all athletes named to the 2009 Moscow Junior World Championships Team (MJWCT) selection pool must provide the USA Canoe Kayak National Development Director with a \$600.00 nomination fee on Sunday, June 21, 2009 upon arrival at the OTC – LP.*

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the MJWCT.

- ⇒ *At the Trials, selection events will consist of singles and doubles finals in 500m and 1000m as follows:*
- ⇒ *Doubles events will be run in the morning and afternoon on the first and second days.*

▪ Day One — Doubles — 1000m —	Morning	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men
	Afternoon	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men
▪ Day Two — Doubles — 500m —	Morning	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men
	Afternoon	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men

- ⇒ *Selection events will consist of singles finals in 500m and 1000m for Kayak Men / Women and Canoe Men at the Trials*

▪ Day Three - Singles — 1000m —	Morning	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men
500m —	Afternoon	Kayak Men / Women & Canoe Men

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C. Selection Events:

Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- ⇒ *Junior National Team Trials — April 24-26, 2009 — Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista, CA*
- ⇒ *Junior World Training Camp — June 21-July 12, 2009 — Olympic Training Center, Lake Placid*
- ⇒ *Canada Day Regatta — July 1, 2009 — Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*
- ⇒ *Lake Placid International — July 5,6, 2009 — Lake Placid, NY*

D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become MJWCT nominees.

1. Junior National Team Trials — April 24-26, 2009 — OTC Chula Vista, CA

Doubles:

- ⇒ *If a crew achieves a USA Canoe Kayak Minimum Time Standard in any of the doubles final events of 500 or 1000m at the Junior National Team Trials they will be named to the MJWCT.*

Singles:

- ⇒ *If an athlete achieves a USA Canoe Kayak MTS in any of the singles final events of 500 or 1000m at the Junior National Team Trials s/he will be named to the MJWCT.*

2. Junior World Training Camp — June 21 – July 12, 2009 – OTC Lake Placid, NY

- ⇒ *A kayak men's and kayak women's pool of athletes will be nominated from the combined results of the kayak doubles final events in 500m and 1000m.*
- ⇒ *A canoe men's pool of athletes will be nominated from the combined results of the canoe doubles final events in 500m and 1000m*
- ⇒ *The pool of nominated athletes will be invited to the three week Junior World Team training camp at OTC LP from June 21 to July 12, 2009*
- ⇒ *One athlete not already nominated from the doubles results and who is the top ranked athlete from the combined Singles 500m and 1000m results may also be nominated to the appropriate pool by the selection committee.*

3. Minimum Time Standards

- ⇒ *To assist coaches and athletes, in setting appropriate performance goals, the USA Canoe Kayak Minimum Time Standards have been developed. The USA Canoe Kayak MTS represent times achieved in International Competition, National Championships and/or World Junior Championships by USA athletes.*

Minimum Time Standards

MK1 500m	1:43.0
MK1 1000m	3:44.0
MK2 500m	1:35.0
MK2 1000m	3:29.0
MK4 500m	1:29.0
MK4 1000m	3:09.0
WK1 500m	1:58.5
WK1 1000m	4:12.0
WK2 500m	1:53.0
WK2 1000m	3:56.0
WK4 500m	1:43.0
MC1 500m	2:01.0
MC1 1000m	4:12.0
MC2 500m	1:55.0
MC2 1000m	3:59.0
MC4 500m	1:49.0
MC4 1000m	3:49.0

4. Maximum Number of Athletes in Discipline Pools

- ⇒ Kayak Men — a maximum of eight athletes including a maximum of one athlete nominated from singles
- ⇒ Kayak Women — a maximum of eight athletes including a maximum of one athlete nominated from singles.
- ⇒ Canoe Men — a maximum of five athletes including a maximum of one athlete nominated from singles.

5. Maximum and Minimum Moscow Junior World Team Size

- ⇒ Kayak Men — seven or two
- ⇒ Kayak Women — seven or two
- ⇒ Canoe Men — four or two

6. Nominal Entries

- ⇒ Once the MJWCT is named, the National Development Coach as Head Coach and the two assistant coaches making up the MJWCT coaching staff will have the final discretion in naming the entries for the discipline events.

7. Exceptional Circumstances

- ⇒ *If no single, double or four achieves the MJWCT MTS at the conclusion of the Junior World Training Camp, the “crew” (MWK2 or MWK4 or MC2 or MC4) with the closest percentage to the MTS will be selected to the MJWCT in each discipline.*
- ⇒ *There are no provisions for illness or injury in the selection process for the 2009 MJWCT*

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⇒ **8. Points Awarded for Combined Ranking Lists**

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Double	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Single									

9. Ranking Lists:

- ⇒ Athletes will be ranked according to points for position of finish in all men's and women's doubles and singles final events. These rankings will be named the Doubles Ranking List for WK2, MK2 and MC2 and the Singles Ranking List for WK1, MK1 and MC1.
- ⇒ The Doubles Ranking List will be a combined points total for the four double races — two 500m and two 1000m.
- ⇒ The Singles ranking List will be a combined points total for the two single races — one 500m and one 1000m.
- ⇒ If there is a tie in either the Doubles or Singles Ranking Lists, the crew or athlete with the fastest total time achieved in seconds will be given the higher ranking.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

- ⇒ The Sprint Selection Committee consists of 3 athlete reps and two National Team Coaches.

