
COMMUNIQUE: 2019 CANOE SLALOM SELECTION INFORMATION

Following consultation amongst the canoe slalom community, Paddle Australia wish to confirm the selection venues and dates for the 2019 Canoe Slalom Junior, U23 and Senior Teams. Selection policies, containing the specific details of the selection process will be released shortly. This communique is to assist athletes, coaches and supporters to plan for the upcoming domestic season.

The Senior World Championships (and Olympic Qualification event) will be held in La Seu d'Urgell, Spain between the 24th and 29th of September. The ICF recently announced the original host of the 2019 Jnr/U23 World Championships, Brazil, have withdrawn and a new host venue and date is yet to be confirmed.

Senior Team and U23 Team Selection:

The two premier events of the domestic canoe slalom competition calendar in 2019 will be utilised over consecutive weekends as part of the selection process for both U23 and Senior Teams. Those being:

Australian Open – Penrith: 14th – 17th February, and;

Oceania Championships – Penrith: 21st – 24th February

It is likely, these events will each consist of two selection trial events and 3 out of the 4 selection trials will count towards overall selection.

Junior Team Selection:

With Brady's hosting the Senior National Championships in 2019, it is fitting that this exciting venue is utilised as part of the selection process. In addition to this event, the selection process will also consist of the two events listed above to count towards selection.

Senior National Championships – Bradys, Tasmania: 11th – 13th January (1 Trial)

Australian Open – Penrith: 14th - 17th February (2 Trials), and;

Oceania Championships – Penrith: 21st – 24th February (1 Trial)

Numerous factors were considered in making this decision for the junior selection. Factors such as course difficulty, timing and school commitments were all considered. Hence, out of the 4 selection trials, across the 3 different competitions, only 2 selection trials will count towards selection, allowing individuals to choose which events they contest. They can choose just to attend the Australian Open and contest the 2 trials at that event or they may also attend 1 or 2 of the remaining competitions. Those wishing to attend the selection trial at Bradys are recommended to undergo a skills assessment to determine their level of competence.

NTS selection will incorporate the National Junior Championships to be held in Eildon, 18-20th January.

Further information regarding selection will be released shortly.