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Canada Cups



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Canada Cup Events

1 Objectives

- Provide meaningful and developmentally appropriate competition for U16 – U23, and senior athletes, in interprovincial, interclub, and international competition formats
- Provide a race series that fit within a periodized plan, based on athlete-centered development and competition needs.
- Create revenue opportunity for P/TSOs, divisions or clubs through hosting opportunities of Canada Cup regattas
- Support regional development and race opportunities for late learn to compete, and train to compete athletes

2 Format

Age Groups and race formats are at the discretion of CKC in collaboration with the race organization.

2.1 Athletes and Team Eligibility

- P/TSOs, Divisional, and National / International teams
- Club athletes from CKC member clubs
 - Athletes are at an appropriate provincial team and national level
- International athletes competing as an independent where their federation is not competing
- Athletes are limited to 8 races per competition

2.2 Age Groups & Categories

Age groups and categories will generally apply, with athletes' minimum age following ICF requirements. Age groups and categories as follows:

Men/Women:

- U16
- U18
- Open
- Paracanoe
- PaddleAll/Special Olympics

2.3 Competition Rules

Canada Cup Regattas will adopt ICF rules, with modifications at the discretion of CKC in consultation with the race organization.

2.4 Canada Cup Events

The table below indicates the events that are to be included and which may be included (partial or in entirety) as part of the competition. Other events not in this table can also be added based on consultation between CKC and the race organization.

* Denotes Olympic/Paralympic Event



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^ Denotes ICF non-Olympic Event

† Denotes CKC Nationals Event

Discipline	Must be included Event	Age category	May be included (not in entirety) Event	Age category
Men's Kayak	1000m: K1*† 1000m: K2^† 200m: K4† 500m: K1^†, K2*†, K4*†	U16, U18 U16, U18 Open U16, U18, Open	1000m: K1*†, K2^† 200m: K1†, K2† K1 5000m^	Open U16, U18, Open U16, Open
Men's Canoe	1000m: C1*† 1000m: C2^† 200m: I-C4† 500m: C1^†, C2*†, I-C4^†	U16, U18 U16, U18 Open U16, U18, Open	1000m: C1*†, C2^† 200m: C1†, C2† C1 5000m^	Open U16, U18, Open U16, Open
Women's Canoe	1000m: C1^† 1000m: C2† 200m: I-C4† 500m: C1^†, C2*†, I-C4^†	U16, U18 U16, U18 Open U16, U18, Open	1000m: C1^†, C2^† 200m: C1*†, C2† C1 5000m^	Open U16, U18, Open U16, Open
Women's Kayak	1000m: K1^† 1000m: K2^† 200m: K4† 500m: K1*†, K2*†, K4*†	U16, U18 U16, U18 Open U16, U18, Open	1000m: K1^†, K2^† 200m: K1†, K2† K1 5000m^	Open U16, U18, Open U16, Open
Mixed	500m: K2^, C2^	Open	500m: K2^, C2^	U18
Women's Paracanoe	WK1 200m*†: KL1, KL2, KL3 WV1 200m*†: VL1, VL2, VL3 WK1 200m†: General WV1 200m†: General	Open	WK1 500m†: KL1, KL2, KL3 WV1 500m†: VL1, VL2, VL3 WK1 500m†: General WV1 500m†: General	Open
Men's Paracanoe	MK1 200m*†: KL1, KL2, KL3 MV1 200m*†: VL1, VL2, VL3 MK1 200m†: General MV1 200m†: General	Open	MK1 500m†: KL1, KL2, KL3 MV1 500m†: VL1, VL2, VL3 MK1 500m†: General MV1 500m†: General	Open
Women's PaddleAll	200m†: Pro ICF K1 200m†: Unified ICF K2	Open	200m†: Touring K1 ¹	Open
Men's PaddleAll	200m†: Pro ICF K1 200m†: Unified ICF K2	Open	200m†: Touring K1 ¹	Open
Mixed PaddleAll	200m†: PaddleAll K2			
Other	500m: C-15† (Men/Women and/or Mixed)	Open	500m/1000m: Canadian C-4†	U16, U18
			500m: C-15† (Men/Women or Mixed)	U16, U18
			Any other boats/events as agreed upon by HOC/CKC	U16, U18, Open Paracanoe, PaddleAll



¹ Note that the PaddleAll Touring K1 event requires all boats be identical across a race. If this isn't possible, then convening the team leaders is needed to decide format if race is offered.

- 1) Final race format and race card is to be approved by CKC.
- 2) Canada Cup event may be held integrated or in conjunction with club, divisional or provincial regattas.

