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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Policy”	means the Selection Procedures Policy adopted by the Board of PA from time to time that governs the selection of athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Class”	means K1 Men, C1 Men, C2 Mixed, K1 Women and C1 Women.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“PA”	Means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia
“Minimum Performance Standard”	means the minimum performance standard required by PA for selection to a national team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 4 of this Criteria.
“Team”	means the 2020 Paddle Australia U23 Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the 2020 ICF Jnr/U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

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 the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Shaun Stephens / National Performance Director (chair)
- Sarah Forsythe / Independent / ex athlete
- Dave Crosbee / Independent
- Mike Druce / Paddle Australia Coach

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1 In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy.
- 2.2.2 Request entry by written confirmation to the Performance Operations Manager (sara.latham@paddle.org.au) to each selection competition for the purpose of entering the athlete into the ICF Entry system no later than 16 days prior to the beginning of each selection competition (14th January for Oceania and 4th February for Australian Open)

2.2.3 Athletes must be born between 1st January 1997 and 31st December 2005 to be eligible for Under 23 Team selection.

2.2.4 Athletes must have nominated for the Team according to Clause 2.3 of this criteria.

2.3 TEAM NOMINATION

2.3.1. The competitions for which the Team will be selected for in 2020 are:

- a) 2020 ICF Canoe Slalom U23 World Championships to be held in Tacen, Slovenia;
- b) other ICF competitions as determined by PA

2.3.2. Athletes will be required to nominate for selection to the Team. The process of nomination will form part of the entry process for the selection competitions listed in clause 2.4 of this Criteria.

2.3.3. By nominating for selection to the Team, athletes agree:

- (i) to comply with this Criteria; and
- (ii) to comply with the Policy.

2.4 SELECTION COMPETITIONS

The following competitions will be utilised for selecting athletes to the Team:

- (i) **Oceania Championships**, Wero, NZ (1st - 3rd February, 2020)
- (ii) **Australian Open**, Penrith NSW, (21st – 23rd February, 2020)

How each of the races will be used for selection are detailed in the policy below.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team in each respective Class, up to the maximum number of quota places (3) awarded to Australia by the ICF for each individual Class, as follows:

3.1 SELECTION PROCESS – DOMESTIC RANKING SYSTEM

3.1.1 Selection competitions and Criteria for Selection include:

Selection Competition #	Selection Competition Name	Stage of race	Result counting	Comment
1	Oceania Championships , Wero, NZ, 1-3 rd February, 2020	Finals	U23 Ranking across Official Heats, Semi-final and Finals (i.e only the official U23 race ranking and will be exclusive of all athletes who	i.e. an U23 athlete in the respective <u>official</u> heat, semi-final or final will be ranked higher for AUS selection purposes than an U23 paddler who races in any invitational semi-final or final.

			are not eligible for U23 Australian Team selection)	
2a	Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 21st – 23rd February, 2020	Heat 1 only	Official race ranking (exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for U23 Australian Team selection)	To ensure all athletes racing at same time/ conditions – heat 2 allows athletes to progress in the overall race, but not gain additional opportunity for MPS over those who qualifies via Heat 1
2b	Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 21st – 23rd February, 2020	Finals	U23 Ranking across official and invitational Semi-final and Finals (Not official race ranking and exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for U23 Australian Team selection)	i.e. an U23 paddler who races in the invitational semi-final or final with a faster time than an U23 athlete in the respective official semi-final or final will be ranked higher for AUS selection purposes)

3.1.2 An athlete’s placing in each of the selection competitions outlined in clause 3.1.1 will be used to earn points for the purposes of the ranking athletes according to the following Table.

2020 Oceania and Australian Open (Selection Competitions 1, 2a and 2b)			
1st	80	16th	18
2nd	72	17th	16
3rd	65	18th	14
4th	58	19th	12
5th	52	20th	11
6th	47	21st	10
7th	43	22nd	9
8th	38	23rd	8
9th	34	24th	7
10th	31	25th	6
11th	28	26th	5
12th	26	27th	4
13th	24	28th	3
14th	22	29th	2
15th	20	30th	1

- 3.1.3 To be clear, at each of the selection competitions, the ranking table in Clause 3.1.2 will be an U23 ranking, and will exclude all athletes who are not eligible, or have not nominated, for U23 selection under this Criteria.
- 3.1.4 Athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with the following:
- (i) Only each athlete's two (2) highest point scores from the competitions set out in clause 3.1.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.
 - (ii) Where two or more athletes have the same total ranking points score, the athlete who has the highest single ranking points score shall be ranked higher.
 - (iii) Where two or more athletes are still ranked equally after consideration of the above clause and a choice must be made between the two athletes for the purposes of this Criteria, the athlete who achieves the best result at selection competition 2b shall be ranked higher.

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

AUTOMATIC SELECTION

- 3.2.1 The three (3) highest ranked eligible U23 Male and three (3) highest ranked eligible U23 Female athletes, based on the ranking system outlined in clause 3.1, AND, achieved at least 1 x U23 MPS in any of the competitions outlined in clause 3.1.1, will be automatically selected in the Class or Classes they achieve the ranking results.
- 3.2.2 To be clear: a) to be AUTOMATICALLY selected, an athlete must have achieved at least 1 x U23 MPS, b) an athlete who is ranked in the Top 3, who has not achieved 1 x U23 MPS, will not be AUTOMATICALLY selected, but may be selected by discretion according to Clause 3.2.3 (ie. the position does not automatically roll down to the next ranked athlete who has achieved MPS).

