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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

<b>“Policy”</b>	means the Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of athletes to Paddle Australia Teams. With regards to this criteria, it specifically relates to the nomination of athletes to Paralympics Australia, as opposed 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 Nomination 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>“IPC”</b>	means the International Paralympic Committee.
<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 Australian Paralympic Team to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

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.

Furthermore, where there is a conflicting statements between the Policy and either this Nomination Criteria Supplement or the Paralympic Australia General Selection Criteria, then latter two documents will take precedence.

## 2. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The process of selecting athletes is a two stage process. PA will nominate athletes to Paralympics Australia based on the nomination criteria outlined below. Following nomination, the Paralympics Australia Board will be the sole selector of the Team.

### 2.1. PA SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with the Policy, the PA 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 nomination to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy; and
- 2.2.2. Nationality: Any athlete nominated to the Team must be a national of Australia as determined by the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy detailed within the IPC Handbook. The IPC Athlete Nationality Policy can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.paralympic.org/the-ipc/handbook>
- 2.2.3. Classification:
- 2.2.3.1. Only qualified athletes that 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, as outlined, will be eligible to be nominated to the Team.
- 2.2.3.2. Athletes hold an international classification, listed on the ICF Para-Canoe master-list, with a sports class status of 'Confirmed' or 'Review' with a review date after 31 December 2020.
- 2.2.3.3. Athletes agree to abide by the ICF Para-Canoe classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant Paddle Australia and Paralympics Australia classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
- 2.2.3.4. Athletes agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the ICF, Paddle Australia or Paralympics Australia.
- 2.2.3.5. Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include;
- a) Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment.
  - b) Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by Paddle Australia, Paralympics Australia or the ICF for the purpose of classification
  - c) If an athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the athlete's impairment which may impact on their classification, athletes must provide medical documentation to Paddle Australia, Paralympics Australia or the ICF.
- 2.2.3.6. Athletes agree to notify Paddle Australia, Paralympics Australia or the ICF if there is any change to assistive devices, or equipment used, which may

impact their classification in any way, and agrees to undergo further classification assessment if required.

2.2.3.7. Athletes have not breached the ICF classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code, unless the athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the athlete is ineligible for nomination). For purpose of this clause, a breach may include, among other things:

- a) An athlete under investigation for International Misrepresentation where a notice has been issued, or the athlete has been sanctioned under the ICF Classification Rules and Regulations; or
- b) A failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under the ICF Classification Rules and Regulations.

2.2.3.8. Paralympics Australia reserves the right to review the selection of athletes, including deselection, if exceptional circumstances arise that relate to the athlete classification for the sport or classification qualification criteria as detailed in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide.

### 2.3. TEAM LONG LIST

2.3.1. Long List: For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, PA will maintain a Long List of athletes.

2.3.2. For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the Long List does not increase decrease or otherwise affect an athlete's prospects of being nominated by PA, or being selected by Paralympics Australia, to the Team.

2.3.3. As a member of the Long List, athletes agree:

- a) to comply with this Criteria; and
- b) to comply with the Policy; and
- c) that they are bound by the Paralympics Australia General Selection Criteria;

### 2.4. NOMINATION EVENTS

2.4.1. The following competitions will be utilised for the purpose of nominating athletes 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 nominated to the Team, athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 25<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020, unless extenuating circumstances apply, according to Clause 2.9.

## 2.5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The following nomination criteria will be applied in each Paralympic Class and is subject to Paddle Australia securing Paralympic Quota position(s) in that Class from the ICF.

There will be 3 nomination opportunities:

- 2.5.1. **International Early Nomination Criteria:** Athletes will be nominated to the Team in each respective Class, as follows:
  - 2.5.1.1. 1<sup>st</sup> place at the 2019 ICF Paralympic World Championships, subject to fulfilling Ongoing Form and Fitness requirements as per Clause 2.10 of this nomination criteria.
- 2.5.2. **Domestic Nomination Criteria:** Athletes will be nominated to the Team in each respective Class, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia, as follows:
  - 2.5.2.1. Place in the Top 2 in their Class of a Paralympic Event at the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships AND demonstrate the ability of achieving the relevant IPS in neutral conditions for their Class, as defined in Clause 2.7.
  - 2.5.2.2. The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select a minimum number of Athlete(s) in any Class or Paralympic Event and the maximum number will be determined by the maximum number of quota positions awarded to Australia.
- 2.5.3. **International Late Nomination Criteria:** Subject to Australia achieving additional Quota Positions at the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, athletes will be nominated to the Team in each respective Class, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia for each Class, as follows:
  - 2.5.3.1. Any athlete, not yet nominated, who fulfils the Domestic Nomination Criteria by placing in the Top 2 of their Class of a Paralympic Event, and;
  - 2.5.3.2. demonstrate the ability of achieving the relevant IPS in neutral conditions for their Class, as defined in Clause 2.7.

