

POLICY	Governance
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Age Groups”	means Junior, U23 and Open as determined by the 2019 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Competition Rules clause 1.4. Athlete ages will be taken from 31 December 2020.
“Competition”	means the 2020 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships to be held in Viana De Castelo, Portugal from 1 st – 6 th September 2020.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Masters”	means an athlete that is eligible compete in a masters event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters’ age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years as at 31 December 2020
“Policy”	means the Selection Procedures Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Selection Competition”	means the 2020 MAKAI Cup to be held in Ulladulla, NSW on 8 th February 2020 (if conditions on the 8 th February 2020 do not allow the race from going ahead, the race will be run on 9 th February 2020) and any additional Selection Competitions determined under clause 2.4 and 2.5
“Team”	means the Paddle Australia Ocean Racing Team to compete at the Competition.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling in Australia

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

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4 of the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Julie Jenkinson (Chair)
- Michael McKeogh
- Mike Mills-Thom

2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the Policy, in particular clause 6.
- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 6.1 of the Policy to Paddle Australia (PA) by no later than 7th February 2020.

2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1 The Team will be selected to compete at the Competition.
- 2.3.2 Athletes will need to nominate for selection at the point of entry for the Selection Competition in accordance with the Policy
- 2.3.3 By competing in any of the Selection Competition, Athletes:
 - a) agree to comply with these Criteria; and
 - b) agree to comply with the Policy.
- 2.3.4 These Criteria may also be used to select a team to compete at any other ICF competitions as determined by PA, provided that this is notified to the Athletes prior to those competitions.

2.4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.4.1. The following competitions and performance standards will be used for selection of Athletes into the Team prior to the Selection Competition:
 - a) The World Champions from each Age Group at the 2019 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships, France .
- 2.4.2. Following the selection process detailed in clause 2.4.1, PA will select the top five (5) Athletes in each of the Age Groups from the Selection Competition, not including those who have already been selected pursuant to clause 2.4.1.
- 2.4.3. If a top five (5) Athlete from any of the Age Groups does not accept their position on the Team, the next best performing Athlete in that Age Group from the Selection Competition will be selected. If multiple Athletes do not accept their position, PA will continue down the list of the next best performing Athletes until the five (5) places have been filled.
- 2.4.4. Subsequent to the Selection Competition, the ICF will publish the top 40 World ranked athletes in each Age Group in both Men and Women, taken from the ICF World Cups and any International Races as approved by the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Committee. Any Athlete included in these lists will be selected on the Team.

- 2.4.5. Any Athlete selected under 2.4.4 is excluded from the results of the Selection Competition for the purposes of 2.4.2. In that case the top five (5) Athletes from each of the Age Groups of the Selection Competition for the purposes of these Criteria will be re-calculated. Under this revised ranking, any Athlete now included in the top five (5) Athletes in any Age Group will be selected.
- 2.4.6. If any Athlete selected under 2.4.5 does not accept their position on the Team, the next best performing Athlete in that Age Group from the Selection Competition will be selected. If multiple Athletes do not accept their position, PA will continue down the list of the next best performing Athletes until the five (5) places have been filled.
- 2.4.7. Should the Selection Competition be cancelled, for whatever reason, selections will be made based on the most recent World rankings in each of the Age Groups released by the ICF as at 1 May 2020. In that case, this clause 2.4 is to be re-read with Selection Competition defined as “the ICF World Rankings as at 1 May 2020”.
- 2.4.8. If, at the conclusion of the selection process detailed in clause 2.4, there are positions still available on the Team, Athletes may be offered these positions in order of their ICF ranking.

2.5. MASTERS SELECTION

- 2.5.1. Masters will need to advise PA of their interest in being selected onto the Team, by emailing oceanracing@paddle.org.au by no later than 7th February 2020.
- 2.5.2. Masters will need to demonstrate their competency by completing a race in one of the competitions in 2.5.3.
- 2.5.3. Masters will be selected in each age group (as outlined by the ICF) who have demonstrated their competency in any of the following competitions:
- The Selection Competition;
 - 2019/2020 ICF International ranking races; or
 - 2019 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships.

2.6. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.6.1. Announcement of the Team will be made within 1 week of the conclusion of the Selection Event.
- 2.6.2. An additional Team announcement will be made within 1 week of the conclusion of completing the purpose of clauses 2.4.4 to 2.4.6.
- 2.6.3. Athletes must accept the offer of selection in accordance with the Policy.