



15th IVF-Va'a World Sprints
CANADIAN TEAM QUALIFICATION PROCESS
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GOALS

- Create a process that will build interest in making THE TEAM
- Give all paddlers an equal chance of making the team
- Build the strongest possible TEAM CANADA 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIRMENTS FOR THE TEAM

- Have a valid CORA MEMBERSHIP
- Register your intent to compete for a spot on the team (see CORA web site)
- All competitors vying for Canada V-6 crews, V-12 crews and V-1 positions must attend National Team Trials (trials). Members of Pre-established V-6 crews must attend in categories where race-offs are needed (see below for details). This will be a two day event: **June 2-3, 2012 at Burnaby Lake, Burnaby, B.C.** Exceptions in attendance will be considered on an individual bases by the sprint council and team technical leader.
- All competitors must register for trials at the online registry prior to **April 15, 2012**. The online registry will record how many paddlers are attending the qualifier thus allowing for organization of the event and better dissemination of information.

OVERVIEW OF CANADIAN ALLOTMENTS OF ENTRIES

Canada is allotted six V-1 spots and six V-6 spots for each age category. There are six age categories for both men and women thus 6 age groups x 2 genders x 6 crews x 6 paddlers per crew = 432 paddlers (assuming all V1 paddlers also paddle V6).

The V6 process has been divided into two qualifications: Pre-Established and Canada Crews.

Canada Crews: These are crews that are selected by the Canadian Team Technical Leader and Sprint Council based on OC-1 results at trials. Steers people will be named at the discretion of the Technical Leader and Sprint Council. Two crews will be selected by this protocol for each gender in each age class and named Canada 1 and Canada 2. These

crews will be advised by the Technical Leader and have access to Technical Leader assistance during the pre-Worlds training days in Calgary. Paddlers on these crews are required to be in Calgary to train these crews for the four days preceding Worlds. Details on selection follow.

Pre-Established Crews: These are crews of six individuals who have decided to enter the trials as a crew with the goal of qualifying for a crew position at the World Championships. These crews can be club-based or be crews that are self-organized and self-named. These crews are encouraged to attend preparation camps but will not have access to Technical Leader assistance during the pre-Worlds training days in Calgary. Details on selection follow.

At trials, all paddlers will be ranked using 500m OC1 time trials. *It is recommended that paddlers in pre-established crews trial in OC-1 to earn consideration in V-12 selection and for aid in seeds V-6 crews at Worlds (more information given under "Pre-Established Crew Selection").* V1 time trials (rudderless) will be conducted for V1 selection only. The selection process for V-1, V-6 and V-12 is outlined later in this document.

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ADULT AGE CLASSES (Junior criteria on another document)

V-1 SELECTION

1. V-1 (rudderless solo outrigger canoe) trials will consist of heats, semis and finals. Age classes may be combined depending on number of entries.
2. Top six ranked V-1 paddlers per category at trials will be awarded V-1 spots. Race-offs may be staged to determine final positions in a category *in cases where paddlers seeking entries in the same class with close times did not race in the same class.*
3. **Competitors can qualify for two age categories only.** To do so they are required to race in each age class they seek qualification in the case where the two classes aren't combined for trials. In the case that the volume of entries makes allowing racers to enter more than one category infeasible for regatta logistics, an adult racer will race in the lowest age category and the junior racer will race in the highest age category they seek with their time in that event being used to rank them within the other age classes. As conditions can change from one race to the next, the Technical Leader's discretion will be used to adjust a racer's time to reflect these conditions. Paddlers wishing to race in more than two categories can apply for an exception *30 days prior to trials* to be reviewed by the Technical Leader and Sprint Council.
4. If empty spots remain after the trials in any category they can be applied for and will be assigned at the Technical Leader and Sprint Council's discretion.

V-6 SELECTION CRITERIA

CANADA CREW SELECTION (V-6 500m and 1000 or 1500m)

Qualifying for the five paddling seats in each crew will be in ruddered OC-1's.

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3. Race-offs may be staged to determine a final position in a category *in cases where paddlers seeking entries in the same class with close times did not race in the same class.* is the same as outlined above for V-1 (points # 1, 3 and 4). The top five finishers in the OC-1 trial will be named to Canada Crew A with the steering position open for the Technical Leader and Sprint Council to nominate. Crew B will be composed of the next 5 OC-1 finishers, with, again, the steersperson selected as above. Steers people must trial in the OC-1 to be named to a crew.

4. Paddlers on these crews are required to be in Calgary to train these crews for the four days preceding Worlds.

5. These crews will be advised by the Technical Leader and have access to Technical Leader assistance during the pre-Worlds training days in Calgary.

