

Appendix B– 4-Lane Progression System

The 4-lane progression will be the preferred progression used at US National Team Trial events.

If there are five to eight entries, crews advancing out of each heat are placed in the first final; all others are placed into the repechages. Crews advancing out of the repechages are placed into the final; all others in the repechages are eliminated. If there are four or fewer entries there will be a final only.

In events with nine or more entries, crews advancing out of each heat are placed directly in the semifinals; all others are placed into the repechages. Crews advancing out of the repechages are placed in the semifinals; all others in the repechages are eliminated. All crews advancing out of the semifinals are placed in the final; all others in the semifinals are eliminated. The options for composition of the repechages and semifinals shall be according to the 4-lane predetermined formulas posted at the Selection Trials site.

Once a particular progression in any given event has begun, scratches throughout the event will not warrant any change in the method of progression.

The following shall constitute the forms of progression for four-lane racing:

Entries	Time Trial for Seeding	Heats	Reps	Semis	Finals
1-4	All participants advance to Final	-	-	-	Final A
5-6	All participants advance to A/B Heats	A/B Heats. Top 1 to Final A, Rest to Rep	One Repechage. Top 2 to Final A, Rest Eliminated	-	Final A
7-8	All participants advance to A/B Heats	A/B Heats. Top 1 to Final A, Rest to Rep	Two Repechages. Top 1 to Final A, Rest Eliminated	-	Final A
9-10	All participants advance to A/B/C Heats	A/B/C Heats. Top 2 to A/B Semis. Rest to Rep	One Repechage. Top 2 to A/B Semis, Rest Eliminated.	A/B Semis. Top 2 to Final A	Final A
11-12	All participants advance to A/B/C Heats	A/B/C Heats. Top 2 to A/B Semis. Rest to Reps	Two Repechages. Top 1 to A/B Semis, Rest Eliminated	A/B Semis. Top 2 to Final A	Final A
13-16	All participants advance to A/B/C/D Heats	A/B/C/D Heats. Top 1 to A/B Semis, Rest to Reps	Four Repechages. Top 1 to A/B Semis, Rest Eliminated.	A/B Semis. Top 2 to Final A	Final A
17+	Top 14 into A/B/C/D heats, rest eliminated.	A/B/C/D Heats. Top 1 to A/B Semis, Rest to Reps	Four Repechages. Top 1 to A/B Semis, Rest Eliminated.	A/B Semis. Top 2 to Final A	Final A

**In events with 17+ entries, the first 14 crews in the time trial shall advance to the heats. Please refer to the General Trials Rule appendix for the policy regarding misadventure occurring during time trials.*