

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

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

“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Bylaw”	means the Selection Procedure Bylaw adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Masters Team”	means an Athlete eligible to compete under ICF Ocean Racing Rules
“Under 23 Team”	means an Athlete eligible to compete under ICF Ocean Racing Rules
“Junior Team”	means an Athlete eligible to compete under ICF Ocean Racing Rules.
“Team”	means the Australian Ocean Racing Team to compete at the 2019 ICF Ocean Racing World Championships, for Athletes at least 15 years of age in the 2019 calendar year
“Point score”	Means the calculation used to determine the ranking for selection based on an athletes age as of 31 December 2019.
“PA”	Means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia
“AORS”	Means the Australian Ocean Racing Series

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

## 2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

### 2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Bylaw, the Selection Panel members are:

- name / role (chair)
- name / role
- name /role
- name /role
- name/ role

## 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 5.1 of the Bylaw to Paddle Australia (PA) by no later than 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## 2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The competitions for which an Australian Ocean Racing Team will be selected for in 2019 are:
  - a) 2019 ICF Ocean Racing World Championships to be held in Saint-Pierre De Queberon, France from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019;
  - b) 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 any of the selection events (**Selection Events**) listed in clause 2.4 of this Criteria.
- 2.3.3. By competing in any of the Selection Events, Athletes:
  - 2.3.3.1. agree that they are nominating for selection to the Team;
  - 2.3.3.2. agree to comply with this Criteria; and
  - 2.3.3.3. 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:
  - a) International:**
    - (i) 2017 Ocean Racing World Championships, Hong Kong
    - (ii) World Cups and any International Races as approved by the ICF Ocean Racing Committee.
  - b) Domestic:**  
The Australian Ocean Racing Series (AORS) as outlined below:

#	Date	Event	Location
1	Sat 25th Aug 2018	<u>Pacifica Downwind</u>	Coffs Harbour, NSW
2	Sat 15th Sept 2018	<u>Charles Stewart Memorial Cup</u>	Sydney Northern Beaches, NSW
3	Sat 20th Oct 2018	<u>Gold Coast Classic</u>	Gold Coast, QLD
4	Sat 27th Oct 2018	<u>LifeFlight Ocean Paddle</u>	Sunshine Coast, QLD

5	Sat 3rd Nov 2018	<u>Surf Safari</u>	Hobart, TAS
6	Sat 10th Nov 2018	<u>Moon Island Classic</u>	Newcastle, NSW
7	Thurs 15th Nov 2018	<u>Triple S Sunset Surfski Series #1</u>	Perth, WA
8	<a href="#">Sat 17th Nov 2018</a>	<a href="#">Fenn West Coast Downwind</a>	<a href="#">Perth, WA</a>
9	Thurs 22nd Nov 2018	<u>Triple S Sunset Surfski Series #2</u>	Perth, WA
10	<a href="#">Sat 24th Nov 2018</a>	<a href="#">The Doctor</a>	<a href="#">Perth, WA</a>
11	Fri 7th Dec 2018	<u>Triple S Sunset Surfski Series #3</u>	Perth, WA
12	Sat 8th Dec 2018	Natural Gas SA Ocean Paddling Series	Adelaide, SA
13	<a href="#">Sat 15th Dec 2018</a>	<a href="#">20 Beaches Ocean Classic</a>	<a href="#">Sydney Northern Beaches, NSW</a>
14	Sun 3rd Feb 2019	<u>Great Ocean Paddle</u>	Torquay, VIC
15	<a href="#">Sun 24th Feb 2019</a>	<a href="#">Manly Wharf Bridge to Beach</a>	<a href="#">Sydney Harbour, NSW</a>

\* *Blue text indicates Domestic MAJOR events. / Black text indicates National Series events.*

To enter the events please proceed to <https://oceanpaddler.com/events/australian-ocean-racing-series/>

2.4.2. To be selected to the Team to compete at the 2019 ICF Ocean Racing World Championships athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 9 - 15 September 2019.

## 2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.5.1. The Selection Panel may recommend for selection Athletes in each of the following age categories within the allocated quotas to the Team as per ICF Rules:

- Open Men – 5
- Open Women – 5
- U/23 Men – 5
- U/23 Women – 5
- Junior Men (Under 18 yrs) – 5
- Junior Women (Under 18 years) – 5
- In the Masters class – 5 Men and Women per age group from 35 years to 65+ in 5 year increments.

**2.5.2. STAGE 1 SELECTION PROCESS – DEMONSTRATED INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES**

Events and Selection Criteria for Stage 1 of the Selection Process include:

- (i) The World Champions from 2017 Ocean Racing World Championships, Hong Kong. and
- (ii) The top 40 ranked athletes for U18's, U23's and Opens Men and Women from the World Cups and any International Races as approved by the ICF Ocean Racing Committee.

Athletes who qualify for the Team via Stage 1 will be AUTOMATICALLY selected.

**2.5.3. STAGE 2 SELECTION PROCESS – DEMONSTRATED DOMESTIC PERFORMANCES**

- (i) Paddle Australia will invite the top 5 athletes in each of the U18, U23 and Open categories, that have not already qualified from stage 1, for both male and female from the 2018/19 AORS.
- (ii) Paddle Australia will invite the top 5 Masters for Men and Women per age group from 35 years to 65+ in 5 year increments from the 2018/19 AORS.
- (iii) If a Top 5 athlete does not accept their invitation, the next best performing athlete will be invited, up until 10<sup>th</sup> place.

2.5.4. An Athlete's placing in each of the Selection Events outlined in clause 2.4 will be used to earn points for the purposes of the ranking Athletes for Stage 2 of the selection process.

**How the points work**

To obtain your maximum point score for the AORS you must compete in three (3) Domestic Majors and three (3) National Series events. You can compete in all the events if you like, however, we will take your highest scores from the three Domestic Majors and three National Series events.

The points will work on a sliding scale and be allocated to the winner of each age category at each event as follows:

MAJOR EVENTS	NATIONAL SERIES EVENTS
1st – 1000	1st – 500
2nd – 980	2nd – 490
3rd – 963	3rd – 482
4th – 949	4th – 476
5th – 938	5th – 472
6th – 929	6th onwards – one gap point between placings 471,470,469 etc
7th – 922	

8th – 917	
9th – 914	
10th – 913	
11th onwards – one gap point between placings 912,911,910 etc	

The points score for selection will be published on the Paddle Australia website ([paddle.org.au](http://paddle.org.au)) within seven (7) days post the final results of each event.

- 2.5.5. For clarification on clause 8 Appeals of the PA Selection Procedures By-Law; non-attendance at the first two events of the AORS is not grounds for appeal.

## 2.6. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.6.1. Announcement of the 2019 Australia Ocean Racing Team will be made within 1 week of the conclusion of the last race of the 2018/19 AORS.
- 2.6.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 days of receiving the selection invitation.

## 2.7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.7.1. Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, the Chief Executive Officer may recommend to the Selection Panel, 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.
- 2.7.2. Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from meeting the Selection Criteria will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Selection Trial, the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, may recommend to the Selection Panel that they give weight to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 2.7.3. For the purposes of this Policy, "Extenuating Circumstances" means:
  - 2.7.3.1. injury or illness;
  - 2.7.3.2. equipment failure (where applicable);
  - 2.7.3.3. travel delays;
  - 2.7.3.4. bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member;
  - 2.7.3.5. an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Trial; and/or
  - 2.7.3.6. any other factors reasonably considered by the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, and recommended to the Selection Panel to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.
- 2.7.4. A decision in each case of Extenuating Circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.