

# **COPAC CANOE SLALOM COMPETITION RULES INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of these slalom rules is to take a first step in regulating COPAC slalom competitions (specifically the Pan American Slalom Championships) and to note ways in which these rules differ from the ICF Slalom Racing Competition Rules. While ICF rules will mainly be used, a few adjustments will be made for COPAC competitions.

The spirit behind these rules is to motivate participation from as many COPAC federations as possible, in order to establish solid annual Pan-American Slalom Championships. Rule definitions will be valid for any future championships that are well known by all slalom participants, federations, athletes, and coaches.

These rules are intended to be temporary and will apply only until the universal participation of the COPAC federations is ensured, and the number of participants becomes too high to organize the Pan-American Slalom Championships in a way that is convenient for the most federations. When this occurs, the rules should be reviewed in the spirit in which they were established. Rule reviews should also look at IOC recommendations and follow the spirit of the next ICF Olympic Qualifying System.

These rules will be valid from the date of publication and can be revised annually for improvements and corrections, in the interest of COPAC and the federations and keeping in mind the spirit of universal participation. Universal participation is the IOC policy for Olympic Games and applies equally to COPAC rules. It also complies with ICF needs to have strong continental championships and to keep slalom in the Olympic Program.

# COPAC CANOE SLALOM COMPETITION RULES 2012

## 1. COMPETITION RULES

- 1.1 ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules will be used for all COPAC competitions.

## 2. Participation

- 2.1 All categories in Chapter II Rule 6 of the ICF CSL rules
- 2.2 Para Canoe Slalom

Women	K1
Men	K1
Women	C1
Men	C1
Women	C2
Men	C2

## 3 COMPETITION RULES FOR THE PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1 Numerical entries for the COPAC Pan American Championships should be sent to the organizing committee 45 days prior to the competition and nominal entries sent to the organizing committee 14 days prior to the competition. In the case that the COPAC Pan American Championships is also an ICF Rankings race the nominal entries will need to be entered via the ICF online entries system. Late entries to the Pan Am Championships will only be accepted by the Chief Judge of the competition after consultation with the COPAC Executive committee.

3.2 Participation in the Pan Am Championships is unlimited Each COPAC Federation at the Team Leader meeting will nominate the three athletes per event to compete for individual medals and Nations Cup points.

3.2.1 Competitions that are held in conjunction with (or together with) COPAC Canoe Slalom competitions and whose participation is limited, the Federations must nominate their respective competitors in the same meeting referred to in Rule 3.2.

3.3 Individual National medals will be limited to one per event per country.

3.4 Nations Cup points will be awarded to each participating COPAC Federation to the top three competitors from each event. A cup will be awarded to the Federation with the highest points. According to ICF CSL rule 41.14.5.

3.5 Medals referred to in Rules 2.3 and 2.4 will be awarded to the best boat of each event and country at the conclusion of the race.

3.6 Semi-final and final runs should be organized in the interest of the sport, federations, athletes, and organization, in agreement between COPAC and the organizer. In cases where semi-finals and finals are organized according to the results of all participants (including non-COPAC competitors), the results of COPAC nations will be extracted from the overall final result and calculated separately according to Rules 3.3 and 3.4

3.7 Whenever possible, team competitions should be organized. COPAC must agree to any exclusion of team competitions.

3.8 For a competition in any category to be valid for the Pan-American Championships, at least three boats or teams, from at least two federations, must start the race. It is not necessary for the boats or teams to finish the race.

3.9 Mixed teams (boats from different categories and/or countries) may participate in the team competition, but they do not qualify for championship medals or points.

3.10 Athletes from non-COPAC federations may participate in races on the condition that an exclusive list of COPAC federation member's results and awards are used. These athletes will only be allowed to participate with agreement from the championship's organizers. In instances where athletes from non-COPAC federations enter a competition, it is advisable that overall awards are also given, to motivate them and to ensure that their participation makes sense. Race organizers are also free to organize semi-finals and finals with this wider range of participants.