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COPAC CANOE / KAYAK SPRINT QUALIFIER SYSTEM FOR THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES; TORONTO 2015

The qualifier system that will be applied in the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship will be based on the following considerations:

- The PASO/ODEPA regulations
- The proposals of the different Federations made during the Assemblies held in Quebec 2005 to Ciudad Guzman 2011.
- The articles 9 and 10 of the PASO/ODEPA for the celebration of Pan American Games,
- The logical concordance with the application of the ICF and COPAC development plan the guaranty of the quality of the events, and the principle of universality

Based on that, the COPAC Canoe Sprint Committee agreed to apply the following qualifier system to the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship for participation in the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games:

TECHNICAL BASIS:

1. There are 32 National Federations affiliated to COPAC that are established in the sport of canoeing within the continent, some of them in a development process.
2. As of October 2011 - March 2012 several National Federations sent proposals which were reviewed and considered for this classification system.
3. Opinions expressed in 2011 & 2012 by the National Federations were analyzed by the COPAC Canoe Sprint Committee members and have been incorporated in the final document.
4. COPAC has a total of 120 quotas of participation for these Games granted by the Technical Commission of the PASO/ODEPA.

Based on that and with the objective to guarantee the participation in all the disciplines (Kayak Men & Women and Canoe Men & Women) so that the events that are presented in the Program of the Games are validated according to the "Article 10" of the current Regulation for Pan American Games; these will be applied in the following qualifier system:

- The first five (5) boats (K1 Men and K2 Men) in the events of 200m and 1000m in the final that cross the finish line at the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship will qualify for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.
- The first five (5) boats in the events of C1 Men 200m, C1 Men 1000m and C2 Men 1000m that cross the finish line in the final of the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship will qualify for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.
- The first six (6) boats in the events of K1 Women 500m and C1 Women 200m that cross the finish line in the final of the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship will qualify for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.



- The first (5) five boats in K1 Women's 200m and K2 Women 500m that cross the finish line in the final of the 2014 Pan Am Sprint Canoe Championships will qualify for the 2015 Pan Am Games.
 - The first five (5) boats K4 Men 1000m and K4 Women 500m that cross the finish line in the final of the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship will qualify for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.
5. In this way we arrive at a total of 117 seats/athletes.
 6. There will be a guarantee of 3 seats to the NOC's with new Federations that attend and participate in the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship, starting and finalizing the race according with the standards that the COPAC Sprint Committee consider competitively acceptable. In this way 120 quotas will be granted.
 7. In accordance with the PASO/ODEPA current regulations, if the host NOC does not qualify in some of the thirteen events, it will be granted its participation, decreasing in that way the quantity of quotas that would correspond to the related event for the rest of the countries on the respective events.
 8. There is a limit of participation per NOC of **15** athletes.
 - a. The maximum number of each categories will be a combination of the following:
 - i. Men Kayak 5 or 6
 - ii. Women Kayak 4 or 5
 - iii. Men Canoe 3 or 4
 - iv. Women Canoe 1
 - b. There is limit of participation per NOC of 15 Athletes BUT the composition may be as follows: 4 – 5 women kayak, 5 – 6 men kayak, 3 – 4 men Canoe and 1 women canoe in the nominal entry. In this way a team could have 6 Kayak men, 4 Kayak women, 4 Canoe men and 1 Canoe women **OR** 6 Kayak men, 5 Kayak women, 3 Canoe Men and 1 Canoe women
 - c. **If some NOC's choose not to compete in Women's Canoe the limit of participation will be 14 team members.**
 9. Federations will not be allowed to change one classified quota per another one. That means, it will not be possible to change from Canoe to Kayak and vice versa.
 10. After the adjustments of participation to the number of 15 eligible athletes by each NOC to these Games, the President of COPAC in coordination with the COPAC CSPC will deliver the remaining quotas to the rest of the NOCs according to their performance.
 11. The remaining quotas, after the qualification and the composition of the teams of up to 15 athletes will be distributed in accordance with the following methodology considering the need of development that the ICF and COPAC CSPC determine.

Only the NOCs that participate at the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship, and would not qualify, will receive remaining quotas.

 - (11.1) Each NOC would receive only one remaining quota.
 - (11.2) The remaining quotas will be allocated essentially to reinforce the participation on the categories Canoe and Kayak Women.



12. The distribution of the remaining quotas will be held immediately after the 2014 Pan American Canoe Sprint Championship, with the following criteria:

- The chart "Quotas Summary" will determine the quantity of the remaining quotas for each event.
- The remaining quotas will be separately allocated in each event.
- The distribution will be based on the following principles:

Women Kayak: K4 500m, K2 500m; K1 500m: rotating until the quotas will be completed

Canoe: C2 1000m, C1 200m and C1 1000m rotating until the quotas will be completed.

Men Kayak: K4 1000m, K2 200m, K2 1000m, K1 200m and K1 1000m rotating until the quotas will be completed.

(12.4) If the remaining quotas are an odd number and at the moment of the distribution is a double boat, the quota will be allocated to the following individual boat, in the order of the chart where the principles are established .(see chart 10.3)

(12.5) If one NOC will not use the offered "remaining quota" the President of COPAC with the assistance of the COPAC Canoe Sprint Committee will decide the new allocation.

(12.5.1) When the remaining quotas will be allocated in accordance with the clause "10.5", it will be kept the minimum number of boats for each event in order to grant the validation in accordance with the PASO/ODEPA rules.

(12.5.2) To allocate any "remaining quota" the President must consider the best positioned boat between the not classified national teams in the same event. After finishing the ranking of one category if there would still be "remaining quotas", the President of COPAC with the assistance of the COPAC Canoe Sprint Committee, keeps the right to deliver those quotas to other categories.

13. The NOCs that received remaining quotas", must send to the Secretariat of COPAC a compromise of the National Federation and the respective NOC confirming that their athletes will be entered together with their national team, so that their participation in the Games will be granted.

14. This decision will be communicated to the OOC before the deadline of the numerical entries established for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.

15. For the effects of this document:

Remaining quotas are the ones that exceed the limit of 15 per country.

Granted quotas are the ones that warrant the participation of the host country, in the case of the 2015; Canada.

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