

2020 – 2021

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Beyond the 2020 National Sprint Championships, Paddle Australia's (PA) Canoe Sprint - National Talent Squad (NTS) will be re-badged as the **Canoe Sprint – National Development Squad (NDS)**. Along with the name change the NDS is planning a number of changes, the most significant will be a more targeted approach focusing on the highest quality select group of under 18 athletes. Selected athletes will receive a more significant level of support from PA's Canoe Sprint Pathways program to assist with fast tracking each athletes' development.

The NDS initiative will primarily focus on athlete preparation towards achieving better Junior World Championship performances, through provision of coaching expertise, training opportunities, performance support, athlete education, and exposure to high performance environments and practices.

Canoe Sprint NDS athletes may at times benefit from a range of activities including:

- Paddling sessions / clinics / camps with State Institute and Academy of Sport (SIS/SAS) coaches, squads and National Team coaches.
- Regular training / clinics / camps with State Development Squads (SDS) and or Performance Pathway Hubs.
- International competition and tour support.
- Domestic camp support – for athletes identified in National teams and squads.
- Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement development education workshops.
- Sports Nutrition education and support.
- Introduction and access to Strength and Conditioning and ongoing support which may include programs and lifting technique reviews and evaluation.
- Introduction and exposure to high performance training procedures and performance science support.
- Financial support to help offset related costs when attending National Events – details provided to selected NDS athletes.

NDS athletes will be required to attend two domestic training camps (proposed camps and dates below)

\*camps compulsory for all NDS athletes – inability to attend may result in a review of the athlete’s future involvement in the NDS.

- Camp # 1 – December 5 - 7 days
- Camp # 2 – January 10 days

Each camp will have some associated costs – costs will be kept to a minimum, subsidised by Canoe Sprint Pathways program. (full details provided to NDS athletes and parents in advance)

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Athletes meeting the following performance standards will be identified and then invited to become members of the 2020/2021 Canoe Sprint - National Development Squad. Athlete agreements will be forwarded to individual athletes including full details of NDS related costs, athlete requirements, expectations and athlete support which will be provided during the 2020/2021 domestic and international seasons. Agreements will need to be signed and returned before NDS final squad is announced.

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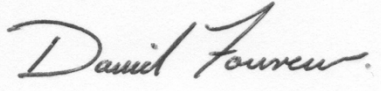
- (i) Any athlete selected on the 2020 Junior World Championship Team who will still eligible for the 2021 Junior World Championships (athletes born 2003 or later);
- (ii) Any athlete selected on the 2020 Olympic Hopes Team;
- (iii) Any U17 athlete finishing within 3% of the winning time in the following events at the 2020 National Championships. \*Under this clause, events will only be considered if the winner of that event is selected as a member of the 2020 Junior World Championship Team;

- U18 K1 1000m “A” final
- U18 C1 1000m “A” final
- U18 K1 500m “A” final
- U18 K1 200m “A” final
  
- U18 WK1 500m “A” final
- U18 WK1 200m “A” final
- U18 WC1 200 “A” final

**Discretionary:**

PA's Canoe Sprint, National Pathways Lead (NPL), at their absolute discretion, may include additional athletes to the NDS or invite identified non NDS athletes to camps or training sessions at any time at any time.

- There is no obligation to include or invite additional Athletes.
- In considering Athletes for inclusion, the NPL, may without limitation consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in their opinion, relevant for consideration when determining whether to include an athlete. The NPL may consider, but is not required to consider, any one or combination of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):
  - performances at 2020 Asia Pacific Sprint Cup;
  - performances during the 2020/21 domestic season, in particular GP1 December 2020;
  - demonstrated continual performance improvement over the past 12 months;
  - recent performances in relation to the U18 International Performance Standards (IPS);
  - demonstrated commitment to training over the past 12 months and potential to gain National Junior Team selection in 2021;
  - current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an Athlete's performance;



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