

Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO) Sprint - 2022 Ontario Team Selection Criteria

2022 - 2023 Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative, Ontario Athlete Assistance Program, Ontario Development Team, and U14 Academy Team Policy

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1 Acronyms & Definitions

AAP - Athlete Assistance Program / Sport Canada Card

AWAD - Athlete with a Disability

U14 Academy Team - Ontario Team Program

CKC - Canoe Kayak Canada

CKO - Canoe Kayak Ontario; Provincial Sport Organization responsible for Canoe and Kayak in Ontario

CKO Sprint - Canoe Kayak Ontario Sprint

CSIO - Canadian Sport Institute Ontario; funding partner/service provider for OHPSI Development Team - Ontario Team Program

Direct to Athlete support - OHPSI & OAAP funding support

DTE - Daily Training Environment

ED - Executive Director of Canoe Kayak Ontario

EOD - Eastern Ontario Division

GMT - Gold Medal Time; CKC's best estimate of the time required to win at Olympic/Paralympic Games/World Championships

HPC - High Performance Committee

MC1 - Men's single person canoe

MK1 - Men's single person kayak

MKL1 - Men's Paracanoe single person kayak

MVL1 - Men's Paracanoe single person Va'a

MHSTCI - Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; funding partner

NSO - National Sport Organization

OAAP - Ontario Athlete Assistance Program, Ontario Team Program supported by MHSTCI

OHPSI - Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative; Ontario Team Program supported by CSIO

Paracanoe - athletes with a physical impairment; type of boats includes kayak (K) and Va'a (V)

PSO - Provincial Sport Organization

Special Olympics - athletes with intellectual disabilities

TD - Technical Director of Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO) Sprint

WC1 - Women's single person canoe

WK1 - Women's single person kayak

WKL1 - Women's Paracanoe single person kayak

WVL1 - Women's Paracanoe single person Va'a

WOD - Western Ontario Division

U23 Eligibility - the last year an athlete can compete at the U23 World Championships is the year in which their 23rd birthday falls

2 General Program Description & Purpose

The purpose of the Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO) Sprint's Ontario Team Program is to support Ontario High Performance and Development athletes in their pursuit of achieving world-class results at the highest levels of international competition. Upward progression by an athlete towards the National Team and achieving international podium performances are the program's objectives.

The CKO Sprint's Ontario Team Program offers four (4) types of support: Ontario High

Performance Sport Initiative (OHPSI) program, Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP), the Ontario Development Team, and the U14 Academy Team. Selection to each specific program/team is detailed below.

3 General Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for an Ontario Team Program nomination, an athlete must meet these requirements (OAAP has additional eligibility requirements listed in 8.2.2):

- The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- The athlete must be a permanent resident of Ontario for one year prior to their nomination (and continue to be a permanent resident throughout the term of the agreement).
- The athlete must live in and continue to train in Ontario during the period they are eligible for receiving the benefits of the Program. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis (see SPECIFIC OAAP ELIGIBILITY in Section 8.2.2).
- The athlete must be a registered member within CKC's National registration system, in good standing with the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO), Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO) Sprint, National Sport Organization (NSO) and either the Western Ontario Division (WOD) or Eastern Ontario Division (EOD).
- The athlete must enter into an Athlete Agreement with the CKO Sprint and must be in full compliance with the terms and conditions with the agreement.
- The athlete must have met all terms and conditions of any previous Athlete Agreement to the satisfaction of CKO Sprint to be eligible for consideration in successive years.
- The athlete must compete at the 2022 National Team Trials (NTT #2), and/or the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships unless an exemption from competition has been approved by the HPC (see Section 9 Injury, Illness or Other Extenuating Circumstances).

