



TEAM CANADA SELECTION PROCESS

World Elite and Club Championships, London England,
August 7-16, 2022

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2022 IVF WORLD SPRINTS OVERVIEW:

The 2022 IVF World Sprint Championships in London will follow the same format as 2018 & 2016.

- Part one of the event consists of an **Elite Championship** showcasing the top V6/V12 paddlers in *U19* and *Open* age categories from each country.
- Part two is the **World Club Championship**, the same as previous Championships.
- Note: All V1 races are considered Elite but will be run throughout the 7 days of the Championship events.

This document will cover the selection process for paddlers to represent Canada for both the **CLUB** and **ELITE** Championships.

For background on the set up of the World Sprints event and the particulars around Elite and Club - please look at the IVF Race Rules.

http://www.ivfiv.org/uploads/2/5/3/8/25381158/race_rules_sprint_rev_2018.pdf

Specific event information will be posted as it becomes available on the IVF website at:

<http://www.ivfiv.org/2022-ivf-world-sprint-championship.html>

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGY

Elite

- World Elite Championship – An Elite World championship is where countries/regions are represented by their best paddlers.
- V6 – Canada has **one entry** for U19 and Open age categories men and women in the 500m and the 1000m (U19)/1500m (open) races
- V12 – Canada has **one entry** for U19 and Open Men and Women 500m
- All V1 paddlers are considered ELITE no matter their age category
- ELITE paddlers may be chosen for drug testing at the event
- Canada will aim to field the best paddlers/crews possible for our ELITE crews
- Paddlers aged 14+ can be considered for U19 ELITE crew
- Paddlers aged 16+ can be considered for Open ELITE crew

Club

- World Club Championship – Club teams from a country will compete against other club teams for the title of “Club Champion”. Paddlers participating in the Elite competition will be allowed to paddle with a club crew but crews are limited to 3 elite members per V6 entry or 6 elite members per V12 entry. V1 paddlers will not be considered in the elite quota for club teams.
- Within CORA, a Club crew is defined as a group of paddlers from the same club or are self-organized from individual paddlers that train together regularly.
- Crews from CORA clubs wishing to represent Canada should apply according to the process outlined in the Club Selections section of this document
- Paddlers that train together regularly but are not of the same club are eligible for a Club crew spot and should apply according to the process outline in the Club Selections section of this document.
- Crews from a Club and crews that are self-selected will be treated the same for selections. For the purposes of this document will both be referred to as Club Crews.

Free Agent

- Since not everyone is a member of a club, has enough people at their club to put together a crew, or has a regional group that they regularly train with, there for there will be the option of trialing as "Free Agent".
- In the past these crews were called Canada 1, Canada 2, etc.
- Please see the Club Crew selection section – V6 Canada Free Agent Crew Selection for details of this process.
- Successful paddlers will be named to a Draft Free Agent crew after day 1 of the trials and will race off on day 2 as that crew against the registered Club Crews to determine which crews get the quota spots for Team Canada.

SELECTION PROCESS OBJECTIVES:

- To provide all paddlers with a fair and equitable opportunity to make TEAM CANADA for the 2022 World Sprint Championships
- To build the strongest and most cohesive TEAM CANADA for 2022
- To develop a process that is inclusive and fosters paddler interest in making TEAM CANADA for 2022 and for future events

PADDLER REQUIREMENTS:

- All paddlers must have a current CORA membership
- All paddlers wishing to compete at the 2022 World Sprint Championships in England are strongly encouraged to time trial at the selection trials. Paddlers not attending may be added as fill-ins if required.
- Any paddlers not able to attend due to health/injury reasons may request an exemption to be reviewed by CORA’s IVF committee.
- **All paddlers intending to compete for a V1 entry and/or the Elite V6 category must compete at the West Trials.**

KEY GOAL DATES:

DATE:	FOR:
June 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEAM CANADA online intent to compete opens • Selection Process uploaded to CORA website
July 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent to Compete forms close
August 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates and locations announced for East and West Trials • Registration for trials open and registration fee announced
September 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trials registration closes • Club crews must have submitted rosters • Last day to pay registration fee
September ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting of East Trial race schedule • Posting of West Trial race schedule
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EAST TRIALS – Host yet to be determined</i>
September TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WEST TRIALS - Calgary Canoe Club</i>
October 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary trial results posted to CORA website • V1 Preliminary selections announced
October 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL Paddlers <u>not</u> intending to compete in London to provide notice to the Selection Committee.
October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V1 Selections announced • Applications for any unclaimed V1 spots open
November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for any unclaimed V1 spots due
November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication of all TEAM CANADA crews, Elite and Club
November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm if you are planning on competing in London.
February 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A non-refundable deposit up to \$250 is due by each paddler to cover some expenses related to the intent to compete registration with IVF, and the mandatory pieces of the TEAM CANADA uniform package
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training camp dates for Club crews and V1s to be determined over the off-season
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training camp dates for Elite V6/12 to be determined over the fall/winter

AGE CATEGORIES:

Paddlers must have reached the minimum age of an age category by the end of the calendar year in which the competition is taking place (2022). The table below identifies the age categories, and their corresponding age ranges and minimum age requirements. All PARA events are in the PARA Open category.