2.5 Awards and Points System

2.5.1 Event Awards

Individual event awards will be presented to crews / athletes for top 3 finishes for each event. PaddleAll athletes will also receive participation awards.

2.5.2 Team Awards and the Canada Cup

The Canada Cup will be presented to the team that accumulates the most points. Teams will be allocated points based on position of finish in Canada Cup events. Teams may only accumulate points from their top 2 finishers. Points will be allocated as follows:

Rank	Points
1	10
2	8
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2
9	1

2.6 Race Calendar

The annual Canada Cup Race calendar may vary year to year, and CKC will work to maintain the same general annual race calendar. This variability may be caused by changing international schedules, domestic multisport games, Olympic and Pan-American Games, national team trials, etc. Regardless of the year, the following guiding principles will be used in the creation of the annual Canada Cup race calendar:

- 1 race per year maximum;
- A preliminary race calendar for the following year will be established prior to the application deadline to apply to host an event;
- Supports proper athlete development, and well periodized in the yearly training plan.
- Canada Cups may be used as a Test Event for a National Championship, North American Indigenous Games or Canada Games Venue.
- Canada Cups preceding or following major National regattas (trials, Nationals).
- Canada Cup event may be held integrated or in conjunction with club, divisional or provincial regattas.
 - Suggested Annual Race Calendar: late June / early July



3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 CKC

- Approval of race formats and race cards, including proposals by organizing committee
- Race entry (once race card is established) and race results management for Canada Cup Races
- Provide minimum one (1) staff member to help in race management / results management
- Provide accommodation, travel/transportation and per diem of an appointed Chief Official.
- Arrange travel and accommodation logistics for all CKC event staff and Chief Official
- Provision of race results and management; through CKC or cover costs of organizing committee:
 - Electronic timing / PadComp or other CKC results management software
- Recording of points and results
- Creating / setting Canada Cup race dates and locations in consultation with P/TSOs
- Creating / setting race entry fees in collaboration with Host Organizing Committees to ensure consistency.
- Collecting and analyzing host applications
- Commercial, CKC branded signage
- Awards:
 - Branding
 - Medals and ribbons
 - Major team awards
- Facilitate officials development opportunities (Level III or level IV)
- Facilitate coaching development opportunities.

3.2 Organizing Committee

- Technical management and organization of regatta
- Provision and organization of officials and volunteers
- Overall organization and operations of regatta (ex, but not limited to: safety, security, washroom rentals, etc)
- Organization of Boat Rentals if needed.
- Collaboration on creation of race card.
- Provide meals for officials, and volunteers
- Provide accommodations options for competing teams (ie – hotels, hostels, university residences, etc.)
- Provide lunch meal options for teams
- Provide one main contact to work with CKC Events Lead in preparation
- Work with their Divisional Officials Coordinator and other Divisional contacts to ensure equipment loan or other needs are sufficient and in good working order for event needs
- Equipment, and race course to run event (see hosting requirements 3.4)
- Site security
- Transportation arrangements, if requested, for international teams to and from airport
- Regatta Safety Officer appointed and experienced/trained
- Onsite first aid, Emergency Action Plan and following any other requirements indicated by the Code of Safety



- Announcements (bilingual)
- Solicitation of sponsors
- Signage:
 - Club / P/TSO / divisional signage
 - Sponsor signage
- Awards:
 - Medal presentations and podium
 - Podium Announcer
- Facilitate local/divisional officials development and evaluation (if required, or in competition plan)
- Sponsorship –work with P/TSOs / division to secure sponsorship.
- Apply for grants and subsidies to leverage funds or for revenue streams

3.3 Race course requirements

- All race course specifications for Canada Cups hosting Olympic events (1000m, 500m, 200m) must be aligned with the CKC rule book, and CKC Sprint Nationals technical package, or Canada Games Technical Package.
- Canada Cups with a long distance format can be run and hosted outside of these technical requirements, provided the race course and venue requirements are approved by CKC.

Please reach out to development@canoekayak.ca for information regarding the Sprint Nationals technical package. The CKC Sprint Discipline Rulebook can be found <https://canoekayak.ca/competition-rules/>

3.4 Venue and Facilities:

The following facilities/areas must be available to host the event. Note a finish tower or structure must be part of the venue and some of these areas may be incorporated into that facility:

Facility	Purpose
Registration / Team Leader Information Area	Race registration / race kit pick-up / accreditation Race results and advancements pickup
Race Office	Race committee / Race Jury meetings Race operation Results printing
Timing Results Office / tower	Results management: Finish results
Announcer Tower/Area	Location for race and information announcer
Coaches Meeting Room	Pre-regatta team leaders meeting Regatta meetings if necessary
First Aid Room/tent	Treatment of injured athletes
Podium	Awards presentations
Boat control	Boat weighing pre-race, and post-race
Volunteer & Officials Room/Area	Location for volunteer and officials for meeting, equipment storage, receiving instructions, check-in, etc.



