2018 Canoe Slalom Junior Team (U18)

Approved by the Selection Criteria Approval Committee

Date: November, 2017

(updated: 22nd January, 2018 with selection panel members)
A. DEFINITIONS

In this Criteria, the following words have the following respective meanings:

"Crew Event" means the C-2 Men’s and C-2 Mixed Events

"Criteria” means this Selection Criteria Supplement as referred to in the Selection Procedures Bylaw

"Event" means one of the categories of canoe slalom, being Men’s C1, Men’s K1, Women’s C1, Women’s K1, Men’s C-2 and Mixed C-2

"Minimum Performance Standards" mean the Junior MPS score for the relevant Event listed in the table set out at Schedule A of this Criteria

"Olympic Event" means an Event that is on the program for the 2020 Olympic Games.

“Selection Procedures Bylaw” means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Teams

“Team” Means the Australian Junior Canoe Slalom World Championship Team to compete at the ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships

Words not defined in this Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the Selection Procedures Bylaw unless otherwise stated.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. This Criteria details the process by which Australian Canoeing (AC) will select Athletes to the Team to compete at:
   (i) ICF Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships.
   (ii) Other ICF competitions and/or AC Tours as determined by AC.

2. This document should be read in conjunction with the Selection Procedures Bylaw.

3. This Criteria may be amended by AC at any time for any one or more of the following reasons:
   (i) any change in ICF eligibility criteria, program of events or rules;
   (ii) any change in the rules governing a particular race/event;
   (iii) to give effect to the Criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
   (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Criteria;
   (v) any other reason determined by AC in its absolute discretion to be in the best interest of AC.

AC shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw, the Selection Panel members are:
Mike Druce (Chair)
Sue Natoli
Robin Jeffery

C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. In order to be selected by AC as a member of the Team, each Athlete must:
   1.1. comply fully with the AC Selection Procedures Bylaw and in particular the eligibility requirements under clause 5;
   1.2. nominate as an Athlete to the relevant Team and categories through the AC database (teams.canoe.org.au) and pay the required selection application fee, by no later than Thursday the 4th of January, 2018. Note: by nominating for the Junior World Championship Team, Athletes are automatically eligible for Senior World Cup selection but not Senior World Championships selection;
   1.3. request entry by written confirmation to the Performance Operations Manager (sara.latham@canoe.org.au) to the Australian Open for the purpose of entering the athlete into the ICF Entry system no later than 16 days prior to the beginning of the event (Mon 29th January);
   1.4. be at least 15 years of age, and be aged 18 years or under in the 2018 calendar year (born between 2000 and 2003); and
   1.5. when requested to do so, sign the AC Athlete Performance Agreement (2018).

2. For the avoidance of doubt, to be eligible for selection to the Team in a Crew Event, each Athlete in a Crew must meet the eligibility requirements under section C of this Criteria

D. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. The 2018 Junior MPS are set out in Schedule A of this Criteria.

2. A reference in this Criteria to ‘achieve the Junior MPS’ means an Athlete, or Crew where applicable, complying with clause D.3.

3. To meet the Junior MPS, the Athlete or Crew must complete a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant Event, whether on the Heats 1st or 2nd run, Semi Final, or Final phase, at a minimum of one of the particular Selection Trials.

E. NATIONAL JUNIOR SELECTION TRIALS

1. The following competitions collectively comprise the Junior Selection Trials:
   (i) Selection Trial 1, Result (as per clause E.2.1) at the National Championships, Eildon, Vic, 9th – 12th January, 2018
   (ii) Selection Trial 2, Rankings after the first run of Heats (as per clause E.2.2) at the Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 16th – 18th February, 2018
   (iii) Selection Trial 3, Result (as per clause E.2.3) at the Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 16th – 18th February, 2018
2. For the purposes of sections F of this criteria:

2.1 The results for Selection Trial 1 will will be determined by an Athlete or Crew’s score in the Final or Invitational Junior Selection Race of the National Championships, subject to clauses E.2.4 and E.2.5

2.2 The results for Selection Trial 2 will be the ranking of the Athlete or Crew at the conclusion of the first run of the heats.

2.3 The results for Selection Trial 3 will be determined by an Athlete or Crew’s score in the Final, Semi-Final or Invitational Junior Selection Race of the Australian Open, subject to clauses E.2.4 and E.2.5

2.4 For the purposes of Ranking Athletes according to clause F.4, Athletes who do not participate in Selection Trial 2, or who do not qualify for the Final at the National Championships or Semi Final at the 2018 Australian Open, will compete in a Junior Invitation Race on the Semi Final/Final course at the National Championships or Australian Open and their progression and score in that race will be measured against the score of eligible athletes in the Semi Final or Final of the National Championships or Australian Open.

2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, when ranking Athletes according to clause F.4 an Athlete or Crew who achieves a score:

(i) in the invitation junior selection race that is higher than an Athlete or Athletes’ score in the semi final will be ranked higher than that or those Athletes in the semi final for the purposes of clause F.4;

(ii) in the invitation final that is higher than an Athlete or Athletes’ score in the final will be ranked higher than that or those Athlete in the final, and all of the Athletes in the semi final or invitation semi final for the purposes of clause F.4

3. Selection Trials will be run according to ICF rules effective at the time, or where modified by AC and published on the race information and on canoe.org.au.

F. JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION:

Providing that they are eligible under this criteria, and that they achieve the Junior MPS, in that event, Athletes will be selected to the Team in each Event, as follows:

AUTOMATIC SELECTION

Olympic Events

1. The three (3) highest ranked eligible Junior Male and three (3) highest ranked eligible Junior Female Athletes, based on the ranking system outlined in clause F.4

Crew Events
2. The highest ranked eligible Junior C-2 Men’s Crew and highest ranked eligible Junior C-2 Mixed Crew, based on the ranking system outlined in clause F.4

**DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

3. The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion and in accordance with Clause F.5, may select additional athletes in Olympic Event(s), up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF.

4. **Ranking System:** For the purposes of the ranking system, points may be earned at each of the Selection Trials in E.1 above. The following ranking points will be awarded for an Athlete’s placing in each of the events:

| National Championships and Australian Open (Selection Trials 1, 2 and 3) |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| 1st            | 80     | 16th   | 18     |
| 2nd            | 72     | 17th   | 16     |
| 3rd            | 65     | 18th   | 14     |
| 4th            | 58     | 19th   | 12     |
| 5th            | 52     | 20th   | 11     |
| 6th            | 47     | 21st   | 10     |
| 7th            | 43     | 22nd   | 9      |
| 8th            | 38     | 23rd   | 8      |
| 9th            | 34     | 24th   | 7      |
| 10th           | 31     | 25th   | 6      |
| 11th           | 28     | 26th   | 5      |
| 12th           | 26     | 27th   | 4      |
| 13th           | 24     | 28th   | 3      |
| 14th           | 22     | 29th   | 2      |
| 15th           | 20     | 30th   | 1      |

4.1 At each of the Selection Trials, the ranking table in Clause F.4 will be a Junior ranking in accordance with clauses E.2, and will exclude all athletes who are not eligible for Junior selection under this Criteria.

4.2 Athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with clauses F.4.2.1 - 4.2.3.

  4.2.1 Only each Athlete’s two (2) highest point scores from the events set out in clause F.4 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.

  4.2.2 Where two or more Athletes have the same total ranking points score, the Athlete who has the highest single ranking points score shall be ranked higher.

  4.2.3 Where two or more Athletes are ranked equally after consideration of clause F.4.2.2 and a choice must be made between the two Athletes for the purposes of this Criteria, the Athlete who achieves the best result at Selection Trial 3 shall be ranked higher.

5. According to Clause F.3, the Selection Panel may select additional Athletes in any Olympic
Event up to the maximum number of ICF quota positions granted to Australia for that Olympic Event.

5.1 The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select the maximum number of ICF quota positions under this clause F.5, in any particular Olympic Event.

5.2 In considering Athletes for selection under clause F.5, the Selection Panel may without limitation consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when determining whether to select an Athlete. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Selection Panel, the Selection Panel may consider, but is not required to give consideration to, any one or combination of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):

5.2.1 performances in the most recent domestic season, including National Championships, Oceania Championships and Australian Open;

5.2.2 demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months;

5.2.3 recent performances in relation to the Junior MPS;

5.2.4 current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an Athlete’s performance;

6. ANNOUNCEMENT of Athletes who achieve selection will be made within 1 week of the 2018 Australian Open.

G. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

1. In considering:

1.1 the selection of Athletes under clauses F.5; and

1.2 whether an Athlete has achieved the Junior MPS for the purposes of clauses F.5,

the Selection Panel may, at its absolute discretion, consider extenuating circumstances.

2. Any eligible Athlete applying for extenuating circumstances is required to advise the National Performance Director (NPD) of this fact, along with supportive evidence, as soon as practicably possible either before or immediately post event, trial or camp for which consideration of extenuating circumstances is being sought.

3. For the purposes of this section G, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability of an Athlete to compete and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other attendances, or an inability to meet the Junior MPS at the Selection Trials, arising from one or more of:

a) injury or illness;

b) equipment failure (where applicable);

c) death, disability or serious illness of an immediate family member; or

d) any other significant factors reasonably considered by AC to constitute extenuating
4. In exercising its discretion, in applying extenuating circumstances the Selection Panel will consider the following factors:
   a) severity and duration of the cause;
   b) the potential impact that participating will have on the short term and long term Athlete wellbeing and performance;
   c) documented evidence (including medical records, AMS entries etc);
   d) Athlete’s responsiveness to overcome the cause with urgency;
   e) performance standards achieved in recent competitions; and
   f) standard of proof in substantiating the cause.

H. **APPEALS PROCESS**

As outlined in the AC Selection Procedures Bylaw
SCHEDULE A:

2018 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

Implementation of the MPS:

1. At the conclusion of each Selection Trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian Athlete in C1 Men, C1 Women, K1 Men and K1 Women.

2. A Base Score is only calculated from the heats phase run 1 and from the Semi Final run at each Selection Trial.

3. Example:

   The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best eligible Australian) in any age category in C1M, C1W, K1M, K1W and dividing by 4. The percentage score for an Athlete/Crew at an event is calculated by dividing the total score for that Athlete/Crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at an event is 184.55 and Athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

   \[(195.44 / 184.55) \times 100 = 105.90\%\]

2018 Minimum Performance Standards:

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<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Senior MPS</th>
<th>U23 MPS</th>
<th>Junior MPS</th>
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<td>K1 Men</td>
<td>&lt;93.5% of the Base Score</td>
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<td>K1 Women</td>
<td>&lt;107.7% of the Base Score</td>
<td>&lt;118.6% of the Base Score</td>
<td>&lt;129% of the Base Score</td>
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<td>C1 Men</td>
<td>&lt;100.1% of the Base Score</td>
<td>&lt;107.3% of the Base Score</td>
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<td>C2 Men</td>
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<td>C1 Women</td>
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<td>C2 Mix</td>
<td>&lt;124% of the Base Score</td>
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