

Technical Package for Canoe/Kayak 2026

Venue:	TBC: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kelowna Paddle Centre2. Gellatly Bay - West Bank First Nation private beach3. Swimming pool - Parkinson Recreation Centre
Age:	13-16, up to 19 for PaddleAll athletes.
Age Description:	Athletes must be born between 2010 and 2013. PaddleAll athletes must be born between 2007 and 2013.
Zone Team Composition:	Eight (8) athletes (no more than six (6) of one gender) per zone.
Wildcards:	Twenty-four (24) wildcards (no more than thirteen (13) of one gender.)
PaddleAll Athletes:	Sixteen (16) additional PaddleAll athletes (athletes with an intellectual impairment.)
Maximum Athletes:	One hundred and four (104), not including indigenous athletes selected via the partnership with ISPARC.
Coaches: (See BC Games General Rules for information about the "adult supervisor" role)	<p>One (1) Head Coach and one (1) Assistant Coach per zone. Each zone is required to have a Head Coach.</p> <p>For large zone teams, a second assistant coach may be approved by the Provincial Advisor before the registration deadline.</p> <p>One (1) additional Head Coach for Paddle-All athletes in the province. One (1) assistant coach per zone fielding one or more PaddleAll athletes may be approved by the Provincial Advisor before the registration deadline.</p> <p>An Adult Supervisor is required if there is no Assistant Coach for the zone.</p> <p>Where the zone team includes both male and female athletes, the Coach and Assistant Coach (or Adult Supervisor) must be of the opposite gender.</p>
Officials: (the number of Officials the sport is permitted to register as participants)	Twenty Five (25). All officials must be members of CanoeKayak BC (CKBC) and registered in the CKBC RAMP membership system.

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Athlete Eligibility:

In addition to [BC Games General Rules](#), the sport-specific eligibility requirements noted in this technical package are in effect for the 2026 BC Summer Games.

All participants must be members of CanoeKayak BC (CKBC) and registered in the RAMP membership system.

Athletes who have competed in paddling for two (2) or less years, will be considered a Learn to Train (LtoT) athlete.

Athletes who have competed in their respective class for two (2) or more years will be considered in the Train to Train (TtoT) category for that class.

Athletes may attend a second BC Summer Games only if they competed in a Learn to Train in SINGLES events at their first Games AND they will compete in the Train to Train in SINGLES events at the 2026 BC Summer Games.

Athletes may not attend more than two (2) BC Summer Games to compete in Canoe/Kayak.

Athletes who have competed in a Canada Summer Games in Canoe/Kayak are ineligible to compete at a subsequent BC Summer Games.

Athletes who have qualified for a single boat final at the previous year's CKC national championships are ineligible to compete at a subsequent BC Summer Games.

Fees:

[See the BC Games General Rules for current BC Games registration fees.](#)

Note that fees are assessed for athletes only (coaches, adult supervisors, and officials do not pay this fee). Sports may assess additional fees to cover training, uniforms, qualification event(s), etc. Please contact your Provincial Advisor or the PSO for more details. Fees are collected by the sport and paid to the BC Games Society upon invoice after the Games.

The Canoe Kayak BC fee charged to athletes is \$450, which includes the BC Games registration fee.

Coach Eligibility:

Note that the role of head coaches and assistant coaches at the BC Games includes traveling to and from the Games with the team/zone, residing with the team/zone in BC Games accommodation, and acting in a supervisory capacity throughout the Games. See [BC Games General Rules](#) for information about the roles of the head coach and assistant coach.

All Head Coaches must be **ELCC CERTIFIED** (Entry Level Competitive Coach certified).

Assistant Coaches must be **ELCC TRAINED** (Entry Level Competitive Coach trained).

All coaches must have completed SafeSport training, background checks, and NCCP's Making Ethical Decisions before the Games.