4 Authority for Program Selection

The CKO Sprint's Technical Director (TD) will make Ontario Team program selection recommendations to the CKO Sprint High Performance Committee (HPC) and Canoe Kayak Ontario's (CKO) Executive Director (ED), based on the criteria contained in this document and OAAP policies. The HPC and ED will then forward their recommendations of all Athlete selection nominations for OHPSI, OAAP and Ontario Development Team supported athletes to the CKO Sprint Board of Directors for final approval.

5 Ontario Team Trials Ranking List & National Team Trials Ranking List

The Ontario Team Trials Ranking List (OTTRL) is a discipline ranking of an athlete's position of finish at the Ontario Team Trials (OTT's) - Welland, ON, June 3-4, 2022.

The National Team Trials Ranking List (NTTRL) is an event ranking of an athlete's position of finish at the National Team Trials #2 (NTT #2) in either the Junior (U18) or Senior (U19+) finals only - Montreal, QC June 24-27, 2022. Note - The NTTRL includes all competing athletes. Any athlete who receives AAP National Team carding will be removed from the list and points will be adjusted after the 2022-2023 AAP National Team nominations are published.

A draft ranking lists will be posted on the CKO Sprint website one (1) week after the competition.

5.1 Disciplines

The following race distances will be considered a discipline: MK1 500m/1000m, MC1 500m/1000m, WK1 200m/500m, WC1 200m/500m, MKL1 2 x 200m, MVL1 2 x 200m, WKL1 2 x 200m and WVL1 2 x 200m, SO MK1 2 x 200m, SO WK1 2 x 200m.

5.2 Position of Finish Points

Up to 50 points will be awarded at the OTTs for each race distance. Up to 50 additional points will be awarded at NTT #2 for an athlete's best performance in MK1 500m or 1000m, MC1 500m or 1000m, WK1 200m or 500m, WC1 200m or 500m, Paracanoe 200m.

Points will be awarded in the following manner until all remaining points have been allocated:

Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points
1 st	50	6 th	40	11 th	30	16 th	20	21 st	10
2 nd	48	7 th	38	12 th	28	17 th	18	22 nd	8
3 rd	46	8 th	36	13 th	26	18 th	16	23 rd	6
4 th	44	9 th	34	14 th	24	19 th	14	24 th	4
5 th	42	10 th	32	15 th	22	20 th	12	25 th	2

5.3 Bonus Points

Athletes will be awarded one (1) bonus point for a result within 8% of Gold Medal Time (GMT) in an Olympic/Paralympic singles Final event at the OTTs, NTT #2, Ontario Championships and National Championships to a maximum of two (2) points per competition. In the event that only one (1) Olympic/Paralympic singles distance is provided at the above competitions, the athlete will be awarded two (2) bonus points. Athletes 23 years old and older as of January 1st, 2022, will be compared against the Senior GMT. U23 aged athletes and younger as of January 1st, 2022, will be compared against the U23 GMT (see Appendix A for Gold Medal Times).

6 Able-bodied Athlete Performance Profile

The Able-bodied Athlete's Performance Profile combines an athlete's highest position of finish points at OTT, and NTT #2, as well as any bonus points awarded based on performances at OTT, NTT #2, Ontario Championships, and the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships.

7 Para Athlete Pathway Profile

The Para Athlete's High Performance Pathway Profile combines an athlete's highest position of finish points at OTTs, and NTT #2, as well as any bonus points awarded based on performances at OTTs, NTT #2, Ontario Championships, and the Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships. In addition, the profile will also include on-water and off-water key performance indicators related to [CKO Sprint's High Performance Plan](#).

8 Specific Criteria

8.1 OHPSI Program

8.1.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO) created the OHPSI program to provide leadership, coaching support, training and competition expenses, sport science services, equipment and technology and facility access to targeted athletes.

