

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - 3RD EUROPEAN GAMES KRAKOW & MALOPOLSKA 2023

EUROPEAN CANOE ASSOCIATION

CANOE SPRINT

A. EVENTS

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
Kayak Single (K1) 200m	Kayak Single (K1) 200m
Kayak Single (K1) 500m	Kayak Single (K1) 500m
Kayak Double (K2) 500m	Kayak Double (K2) 500m
Kayak Four (K4) 500m	Kayak Four (K4) 500m
Canoe Single (C1) 200m	Canoe Single (C1) 200m
Canoe Single (C1) 500m	Canoe Single (C1) 500m
Canoe Double (C2) 500m	Canoe Double (C2) 500m
Mixed Events (2)	
Canoe Double (C2) Mix 200m	
Kayak Double (K2) Mix 200m	

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Canoe Sprint

Men's Events	Total Boat Quota Places	Qualification Places	Host NOC Places	Universality Places	Total Athlete Quota Places
K1 200m	18	18			18
K1 500m	18	17	1		18
K2 500m	17	34			34
K4 500m	10	40			40
C1 200m	17	17			17
C1 500m	18	15	1	2	18
C2 500m	15	28		2	30
Subtotal		169	2	4	175

Women's Events	Total Boat Quota Places	Qualification Places	Host NOC Places	Universality Places	Total Athlete Quota Places
K1 200m	18	18			18
K1 500m	18	17	1		18
K2 500m	17	34			34
K4 500m	10	40			40
C1 200m	18	15	1	2	18
C1 500m	17	17			17
C2 500m	15	28		2	30
Subtotal		169	2	4	175

Total		338	4	8	350
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Mix K2 and C2:

- K2: A NOC that has obtained one (1) quota place in kayak men and one (1) quota place in kayak women at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships will be entitled to one (1) boat quota place in K2 mix 200m event.
- C2: A NOC that has obtained one (1) quota place in canoe men and one (1) quota place in canoe women at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships will be entitled to one (1) boat quota place in K2 mix 200m event.

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per NOC

Event	Boat Quota	Men	Women
K1 Men 200m	1	1	
K1 Men 500m	1	1	
K2 Men 500m	1	2	
K4 Men 500m	1	4	
C1 Men 200m	1	1	
C1 Men 500m	1	1	
C2 Men 500m	1	2	
K1 Women 200m	1		1
K1 Women 500m	1		1
K2 Women 500m	1		2
K4 Women 500m	1		4
C1 Women 200m	1		1
C1 Women 500m	1		1
C2 Women 500m	1		2
K2 Mix 200m	1		
C2 Mix 200m	1		
Total	16	12	12
		24	

The athletes that qualify and are selected by the NOC for European Games 2023 can participate also in other Canoe Sprint events (including the event they qualified in) as long as no other athlete/boat from the respective NOC participates in that event in European Games 2023.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the EOC and the rules of the ECA, may participate in the 2023 European Games.

C.2. Age requirements

All athletes participating in Canoe Sprint in the 2023 European Games must be born before 1 January 2009.

C.3. Additional European Canoe Association (ECA) criteria

Except for mixed one, to be eligible to participate in the particular event in the 2023 European Games, NOCs must have participated in that relevant event at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification system allows for the participation of the best athletes through a fair and transparent process within the framework of the Olympic Charter.

D.1. Qualification Places

Number of Quota Places	Men's Events	Quota Place Allocation
169	<p>Qualifying Event or Ranking: European Canoe Sprint Championships, Munich (GER), 18-21 August 2022</p> <p>Qualification Process:</p> <p>K1 M 200m The 18 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>K1 M 500m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>K2 M 500m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>K4 M 500m The 10 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>C1 M 200m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>C1 M 500m The 15 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>C2 M 500m The 14 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p>	NOC

Number of Quota Places	Women's Events	Quota Place Allocation
169	<p>Qualifying Event or Ranking: European Canoe Sprint Championships, Munich (GER), 18-21 August 2022</p> <p>Qualification Process: K1 W 200m The 18 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs K1 W 500m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs K2 W 500m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs K4 W 500m The 10 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p> <p>C1 W 200m The 15 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs C1 W 500m The 17 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs C2 W 500m The 14 best placed boats will each qualify one (1) quota place for their NOCs</p>	NOC

Note:

An athlete can compete in one (1) or more events at the Qualifying Event.