All coaches must be members of CanoeKayak BC (CKBC) and registered in the CKBC RAMP membership system. CKBC will check these requirements before approving Coaches for the Games.

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Disciplines:

Canoe Kayak events fall into 4 disciplines with various boat types and crew sizes:

SPRINT

- Kayak (single K-1, dual K-2)
- Canoe (single C-1, dual C-2 and quad C-4)
- Indigenous Canoe (IC-1)

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD

- Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP-1)

FLATWATER SLALOM

- Slalom (single K-1, single C-1)

KAYAK POLO

- Polo (teams of 6 boats, KP-1)

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Categories and Events:

SPRINT KAYAK

K-1 (Male / Female)

- 200m PaddleAll Open, Multi Gender
- 500m Learn to Train
- 500m Train to Train
- 1000m Learn to Train
- 2000m Train to Train

K-2 (Male / Female)

- 500m Learn to Train
- 500m Train to Train
- 1000m Mixed Development,, Multi Gender

SPRINT CANOE / INDIGENOUS CANOE

C-1, IC-1 (Male / Female)

- 200m PaddleAll Open, Multi Gender
- 500m Learn to Train
- 500m Train to Train
- 1000m Learn to Train
- 2000m Train to Train

C-2 (Male / Female)

- 500m Learn to Train
- 500m Train to Train
- 1000m Mixed Development, Multi Gender

C-4 (Male / Female)

- 1000m Mixed Open, Multi Gender

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD

SUP-1 (Male / Female)

- Sprint 100m Learn To Train
- Sprint 100m Train To Train
- Obstacle Sprint Learn to Train
- Obstacle Sprint Train to Train

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FLATWATER SLALOM

K-1 (Male / Female)

- Learn to Train
- Train to Train

C-1 (Male/Female)

- Learn to Train
- Train to Train

The slalom course will be on flat water and consist of 10 to 14 gates aiming for 90 seconds to complete the course in individual timed runs.

KAYAK POLO

The polo tournament will consist of multi gender teams of six (6) paddlers, four (4) on the pitch at a time, the rest are spares. Each zone is encouraged to field a complete team. To facilitate the tournament, non-zone aligned teams will be assembled to ensure there are eight (8) teams in competition.

Competition Committees:

Each discipline will have a set competition committee consisting of:

- the CKBC Technical Director,
- the Head Official for the discipline, and
- The Provincial Advisor

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Event Requirements:

Every athlete must participate in a minimum of three (3) categories from four (4) - Sprint, Stand up Paddle board, Flatwater Slalom, Kayak Polo

Every athlete must participate in a minimum of three (3) events and a maximum of eight (8) events.

Athletes may enter LtoT in one type of boat and TtoT in another type.

Entries in the LtoT canoe category may use a high kneel position.

The Competition Committees reserves the right to move LtoT athletes to TtoT when obviously outclassing their category.

Open events have no requirements regarding the athlete's developmental stage; they can be entered by any athlete.

The Mixed Development categories require an even number of LtoT and TtoT athletes per boat.

Multi Gender events means the team has at least one of each gender in the crew.

PaddleAll competitors are encouraged to be part of any crew events.

Team members cannot be replaced between heats and finals without Competition Committee's approval before the event.

Canoe Polo teams can substitute players at any time, both during the match and between the matches from their 6 players designated on the team roster.

Competition Committees reserve the right to combine events where the entries are less than three (3) boats.

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Equipment:

Zones are responsible for providing and using their own sprint paddling equipment.

All non-sprint equipment will be provided - boats (Surfskis and Clipper canoes, Slalom and Kayak polo boats), PFDs, paddles, knee blocks, helmets, ect.

Athletes may use their own polo helmets.

TtoT athletes may use their own equipment.

All equipment must comply with the respective safety rules of the discipline as determined by the Competition Committees.

Zones are responsible for transporting their own sprint paddling equipment or TtoT athletes' private equipment.

Paddle All equipment will follow similar arrangements with the involvement of the PaddleAll athlete and Coaches.

