

## **Nomination Criteria**

### **Tokyo Olympic Games**

#### **Slalom Canoe/Kayak**

## **1 Definitions and Interpretation**

### **1.1 Definitions**

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

**AOC** means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

**AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law** means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games.

**AOC Selection Committee** means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

**AOC Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games.

**Athlete** means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Executive** means the Executive of the AOC.

**Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Event Class** means K1 Men, C1 Men, K1 Women and C1 Women.

**Games** means the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

**International Federation** means International Canoe Federation.

**National Federation** means Paddle Australia (PA).

**Nomination Date** means 28 February 2020.

**Qualification System** means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation.

**Sport** means Slalom Canoe/Kayak.

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
  - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
  - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
  - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## 2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
  - (a) all Athletes;
  - (b) the National Federation; and
  - (c) the AOC.

- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

### **3 Long List**

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

### **4 Athlete Quota Positions**

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

### **5 Eligibility Criteria**

The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is a member of the National Federation;
- (b) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (c) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (d) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- (e) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete.

## **6 Nomination Criteria**

6.1 Athletes will be nominated for selection to the Team in each respective Event Class, subject to the National Federation achieving Olympic Qualification, as follows:

### **INTERNATIONAL (EARLY) NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

6.2 Subject to clause 6.5, the National Federation will nominate any athlete who achieves 160 points or more (from the table in Appendix A) from a maximum of two (2) events from the following four (4) identified 2019 international events:

- i) World Cup 1: London, United Kingdom (14-16 June, 2019)
- ii) World Cup 2: Bratislava, Slovakia (21-23 June, 2019)
- iii) World Cup 5: Prague, Czech Republic (6-8 Sep, 2019)
- iv) World Championships: La Seu D'Urgell, Spain (25-29 Sep, 2019)

6.3 The official race result from each event listed in clause 6.2 (inclusive of international competitors) will be used for the ranking of athletes.

6.4 Points will be awarded for each Event Class according to the points listed in the table in Appendix A.

6.5 If two or more athletes within the same Event Class achieve 160 points or above, then no athlete will receive early nomination within that Event Class and athletes will be nominated according to the domestic nomination criteria set out below.

6.6 If, in the unlikely event, any 1 or 2 of the 4 international races listed in clause 6.2 is/are cancelled, then the criteria in clauses 6.2 to 6.5 will apply, with a maximum of 2 races counting out of a possible 3 or 2 races respectively. If more than 2 races are cancelled, then no athletes will be nominated in accordance with the international (early) nomination criteria, and athletes will be nominated solely according to the domestic nomination criteria set out below. For the avoidance of doubt, a race will not be treated as having been cancelled where it is postponed to an alternative date which is deemed to be satisfactory by the PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel, and which is before the Nomination Date.

### **DOMESTIC NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

6.7 If no athlete, in an Event Class, has secured nomination through the international (early) nomination criteria above, then the nomination of athletes, in that Event Class, will be according to the domestic nomination criteria set out below.

6.8 Each athlete will maintain their single highest points value from one of the international events listed in clause 6.2 and may earn additional points by competing in the following events:

- i) Selection Trial 1: Oceania Championships, Wero, NZ (1-3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2020) – Final Official Result
- ii) Selection Trial 2: Australian Open, Penrith, Aus (21-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2020) – Heat 1 Result only
- iii) Selection Trial 3: Australian Open, Penrith, Aus (21-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2020) – Final Official Result

