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A. HISTORY OF THE SPORT

CanoeKayak Canada was formed in 1900. Organized canoe racing had been on-going for half a century, and Canoe stands as Canada's oldest organized sport.- At that time, canoes and kayaks were an inexpensive way for the average person to enjoy the recreational benefits of paddling on Canada's lakes and rivers. In summertime, many communities would rally around their canoe clubs for their annual 'regatta day' and the thrill of the climactic one mile war canoe race. Early canoe regattas in Canada were known to have attracted more than 40,000 Spectators!

Since Francis Amyot took the inaugural Gold medal in Mens Canoe Singles in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, CanoeKayak Athletes have consistently taken the maple leaf to the podium at World, and Olympic competition. In particular, the gold medal performance in Athens of van Koeverden in the Men's K-1 500 meter coupled with his bronze medal performance in the Men's K-1 1000 meter distance were Canadian highlights of the 2004 Olympic Games. Thomas Hall joined Adam on the Olympic podium in 2008 with his Bronze medal in C1 1000m. Canada was one of only 3 nations to qualify all 12 events for the 2008 Olympic Games!

Paddlers race canoes and kayaks in Singles (K1, C1), Tandems (K2, C2), and Fours(K4, IC4) though generally an athlete will participate in only one of the two disciplines (Canoe, or Kayak) Race distances for Canada Games are 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 metres. The flat-water course is divided into lanes by a grid of floating markers, straight, and usually on a lake, or a river with little current.

Organizationally, CanoeKayak is a club based sport and relies heavily on local clubs and coaches to help develop athletes for competition. Clubs from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia have traditionally dominated the sport, but recent years have seen strong competitors developing in Western Canada. Dragonboat, Marathon and outrigger are all contributors to our success, and are leading factors in the current growth of the sport.

Internationally, CanoeKayak has long been one of Canada's top-performing sports. Since the mid 1990's it has ascended to the highest rankings, and Canada is now a top 5 country on the international scene. Such athletes as 8 time World Champion, Caroline Brunet of Quebec, Steve Giles of Nova Scotia, Thomas Hall of Quebec, and Canada Games Alumni, Adam van Koeverden (Canada Games Alumni) of Ontario, have become well recognized names in Canadian sport, and have helped lead the way towards the top of the medal podium.

B. CANADA GAMES SPORT HISTORY AND PAST RESULTS

Canoe/kayak racing has been a part of the Canada Games since the inaugural Canada Summer Games held in 1969 in Halifax-Dartmouth, NS.

PAST RESULTS

	1969	1973	1977	1981		1985		1989		1993		1997		2001	
	C	C	C	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
AB	6	7	6	5	8	7	5	6	8	6	5	5	6	5	4
BC	4	4	5	6	5	4	4	5	4	3	6	6	2	7	5
MB	7	5	4	7	7	9	-	8	9	7	7	7	8	6	7
NB	5	-	-	-	-	5	7	7	6	8	8	8	7	8	8
NF	7	-	7	4	6	8	6	9	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
NS	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
ON	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	4	4	3	3	2	6
QC	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	4	3	1	3	2	4	3	3
SK	-	6	8	8	4	6	8	2	5	5	1	4	5	4	2

C = Mixed
 M = Male
 F = Female

C. NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER TEAM

Competitors: Male 10 Female 10

D. EVENT FORMAT AND RULES OF PLAY

The Canadian Canoe Association Sprint Racing Discipline Competition Rules used for a Canadian Sprint Championship will be adhered to.

Events

200m C1, C2, K1, K2
 500m C1, C2, IC4 (women), K1, K2, K4 (women)
 1,000m C1, C2, IC4 (men), K1, K2, K4 (men)
 2,000m C1, C2, K1, K2

Qualifying Heats to Finals

The first two places in each heat and the boat with the next fastest time from either heat will compete in the Finals. All boats that did not qualify for a Final shall be eligible to compete in the Consolation final.

E. EQUIPMENT AND TERMINOLOGY

Canoes and kayaks are now commonly built of composite materials such as Fibreglass, Kevlar and Carbon Fibre. Composite materials allow for extremely durable, extremely light-weight and relatively maintenance free boats that are capable of withstanding the rigors of high performance racing. Some wood canoes and kayaks are still in use, though advances in technology have relegated the strip canoe construction methods to the large open boats where stiffness and

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durability are difficult to address with composites materials. The Canadian C4 and war canoe (C15) (Not raced in Canada Games) have traditionally been built using of cedar strip techniques, although composite designs are becoming more common. All designs for each canoe and kayak must meet the specifications as laid out in the CKC Racing Rules.