Sprint Selection Committee
 Nathan Luce – National Sprint Team Coach
 Mac Hickox - National Sprint Development Director/Coach
 Gina Sanchez – Athlete Rep
 Dave Fort - Athlete Rep
 Anne Blanchard – Athlete Rep and Chairperson

F. Provide procedures for circumstances that may require the removal of athlete/s from the

MJWCT

1. An athlete who is nominated to the MJWCT by the SSC may be removed from the nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by the SSC.
 - Voluntary withdrawal — Athlete must submit a written letter (email) to the USA Canoe Kayak National Development Director mac@usack.org
 - Injury or illness — Athlete must submit written letter (email) to the USA Canoe Kayak National Development Director accompanied by verification of their illness or injury by a physician mac@usack.org
 - Violation of USA Canoe Kayak Code of Conduct — An athlete who may be removed from the MJWCT pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Canoe Kayak bylaws. The bylaws are available at www.usack.org USOC Bylaws, Article 9.
2. After acceptance of a nomination, USA Canoe Kayak has jurisdiction over the MJWCT under the USA Canoe Kayak Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

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3. *An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the MJWCT at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, ICF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the Adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.*

G. Provide procedures for circumstances by which an athlete is to be replaced.

- ⇒ *In any case requiring a replacement, the new athlete must have been nominated to the Lake Placid Training Camp discipline pool. If no athlete remains eligible from the pool, the SSC reserves the right to select or not select a replacement based on Trials results.*
- ⇒ *If a procedure for dismissal of an athlete occurs during the Moscow World Championships, no replacement will be nominated.*

H. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement.

- *Sprint Selection Committee*

I. Required Documents

- ⇒ *Athletes participating in the 2009 MJWCT are to read, sign and abide by the USA Canoe Kayak Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement in order to complete the nomination to Team USA. The USA Canoe Kayak Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement forms will be provided to every athlete who is nominated to the discipline pools.*
- ⇒ *Athletes must ensure that their passport is valid for the six months prior to August 2009, in order to comply with time requirements the Russia Visa application process.*
- ⇒ *All athletes nominated to the Lake Placid discipline pools are to bring their valid passports with them on June 21, 2009 to the Lake Placid Junior World Camp and surrender them to the National Development Director/Coach for Russia visa processing.*
- ⇒ *Specific Russia visa details will be outlined by the 2009 Junior World Championships Team Leader, Chris Hipgrave, High Performance Director, USA Canoe Kayak, following the conclusion of the nomination process — see Section K, Date of Nomination.*

J. Publicity / Distribution of Procedures

- ⇒ *The USA Canoe Kayak approved Selection Criteria (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Canoe Kayak on the USA Canoe Kayak website www.usack.org*
- ⇒ *The website information will be posted following approval by the SSC.*

K. Date of Nomination

- ⇒ *Athletes nominated to the Moscow Junior World Championships Team discipline pool will be contacted within 24 hours following the National Junior Team Trials.*
- ⇒ *Names of nominated athletes will be posted on the USA Canoe Kayak website following acceptance of the nomination by the athletes.*
- ⇒ *Athletes will be contacted by the National Development Director/Coach.*
- ⇒ *Final selection to the Moscow Junior World Championship Team will be made on or before July 10, 2009 by the SSC*
- ⇒ *The MJWCT athletes will be notified by the National Development Director/Coach following the final selection by the SSC.*

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- ⇒ *Athletes not selected from the discipline pools will be notified by the National Development Director/Coach on or before July 10, 2009*
- ⇒ *The names of the selected athletes for the Moscow Junior World Championships Team will be posted on the USA Canoe Kayak website.*

L. Mandatory Training and/or Competition

- ⇒ *All athletes nominated to the discipline pools are to participate in all aspects of the Junior World Team training camp. This includes:*
 - *All land and water training sessions*
 - *All testing and seat assessments including Fitdex and on water time controls*
 - *Canada Day Regatta, July 1 in Ottawa, ON Canada*
 - *Lake Placid International, July 5,6*
- ⇒ *All athletes named to the MJWCT will stay in the Junior World Lake Placid Training Camp right through until July 22. The team will depart for Moscow on July 22 and return to their homes on August 3.*
- ⇒ *Athletes not named to the MJWCT will fly home on July 12 – the return flight cost is the responsibility of the athlete. Flights are to be arranged to depart Albany International on July 12 late morning or early afternoon.*

M. Development and Approval of Selection Procedures

Sprint Selection Committee
Nathan Luce – National Team Coach
Mac Hickox - National Development Director/Coach
Gina Sanchez – Athlete Rep
Dave Fort - Athlete Rep
Anne Blanchard – Athlete Rep and Chairperson

N. USA Canoe Kayak Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found — www.usack.org

O. International Disclaimer

- ⇒ *These procedures are based on the ICF bulletins and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in ICF bulletins and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately.*
- ⇒ *The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Canoe Kayak — November 2008. However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every contingency.*
- ⇒ *Final costs associated with the MJWCT will be announced as soon as USA Canoe Kayak receives its budget allocation from the USOC — estimated December 2008.*
- ⇒ *It is our hope that NO additional costs will be levied above the \$600.00 Junior World Training Camp fee.*

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P. Athlete Ombudsman

- ⇒ Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not first answered by USA Canoe Kayak or the Sprint Selection Committee may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman John Ruger: Toll free at (888) ATHLETE email at john.ruger@usoc.org www.888athlete.org

Q. Uniforms

- ⇒ Athletes selected to the MJWCT will be provided with the National Team uniform.