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**4-CAT TEAM**

**for a new event to Canoe/Kayak - Slalom**

The idea is two fold, first to increase the number of boats in the 4 Olympic Slalom events and second to make the sport more attractive by adding a 5th Olympic medal. The 4-Cat Team Race make stronger the discipline of Canoe/Kayak-Slalom and the our entire sport of Canoeing.

**The Proposal 4-Cat Team Event:**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Score</b>
One boat C2-M	One Run C2-M+C1 M	One Run Canoe added one Run Kayak
One boat C1-M	One Run K1-W+K1-M	
One boat K1-W		
One boat K1-M		

**The Aim:**

To have the event of 4-Cat Team be accepted onto the Canoe/Kayak-Slalom Olympic Program beginning at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games with the same number of athletes.

**The Rationale**

1. Give all nations the possibility to win additional Olympic Medals (an additional 3 medals Gold, Silver, Bronze)
2. Give each athlete the possibility to win an additional medal (Gold, Silver or Bronze)
3. Increase the attractiveness of the sport for TV and Spectators.
4. Increase the revenue opportunity for Olympic Games organizers because of the addition of another day to the program (increase in ticket sales).
5. Assists with increasing the number of boats in smaller classes (eg Women and C2) by improving the reason for each National Federation to have all events represented.

***This system automatically broadens the number of participants in smaller events because the athletes and coaches now have a much greater personal interest in building the smaller events.***

**The Steps:**

1. To improve the number of Olympic Gold Medals possible for each National Federation may win to 5 without increasing the number of athletes or boats
2. To increase the number of Olympic medals each competitor may win from 1 to 2.
3. This competition should also be placed on the program of the World Championships in Canoe/Kayak – Slalom after a period of testing.
4. This event should be on the program of the World Cup Series 2002 for testing.

5. World Cup Medals should be awarded but there is no World Ranking or Overall World Cup Winner in this event for 2002.

### **The Test**

The 4-Cat Team would be included as a test competition beginning with the 2002 World Cup Series. The 4-Cat Team will take place after the Individual events are completed.

A Report on the results of this test will be presented at the Board Meeting at the end of 2002.

### **The Competition Rules for the 4-Cat Team Event**

- The boats may not start together all at once.
- The first Team Boat starts as in the rules, with a countdown and/or auditory tones signaling the time when the boat is allowed to start.
- Each National Federation may enter a maximum of 2 4-Cat Teams in any World Cup competition.
- The Score is determined by the addition of the teams' running time and all team penalties. The Total Combined Score is determined by adding both the 1st run score and the 2nd run score together.
- The best 10 teams from the Qualification Race will go to the Finals
- The 4-Cat Team event is to be held after the conclusion of the individual events.
- The same medals as those awarded to the individual events should be awarded to the 4-Cat Team event.



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