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Dear Sport Friends

The COPAC Canoe Slalom Committee is excited to announce that the Pan American and South American Championships will be held in Três Coroas, Brazil October 19-21, 2018. We are asking for nominations from your National Federation for NTO's and ITO's to judge both Canoe Slalom and the new sport of Extreme Canoe Slalom at the Pan American Championships. Also, in order for us to begin our preparations for the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, we will conduct a judging seminar for those candidates from NF's that are just learning to be officials. This seminar/course will cover the preparation of a race, conducting a race and judging a race, there will be an exam held in both Spanish and English at the conclusion of the seminar. Those successful candidates that pass will then help with the race and after 2 years participating at the Pan Am Championships both this year and in 2019 will be eligible to be part of the officials delegation at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

The Organizing Committee has agreed to provide room, food, transportation to and from the airport, and to and from the venue from Wednesday, 17 October thru Monday, 22 October. The airport that you need to arrive and depart is Porto Alegre - POA.

Nominations need to be sent to Eric Lokken, COPAC Canoe Slalom Chairman at ericlokken1@gmail.com by August 12, 2018. We will notify the ITO's accepted through their federation along with an email to their personal email no later than August 14, 2018, in order for them to make travel plans. Please provide the ITO's personal email address with your nominations.

In order for ITO's that want to be nominated and need to prepare for travel to Brazil, and need a visa. Here are the instructions to get a letter from the Brazilian Federation. Getting the letter of invitation now will prepare you to send in your visa application on August 14. The invitation letter from Brazil will be at no cost but you will have to check with your Brazilian Consulate for the fees to get the visa for Brazil.

- For VISAs, please send an e-Mail to guilherme.brito@canoagem.org.br with copy to andre@tecnoeletrica.com.br. The following information is required: family name, given name, birth date, passport number, position (ITO for officials) and Brazilian consulate the applicant wishes to apply the VISA. We will provide a letter of request for the Brazilian Consulate to fully support the application with copy to the applicant. Preferably, send a copy of your passport as well. You can check if a VISA is required by consulting the following link - <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-Jun11.pdf> . Number 8 means “Visa Exemption, for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days” and # means - “Entrance allowed by presenting Civil Identity Card” (no passport required).

Kind Regards,



Eric Lokken

COPAC Canoe Slalom Chairman