The OHPSI has the following specific objectives:

- Provide high performance sport leadership in Ontario.
- Create an optimal Daily Training Environment (DTE) for Ontario athletes, where they can access high performance sport programs, technical experts (full-time coaches and sport science/medicine professionals), and services that enable Ontario athletes to train and achieve international podium performances.
- Create and retain full-time coaching positions and provide integrated coach professional development opportunities,
- Provide sport science/sport medicine support to ensure that a holistic approach is integral to developing Ontario athletes; and
- Create integrated (vertical and horizontal) high performance athlete development pathways in, and between, Ontario's and Canada's High-Performance sport systems. Including, developing strong relationships between PSO's and NSO's to ensure an integrated athlete/coach development system is in place in Ontario

The program will provide financial and program assistance to Ontario athletes for international competition and support in the DTE. **Athletes must be age eligible to complete at the 2022 Junior/U23 World Championships or the 2022 Senior World Championships (Paracanoe only).**

8.1.2 Allocation of Support

- Tier 1 (full support provided) – according to the OHPSI Priority of Funding outlined in Section 8.1.3, the athlete has achieved an international result, or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve a podium performance at the 2028 Olympic/Paralympic Games.
- Tier 2 Able-bodied (no Direct to Athlete support provided) – provided to athletes who received a Top 16 performance at the 2021 Junior/U23 World Championships and received OHPSI Tier 1 support in the previous year AND receive a minimum Top 15 ranking at the 2022 NTT #2 or Top 9 ranking at the 2022 National Championships in 2024 Olympic singles event, or receive a nomination based on a performance review by the HPC.
- Tier 2 Paracanoe (no Direct to Athlete support provided) – provided to athletes who demonstrate the potential for podium performance at the 2024 Paralympic Games based [CKO Sprint's High Performance Plan](#).

8.1.3 Priority of Support

Funding and program support will be allocated to eligible athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed, and funding/program support may not be allocated in some categories.

- 1 Athletes who finish Top 8 at the 2022 Junior (U18)/U23 World Championships, World Championships, or World Cups in singles or doubles events.
2. Athletes who finish Top 16 at the 2022 U23 World Championships, World Championships or World Cups events.
3. Nomination of Tier 2 Able-bodied athletes based on 8.1.2.
4. Any remaining funding and program support will be allocated based on the Able-bodied Athlete's Performance Profile and the Para Athlete's Pathway Profile. Athletes selected through the Able-bodied Athlete Performance Profile must receive a minimum Top 15 ranking at the 2022 NTT #2 in a 2024 Olympic/Paralympic singles event.

8.2 Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP)

8.2.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

OAAP is funded by the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI). The overarching goal of OAAP is directly related to the Enhanced Excellence goals of the Canadian Sport Policy – to increase the number of high-performance Ontario athletes selected to the National Team and contributing to podium achievements of Canada at international competitions.

Each year the MHSTCI allocates a certain amount of OAAP funding to each PSO. The CKO Sprint does not know the overall program funding support until March 2023. The Ministry may decide not to fund the OAAP program. If MSTCI OAAP funding is reduced or unavailable, CKO Sprint will seek alternative revenues for Direct to Athlete financial assistance based on 8.2.3 Allocation of Support listed below. In addition, if required, financial assistance will be prioritized using 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 Priority of Support.

The OAAP has the following specific objectives:

- To help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition.
- To encourage athletes to stay in Ontario to live and train.
- To compensate athletes for earnings lost while training.
- To enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals.
- To increase athlete access to improved high-performance coaching; and
- To enhance training and competition opportunities available to athletes.

The goal of the program is to provide “Direct to Athlete” financial assistance to Ontario junior-aged athletes. A minimum of 70% of the funding will be allocated to what the MHSTCI defines junior-aged athletes (11 to 22 years of age as of January 1, 2022), CKO Sprint may choose to allocate a maximum of 30% of the funding to athletes no longer eligible for ‘junior athlete’ status, who have been identified as potential next generation National Team athletes based on the selection process outlined below AND have been nominated by Canoe Kayak Canada to compete for Team Canada at one of their 2022 identified Sprint competitions.

