

CANOE - KAYAK



AGE GROUP(S)

- Cadet: 11 - 14 years of age (Born between August 11, 1993 and August 7, 1997)
 Junior: 15 - 17 years of age (Born between August 11, 1990 and August 10, 1993)

ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

<u>10</u>	competitors per zone	(# of females	<u>5</u>	# of males	<u>5</u>)
<u>2</u>	coaches or chaperones per zone	(# of females	<u>1</u>	# of males	<u>1</u>)

FILL POLICY

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 five (5) males and five (5) females.

In the event that a zone does not have athletes to use all their spots, athletes from another zone may "fill" and compete for their own zone. Fill athletes will be selected in order 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 **July 9, 2008**.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

Those eligible to participate are anyone between the ages of 11 and 17 who qualified at zone trials. A maximum of two (2) categories may be competed in. Eligible competitors from just outside the provincial boundary, who are members of the AWA may be able to compete in our zone 7 and 8 play offs as they have no provincial events in their province/territory.

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

Coaches

NCCP Certification - A minimum of one (1) member per zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified (theory, technical and practical) under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least **Level 1 in Kayak** 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.

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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 (780) 427-6717.

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2008 Alberta Summer Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of **\$40.00**. 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.

Please note that the registration deadline for Canoe - Kayak is **July 9, 2008**.

EVENTS

Slalom shall be governed by the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) with the exceptions of rules pertaining to age, and best of two (2) runs will be used instead of combined run times.

Canoe Polo will follow ICF rules. Exceptions may be made to such rules as team size and time of games to accommodate the Alberta Summer Games format.

Wildwater will follow ICF rules.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

After the posting of time trials for events and categories, athletes have thirty (30) minutes to lodge an inquiry into their times and penalties. This will be done through a zone representative who then will meet 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.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

All competitors shall wear approved helmet and PFD's. Slalom competitors should use a 3.5 m minimum composite boat or approved plastic boat. Canoe Polo shall be played in approved padded boats, and with full face mask helmets and approved paddles. Wildwater competitors should use an approved paddle boat; either plastic or composite.

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ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

Individual zone trials will be held following a standard provincial format combining both Slalom and Canoe Polo results. All zone trials will be completed by **July 7, 2008**.

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

PROVINCIAL SPORT ADVISOR

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

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

HOST COMMUNITY SPORT CHAIR

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