- 6.9 Only the results of Australian Athletes will be used for officially ranking athletes (i.e. results will be compiled excluding international competitors), and no 'Invitational' Semi-Final/Final results will be considered in compiling the ranking.
- 6.10 To be eligible to be nominated, an Athlete must have achieved a minimum of 80 points (refer back to points table in Appendix A) in a single event at one of the identified international races and/or domestic selection trials 1 and/or 3 (excludes selection trial 2). To be clear, they must either win a world cup, podium at the 2019 World Championships, or be first Australian at either Selection Trial 1 and/or 3.
- 6.11 Provided an Athlete has secured a minimum of 80 points in accordance with clause 6.10, then the Athlete with the highest accumulated ranking score from a maximum of 2 races out of:
- i) the 4 international events listed in clause 6.2 (with only the highest (1 result) to count), and
  - ii) the 3 domestic selection trials,
- will be nominated to the AOC for selection.
- 6.12 TIE BREAK: Where two or more eligible Athletes have the same number of points, the following criteria will be implemented to determine which Athlete will be nominated:
- i) the Athlete with the single highest point score (subject to finishing in the Top 20) from one of the international races, then if still a tie;
  - ii) the Athlete with the next single highest point score (subject to finishing in the Top 20) from one of the international races, then if still a tie;
  - iii) the Athlete with the best result at Selection Trial 3: Australian Open – Final Official Result.
- 6.13 If, in the unlikely event, any one of the 3 domestic races is cancelled, then the criteria in clauses 6.8 to 6.12 will apply with a maximum of 2 domestic races counting out of a possible 2 races. If two domestic races are cancelled, then any Athlete who has achieved 160 points from a single international race and the single domestic race will be nominated. If two or more domestic selection events are cancelled and no Athlete has achieved 160 points, then the PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel will nominate Athletes at their absolute discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, a race will not be treated as having been cancelled where it is postponed to an alternative date which is deemed to be satisfactory by the PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel, and which is before the Nomination Date.
- 6.14 The PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel members are:
- Shaun Stephens (NPD - Chairperson)
  - Sarah Forsythe (Independent – ex Athlete)
  - Dave Crosbee (Independent – experienced stakeholder)
  - Mike Druce (Staff Member - High Performance Coach)

**ICF OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION CONTINGENCY:**

- 6.15 If, due to the restrictions contained within the Qualification System, the National Federation makes the decision to prevent a Athlete from contesting a particular Event Class at the 2019 World Championships, then the 2019 World Championship event will cease to be considered

as part of the points accumulation process for that Event Class (ie no points will be awarded to any Athlete in that Event Class). Such a decision will be made at the absolute discretion of the National Performance Director and CEO of Paddle Australia at any time leading up to or during the 2019 World Championships. This decision will be not be made lightly and will be made with the sole purpose of maximising Australia's chance of success in Tokyo 2020.

- 6.16 If one Athlete qualifies a quota place for two Event Classes and Australia is required under the Qualification System to hand back one of the quota places, then the decision as to which Event Class place to hand back will be made by the PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel at its absolute discretion, for the sole purpose of maximising Australia's chance of success in Tokyo 2020. The nomination process for the confirmed Event Class will proceed as per the criteria listed above.

## **7 Extenuating circumstances**

- 7.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

## **8 Submission of Nominations**

- 8.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 8.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 8.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
  - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline the Nomination Date, or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 8.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 8.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

## **9 Amendments**

This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

## **10 Governing Law**

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

## APPENDIX A

Points Table to be used for each of the identified International and Domestic Events used as part of the selection process:

2019 World Cups 1, 2 and 5 and 2020 Domestic Selection Trials (1, 2 and 3)				2019 World Championships			
1st	80	16th	18	1st	100	16th	21
2nd	72	17th	16	2nd	90	17th	19
3rd	65	18th	14	3rd	81	18th	17
4th	58	19th	12	4th	73	19th	15
5th	52	20th	11	5th	66	20th	14
6th	47	21st	10	6th	59	21st	13
7th	43	22nd	9	7th	53	22nd	12
8th	38	23rd	8	8th	48	23rd	11
9th	34	24th	7	9th	43	24th	10
10th	31	25th	6	10th	39	25th	9
11th	28	26th	5	11th	35	26th	8
12th	26	27th	4	12th	31	27th	7
13th	24	28th	3	13th	28	28th	6
14th	22	29th	2	14th	25	29th	5
15th	20	30th	1	15th	23	30th	4