

## INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

### A. Events (8)

MEN'S EVENTS (4)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (4)
K1 Head-to-head sprint racing	K1 Head-to-head sprint racing
C1 Head-to-head sprint racing	C1 Head-to-head sprint racing
K1 Obstacle slalom racing	K1 Obstacle slalom racing
C1 Obstacle slalom racing	C1 Obstacle slalom racing

### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	UNIVERSALITY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	28	1	5	34
Women	24	1	5	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>

	MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC
Men	2
Women	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.
To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 1998.

### D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY -		
For each qualifying event, the qualification places obtained for the Youth Olympic Games will be allocated to NOCs.		
<b>Sprint</b>		
The best ranked NOCs in each event at the Junior Canoe Sprint World Championships from 1 to 4 August 2013 will be allocated one qualification place for the respective events in accordance with the following table:		
	<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of NOCs Qualified</b>
<b>Sprint</b>	K1 Men	9 best ranked athletes
	C1 Men	8 best ranked athletes
	K1 Women	9 best ranked athletes
	C1 Women	4 best ranked athletes

Sprint distance: The 200m events for the K1 and C1 will be used to determine the NOC ranking.

**Slalom**

The best ranked NOCs in each of the Under-18 events at the 2013 Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships from 17 to 23 July 2013 will be allocated one qualification place for the respective events, in accordance with the following table:

	Event	Number of NOCs Qualified
<b>Slalom</b>	K1 Men	6 best ranked athletes
	C1 Men	5 best ranked athletes
	K1 Women	6 best ranked athletes
	C1 Women	5 best ranked athletes

**Additional considerations**

At least one NOC from Africa, Oceania and Americas must be represented across the four men’s events and also the four women’s events in the list of qualified NOCs from the two Junior World Championships.

Where one of the continents (Africa, Oceania, Americas) is not represented in the list of qualified NOCs in the men’s events, the highest positioned NOC from that continent would replace the lowest qualified NOC in that event, except if the NOC is the only representative of another continent. In this case the place would be taken away from the next qualified NOC on the list in that event. The same procedure applies for the three continents in the women’s events.

Should an NOC obtain qualification places in both Sprint and Slalom for the same event category (e.g. K1 men, C1 men, K1 women or C1 women), the ICF will allocate the qualification place to the NOC in the event in which the NOC achieved its highest ranking, hence releasing the other place. This place will then be reallocated by the ICF to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified, in the event in which the place was released, at the respective Junior World Championships.

If the ranking of an NOC is equal in each discipline, the NOC must choose if it wishes to enter an athlete in Sprint or Slalom, therefore releasing the other place. This place will then be reallocated by the ICF to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified, in the event in which the place was released, at the respective Junior World Championships.

Each of the 64 athletes that qualify for the YOG must compete in both Sprint and Slalom events in that category or risk disqualification from all competitions.

An athlete once selected for the YOG in Canoeing can participate in both categories (i.e. Canoe and Kayak).

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

One (1) male and one (1) female host country places will be available for the host country should it not qualify at the respective Junior World Championships.

**UNIVERSALITY PLACES**

To be eligible to receive universality places, athletes must comply with the eligibility criteria as defined under section C. of this document.

There will be 5 (five) male and (five) female universality places available.

The distribution of universality places will be made by the YOG Tripartite Commission in March 2013, 17months before the YOG in 2014, to allow preparation time for the NOCs. The allocation of universality places will take into account the preferences listed by each eligible NOC; the level of continental representation in each discipline and category; the places available in each discipline; and the sporting relevance/technical level in the country.

**E. Confirmation process for quota places**

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFICATION PLACES
<p>The ICF will confirm to the NOCs the allocated qualification places after each of the two qualifying Junior World Championships, no later than 14 days after the event.</p> <p>All NOCs must confirm in writing to the ICF and NYOGOC the places taken and released no later than 14 days after being notified by the ICF.</p>

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR HOST COUNTRY PLACES
<p>The host country must confirm the use of its host country places no later than one month after the respective Junior World Championships.</p>

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places**

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES
<p>Should an NOC decline or not be able to use an allocated qualification place, the place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified from the respective event at the Junior World Championships, taking into account any continental restrictions outlined in section D.</p> <p>Should the list of NOCs be exhausted in the respective event, the place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the same gender not yet qualified at the Junior World Championships in the 4 (four) events. Should the list of NOCs still be exhausted, the place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the original category (C1 or K1) not yet qualified at the Junior World Championships, regardless of gender.</p>

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES
<p>Should the host country return or be unable to fill its host country places, the place(s) will be allocated to the next best ranked Asian NOC not yet qualified from the respective event at the Junior World Championships.</p> <p>Should there be no Asian NOCs able to fill this quota place, the place will be given to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified from the respective event at the Junior World Championships regardless of the continent.</p>

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES
<p>Any unused universality places, including those returned after the final allocation by the YOG Tripartite Commission will be reallocated by the ICF using the results of the Junior World Championships. The place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC(s) not yet qualified in Canoeing across all continents.</p>

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
March 2013	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by YOG Tripartite Commission
1 - 4 August 2013	Junior Canoe Sprint World Championships (Welland, CAN)
17 - 23 July 2013	Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships (Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK)
8 July 2014	Entries deadline by name for all sports
16 - 28 August 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games - Nanjing 2014