

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Governance</b>
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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

<b>“Bylaw”</b>	means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
<b>“Class”</b>	means the six (6) different classifications as applied to each Athlete based on their impairment. (KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2 and VL3).
<b>“Criteria”</b>	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
<b>“Paralympic Event”</b>	means one of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic event categories of Paracanoe, being: Men’s KL1, KL2, KL3, VL2, VL3 and Women’s: KL1, KL2, KL3, VL2. All Paralympic Event distances are 200m.
<b>“PA”</b>	Means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia
<b>“International Performance Standard”</b>	means the “Paralympic International Performance Standard” (IPS) for the relevant Event listed in the table set out at Schedule A of this Criteria.
<b>“Team”</b>	means the 2019 Australian Paracanoe Team to compete at the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Cup and 2019 ICF World Championships

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of PA or the Selection Procedures Bylaw, unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

## 2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

### 2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 2.2 of the Bylaw, the Selection Panel members are:

- Shaun Stephens / National Performance Director (chair)
- Greg Kaeding / PA Sprint Technical Committee
- David Rhodes / PA Selection Panel
- Hannah Davis / PA Selection Panel
- Tahnee Norris / Program Manager Paracanoe

### 2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the Bylaw, in particular clause 5.

- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 3.1 of the Bylaw to Paddle Australia (PA) by no later than 26th February 2019.

## 2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The competitions for which the 2019 Australian Paracanoe Team will be selected for are:
- a.) ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 1 (Poznan) – 24-26 May 2019
  - b.) ICF Paracanoe World Championships (also, the 2020 Paralympic Qualification – Event 1) (Szeged) - 21-24 August 2019;
  - c.) other ICF competitions as determined by PA and notified to Athletes prior to the competitions.
- 2.3.2. Athletes are deemed to have nominated for selection to the team if they compete in the Domestic Selection Event (**Selection Event**) listed in clause 2.4 of this Criteria.
- 2.3.3. By competing in the Domestic Selection Event, Athletes:
- a.) agree that they are nominating for selection to the Team;
  - b.) agree to comply with this Criteria; and
  - c.) agree to comply with the Bylaw.

## 2.4. SELECTION EVENTS

- 2.4.1. The following competitions will be utilised as part of the selection process and ongoing Continuing Form for 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships:
- a) Domestic:**
    - (i) Canoe Sprint National Championships (Perth) – 7-10 March 2019
  - b) International:**
    - (i) ICF World Cup 1 (Poznan) – 24-26 May 2019
- 2.4.2. To be selected to the Team to compete at the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 28 July – 25 August, 2019, unless extenuating circumstances apply and which is approved by the National Performance Director.

## 2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.5.1. To be considered for selection to the Team, Athletes must place in the Top 2 in their Class of a Paralympic event at the Domestic Selection Event.
- 2.5.2. The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select a minimum number of Athlete(s) in any Class or Paralympic Event and the maximum number will be two per class or event.

- 2.5.3. In exercising its discretion under section 2.5 of this criteria, the Selection Panel:
- a) Must consider the Athletes performance against the IPS; and
  - b) May otherwise and without in any way limiting the discretion of the Selection Panel, the Selection Panel may consider any one, combination, all or none of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):
    - (i) Performances in the ICF Paracanoe World Championships in the last 12 months;
    - (ii) Performances in the most recent domestic season, including Grand Prix and Paddle Australia National Sprint Championships;
    - (iii) Demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months.
    - (iv) Recent performances in relation to the IPS over the last 12 months;
    - (v) Athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an Athlete's performance at the time of the selection event;
    - (vi) Extenuating Circumstances as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer

## 2.6. INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 2.6.1. The 2019 Paracanoe IPS are set out in Schedule A of this criteria and will be applied at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel
- 2.6.2. All discretionary selection decisions made by a Selection Panel under this criteria must consider each Athletes performance relative to the 2019 IPS
- 2.6.3. In assessing an Athletes performance against the 2019 IPS, the Selection Panel may consider relevant external factors that may have impacted the Athlete achieving the necessary IPS (including but not limited to weather conditions e.g.: wind speed/direction and currents). *In 2019, with the National Championships being located in Perth (known as a wind affected course), this clause may become significant.*

## 2.7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.7.1 Announcement of the 2019 Australian Paracanoe Team will be made within one (1) week of 2019 Paddle Australia National Sprint Championships.
- 2.7.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 business days of receiving the selection invitation.

## 2.8. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, the PA Chief Executive Officer may recommend to the Selection Panel that they give weight to Extenuating Circumstances, and the Selection Panel may make a change to the Athletes

selected to the Team for any event due to Extenuating Circumstances preventing an Athlete from otherwise meeting the Selection Criteria.

2.8.2 Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from meeting the Selection Criteria will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Selection Event, the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, may recommend to the Selection Panel that they give weight to Extenuating Circumstances.

2.8.3 For the purposes of this Policy, "Extenuating Circumstances" means:

- a.) injury or illness;
- b.) equipment failure (where applicable);
- c.) travel delays;
- d.) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member;
- e.) an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Trial; and/or
- f.) any other factors reasonably considered by the Chief Executive Officer in their absolute discretion and recommended to the Selection Panel to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.

2.8.4 A decision in each case of Extenuating Circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.

## 2.9. CONDITIONAL SELECTION – CONTINUING FORM, FITNESS, MEDICAL & PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

2.9.1 All athletes selected to the 2019 Australian Paracanoe Team (according to Clause 2.5) for the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships are selected, subject to demonstration of continued form, fitness, medical assessment (and where applicable, performance assessment) obligations. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- a.) Top 6 result at the 2019 ICF World Cup in Poznan and/or
- b.) Achieving 2019 Paracanoe IPS as per Schedule A of this criteria at the 2019 ICF World Cup in Poznan

2.9.2 If extenuating circumstances apply (according Clause 2.8), then the Athlete may be required to undergo an independent medical and/or performance assessment. A performance assessment will be requested at the absolute discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD) and may be a designated race or time trial, scheduled in agreement with the NPD.

- 2.9.3 Any Athlete selected to the Team who fails to meet the Continuing Form, Fitness, Medical Assessment (and where applicable, Performance Assessment), may at the discretion of the NPD, be removed from the Team.

## Schedule A

### 2019 International Performance Standards (IPS): updated October 2018

	KL1 200	KL2 200	KL3 200	VL1 200	VL2 200	VL3 200
Men	0:54:41	0:46:50	0:41:65	1:11:30*#	0:58:54	0:54:99
Women	1:04:61	1:00:52	0:55:48	1:27:20*#	1:11:90*	1:10:40*#

\*estimated time due to insufficient data

# non-Paralympic event