

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Governance</b>
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AREA:	High Performance
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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

<b>“Policy”</b>	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.
<b>“Class”</b>	means the six (6) different classifications as applied to each athlete based on their impairment. (KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2 and VL3).
<b>“Criteria”</b>	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
<b>“Paralympic Event”</b>	means one of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Event categories of Paracanoe, being: Men’s KL1, KL2, KL3, VL2, VL3 and Women’s: KL1, KL2, KL3, VL2. All Paralympic Event distances are 200m.
<b>“PA”</b>	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia
<b>“International Performance Standard”</b>	means the 2020 “Paralympic IPS” for the relevant event listed in the table set out at Schedule A of this Criteria.
<b>“Team”</b>	means the 2020 Paddle Australia Paracanoe Team to compete at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of PA or the Selection Procedures 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)
- Greg Kaeding / PA Sprint Technical Committee
- David Rhodes / PA Selection Panel
- Hannah Davis / PA Selection Panel
- Tahnee Norris / Program Manager Paracanoe

### 2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy; and

- 2.2.2. Meet the ICF Para-Canoe classification rules, have been allocated an international sport class, and an appropriate sport class status by an International Canoe Federation (ICF) classification panel.

### 2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The competitions for which the Team will be selected for are:
- a) ICF Paracanoe World Championships (also, the 2020 Paralympic Qualification – Event 2) (Duisburg) - 21-24 May 2020;
  - 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, athletes agree:
- a) that they are nominating for selection to the Team;
  - b) to comply with this Criteria; and
  - c) to comply with the Policy.

### 2.4. SELECTION COMPETITION

- 2.4.1. The following competitions will be utilised for selection to the Team:
- a) **International:**  
2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships (Szeged) – 21-24 August
  - b) **Domestic:**  
2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships (Penrith) – 11-15 March
- 2.4.2. To be selected to the Team athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 1st – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020, unless extenuating circumstances apply, according to Clause 2.8.

### 2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

#### **Paralympic Games Team Automatic Selection Criteria:**

- 2.5.1 Athletes who achieve International Early Nomination according to the 2020 Paralympic Nomination Criteria will be automatically selected to the Team, subject to fulfilling Ongoing Form and Fitness requirements as per Clause 2.9 of this policy.

#### **Domestic Selection Criteria:**

- 2.5.2 Place in the Top 2 in their Class of a Paralympic Event at the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships AND demonstrate the ability to finish within the relevant IPS for their Class, as defined in Clause 2.6.
- 2.5.3 The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select a minimum number of Athlete(s) in any Class or Paralympic Event but the maximum number will be two per Class.

## 2.6. INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 2.6.1 For the purpose of applying International Performance Standards (IPS) for domestic selection, the IPS for all Paralympic Classes will be updated in September 2019. The updated 2020 Paracanoe IPS 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 2.6.2.
- 2.6.2 Where listed in the Criteria that there is a requirement for athletes to 'demonstrate the ability' to achieve the 2020 International Performance Standard (IPS), means an athlete has:
- 2.6.2.1 Achieved the necessary IPS in neutral conditions at one of the following events:
- 2020 PA Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 2, Penrith NSW, or;
  - 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Penrith, NSW,
- 2.6.2.2 The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether any athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve IPS is at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel, based on the influence of external conditions that may either positively or negatively influence the ability of an athlete to achieve the IPS. Such conditions include, but is not limited to, wind speed/direction, water temperature, wave size and currents.
- 2.6.2.3 If, in any of the above listed events, there is unfavorable conditions and/or the Selection Panel requires further evidence of an athlete's ability to achieve IPS, they may consider the following:
- Relevant performance times in relation to IPS from the athlete within the past 12 months, or
  - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved IPS within the past 12 months
  - Conducting a separate trial to be organised prior to 30 March 2020.
  - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to Clause 2.8

## 2.7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.7.1 Announcement of the Team will be made within one (1) week of the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships and in accordance with the Policy.
- 2.7.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection in writing within 5 business days of receiving the selection invitation.

## 2.8. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, an athlete may make an application in writing to the PA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), requesting that Extenuating Circumstances be considered. Such an application should incorporate any and all substantive evidence to support the application. The application must be received as soon as practically possible and no later than 2 hours following the

final Selection Competition of the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.

2.8.2 Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from meeting the Selection Criteria will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Selection Event(s), the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, may recommend to the Selection Panel that they give weight to Extenuating Circumstances.

2.8.3 For the purposes of this Policy, "Extenuating Circumstances" means:

- a) injury or illness;
- b) equipment failure (where applicable);
- c) travel delays;
- d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member;
- e) an unanticipated event occurring at the Nomination Event(s); and/or
- f) any other factors reasonably considered by the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, and recommended to the Selection Panel to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.

2.8.4 Subsequent to the PA CEO accepting the 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.

## 2.9. CONDITIONAL SELECTION – CONTINUING FORM, FITNESS, MEDICAL & PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

2.9.1 All athletes selected to the Team for the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships are selected, subject to demonstration of continued form, fitness, medical assessment (and where applicable, performance assessment) obligations.

2.9.2 An athlete may be required to undergo an independent medical and/or performance assessment. A performance assessment will be requested at the absolute discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD) and may be a designated race or time trial, scheduled in agreement with the NPD.

2.9.3 Any Athlete selected to the Team who fails to meet the Continuing Form, Fitness, Medical Assessment (and where applicable, Performance Assessment), may at the discretion of the Selection Panel, be removed from the Team.

## Schedule A

### 2020 International Performance Standards

	KL1 200	KL2 200	KL3 200	VL1 200	VL2 200	VL3 200
Men	0:54:41	0:46:50	0:41:65	1:11:30*#	0:58:54	0:54:99
Women	1:04:61	1:00:52	0:55:48	1:27:20*#	1:11:90*	1:10:40*#

\*estimated time due to insufficient data

# non-Paralympic Event