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- 3.2.1 The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select additional athletes in Olympic Class(s) up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF. In doing so, they will consider the following:
- 3.2.1.1 ranking of each athlete according to clause 3.1.4 of this Criteria
 - 3.2.1.2 application of MPS according to clause 4 of this Criteria
 - 3.2.1.3 in accordance with clause 6.2 (i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria

3.3 RESERVES

Reserves for each class may be named at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel in accordance with Clause 3.2.3.

3.4 CSXL SELECTION CRITERIA

The ICF has made a clear statement that they are strongly pursuing the inclusion of the CSLX event as a potential Olympic event for Paris 2024. The IOC, and subsequently the ICF, have made it clear that, if successful, there will be no additional athlete quota positions available and hence, the CSLX athletes will have to come from the Slalom discipline pool of athletes. Hence, the following Criteria will be used to select athletes for all CSXL Events in 2020:

- 3.4.1 Athletes will be ranked in the K1M and K1W Canoe Slalom Classes according to the same ranking system outlined in Clause 3.1 of this policy, and specifically clause 3.1.4.
- 3.4.2 Where an athlete either chooses not to contest the CSLX event, then the position may roll down to the next ranked K1 athlete, subject to that athlete already being selected for the Team.
- 3.4.3 Subject to a position being available following the application of Clauses 3.4.1 through 3.4.2, the selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, select C1 athlete(s) who have already been selected for the Team.

4. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 4.1 The updated 2020 Canoe Slalom MPS will be set out in Schedule A of this criteria and will be applied at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel according to Clause 4.2.
- 4.2 Where listed in the Criteria that there is a requirement for athletes to 'achieve MPS', means an athlete has:
 - 4.2.1 Achieved the necessary MPS in a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant Competition, whether on the Heats 1st run (only), Semi Final, or Final phase.
 - 4.2.2 If, for any reason, an athlete has not achieved MPS and the Selection Panel requires further evidence of an athlete's ability to achieve MPS, they may consider the following:
 - Relevant performance times in relation to MPS from the athlete within the past 12 months, or
 - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved MPS within the past 12 months
 - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to Clause 5

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, an athlete may apply in writing to the Selection Panel (via the Chair), to consider Extenuating Circumstances.

Such application must incorporate substantive supporting evidence. This application must be received either prior to the Selection Competition beginning, or, as soon as practically possible and no later than 2 hours following the Event in which the extenuating circumstances apply.

- 5.2 The Selection Panel is not obliged to accept or consider an application under this clause. Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from either attending a Selection Competition, or, finishing an Event which holds selection status.
- 5.3 For the purposes of this Policy, "Extenuating Circumstances" means:
- a) injury or illness, as confirmed by the PA Chief Medical Officer, or their authorised representative;
 - b) equipment failure (where applicable);
 - c) travel delays;
 - d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
 - e) an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Competition(s).
- 5.4 If the Selection Panel accepts an Extenuating Circumstance application, a decision in each case of the weight afforded to the Extenuating Circumstances, will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis at its absolute discretion.

6. EVENT CANCELLATION

In the unlikely event one of the selection competitions is cancelled (e.g. extreme weather/catastrophic pump failure at Penrith etc) – the following will apply;

- 6.1 If one of the three domestic selection competitions is cancelled, apart from the selection criteria related to that specific selection competition, there will be no change to the selection criteria (i.e. each athlete's two (2) point scores from the selection competitions set out in clause 3.1.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings).
- 6.2 If more than one of the three domestic selection competitions is cancelled, the selection panel will, at their absolute discretion, select athletes for the Team in each Class. In doing so, the selection panel may consider, but is not required to consider, any one or combination of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):
- (i) performances in ICF World Cup or World Championships Competitions over the last 24 months;
 - (ii) performances in the most recent domestic season, including, Oceania Championships and Australian Open;
 - (iii) demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months;

- (iv) recent performances in relation to the U23 MPS;
- (v) current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an athlete's performance;
and
- (vi) benefit and timing of a competition to assist an athlete's preparation for an U23
and/or Senior World Championships.

7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 7.1 ANNOUNCEMENT of the Team and Reserves will be made within 1 week of the 2020 Australian Open.
- 7.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 days of receiving the selection confirmation.

8. MIXED C2 STATEMENT

- 8.1 The ICF have indicated that there is currently no intention to pursue the MX C2 as an Olympic Class. The Paddle Australia selection principles, as directed by its principal funding partner (AIS), state that priority of resources etc will be provided to Olympic Class competitions, which the MX C2 Class is not currently.
- 8.2 Hence, Paddle Australia have made the decision not to include specific criteria relating to the MX C2 Class.
- 8.3 Once the Team have been selected, then coaches for each Team may select athletes into MX C2 boats for competitions from within the selected Team. E.g. The coaches for the Team may explore opportunities to create one or more MX C2 from within the athletes already selected via C1 for the Team.

SCHEDULE A: MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Implementation of the MPS:

1. At the conclusion of each Selection Trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian athlete in C1 Men, C1 Women, K1 Men and K1 Women.
2. A Base Score is only calculated from the heats phase run 1 and from the Semi Final run at each Selection Trial.

3. Example:

The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best eligible Australian) in any age category in C1M, C1W, K1M, K1W and dividing by 4. The percentage score for an athlete/crew at a competition is calculated by dividing the total score for that athlete/crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at a competition is 184.55 and athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

$$(195.44 / 184.55) \times 100 = 105.90\%$$

2020 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: (updated in October, 2020)

Class	Senior MPS (% of Base Score)	U23 MPS (% of Base Score)	Junior MPS (% of Base Score)
K1 Men	<94.17%	<97.56%	<107.32%
K1 Women	<108.05%	<118.60%	<126.28%
C1 Men	<100.91%	<104.69%	<116.87%
C1 Women	<125.87%	<125.44%	<141.31%