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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.
“Category”	means Men’s K1, Women’s K1, Men’s C1, Women’s C1 and Mixed C2.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling 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 5 of this Criteria.
“Team”	means the 2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups and World Championship Events.

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 AIMS

To give context to the following policy and processes, the aims of the PA High Performance Program for the 2021 season are as follows:

- a) provide the optimal preparation and support for athletes selected onto the 2020 Olympic Games team, to be contested in 2021;
- b) to confirm the ‘Reserve’ athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games team and to provide those Reserve athletes competitive opportunities prior to the Olympic Games; and
- c) provide potential Paris 2024 athletes, who reach the necessary age related performance standards, an opportunity to compete in ICF International competitions.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Shaun Stephens / National Performance Director (chair)
- Sarah Forsythe / Independent / ex athlete
- Mike Druce / Paddle Australia Coach
- TBC – if required

3.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.2.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy.
- 3.2.2. Request entry by written confirmation to the Performance Operations Manager (sara.latham@paddle.org.au) to the Australian Open 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 (27th January for Australian Open)
- 3.2.3. Athletes must be born on or before 31st December 2006 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.4. Athletes must have nominated for the Team under clause 3.3 of this Criteria.

3.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team will be selected for in 2021 are:
 - a) 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups;
 - b) 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships;
 - c) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA.
- 3.3.2. 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 3.4 of this Criteria.
- 3.3.3. If, in accordance with clause 7 of this policy, the selection competitions are cancelled prior to the entry process closing, then Paddle Australia will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 3.3.4. By nominating for selection to the Team, athletes agree to comply with:
 - (i) this Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.

3.4. SELECTION COMPETITIONS

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

- (i) **Australian Open**, Penrith NSW, (12-14th, February, 2021)
- (ii) **Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Competition**, Penrith NSW, (26-28th February, 2021)

How each of the races will be used for selection is detailed below.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

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

4.1 SELECTION PROCESS – DOMESTIC RANKING SYSTEM

4.1.1 Selection events and Criteria for selection include:

Selection Event #	Selection Competition Name	Stage of race	Result counting	Comment
1	Australian Open , Penrith NSW, (12-14 th , February, 2021)	Finals	Official race ranking (exclusive of non-Australian athletes)	i.e. no invitation race(s) will be held as part of selection. Athletes will qualify through the official race progression system only.
2a	Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Competition , Penrith NSW, (27-28th February, 2021)	Heat 1 only	Official race ranking (exclusive of non-Australian athletes)	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	Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Competition , Penrith NSW, (27-28th February, 2021)	Finals	Ranking across official and invitational Semi-final and Finals (Not official race ranking and exclusive of non-Australian athletes)	i.e. a paddler who races in the invitational semi-final or final with a faster time than an athlete in the respective official semi-final or final will be ranked higher for AUS selection purposes)

4.1.2 An athlete's placing in each of the selection events outlined in clause 4.1.1 will be used to earn points for the purposes of the ranking athletes according to the following Table.

Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Events (Selection Events 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

- 4.1.3 To be clear, at each of the selection events, the ranking table in clause 4.1.2 will exclude all non-Australian athletes.
- 4.1.4 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 selection events set out in clause 4.1.1 will be totaled 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 event 2b shall be ranked higher.

4.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

4.2.1 OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM ATHLETES:

Athletes selected by the AOC in each Category according to the '[Tokyo Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Nomination Policy](#)', will be automatically selected for all 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups (1 to 4) and the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

4.2.2 OLYMPIC GAMES RESERVE ATHLETE CONFIRMATION (MK1, MC1 and WC1):

4.2.2.1 Athletes in each Category (MK1, MC1 and WC1) who achieved the criteria to be named as a 'Reserve' according to the '[Tokyo Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Nomination Policy](#)' will need to confirm their position by placing in the top three (3), based on the ranking system outlined in clause 4.1, AND, achieve at least 1 x Senior MPS in any of the selection competitions outlined in clause 3.4.

4.2.2.2 Where an athlete who was previously named as a Reserve, fails to place in the top three (3), OR, fails to achieve a Senior MPS in any of the selection competitions outlined in clause 3.4, then:

- (i) the athlete will no longer be named as a Reserve; and,
- (ii) the Olympic Games Reserve position will be reallocated to the highest ranked eligible athlete in the respective Category (excluding athletes who have been selected for the Olympic Games team), based on the

ranking system outlined in clause 4.1, AND, who has achieved at least 1 x Senior MPS.

4.2.2.3 Following application of clauses 4.2.2.1 and 4.2.2.2, the confirmed Olympic Games Reserve for each Category (MK1, MC1 and WC1), will be automatically selected for all World Cups (1 to 4) and the 2021 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships.

4.2.2.4 To be clear:

- (i) to be AUTOMATICALLY selected under this clause 4.2.2, an athlete must have achieved at least 1 x Senior MPS,
- (ii) an athlete who achieves the necessary ranking under Clause 4.2.2, but has not achieved 1 x Senior MPS, will not be AUTOMATICALLY selected, but may be selected by discretion according to Clause 4.2.3 (i.e. the position does not automatically roll down to the next ranked athlete who has achieved MPS).