## 2.6. RESERVES

If the number of athletes who achieve the criteria is greater than the number of eligible quota positions, then reserves will be named in order of finishing position at the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships. Reserve athletes will be selected to contest the 2020 Paralympic World Championships. Nevertheless, reserves will not be members of the Australian Paralympic Team until such time they are confirmed replacements to the Team. It will be at the complete discretion of the NPD as to whether any of the Reserves will travel with the team during any lead up events or training camps between the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships and the Paralympic Games.

## 2.7. INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 2.7.1 For the purpose of applying International Performance Standards (IPS) for Domestic Nomination, 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 2.7.2.
- 2.7.2 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:
- 2.7.2.1 Achieved the necessary IPS in neutral conditions at one of the following events:
- 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, Szeged (HUN), or;
  - 2020 PA Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 2, Penrith NSW, or;
  - 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Penrith, NSW
- 2.7.2.2 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.
- 2.7.2.3 If, in any of the above listed events, there is unfavorable conditions and 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 12months, or
  - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved IPS within the past 12mths
  - Conducting a separate trial to be organised prior to March 30, 2020.
  - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to Clause 2.9

## 2.8. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.8.1 Subject to confirmation of athlete quotas for the 2020 Paralympic Games, and any pending appeal received by PA under the Policy, announcement of selection to the Team will be made by Paralympics Australia following confirmation by the Paralympics Australia Board.
- 2.8.2 Subject to Paddle Australia receiving additional quota positions following the 2020 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, athletes earning International Late Nomination, will be announced by Paralympics Australia following confirmation by the Paralympics Australia Board.
- 2.8.3 The final deadline for nominating Athletes is the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

## 2.9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.9.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, an athlete may apply in writing to the PA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to consider Extenuating Circumstances incorporating substantive evidence to support the application. This application must be received as soon as practically possible and no later than 2 hours following the final paracanoe event of the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 2.9.2 Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from meeting the Nomination Criteria will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Nomination Event(s), the Chief Executive Officer at its absolute discretion, may recommend to the Selection Panel that they give weight to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 2.9.3 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.
- 2.9.4 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.

## 2.10. NOMINATION CONDITIONAL – CONTINUING FORM, FITNESS AND MEDICAL & PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

- 2.10.1 All athletes achieving International Early Nomination at the 2019 ICF Paracanoe World Championships are nominated subject to demonstration of continued form, fitness and medical assessment obligations. This includes but is not limited to the following:
- a) Place in the Top 2 in their Class of a Paralympic Event at the 2020 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships AND demonstrate the ability of achieving the relevant IPS in neutral conditions for their Class, as defined in Clause 2.7.
- 2.10.2 An athlete may be required to undergo an independent medical and/or performance assessment. The performance assessment will be at the absolute discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD) and may be designed race or trial at a time agreed with the NPD.



2.10.3 Paddle Australia may request the removal of any selected athlete where it determines that the athlete fails to meet the Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment and/or has breached the provisions of the PA selection criteria, however any decision to remove a selected athlete from the 2020 Australian Paralympic Team will be determined by Paralympics Australia in its sole and absolute discretion.

### **3. APPEAL PROCEDURE**

The process for appeals is outlined in the Policy. For the purpose of this criteria, where the Policy references selection and/or non-selection to a PA Team, the interpretation should be nomination and/or non-nomination to Paralympics Australia.

## Schedule A

### 2020 International Performance Standards

	KL1 200	KL2 200	KL3 200	VL2 200	VL3 200
Men	0:54:41	0:46:50	0:41:65	0:58:54	0:54:99
Women	1:04:61	1:00:52	0:55:48	1:11:90*	n/a

\*estimated time due to insufficient data