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Equipment - Approved Boats:

CANOE EQUIPMENT

All LtoT races for sprint canoe will be in a recreational canoe (Clipper brand or similar, but not racing designs from the manufacturer.)

C2 Mixed Development race and C4 Mixed Open race will be raced in recreational canoe, same as all LtoT.

CKBC will arrange for these boats to be present.

All TtoT races will be raced in sprint boats.

KAYAK EQUIPMENT

K1

All LtoT SHORT DISTANCE races for SINGLE sprint kayak races will be in Surf Ski kayak - 56 cm beam or wider (Think Ace, Think Jet or equivalent) or development kayaks APPROVED by CKBC Technical Director.

All LtoT and TtoT LONG DISTANCE races (1000m and 2000m) will be in Surf Ski kayak - 56 cm beam or wider (Think Ace, ThinkJet or equivalent).

CKBC will arrange for these boats to be present.

K2

For sprint K2, all LtoT boats must be a beginner style boat. The list of acceptable boats is as follows:

- Hody – Dolphin K2, Marlin K2
- Nelo – Viper K2
- Plastex – Para
- Simon River – Sagitta, Aquila, or Arrow4All
- Elio – Cobra K2

All TtoT races will be raced in sprint boats.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD EQUIPMENT

SUPs and paddles will be arranged by CKBC. TtoT SUP athletes are encouraged to use their own equipment.

LtoT sprint: restricted to CKBC provided boards

TtoT sprint: no restrictions

LtoT and TtoT Technical race: restricted to CKBC provided boards

FLATWATER SLALOM & POLO

- No restrictions on boat models or material (plastic/composite) as long as the boat is designed for the respective sub-discipline.

If there are any questions about suitable boats, the CKBC Technical Director must be consulted no later than the athlete registration deadline. Their decision is final.

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Zone Selections and Registration Deadline:

[Please refer to the BC Games General Rules for the registration deadline set by the BC Games Society. The BC Games deadline is in effect unless an earlier date is set by the Provincial Sport Organization is specified in this technical package. See BC Games General Rules for registration procedures.](#)

CKBC states that all zones must complete zone qualification events by **June 7th, 2026** and provide the results to CKBC Sport Development Manager by **June 8th, 2026**.

Canoe Kayak BC will provide Zones with Provincial Selection Guidelines. Zone selection criteria will be at the discretion of each Zone Coaches and Zone Representative, and must be submitted to CKBC Technical Director for approval prior to their selection trials event, by **April 12th, 2026 at the latest**.

Wildcards will be allocated by a committee composed of the Provincial Advisor and CKBC Technical Director based on circulated criteria from the list of all alternatives registered by **June 15th, 2026**.

Accommodation and Transportation:

Also see [BC Games General Rules](#) for further details about [accommodation](#) and [transportation](#).

It is the BC Games Society policy that ALL participants under 19 are required to stay in Games accommodation, regardless of where they reside, and that at least one adult of the same gender as the athletes must stay in Games accommodation in a supervisory capacity.

ALL participants must check - in on July 22nd (Wednesday).

Parent/Guardians wishing to pick up/drop off athletes from the accommodation site while at the Games must apply in writing to the Zone Head or Assistant Coach prior to taking their child.

Participants are required to travel to and from the Games with their team, on BC Games transportation, where provided.

Athletes wanting to travel separately from their team To/From the Games, must make these arrangements in writing to their Zone Head Coach/Assistant Coach prior to the BCSG.

The Head Coach/Assistant Coach will forward the request to the PSO for approval.

Medals:

The Minus-One Rule will be implemented for all sports. This means that when there are four or more competitors or teams, Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals will be awarded; when there are three competitors or teams, Silver and Gold medals will be awarded, and when there are two competitors or teams only a Gold medal will be awarded.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded in each event, within the parameters of the BC Games Society Minus-One Rule.