Class	Max Length (cm)	Min Width (cm)	Min Weight (kg)
Canoe Singles (C1)	520	–	16
Canoe Tandems (C2)	650	–	20
Canoe Fours (ICF C-4)	900	–	30
Canoe Fours (Cdn C-4 – Not Raced)	610	76	31
War Canoe (C-15- Not Raced)	915	91	86
Kayak Singles (K-1)	520	–	12
Kayak Tandem (K-2)	650	–	18
Kayak Fours (K-4)	1110	–	30

Canoes may only be propelled by the use of a single bladed paddle, and there are no rudders allowed. Steering is accomplished with subtle movements of the paddle during the propulsive phase of the stroke. Kayaks are paddled using a double bladed paddle, and rudders, controlled with the feet, are allowed.

F. AGE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be under 21 years of age as of January 1, 2009. (Born in 1988 or later)

G. JUDGING / SCORING SYSTEM

Provinces will be ranked from first to last following each event. Sport scoring points will be distributed as follows:

Ranking	Pts
1 st place	100
2 nd place	90
3 rd place	80
4 th place	70
5 th place	67

Ranking	Pts
6 th place	64
7 th place	61
8 th place	58
9 th place	55
10 th place	52

Ranking	Pts
11 th place	49
12 th place	46
13 th place	43

For more information on the ranking and points system, see flag points information sheet.

H. PLAYOFF AND TIE-BREAKING FORMAT

CanoeKayak Canada rules shall be applied.

I. ROLE OF OFFICIALS IN SPORT

The role of the official and competition committee include organizing and supervising the competition as well as ensuring the ICF Racing Competition Rules are applied accurately and fairly. The chief official and his or her committee make decisions with respect to inclement weather which may require a postponement of competition. Protests regarding disputes,

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disqualifications, penalties and other decisions regarding any infraction of the rules are ultimately made by the Chief Official.

Other officials include the Starter who lines the competitors in their place and start the race according to race rules. He or she is responsible for decisions regarding false starts and his or her decision is final. The Course Empire ensures that during the race the rules are complied with. If the rules are broken, the Umpire communicates the infraction by waving a red flag then filing a report. The Competition Committee makes a decision immediately and before the results of the race are announced. If the Umpire has no infraction to report, he or she waves a white flag. The Umpire is in a boat on the water behind the competitors.

The Chief Judge, Finishing Line Judges, Chief Timekeeper and Timekeepers are all officials who work at the finish line to determine the order and the time of the competitors as they cross the finish line. Each race is timed by at least two watchers. Boat control ensures the length of the canoe or kayak and the weight of the craft are within rule specification. The Competition Committee selects three or more boats on a random basis to be re-measured immediately after the race. Additional officials such as Technical Organizers, Competition Manager and Announcers are also appointed to ensure the successful running of the regatta.

J. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

A stretch of the Southwest River near the hamlet of Clinton, P.E.I. will be the site of the canoe, kayak and rowing competitions. Surrounded by lush farmland, the venue, with its high bank on the south side of the course, will afford spectators a good vantage point to watch the racing. The bank will also protect the course from the prevailing wind. The rowers will compete over a 1200 metre newly installed seven-lane Albano type buoyed course.

K. SPORT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND STRUCTURE

Total number of athletes, coaches and officials = 8,738

Per province:

BC – 696 AB – 856 SK – 251 MB – 80 ON – 2,664

QC – 1,784 NB – 188 NS – 1,660 PEI – 97 NFL – 258

YK – 1 NWT – 193 NU – 10

L. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Venue: Southwest River

Monday, August 24, 2009

Time	Event Stag	Game No.	Participants
8:30	Women K-1 500m	Heat 1	Draw
8:35	Women K-1 500m	Heat 2	Draw
8:45	Women C-1 500m	Heat 1	Draw
8:50	Women C-1 500m	Heat 2	Draw
9:05	Men K-1 500m	Heat 1	Draw
9:10	Men K-1 500m	Heat 2	Draw
9:20	Men C-1 500m	Heat 1	Draw
9:25	Men C-1 500m	Heat 2	Draw
9:40	Women K-2 500m	Heat 1	Draw
9:45	Women K-2 500m	Heat 2	Draw
9:55	Women C-2 500m	Heat 1	Draw
10:00	Women C-2 500m	Heat 2	Draw