The total number of funding will be split evenly by gender, regardless of discipline, provided all athletes meet the minimum performance standards outlined in Section 8.2.4 and 8.2.5 Priority of Support. If one gender fails to meet the minimum performance standards, the HPC may allocate additional funding to the opposite gender.

In addition, the goal of the program is to also provide Direct to Athlete financial assistance to Ontario Athletes with A Disability (AWAD). The Ministry recognizes that the junior/developmental levels of ParaSport/Paralympic athletes are generally older than those for able-bodied sports. Therefore, there is no specific age limit for Paracanoe athletes, however, the Athlete must be identified as potential next generation national team athletes based on the selection process outlined below.

8.2.2 Specific OAAP Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for an OAAP nomination, an Athlete must meet all the GENERAL ELIGIBILITY outlined in Section 2, as well as any specific MHSTCI OAAP criteria requirements. Note: In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the MHSTCI eligibility requirements and CKO Sprint's Athlete Selection Criteria posted on the CKO Sprint's website the MHSTCI Athlete Selection Criteria shall prevail.

8.2.3 Allocation of Support

- Tier 1 (full support provided) – athletes according to OAAP Priority of Support outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results. Tier 1 financial assistance will be allocated to each discipline based on Section 8.2.6 – Minimum Support by Discipline.
- Tier 2 (full support provided)– athletes according to OAAP Priority of Support outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results. Tier 2 financial assistance will only be provided once all Tier 1 nominations have been allocated AND according to available program financial support.
- Tier 3 (50% support provided) – AWAD & MHSTCI Junior-aged athletes according to the OAAP Priority of Support outlined below, have achieved an international result or domestic performance indicative of the ability to achieve future National Team status and international podium results. Tier 3 financial assistance will only be provided once all Tier 1 and Tier 2 nominations have been allocated And according to available program financial support.

8.2.4 Able-bodied Priority of Support

Support will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step, except for the Minimum Support by Discipline listed in Section 8.2.6 (provided all nominated athlete meet the minimum performance standard outlined below). As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed, and that program support may not be allocated in some categories.

1. Athletes nominated to the 2022 Senior World Championships and who do not receive

- a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 2. Athletes who finish Top 8 at the 2022 Junior (18)/U23 World Championships or World Cups in singles or doubles events and who do not receive a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 3. Athletes who finish Top 16 at the U23 World Championships or World Cups and who do not receive a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 4. Athletes nominated to the 2022 U23 World Championships or World Cups and who do not receive a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 6. Any remaining funding and program support will be allocated based on the Able-bodied Athlete’s Performance Profile. Athletes selected through the Performance Profile must receive a minimum Top 15 ranking at the 2022 NTT #2 or Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships in a 2024 Olympic singles event.

8.2.5 Paracanoe Priority of Funding

Support will be allocated to eligible Athletes in the order of priority of the phased steps set out below. Each step must be completed in its entirety, with nomination of all eligible and qualified Athletes exhausted, before moving to the next step. As a result, it is possible that not all steps will be completed, and that program support may not be allocated in some categories, except for the Minimum Support by Discipline listed in Section 8.2.6 (provided all nominated athlete meet the minimum performance standard outlined below).

- 1. Athletes nominated to the 2022 Paracanoe World Championships and who do not receive a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 2. Athletes nominated to any 2022 regatta as a member of Team Canada and who do not receive a Sport Canada AAP card.
- 3. Any remaining funding and program support will be allocated based on the Para Athlete’s Pathway Profile.

8.2.6 Minimum Support by Discipline

Discipline	Tier 1 Support
Women’s Kayak	3
Women’s Canoe	3
Men’s Kayak	3
Men’s Canoe	3
Paracanoe	3

8.3 Ontario Development Team Program

8.3.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The Ontario Development Team Program goal is to support the development needs of younger athletes and identified Para athletes who have demonstrated the potential to achieve international performances in the future, Nomination to the Ontario Development Team has no financial contribution associated with the program, rather, Athletes will receive support to participate in sport-specific testing, training, and monitoring. Additional services may be available depending on the CKO Sprint’s yearly financial plan.