4.2.3 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

4.2.3.1 The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select additional athletes in Olympic Categories up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF. In doing so, they will consider the following:

- (i) ranking of each athlete according to clause 4.1 of this Criteria
- (ii) application of MPS according to clause 5 of this Criteria
- (iii) in accordance with clause 7.3 (i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria
- (iv) approved extenuating circumstances that may apply as outlined in clause 6, in which case a selection decision will be based on the weight of performance based evidence in accordance with clause 7.3 (i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria

4.2.3.2 In making its discretionary decision, the Selection Panel may select an athlete for one or more than one competition that is listed in clause 3.3.1.

4.2.3.3 The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select Reserve athlete(s), according to clause 4.3, for any competitions that are not filled to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF.

4.3 RESERVES

The Selection Panel may, but is not obliged to, name Reserves for each Category according to clause 4.2.3. If a selected Athlete chooses not to, or, is unable to compete in any of the selected competitions, then the Reserve athlete will replace the selected Athlete in that competition.

4.4 CSLX SELECTION CRITERIA

The ICF and IOC have recently confirmed the inclusion of CSLX event as an Olympic event for Paris 2024. The ICF and IOC have made it clear that 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, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF, for all CSLX Events in 2021:

- 4.4.1 Athletes will be ranked in the MK1 and WK1 Canoe Slalom Categories according to the same ranking system outlined in Clause 4.1 of this policy, and specifically clause 4.1.4.
- 4.4.2 Where an athlete either chooses not to contest the CSLX event, then the position(s) may roll down to the next ranked K1 athlete, subject to that athlete already being selected for the Team.
- 4.4.3 Subject to a position being available following the application of Clauses 4.3.1 through 4.3.2, the selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, select C1 athlete(s), in order of ranking, who have already been selected for the Team.
- 4.4.4 Subject to a position being available following the application of Clauses 4.3.1 through 4.3.3, the selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, but are not obliged to, select athlete(s) who have not been selected for the Team.

5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

- 5.1 The 2021 canoe slalom MPS are outlined in Schedule A of this Criteria and may be applied in the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel according to clause 5.2.
- 5.2 Where listed in the Criteria that there is a requirement for athletes to 'achieve MPS', this means an athlete has:
 - 5.2.1 Achieved the necessary MPS in a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant Category in a Selection Competition, whether on the Heats 1st run (only), Semi Final, or Final phase.
 - 5.2.2 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, it may consider the following:
 - Relevant performance times in relation to MPS from the athlete during the 2020 or 2021 calendar years, or
 - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved MPS during the 2020 or 2021 calendar years,
 - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to clause 6.

6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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) Covid related quarantine requirements, as confirmed by a Medical Officer
 - c) equipment failure (where applicable);
 - d) travel delays;
 - e) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
 - f) an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Competition(s).
- 6.4 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.

7. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION:

Prior to cancellation of any Selection Event/Competition, Paddle Australia will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule a particular Selection Event/Competition for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed. If a Selection Competition and/or Event is cancelled for any reason (e.g. Covid restrictions, extreme weather, catastrophic pump failure at Penrith etc), the following process will apply.

- 7.1 If one of the three domestic selection events is cancelled, apart from the selection criteria related to that specific selection event, there will be no change to the selection criteria (i.e. each athlete's two (2) point scores from the selection events set out in clause 4.2.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.
- 7.2 If more than one of the three domestic selection event(s) is cancelled, and there is no reasonable opportunity to re-schedule the Selection Event, the selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, select athletes for all World Cup/Championship competitions in

each Category. 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 past 2 International seasons (2019 and 2020);
- (ii) performances in domestic competitions throughout 2020 and 2021
- (iii) demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months;
- (iv) recent performances in relation to the Senior MPS, or in relation to the U23 MPS for those eligible U23 aged athletes;
- (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 or Senior World Championships.

8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of the Team will be made within 1 week of the 2021 Australian Open.

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

To allow potential quota allocations to roll down, the following deadlines for confirming withdrawal of any World Cups is requested (subject to unforeseen circumstances e.g Covid restrictions are the following):

World Cups 1 and 2:	All Athletes	26 th March, 2021
World Cups 3 and 4 / Championships:	Non-Olympic Athletes	25 th June, 2021
World Cups 3 and 4 / Championships:	Olympic Athletes	9 th August, 2021

9. MIXED C2 STATEMENT

- 9.1 The ICF has indicated that there is currently no intention to pursue the Mixed C2 as an Olympic Category. The PA selection principles, as directed by its principal funding partner (AIS), state that priority of resources etc will be provided to Olympic Category competitions, which the Mixed C2 Category is not currently.
- 9.2 Hence, PA has made the decision not to include specific criteria relating to the Mixed C2 Category.
- 9.3 Once the Team has 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 Mixed C2 from within the athletes already selected via C1 for the Team.

SCHEDULE A: MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Implementation of 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 Men’s K1, Women’s K1, Men’s C1 and Women’s C1,
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 MK1, WK1, MC1 and WC1, 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:

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

2021 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

(updated in October, 2020, same as 2020 due to lack of International events in 2020)

Category	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%