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10:15	Men K-2 500m	Heat 1	Draw
10:20	Men K-2 500m	Heat 2	Draw
10:30	Men C-2 500m	Heat 1	Draw
10:35	Men C-2 500m	Heat 2	Draw
10:50	Women K-4 500m	Heat 1	Draw
10:55	Women K-4 500m	Heat 2	Draw
11:05	Women/ IC-4 500m	Heat 1	Draw
11:10	Women IC-4 500m	Heat 2	Draw
14:00	Women K-1 500m	Consolation Final	
14:05	Women K-1 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:15	Women C-1 500m	Consolation Final	
14:20	Women C-1 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:35	Men K-1 500m	Consolation Final	
14:40	Men K-1 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:50	Men C-1 500m	Consolation Final	
14:55	Men C-1 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:10	Women K-2 500m	Consolation Final	
15:15	Women K-2 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:25	Women C-2 500m	Consolation Final	
15:30	Women C-2 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:45	Men K-2 500m	Consolation Final	
15:50	Men K-2 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:00	Men C-2 500m	Consolation Final	
16:05	Men C-2 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:20	Women K-4 500m	Consolation Final	
16:25	Women K-4 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:35	Women IC-4 500m	Consolation Final	
16:40	Women IC-4 500m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants
8:30	Men K-1 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
8:35	Men K-1 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
8:45	Men C-1 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
8:50	Men C-1 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
9:05	Women K-1 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
9:10	Women K-1 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
9:20	Women C-1 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
9:25	Women C-1 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
9:40	Men K-2 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
9:45	Men K-2 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
9:55	Men C-2 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
10:00	Men C-2 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
10:15	Women K-2 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
10:20	Women K-2 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
10:30	Women C-2 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
10:35	Women C-2 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
10:50	Men K-4 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
10:55	Men K-4 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
11:05	Men IC-4 1000m	Heat 1	Draw
11:10	Men IC-4 1000m	Heat 2	Draw
14:00	Men K-1 1000m	Consolation Final	

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14:05	Men K-1 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:15	Men C-1 1000m	Consolation Final	
14:20	Men C-1 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:35	Women K-1 1000m	Consolation Final	
14:40	Women K-1 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:50	Women C-1 1000m	Consolation Final	
14:55	Women C-1 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:10	Men K-2 1000m	Consolation Final	
15:15	Men K-2 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:25	Men C-2 1000m	Consolation Final	
15:30	Men C-2 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:45	Women K-2 1000m	Consolation Final	
15:50	Women K-2 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:00	Women C-2 1000m	Consolation Final	
16:05	Women C-2 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:20	Men K-4 1000m	Consolation Final	
16:25	Men K-4 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:35	Men IC-4 1000m	Consolation Final	
16:40	Men IC-4 1000m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants
9:30	Women K-1 2000m	Direct Final	All
9:50	Women C-1 2000m	Direct Final	All
10:20	Men K-1 2000m	Direct Final	All
10:40	Men C-1 2000m	Direct Final	All
14:00	Women K-2 2000m	Direct Final	All
14:20	Women C-2 2000m	Direct Final	All
14:40	Men K-2 2000m	Direct Final	All
15:00	Men C-2 2000m	Direct Final	All

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants
9:30	Men K-1 200m	Heat 1	Draw
9:35	Men K-1 200m	Heat 2	Draw
9:45	Men C-1 200m	Heat 1	Draw
9:50	Men C-1 200m	Heat 2	Draw
10:05	Women K-1 200m	Heat 1	Draw
10:10	Women K-1 200m	Heat 2	Draw
10:20	Women C-1 200m	Heat 1	Draw
10:25	Women C-1 200m	Heat 2	Draw
10:40	Men K-2 200m	Heat 1	Draw
10:45	Men K-2 200m	Heat 2	Draw
10:55	Men C-2 200m	Heat 1	Draw
11:00	Men C-2 200m	Heat 2	Draw
11:15	Women K-2 200m	Heat 1	Draw
11:20	Women K-2 200m	Heat 2	Draw
11:30	Women C-2 200m	Heat 1	Draw
11:35	Women C-2 200m	Heat 2	Draw
14:00	Men K-1 200m	Consolation Final	
14:05	Men K-1 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:15	Men C-1 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest

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14:20	Men C-1 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:35	Women K-1 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:40	Women K-1 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:50	Women C-1 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
14:55	Women C-1 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:10	Men K-2 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:15	Men K-2 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:25	Men C-2 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:30	Men C-2 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:45	Women K-2 200m	Consolation Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
15:50	Women K-2 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:00	Women C-2 200m	Consolation Final	
16:05	Women C-2 200m	Final	Top 2/Heat + next fastest
16:30	Closing Ceremony War Canoe Salute & Medal		