8.3.2 Priority of Support

Program support will be allocated to eligible Athletes based on criteria set out below.

1. Athletes nominated to the 2022 Olympic Hopes Regatta.
2. Athletes who finish Top 9 in a U16, U18, Special Olympics and Paracanoe singles event at the 2022 National Championships.
3. Athletes who finish Top 3 in a U16, U18, U16+ Special Olympics and U16+ Paracanoe singles event at the 2022 Ontario Championships.
4. U15 athletes who finish Top 9 in the U16 singles event at the 2022 Ontario Championships

8.4 U14 Academy Team Program

8.4.1 Specific Program Description and Objectives

The U14 Academy Team Program goal is to identify and support talented athletes early in their development. Nomination to the U14 Academy Team has no financial contribution associated with the program, rather, identified athletes will receive sport-specific and fitness training through regional activities. Additional services may be available depending on the CKO Sprint's yearly financial plan.

8.4.2 Priority of Support

Program support will be allocated to eligible Athletes based on criteria set out below.

1. Athletes who finish Top 10 in a U14 singles event at the 2022 Ontario Championships.

9 Injury, Illness or Other Extenuating Circumstances

An athlete who is unable to participate in the selection procedure due to illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances may nevertheless be considered for nomination, provided that the athlete notifies the TD in writing, with appropriate documentation that is satisfactory to the HPC, in advance of the competition in which the athlete is unable to participate. The HPC, in its sole discretion, may approve an exemption from the competition. When such an exemption is given, the HPC will approve alternate performance measures for evaluation.

10 In the Event of a Tie

In the event two (2) or more athletes reach the same level of Priority of Support in the above criteria, the athlete who is ranked higher on the Athlete Performance Profile/Para Athlete Pathway Profile will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s). If there is still a tie, the athlete with the highest position of finish in Men's Kayak 500m singles, Women's Kayak 500m singles, Women's Canoe 200m singles, Men's Canoe 1000m singles and Paracanoe 200m Final 1 singles at Ontario Team Trials will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s). If there is still a tie, the athlete with the best percentage of GMT in the above events will be considered ahead of the other athlete(s). Finally, if there is still a tie, those athletes will receive the same level of support.

11 Unforeseen Circumstances

Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond CKO Sprint's control do not allow racing or team selection to take place in a fair manner. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances as determined by the HPC, the HPC, in its sole discretion, will determine if the circumstances justify selection to take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstance, the alternative selection will be posted on the CKO Sprint's website one (1) week after the competition in question.

12 Appeal Process

To be Updated by May 31, 2022

Appendix A - Senior & U23 Gold Medal Times (GMT)

Any performance times to be compared against the GMT will be rounded to the 10th of a second. E.g., 3:49.45 becomes 3:49.5 or alternatively 38.74 becomes 38.7.

Event	Senior GMT	U23 GMT
MC1 500m	1:49.0*	1:50.0*
MC1 1000m	3:48.9	3:51.9
MK1 500m	1:38.5*	1:38.5*
MK1 1000m	3:25.7	3:29.6
WK1 200m	38.5*	40.0*
WK1 500m	1:48.3	1:51.5
WC1 200m	46.9	48.0
WC1 500m	2:06.0*	2:08.0*
KL3-Men	39.8	
KL3-Women	49.4	
KL2-Men	41.9	
KL2-Women	48.9	
KL1-Men	46.8	
KL1-Women	56.1	
VL3-Men	48.8	
VL3-Women	58.7	
VL2-Men	53.8	
VL2-Women	57.7	
VL1-Men	1:05.5	
VL1-Women	1:15.5	

*2022 Senior & U23 GMT not available, listed times present CKC's 2021 published Senior & U23 GMT