Qualification in different boat class over same distance

An athlete who qualifies more than one (1) athlete quota place in different boat classes (i.e. K1, K2, K4 or C2 and C1) will be allocated for his/her NOC only one (1) athlete quota in the largest qualified boat class (regardless of how many places that athlete qualifies in other events).

The remaining athlete quota place would be reallocated to the next best placed NOC, not yet qualified, using the following procedure:

- a) should two (2) athlete quota places be available from team boats in the same gender and category (for example: Men's Kayak, Men's Canoe or Women's Kayak) then the places will be added together and given in that category to the next best placed NOC, not yet qualified (K2 and C2 500m distance for men and K2 500m distance for women);
- b) if one (1) athlete quota place be available from team boats then the reallocated athlete quota place will be used to fill team boats where an athlete quota place is required within the same category and gender (for example: Men's Kayak, Men's Canoe or Women's Kayak) to complete a boat quota starting with largest distance and largest boat (K4, K2 and C2 500m distance for Men respectively and K4 and K2 distance for Women respectively);
- c) If the athlete quota place is unable to fill team boats following the procedure outlined above then the place will be returned to the single events (i.e. K1 Men, C1 Men, K1 Women) in the same category and distance, from which the athlete quota place came from.

Qualification in the same boat class over two distances

If the same athlete qualifies the two (2) boat quota places in Women's K1 200m & K1 500m and Men's K1 200m & K1 500m and Men's C1 200m & C1 500m and Women's C1 200m & C1 500m, the NOC will be allocated those two (2) boat quota places and one (1) athlete quota place in K1 W 500m, K1 M 500m, C1 M 500 and C1 W 500 events respectively.

The unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best placed NOC(s) in the respective event, not yet qualified.

D.2. Host NOC Places

The Host NOC is guaranteed the following allocation, subject to meeting the eligibility requirements detailed in section C:

- Two (2) quota places in the Men's event (K1 M 500m and C1 M 500m);
- Two (2) quota places in the Women's event (K1 W 500m and C1 W 200m).

D.3. Universality Places

An NOC that has not obtained a male quota place in any event at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships will be eligible to receive one (1) athlete quota place in C1 M 500m event.

An NOC that has not obtained a female quota place in any event at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships will be eligible to receive one (1) athlete quota place in C1 W 200m event.

For NOCs to be eligible for a Universality place, the NOC athlete must have participated in either C1 M 500m or C1 W 200m event at the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships.

The Universality places in C2 M 500m and C2 W 500m events will be allocated by the EOC in conjunction with the ECA.

In case the above criteria cannot be applied, Universality places will be agreed and allocated by the EOC in conjunction with ECA based on the results of the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The EOC will inform by email the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by 15 October 2022.

By 1 November 2022, eligible NOCs must inform, by email, the EOC whether or not they intend to use the allocated quota places and participate at the 2023 European Games.

By 15 December 2022, the EOC, in agreement with the ECA, will reallocate all unused quota places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Any unused quota place (including qualification places, host NOC places, universality places) will be allocated to the next best NOC not yet qualified in the respective event. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

If quota places are not filled from the procedures outlined above, the EOC in conjunction with ECA will then reallocate the remaining quota place based on the results of the 2022 Canoe Sprint European Championships.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
18-21 August 2022	European Canoe Sprint Championships
1 October 2022	The EOC in agreement with the European Canoe Association to allocate the Universality Places
15 October 2022	The EOC to confirm by email in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
1 November 2022	The NOCs confirm to the EOC by email the use of the allocated quota places.
15 November 2022	The EOC in agreement with the European Canoe Association to start the reallocation process of all unused quota places
15 December 2022	List of confirmed quota places announced
2 June 2023	European Games 2023 Sport Entries Deadline
21 June - 2 July 2023	European Games 2023

H. OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024 QUALIFICATION

There will be no qualification in Canoe Sprint for Paris 2024 in the 2023 European Games.