6. In the case where less than four Pre-determined crews exist, additional Canada crews will be created if there are enough paddlers to fill them to a maximum of 6 crews total per class.

PRE-ESTABLISHED CREW SELECTION (V-6 500m and 1000 or 1500m)

These crews register as complete crews and will be given four entries per category.

The deadline for application for a Pre-established crew position is **April 22, 2012**. A form will be available.

If more than four crews register in any category, that category will race-off at the trials over 500m and 1000m (or 1500m for Open) distances on the second day of competition.

Points will be awarded in the following way:

7 points: First

5 points: Second

3 points: Third
2 points: Fourth
1 point: Fifth

The top four point holders will be awarded the entries for both distances in that category. In the case of race-offs, a pre-established crew must race in every contended in age category in which it seeks qualification. In the case of a tie for points, the crew with the better 500m result will be given the entry.

In the case there are less than 4 pre-established crews in a category, there will be no race-offs for that category and additional entries will be filled with Canada crews if there are enough paddlers to fill them.

Important notes:

- Paddlers who qualify for Canada crew positions based on their OC-1 trials will be offered these positions regardless of whether they are a member of a Pre-established crew. In this case, they will have to choose one or the other crew within five days of learning their placements. In the case this paddler accepts their Canada crew spot, it is up to the Pre-established crew to find a replacement paddler or they will forfeit their entry.
- A Pre-established crew that has lost more than 2 members of their crew for any reason after the trials may lose their entry to the fifth place crew qualifier if the Technical Leader and Sprint Council feel this crew change has weakened the crew sufficiently. A crew requiring a replacement paddler can contact the Technical Leader for the next paddler in the OC-1 rankings but are ultimately responsible for filling their own crew.

SEEDING V-6 ENTRIES:

IMPORTANT: It is strongly encouraged that all paddlers wishing to race crew boats at Worlds, whether in a pre-established or a Canada National crew, race the OC-1 race at trials as the results of this event will be used to seed V-6's for World's lane placement and for V-12 selections (see below). At Worlds, crews are seeded based on the ranking they hold in their country. The Technical Leader and Administrator are requested to submit the seeding of the countries teams prior to the event. As Pre-established teams may not be slower than Canada teams, all teams in a category will be seeded based on the OC-1 rankings of their 6 paddlers (including steersperson). As lanes are frequently un-even at Worlds, V-6 teams may be assigned names at the World's once the lane draw has come out with the first ranked team getting the most favourable position assigned in the draw for the heats. Subsequent to the heats, progressing boats will keep the team name assigned in the heats.

A paddler without an OC-1 result will be ranked following those with results, except in extenuating circumstances, whereby ranking will be at the discretion of the Technical Leader and Sprint Council.

V-12 SELECTION

Selection of V-12 crews will be based on combination of OC-1 and V-6 results to make the best possible crews.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Paddlers on the intent to compete list will receive notification of camp details when available. These camps are optional opportunities for skill acquisition and paddling with potential or known crewmates.

Dates:

- March 3-4: Vancouver
- May 5-6: Vancouver
- July 7-8: Vancouver

Calendar of Important 2012 Dates

Now: Fill out intent to compete: CORA website

April 15: Deadline for trials registration: Online

April 22: Deadline for application for Pre-established crew positions: Form TBA

June 2-3: National Team Trials: Burnaby, BC

August 7-10: Pre-Worlds practice days: Calgary, AB

August 11-15: IVF-Va'a World Championships: Calgary, AB

Appendices:**Appendix 1:**

Approximate V1 Semi-Final Times: These times are provided as a guide for your goal-setting and assessment of your competitiveness. The table represents a best-guess at the times needed to make the semi-finals at Worlds in each category. The times are approximately 15 seconds slower than the time needed to reach the podium. These are not predictors of the times of paddlers at trials, so please participate regardless of your ability to reach attain these standards.

Category	Men	Women
16 & Under	2:38	2:56
19 & Under	2:29	2:51
open	2:26	2:46
Master	2:33	2:51
Sr Masters	2:37	2:55
Golden Masters	2:45	3:01
Masters 70	N/A	N/A

Appendix 2:

Age Classes: These are the same for men and women.

- a. Junior (16) competitors must not reach the age of 17 before or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place and must reach the age of at least 11 during said calendar year.
- b. Junior (19) competitors must not reach the age of 20 before or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place and must reach the age of at least 14 during said calendar year.
- c. Open competitors must reach the age of at least 16 during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.
- d. Masters competitors must have reached the age of 40 by or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.
- e. Senior Masters competitors must have reached the age of 50 by or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.
- f. Golden Masters competitors must have reached the age of 60 by or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.
- g. Master 70 competitors must have reached the age of 70 by or during the calendar year in which the competition takes place.