4 Funding Model

4.1 CKC

- Covers expenses for:
 - race results management up to the cost of CKC's system of Padcom-Finish Lynx system
 - Awards purchase
 - CKC Staff Travel and Accommodation at Event
 - Chief Official Travel and Accommodation at Event
 - Meals at event
- Fees collected will be on a per-participant basis
 - CKC portion
 - HOC portion
- CKC will work with HOC to confirm CKC fee per athlete.
- Athlete fees should generally include regatta swag (eg: t-shirt, hat, water bottle, etc.) that will follow CKC branding guidelines (and may be part of the CKC portion of the fee)
- Sets guidelines for entry fees to ensure consistency:
 - Suggested approximately \$80 for a 2 day competition;

4.2 Organizing Committee:

- Sets race entry fees based on CKC recommendations in 4.1;
- Additional HOC specific expenses and options may be included:
 - Provision of lunch if an option (eg - \$60 fee without, \$80 with 1 lunch per day)
 - Daily rates for international teams for accreditation, hotel and food arrangements, (eg – accreditation, hotel, and food), boat rentals, etc. (discretion of Organizing committee)
 - Other race swag with Canada Cup logo and branding
- Collects and retains all race entry fees
- Pays CKC portion of participant fees.

5 Hosting Application Procedures

Canada Cup series dates will be set based on a long term strategic plan to develop a consistent, reliable domestic race calendar that is sustainable regardless of the ICF schedule.

- Once the ICF and National Team trials schedule are known, CKC will work to try to ensure that any potential conflicts are alleviated.
- The final Canada Cup dates for the next year will be released **no later** than October 1st in the previous year in conjunction with National Team trials schedule.
- CKC will work to try to release final dates earlier than October 1st, but this is dependent on the ICF, and consequently, CKC trials schedule. CKC reserves the rights to change the dates following October 15th based on unforeseen circumstances (e.g. – ICF calendar, etc.)



5.1 Regional / Divisional

Regions / divisions will be allocated Canada Cups on a rotational basis to afford regional representation and a consistent, reliable hosting opportunity for HOCs. Starting in 2024, Canada Cups may be allocated as follows (note this will be reviewed regularly between CKC and P/TSOs and may be updated from time to time):

2024	Central (Ontario-EOD / Quebec)
2025	To be determined due to the Canada Games schedule there may not be a Canada Cup this year, but rather focus on promotion of Team Red Eastern Cups and Team Red Western Cups
2026	Central (Ontario-WOD / Quebec) or Atlantic
2027	West (Prairie / Pacific)
2028	Atlantic or Central to be determined

Only divisions, P/TSOs, clubs or other organizations within the allocated region may bid for a Canada Cup.

If a region or division does not submit a request to host a Canada Cup in the year they are allocated, CKC will open up the bidding process to other regions to ensure a Canada Cup event is hosted.

Canada Cups (and additional) may be allocated to HOCs based on additional criteria:

- Host P/TSOs or HOCs of Canada Games as a test event in the year preceding the Canada Games
- The distribution of other major CKC sanctioned events across the geographic regions of Canada:
 - HOCs already hosting National Team Trials, National Championships, World Championships
 - Potential for sequential major events where travel can be minimized for teams
- Dates within periodized annual calendar.

5.1.1 Expression of Interest

Divisions, P/TSOs or clubs interested in hosting a Canada Cup will be required to submit their Expression of Interest via the online form by the below deadlines:

- Support letter from P/TSO and/or division
- Key HOC contacts & roles (ex. organizational chart)
- Completed application (as per CKC process)

	2024*	2025	2026	2027
Deadline	Feb.1, 2024	N/A	Oct. 15, 2025	Oct. 15, 2026

* adapted timelines for 2024

5.1.2 Successful Organizing Committees

Successful organizing committees will be notified no later than November 30 (note for 2024 this date will be March 15).



5.1.3 Contract/Agreement

Following approval for hosting an event, CKC will engage in a contract with the host organizing committee. The contract will include deliverables from both the Organizing Committee as well as CKC.

6 Abbreviations

CKC	Canoe Kayak Canada
HOC	Host Organizing Committee
ICF	International Canoe Federation
IF	International Federation
LTAD	Long Term Athlete Development
P/TSOs	Provincial – Territorial Sport Organizations