AGE CATEGORIES	AGE CRITERIA *D.O.B in 2022	Number of Club Championships Entries plus Elite V1	Race Distances
JUNIOR 16	16 & Under (min. age: 11yrs) 2006-2011	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
JUNIOR 19	19 & Under (min. age: 14yrs) 2003-2008	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
OPEN	Min. age: 16yrs 2006 and earlier	V1 = 3 Men, 4 Women V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1500m
PARA (Open)	Min. age of 16yrs 2006 and earlier	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1 250m V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
MASTERS 40	40+yrs 1982 and earlier	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
MASTERS 50	50+yrs 1972 and earlier	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
MASTERS 60	60+yrs 1962 and earlier	V1 = 3 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 1000m
MASTERS 70	70+yrs 1952 and earlier	V1 = 4 V6 = 6 V12 = 3	V1/V6/V12 500m V6 500m 1 turn

**For entries for Elite Championships in V6 and V12, please see next section*

TEAM CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA - ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALL AGE CATEGORIES

V1 SELECTION PROCESS

BOAT BEING USED FOR TRIALS:

Solo Rudderless Outrigger Canoe (V1) - Teva Nui

V1 RIGGING:

Rigging will be standardized as per IVF rules. Any altering of the rigging will result in immediate disqualification.

RULES FOR V1:

IVF rules for V1 will be followed: no additional equipment may be added to the V1 (seat accessories, foot braces, GPS on boat)

TRAINING:

All paddlers vying for a V1 spot should have regular access to a V1 or paddling without a rudder on their OC1. For paddlers new to Sprint Trials, the following chart provides a benchmark of V1 times for each category. The times listed below are within 10 seconds of the *slowest* Canadian qualifier in their category from the previous CORA World Sprint V1 Trials, which were in Calgary, in a blizzard, in 2019. That means that third place was 10 seconds faster than these times.

Category	Men's	Women's
U16	3:22	4:15
U19	3:12	3:21
Open	2:39	2:57
Masters 40	2:37	3:00
Masters 50	2:40	3:01
Masters 60	2:51	3:17
Masters 70	2:55	3:34

IMPORTANT: Paddlers may be permitted to race down an age category in addition to their given category. As such, they may have to trial in each category. This will be determined based on numbers for eligible spots and entries.

NOTE: If a paddler is racing in two age categories at Worlds please note that the IVF World Sprints race program will not be altered if that paddler finds themselves with back-to-back races. A scratch fee of US \$100 will be levied by the IVF (to be paid by the paddler/s) should a paddler have to scratch a race.

TIME TRIAL PROCESS:

All trials for V1 will be held at the WEST trial. The time trials may consist of heats and/or finals (A, B, C...) depending on the number of entries for each age category. Age categories may be combined depending on the number of registered entries for each age category.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The top V1 paddlers per age category (see chart for 2022 V1 entries based on 2018 World Sprint Medalists) from the time trials may be awarded V1 spots.

NOTE: Exceptions MAY be made on a case by case basis such as for the development of a younger paddler to get experience or when an older paddler has a significantly faster time in the younger category, for example.

NOTE: If a paddler has an emergency/unforeseen circumstance, they can apply to the CORA IVF Selection Committee for an exception. The committee will take into account:

- Circumstance
- Paddler's resume
- Previous IVF experience and performance
- Past race season performances in V1/OC1
- Prognosis (if injury/illness)
- Commitment

FORFEITING SPOT:

Paddlers awarded a V1 spot but unable to attend the World Championships in London may forfeit their spot by notifying the Selection Committee. The next fastest paddler based on time trial results may be offered the V1 spot (see notes above for exceptions).

EMPTY/UNCLAIMED SPOTS:

If any empty/unclaimed spots remain after the time trials in any age category they can be applied for and will be assigned at the discretion of the Selection Committee. The deadline for any empty/unclaimed spots outlined in KEY DATES.

Priority will be given to paddlers that time trialed. If spots are still available after the above deadline, paddlers without a V1 time trial result may apply for that spot; awarding of V1 spot in this instance is not a guarantee.

