

CANOE SLALOM OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM Q&A LA28

We have compiled a working document of questions we have received with our responses regarding the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 qualification system for Canoe Slalom. This document will be updated as we progress towards the Olympic Games LA28 and is provided to ensure a consistent and transparent response in regard to the questions posed around the qualification system. Please note that this paper does not in any way or form represent the rules themselves.

For the rules you should refer to: [Qualification System for the Olympic Games LA28](#)

1. How many Olympic rankings are calculated per gender?

Separate Olympic Qualification Rankings are calculated for each of the 6 Olympic events (MK1, MC1, MX1, WK1, WC1, WX1), which means an NOC may earn three quotas per gender.

2. How many quotas per gender can be allocated to an NOC via phase 1?

Based on the six Olympic Qualification Rankings, an NOC may be allocated up to three quotas per gender (K1, C1, X1) in phase 1, provided that each quota is earned by a different athlete.

3. Is an NOC not eligible to enter athletes in phase 2 if that NOC has already been allocated quotas via phase 1?

If an NOC has been allocated a quota in either Kayak Single or Kayak Cross in one gender during phase 1, that NOC can't enter any athlete in phase 2 neither in Kayak Single nor in Kayak Cross in that gender. Apart from this, if an NOC has been allocated a quota in Canoe Single in one gender during phase 1, that NOC can't enter any athlete in phase 2 in Canoe single in the same gender.

4. Which NOCs are eligible to compete during phase 3?

All NOCs are eligible to compete in any event in phase 3 as long as they haven't been allocated a quota in the same event at any of the previous two phases. Additionally, only athletes of the eligible NOCs who have not earned a quota at any of the previous two phases are eligible to be entered.

5. Would it be possible to hold the direct Continental Qualifier before the locking of the Olympic Ranking?

No, the three phases of the qualification process are linear with the subsequent phases being built on the previous ones.

6. We understand from D.4.1 If we win a Men's Kayak Single spot in Phase 1 (OQR), we cannot obtain a Kayak Cross spot in Phase 2 (Continental Qualification) in the corresponding gender. However, we wanted clarification on the term 'event considered' and whether in the scenario above, we would be able to win a Men's Kayak Cross quota in Phase 3 (Global Qualification). D.5.1 suggests this is the case, and D.5.2 states it must come from an athlete who has not already earned a quota. I think the scenario would be the same if we had won a Kayak Cross spot, but not a Kayak Single spot?

An NOC earning a quota in Kayak Single or Kayak Cross in Phase 1 (OQR) can not compete in neither Kayak Single nor Kayak cross in Phase 2. The NOC is eligible to enter Phase 3 in the event they haven't earned a quota in Phase 1 with an athlete that hasn't earned a quota yet in any event.

E.g. if an NOC earns a quota in Kayak Cross in Phase 1 by Athlete A, the NOC can not enter Kayak Cross or Kayak Single in Phase 2, however they are eligible to enter Kayak Single in Phase 3 by Athlete B.

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