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| TITLE: | 2020 Canoe Slalom National Development Squad (NDS) |
| AREA: | High Performance |
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

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| “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. |
| “ Criteria” | means this Selection Criteria Supplement. |
| “PA” | means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia |
| “NDS” | means the Canoe Slalom National Development Squad |

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of Paddle Australia (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:

- Mike Druce (chair)
- Myriam Fox
- Robin Jeffery

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the NDS, athletes must comply with the Policy;
- 2.2.2. Athletes must be born between 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2006 to be considered for NDS selection.
- 2.2.3. Compete in the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Age Championships*, 3-5 January, Mersey, Tasmania; and/or, Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Championships, 10-12 January, Penrith NSW.
- 2.2.4. Be invited and attend the 2020 NDS assessment training Camp.

**Athletes who are unable to attend the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Age Championships (3-5 January, Mersey, Tasmania) should notify the Chair of Selectors prior to the event.*

2.3 SQUAD BENEFITS

The NDS is largely a self-funded development squad who will gain access to the following development opportunities in 2020:

- (i) National Development Squad (NDS) Training Camps and activities
- (ii) International Tour of New Zealand (Dates and Venues – TBC).

2.4 SELECTION EVENTS

The following competitions will be utilised as part of the selection process:

- (i) **Selection Trial 1: Performance Based Assessment**
Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Age Championships, Mersey Tas; 3-5th January, 2020
- (ii) **INVITATIONAL Selection Trial 2 #:** Competency Based Assessment
NDS Selection Camp, Penrith 14-15th January, 2020

For athletes to be invited to the Selection Trial 2, they must be nominated by one of the identified Performance Pathway Hub Coaches and/or National Pathway's Lead as being suitable to trial for the Squad. As a pre-requisite, athletes must be training at least 5 hrs per week in the boat on a regular basis. Nominations must be put forward by the 21st December.

Performance Pathway Hub Coaches include:

- Mike Druce (National Lead)
- Emir Mujcinovic (NSW)
- Zlatan Ibrahimbegovic (WA)
- Peter Eckhardt (Tas)
- Warwick Draper (Vic)

Selection Trial 2 will be an opportunity for all invited athletes to work with the National Program Coaches. All invited athletes will be assessed on a number of important competencies across technical, physical and approach to training. These competency-based assessments will be provided to the individual athletes and their coaches after the camp.

Together with the competition results they will be used by the selectors to provide a picture of the athlete's developmental stage and whether the NDS squad is the appropriate level of squad for them. The camp report will also provide a useful tool in identifying key areas to develop, with their coach. The ground costs for the camp will be covered, athletes will be supervised for the 2 days with pick up and drop of from Sydney Airport arranged if required.

3. SELECTION POLICY & PROCESS

3.1 SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1.1 The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, will select athletes to the NDS. In exercising its absolute discretion, the Selection Panel will consider a combination of:

- (i) Official race ranking within each age category (as listed below) at Selection Trial 1.
- (ii) Whitewater Skills Competency Assessment at Selection Trial 2
- (iii) On and off Water fitness testing at Selection Trial 2

3.1.2 Athletes may be selected in each of the age brackets:

- (i) 18years; Born in the year 2002.
- (ii) 17years; Born in the year 2003
- (iii) 16years; Born in the year 2004
- (iv) 15years; Born in the year 2005
- (v) 14years; Born in the year 2006

Where the standard of skills and fitness is not yet high enough the athlete and coach will be provided with a skills and fitness competency report. If the Pathway Hub coaches deem sufficient progress has been made through the year athletes may be considered for NDS selection at the Penrith Camp in September.

3.1.3 The 2020 Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships Team selection concludes on the 23rd February, 2020. Any athlete who qualifies for the 2020 Junior Canoe Slalom World Championship Team, and has not already been named to the NDS, will automatically be included in the 2020 NDS.

**Any athlete(s) who is/are unable to attend the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Age Championships (3-5 January 2020, Mersey TAS), and who performs in the high range in the competency-based assessments at Selection Trial 2, may be considered for selection, based on their results at the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Championships, 10-12 January, Penrith NSW*

4. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT of the final 2020 National Development Squad will be made within 1 week of Selection Trial 2.

Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 days of receiving the selection confirmation.