TEAM CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA - ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U19 & OPEN

V6 SELECTION PROCESS

BOAT BEING USED FOR TRIALS:

Solo Ruddered Outrigger Canoe (OC1) – CLion

OC1 RIGGING:

- Seat distance may be altered and fixed to ensure paddler is able to use the pedals to steer the boat. Additional equipment is permitted to be added to the OC1 such as foot pedal extenders, yoga block/water bottle/shoe to ensure the seat is fixed.
- Rigging will be fixed, paddlers shall NOT alter the rigging (this will cause too many time delays).
- No GPS devices permitted to be affixed to the boat

IMPORTANT:

- All paddlers wishing to be considered for the ELITE crews MUST attend the WEST TRIAL.
- ELITE trials will run in conjunction with the OC1 races at the WEST trials
- The numbers of Intent to Compete forms will determine if we can field a U19 ELITE crew as well as an Open crew.
- Paddlers age 16 or older are eligible to be considered for the ELITE Open crew.
- Paddlers age 14-19 can trial for U19 ELITE

STEERS:

All steers must identify themselves at time of registration to be eligible to qualify as a steers. Steers must time trial in OC1 like everyone else. Steers have the option of being a paddler as well.

TIME TRIAL PROCESS:

All trials for ELITE will be held at the WEST trial. The time trials may consist of heats and/or finals as needed depending on the number of entries for each age category (U19/Open). Age categories may be combined depending on the number of registered entries for each age category. Some paddlers may be placed to race again to get head to head comparisons if results are close.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The top paddlers per age category from the time trials may be awarded spots to the ELITE crews. More than six paddlers may be selected for the V6 crew and more than 12 for the V12 crew. Further evaluations may be required over the off-season and at the mandatory training camps to determine seat suitability and skills. From this group, different paddlers may be named to the ELITE 500m crew and 1000/1500m crew.

V12 ELITE crews may or may not be formed. This will be based on the numbers of paddlers, caliber of paddlers and distribution of paddlers on Club teams.

NOTE: Exceptions MAY be made on a case by case basis such as for the development

of a younger paddler to get experience or when an older paddler has a significantly faster time in the younger category, for example.

NOTE: If a paddler has an emergency/unforeseen circumstance, they can apply to the CORA IVF Selection Committee for an exception. The committee will take into account:

- Circumstance
- Paddler's resume
- Previous IVF experience and performance
- Past race season performances in V1/OC1
- Prognosis (if injury/illness)
- Commitment

TRAINING:

All paddlers vying for an ELITE crew spot should have regular access to an OC1. For paddlers new to OC Sprint Trials, the following chart provides a benchmark of OC1 times for the Open ELITE crew from the previous CORA World Sprint ELITE Trials, which were in Calgary, in a blizzard, in 2019. The times given represent the 10th place time of all the competitors trialing for ELITE.

Category	Men's	Women's
Open	2:37	2:57

Paddlers trialing for an ELITE crew spot will be expected to be committed to pursuing a level of training that is expected of a World Class paddler in preparation for the World Sprints as part of the ELITE crew with the understanding that if their training and performance decline, they may be removed from the crew.

IMPORTANT:

Paddlers selected for ELITE will be responsible for all travel and related expenses involved in getting together for at least 2-3 MANATORY ELITE Training Camps throughout the Spring/Summer 2022 in preparation for the Worlds. These training camps will be 2-5 days in length with dates and locations TBD.

FORFEITING SPOT:

Paddlers awarded an ELITE spot but unable to attend the World Championships in London may forfeit their spot by notifying the Selection Committee. This is why there may be more than 6/12 paddlers named to ELITE after the fall trials.

TEAM CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALL AGE CATEGORIES

V6 / V12 SELECTION PROCESS

Canada can enter up to six V6 crews and three V12 crews per category, in the CLUB Championships.

Paddlers have two avenues they can take to participate

- 1) Form a crew within your Club
- 2) If you do not have a Club crew vying for a spot, you can trial as a 'Free Agent'.

On the trials registration form paddlers indicate that they are trialing as a Club crew paddler OR as a solo Free Agent paddler intending to compete for a seat on a Free Agent crew in the respective Club V6 category.

The CLUB crew selection process section is divided into Free Agent Crew Selection and Club Crews to highlight the differences in how they are selected/created and how they will be ranked against one another.

The number of Free Agent crews and Club crews for each region (EAST/WEST) will be determined by the Selection Committee based on the number of intent to compete forms submitted from each region and the quality of crews trialing.

V6 CANADA FREE AGENT CREW SELECTION PROCESS

BOAT BEING USED:

Solo Rudderless Outrigger Canoe (OC1) – CLion in West, TBD in East

OC1 RIGGING:

- Seat distance may be altered and fixed to ensure paddler is able to use the pedals to steer the boat. Additional equipment is permitted to be added to the OC1 such as foot pedal extenders, yoga block/water bottle/shoe to ensure the seat is fixed.
- Rigging will be fixed, paddlers shall NOT alter the rigging (this will cause too many time delays).
- No GPS devices permitted to be affixed to the boat

STEERS:

All steers must identify themselves at time of registration to be eligible to qualify as a steers. Steers have the option of choosing to be a paddler as well.

