

Canoe Marathon World Games 2022 Birmingham (USA) *Qualification System*

1. Classes

Men K1, Women K1

2. Events

Men K1 Short Distance
Men K1 Standard Distance
Women K1 Short Distance
Women K1 Standard Distance

3. Quota allocation

	2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships								
	Standard distance						Short distance		
Gender	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Next best ranked	Next best ranked	Host country	Total
Men	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	1	20
Women	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	1	20

4. Quota Per Nation

An NF can obtain a maximum of one (1) quota place per class, unless rule 6e is applied.

Athlete quota places will be allocated to the respective NF and not to the athlete that achieved the place in the qualification event.

5. Athlete Eligibility

All selected athletes must compete in both the short distance and standard distance races in the same class at the World Games 2022.

Each athlete can only be allocated one quota place.

6. Qualification Process

- a. Quota places will be allocated after the conclusion of the competition in the order specified below. If there are heats for an event where not all athletes progress to the final, these athletes will be ranked by order of time after all athletes who progressed to the final. Athletes must have a valid result to be ranked.
- b. Step 1: At the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, the first placed boat from each continent in the Men K1 Standard Distance and Women K1 Standard Distance races will achieve a quota places for their NF.
- c. Step 2: Eleven (11) quota places will be allocated to the best ranked NF not yet qualified in the standard distance race.
- d. Step 3: Three (3) quota places will be allocated to the best ranked NF not yet qualified in the same class from the results of the short distance race.
- e. Step 4: If there are no remaining eligible NFs not yet qualified in a specific class, a second quota place will be allocated from the best ranked second NF boat from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships standard distance race, until all quota places have been allocated.
- f. Step 5: If the host country is represented in the NFs that have achieved a quota place in an event at the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships (continental allocation or otherwise), then the host nation quota place will be reallocated to the best ranked NF not yet qualified in the standard distance race of the same class, regardless of continent.

7. Confirmation process for quota places

The ICF will inform NFs in writing by 1 November 2021 of the athlete quota places they have obtained at the 2021 Marathon World Championships. Eligible NFs must inform the ICF in writing by 1 December whether or not they accept the quota places allocated. By 15 December 2021 the ICF will reallocate all available quota places, as outlined below.

8. Reallocation of unused quota places

- a. Should an NF return an athlete quota place from the continental allocation, the next best ranked NF in that event from the same continent, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place. In the case where there are no more eligible NFs that can gain an athlete quota place from the same continent, the athlete quota place will be given to the next best ranked NF not yet qualified from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships standard distance race, regardless of continental representation.
- b. Should an NF return an athlete quota place that has been obtained from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, other than continental allocation quota places, the next best ranked NF in that event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the athlete quota place.
- c. Should an NF return a host country quota place which was not earned through the qualification process at the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, this quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NF not yet qualified from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships standard distance event in that class.
- d. If the quota places cannot be reallocated as outlined in 8a, 8b and 8c, a second quota place will be allocated from the best ranked second NF boat from the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships standard distance race in the same class, until all quota places have been allocated. Each athlete can only be allocated one athlete quota place.
- e. If an athlete quota place is not filled from the procedures outlined above, the quota places will be allocated by the ICF Executive Committee.

9. Force majeure

If the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships is not held, or if any event does not meet the minimum criteria to be considered a World Championship event (ICF canoe marathon rule 1.7.1.b), instead the results from the same event(s) at the 2019 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships will be utilised, in the same manner as described in this document.