

CANOE - KAYAK

AGE GROUP(S)

Cadet: 11 - 14 years of age (Born between January 1, 1996 and July 19, 1999)

Junior: 15 - 17 years of age (Born between July 23, 1992 and December 31, 1995)

Athletes cannot be ten (10) years of age or younger or eighteen (18) years of age or older at the Games.

ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

8	competitors per zone	(# of females 4	# of males 4)
2	coaches or chaperones per zone	(# of females 1	# of males 1)

FILL POLICY

In the event that a zone does not have athletes to fill the roster, athletes from another zone may "fill" and compete for the fill-zone. If a zone does not have enough competitors for each age/gender category, it is permissible for the zone to send more competitors in another age/gender category to the team maximum of four (4) males and four (4) females. Fill athletes will be selected in order by the Provincial Sport Coordinator using a province wide ranking system based on percentages in both events. An attempt will be made to first fill the age/gender requirements of each zone.

Fills must be submitted for approval to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation by **June 21, 2010**.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

Those eligible to participate are anyone between the ages of 11 and 17 who qualified at zone trials. Eligible competitors from just outside the provincial boundary, who are members of the AWA may be able to compete in the zone 7 and 8 play offs if they have no provincial events in their province/territory.

An athlete may represent and compete for the zone they reside in. An athlete may represent and complete for the zone in which they reside or for the zone that they are affiliated with as a club member upon the approval of the Alberta Whitewater Association.

Athletes nominated to the Canadian National Junior Teams in Slalom, Wildwater, Freestyle or Canoe Polo are not eligible to participate in the Alberta Summer Games.

Refer to the Alberta Games Athlete Eligibility guidelines (listed on page 11) for further details.

Coaches

NCCP Certification - A minimum of one (1) member per zone of the staff registered as coaches must be certified (technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least **Level 1 Kayak** and/or **Community Kayak Instructor; Open Water**.

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

AFFILIATION

All athletes participating in the Alberta Summer Games must be members of the Alberta Whitewater Association (AWA) at a cost of \$10/person. Membership includes liability insurance and access to athlete subsidy. Deadlines for membership within the AWA will be prior to the commencement of participation in an AWA event such as zone trials. To affiliate, contact the Alberta Whitewater Association at (403) 628-2336, or check out www.albertawhitewater.ca for more information.

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2010 Alberta Summer Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$50.00. This fee will go towards offsetting the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games. A refund will be given for athletes unable to attend the Alberta Summer Games due to medical reasons.

Please note that the registration deadline for Canoe - Kayak is **June 21, 2010**.

EVENTS

Slalom

Slalom shall be governed by the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) with the exceptions of rules pertaining to age. The best of two (2) runs will be used.

Slalom : (10 – 18 gates on Grade I to II- water)	Cadets (Age 11 – 14)	Juniors (Age 15 – 17)
Category	Girls K-1	Girls K-1
	Boys K-1	Boys K-1
	Girls C-1	Girls C-1
	Boys C-1	Boys C-1
	C-2 *	C-2*
	Team Race: K1, K1W, C1, C1W, or C2**	Team Race: K1, K1W, C1, C1W, or C2**

* C-2 teams may be comprised of any combination of gender (i.e. two (2) males, two (2) females or one female and one male). Mixed age C-2 teams have to race in the older age group.

Paddlers may compete in a maximum of two (2) Slalom event classes in which they are eligible.

**Each zone is eligible to compete in the team race and submit up to a maximum of two (2) teams/zone. Mixed age teams have to race in the older age group.

** For the team race, the 3 person team cannot have more than 1 boat from any class (K1, K1W, C1, C1W, C2)

Wildwater

Wildwater shall be governed by the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) with the exceptions of rules pertaining to age,

Wildwater: (10 – 15 minute course <3-6 km> on Grade I to II- water)	Cadets (Age 11 – 14)	Juniors (Age 15 – 17)
Category	Girls K-1	Girls K-1
	Boys K-1	Boys K-1
	C-2 *	C-2*

* C-2 teams may be comprised of any combination of gender (i.e. two (2) males, two (2) females or one female and one male) Mixed age C-2 teams have to race in the older age group.

Paddlers may compete in only one (1) Wildwater class in which they are eligible.

Canoe Polo

Canoe Polo shall be governed by the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) with the exceptions of rules pertaining to team size, team composition, tournament format and time of games to accommodate the Alberta Summer Games format.

One (1) team per zone of all zone competitors. Zone teams may only have two (2) junior boys on the canoe polo pitch at any time. The other three (3) players on the pitch can be girls or cadet boys. The other three (3) spares can be any age or gender, but when one junior boy is subbed on, a junior boy must sub off to maintain only two (2) junior boys on the pitch.

The Canoe Polo event at the Alberta Summer Games format will be a single round robin tournament that allows each team to play all other zones.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

After the posting of results for slalom and wildwater events, zone coaches have thirty (30) minutes to lodge an inquiry into times and penalties with the chief judge. The chief judge will decide whether there is enough information for the athlete to win a protest or leave the time standing.

For the canoe polo event the field judge has full control of the match. Zone coaches have 30 minutes after a match to lodge a protest with the chief judge.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

All competitors shall wear approved helmet and PFD's when on the water.

Slalom competitors shall use an ICF regulation 3.5 m minimum composite boat or approved plastic boat.

Wildwater competitors should use an ICF regulation kayak or C-2; either plastic or composite.

Canoe Polo shall be played in approved padded boats, full face mask helmets and approved paddles. The AWA and Alberta Canoe Polo along with supporting clubs will provide a selection of shared boats, paddles, pfd's and facemask helmets necessary for canoe polo for all zones.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

Zone trials will be held using a standardized provincial format combining skill sets of slalom boat maneuvers and canoe polo ball handling in local 25 meter – 6 lane pools.

Competitors can participate in either K-1 or C-1 boats and will be evaluated against all other zone athletes based upon time and penalties to pick a balanced team of Cadets and Juniors, Males and Females, Canoes and Kayaks.

All zone trials will be completed by **June 20, 2010**.

Consult the Provincial Sport Coordinator or your Foundation Sport Liaison to determine the date and location of zone playoffs.

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) zones has a designated Canoe - Kayak representative. The Provincial Sport Coordinator the Foundation Sport Liaison (listed on page #) can advise you how to contact this person.

HOST COMMUNITY SPORT CHAIR

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