Steers people must time trial in OC1 to be named to a Draft Free Agent crew. Steers will be named to Draft Free Agent crews based on OC1 rankings and Selection Committee consultation (where required).

TIME TRIAL PROCESS:

The time trials will consist of heats and/or finals (A, B, C...) depending on the

number of entries for each age category. Age categories may be combined depending on the number of registered entries for each age category.

IMPORTANT:

- Paddlers may be permitted to qualify for two age categories and therefore may have to trial in both age categories.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Free Agent OC1 trials **may** qualify up to 36 paddlers for Draft Free Agent crews.
- Draft Free Agent Crews will be determined based on the results of the OC1 trial as well as seat suitability, regional considerations, and required skills.
- The Draft Free Agent crews are not guaranteed a spot at Worlds.
- Draft Free Agent crews may have to race against the registered Club crews to determine which crews will be awarded an entry for the World CLUB Crew Championships.

IMPORTANT:

All paddlers that trial on **day 1** for Free Agent crews are required to attend the meeting at the end of day 1 for their **day 2** crew to be announced. Paddlers shall confirm their acceptance ASAP as that will affect the remaining Draft Free Agent Crews.

If a trialling paddler has no intention of going to Worlds, you must let the CORA IVF Committee know ASAP, ideally prior to the event or immediately after your trial.

Club CREW SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of Club crews put forth by CORA clubs is the responsibility of the club.

All Club crews must register their entire crew (6, or more if spares) by the end of the Trails Registration Period as outlined in KEY DATES and those paddlers will not be eligible to time trial in OC1 for Free Agent crews as they may only be on one OR the other. Please ensure that **all members** fill out the [Intent to Compete form](#).

Note that if a Club crew disbands after trials, some of the paddlers that still want to go may be left without a crew. If this is the case, those paddlers should notify the CORA IVF Committee (via IVFsprints@canadianoutrigger.ca) that they are available to fill-in if needed.

REPLACEMENT PADDLERS:

Should any Club Crew require a replacement paddler following the trials, you may contact the CORA IVF Committee for eligible paddlers that may have trialed in OC1 or be remaining from a Club Crew that declined their spot that can fill your seat.

Ultimately, it will be up to the Club crews to replace any paddlers that no longer intend to compete at Worlds. Note that paddlers on Club crews may be replaced by the Club at any time up until IVF paddler registration deadlines in the spring.

FINAL ALLOCATION OF CREWS FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

If there are more than 6 crews vying for CLUB crew spots, the Club crews and Draft Free Agent crews will race in V6 on **the second day of trials**. These results will determine the crews named as the CLUB crews representing CORA.

In addition to the results of the day 2 races, coach and selection committee feedback will be used to determine seeding placements for Worlds entries. This will also be a factor in setting the V12 crews.

Preliminary results from all the trials will be communicated to participants by the date listed in KEY DATES. Any paddlers not intending to compete at Worlds must provide notice to the CORA IVF Committee by October 20, 2021 as listed in KEY DATES. This includes any club crews (as defined on page 2) to clarify if they will remain a Club Crew or not.

IMPORTANT: All of TEAM CANADA will be posted by November 20, 2021.

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION

RACE COURSE SETUP

In Calgary, there will be lanes marked with buoys every 50-100 meters. The finish line may not be directly in line with the last buoy. There will be a camera on the finish line.

RACE START PROCEDURE

Starts will follow the IVF starting procedure. See the race rules outlined on the IVF webpage for details. White flag – stage your boats. Red flag – approach the start line. Black flag – someone is over the start line. Green flag - GO

APPEALS PROCESS

In situations where a paddler is unable to attend time trials due to extenuating circumstances (injury, illness, other), it is up to the paddler to contact the Selection Committee prior to the time trials. The Selection Committee will consider the situation on a case-by-case basis and may seed the paddler within a specific crew accordingly.

RE-RACES

Paddlers have **20 minutes** following their time trial race to post an appeal for a re-race (circumstances must be legitimate such as equipment malfunction, interference during the race not noted by the on-water official). The Selection Committee will rule on the appeal. Appeals received after 20 minutes has passed after the end of the race will not be considered.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Current CORA IVF Committee

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FINAL COMMENTS

We know that this is a lot to digest. Canada is a big country and we are doing our best to ensure that everyone that wants a shot at competing at Worlds has one.

If you are able to assist with the organization and running of an EAST trial, please email IVFsprints@canadianoutrggier.ca as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the process, please review the section in question along with the definitions. If you still have questions, email IVFsprints@canadianoutrigger.ca.

Good luck and happy training!