

**Selection Criteria
2021 Canoe Slalom
National Development Squad**

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| TITLE: | 2021 Canoe Slalom National Development Squad (NDS) |
| AREA: | High Performance |
| RESPONSIBILITY: | National Performance Pathway's Lead |
| RELATED POLICIES: | |
| DRAFTED BY: | National Performance Pathway's Lead |
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

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| “Athlete” | means a person of either male or female gender who has made a nomination to PA that he/she wishes to be considered for selection to the NDS. |
| “ Criteria” | means this Selection Criteria. |
| “NDS” | means the Canoe Slalom National Development Squad |
| “PA” | means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia |

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of Paddle Australia (PA) unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

2.1 SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel members are:

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

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. Athletes must be born between 1st January 2003 and 31st December 2007 to be considered for NDS selection.
- 2.2.2. Be a 2020 National Development Squad member, provided they are still compliant with 2020 requirements and subject to a review meeting with coaches to satisfy the Selection Panel members that they are committed to continued improvement within the program.
- 2.2.3. Additional athletes will be considered for invitation if they are recommended and endorsed by a Paddle Australia supported pathway coach. As a minimum requirement, athletes will need to:
 - (i) meet the required standard of six hours a week in the boat; and,
 - (ii) possess the necessary skill level to allow them to benefit from training camps at Brady’s lake in Tasmania, and Penrith Whitewater Stadium New South Wales.

2.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. Athletes will be required to nominate for selection to the squad by COB Wednesday 16th December 2020.
- 2.3.2. The process of nomination is in writing to Jill Bassett on jill.bassett@paddle.org.au
- 2.3.3. By nominating for selection to the NDS, athletes agree:
 - (i) to comply with this Criteria; and
 - (ii) to comply with all Policies and Procedures of PA.

2.4 SQUAD BENEFITS

The NDS is largely a self-funded development squad who will gain access to the following development opportunities in 2021:

- (i) National Development Squad (NDS) Training Camps and activities
- (ii) New Zealand Tour for other training/competition opportunities, if travel restrictions allow (Dates and Venues – TBC).

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) Whitewater Skills Competency
 - (ii) On and off Water fitness
 - (iii) Demonstrated commitment and dedication to Canoe Slalom
- 3.1.2 Athletes may be selected in each of the age brackets:
 - (i) 18years; Born in the year 2003.
 - (ii) 17years; Born in the year 2004
 - (iii) 16years; Born in the year 2005
 - (iv) 15years; Born in the year 2006
 - (v) 14years; Born in the year 2007

If an Athlete does not make selection to the 2021 NDS in January, Athletes may be considered for NDS selection at an alternate camp in Penrith in September.
- 3.1.3 The 2021 Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships Team selection concludes on the 28th February, 2021. Any athlete who qualifies for the 2021 Junior Canoe Slalom World Championship Team, and has not already been named to the NDS, will automatically be included in the 2021 NDS.

4. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT of the final 2021 National Development Squad will be made on the 29th January following the January NDS Camp.

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

Athletes accepting their selection to the 2021 National Development Squad will be expected to:

- a) abide by all PA policies and procedures
- b) participate in domestic training camps and potential competition tours, subject to Covid travel risks and constraints.