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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“AOC”	means the Australian Olympic Committee
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Prognostic Performance Standard”	means the prognostic performance standard (PPS) used by PA to guide selection decisions to a national Team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 6 of this Criteria.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling in Australia.
“Policy”	means the Selection Procedures Policy adopted by the Board of PA from time to time that governs the selection of athletes to PA Teams.
“Team”	means the 2021 PA Canoe Sprint World Cup/Championships Team to compete at the 2021 Canoe Sprint World Cup and/or 2021 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

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; and
- b) provide potential Paris 2024 athletes, who reach the necessary age related performance standards, an opportunity to compete in ICF International competitions, if deemed safe to do so; and
- c) to name potential ‘Reserve’ athletes* for the 2020 Olympic Games team

** Reserve athletes will only be nominated if a selected Olympic Team athlete, either, a) withdraws from the team voluntarily, or, b) is removed from the team in accordance with the AOC Selection Criteria or AOC Team Membership Agreement. Note: the decision to de-select an athlete is a decision by the AOC.*

3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1. SELECTION PANEL

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

- Shaun Stephens / PA National Performance Director (Chair);
- David Foureux / PA National Performance Pathway Lead, Canoe Sprint;
- Hannah Davis / Retired Olympic Athlete;
- David Rhodes / Retired Olympic Athlete; and
- Greg Kaeding / PA Canoe Sprint Technical Committee

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. Athletes must be born on or before 31st December 2006 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.3. In this Criteria, where it refers to an U23, athletes must be born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2006 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.4. In this Criteria, where it refers to an U21, an athlete must be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2006 to be eligible for consideration under this criteria.
- 3.2.5. For the avoidance of doubt, to be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team in a Crew Event, each athlete in a Crew must meet the eligibility requirements under this clause of this Criteria.
- 3.2.6. Athletes must have nominated for the Team under clause 3.3 of this Criteria.
- 3.2.7. If requested, athletes must attend National Team/Squad training camps leading up to and following selection, unless extenuating circumstances apply, according to Clause 5.3

3.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team may be selected for in 2021 include:
 - a) 2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups;
 - b) 2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships;
 - c) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA.
 - d) athletes named as Reserve athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games team, according to this policy, may be nominated to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games, to be contested in 2021, subject to selection by the AOC.
- 3.3.2. Athletes will be required to nominate for consideration for selection to the Team. The process of nomination will form part of the entry process for the selection competition listed in clause 3.4 of this Criteria.

- 3.3.3. If, in accordance with clause 7 of this policy, the selection competition is cancelled prior to the entry process closing, then Paddle Australia will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 3.3.4. By nominating for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes agree to comply with:
- (i) this Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.
- 3.3.5. Given the current global uncertainty due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as health concerns, logistical challenges and cost to travel Internationally in 2021, Paddle Australia may choose not to send selected athletes and/or teams to any of the above listed competitions. This decision will be at the absolute discretion of PA Board and senior management.

3.4. SELECTION COMPETITION

The following competition will be utilised for considering athletes for selection to the Team:

PA Canoe Sprint Championships, Penrith, NSW

The current dates of this competition are 17-21 March, 2021. As outlined in Clause 7 of this Criteria, the Selection Competition and/or Events may be postponed or cancelled and any alternate dates and venues for the purpose of selection will be communicated by PA.

As per clause 3.2 of the Policy, this Criteria may be amended or repealed by PA at any time and any changes will be communicated by PA.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team, as follows:

4.1. WORLD CUP/CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

- 4.1.1. Any athlete selected to the 2020 Olympic Games Team (to compete in 2021) is automatically selected to the Team.
- 4.1.2. Excluding athletes selected for the 2020 Olympic Games Team, up to four additional sprint kayak athletes may be selected to the Team in each gender, as follows:
- a) Excluding Olympic Team athletes, the first placed eligible athlete, in the following Open Events at the selection competition, that achieves the relevant PPS according to their age category in that specific Event according to clause 6 of this policy will be selected in the following order, up to the maximum number of 4 athletes:
 - (i) Senior MK1 500; then
 - (ii) Senior MK1 200; then
 - (iii) U23 MK1 500; then
 - (iv) U23 MK1 200; then
 - (i) Senior WK1 500; then
 - (ii) Senior WK1 200; then
 - (iii) U23 WK1 500; then
 - (iv) U23 WK1 200; then

(v) U21 MK1 500; then (v) U21 WK1 500; then

(vi) U21 MK1 200 (vi) U21 WK1 200

b) If, after the application of clause 4.1.2 (a), there are less than 4 athletes selected, then the second placed eligible athlete, not already selected, in the following Open Events at the selection competition, that achieves the relevant PPS according to their age category in that specific Event according to clause 6 of this policy, will be selected in the following order, up to the maximum number of 4 athletes:

(i) Senior MK1 500; then (i) Senior WK1 500; then

(ii) Senior MK1 200; then (ii) Senior WK1 200; then

(iii) U23 MK1 500; then (iii) U23 WK1 500; then

(iv) U23 MK1 200; then (iv) U23 WK1 200; then

(v) U21 MK1 500; then (v) U21 WK1 500; then

(vi) U21 MK1 200 (vi) U21 WK1 200

c) If, after the application of clause 4.1.2 (a) and (b), there are less than 4 athletes selected, then the remaining places, up to the maximum number of 4 athletes may be selected based on the final result of the MK1 500 and WK1 500 respectively, regardless of achieving relevant PPS.

d) In considering whether the maximum number of 4 athletes will be selected, the Selection Panel may consider any one, a combination of, all or none of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting), in its absolute discretion:

(i) Relevant performance times in relation to the 2021 PPS from the athlete in neutral conditions during the 2020 or 2021 calendar years;

(ii) relevant factors applicable to Crew combinations, including but not limited to, proven team boat performances, technical compatibility, Crew compatibility, attitude and coachability;

(iii) relevant factors applicable to team size, competition schedules and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes

4.1.3. Excluding athletes selected for the 2020 Olympic Games Team, one additional sprint canoe athlete may be selected to the Team in each gender, as follows:

a) Excluding Olympic Team athletes, the first placed eligible athlete, in the following Open Events at the selection competition, that achieves the relevant PPS according to their age category in that specific Event according to clause 6 of this policy, will be selected in the following order, until the position is filled:

(i) Senior MC1 1000; then (i) Senior WC1 200; then

(ii) U23 MC1 1000; then (iii) U23 WC1 200; then

(iii) U21 MC1 1000; then (v) U21 WC1 200; then

b) To be clear, if an athlete does not achieve the necessary PPS, according to clause 6, for the respective age category, the position will not be filled.

4.2. NAMING OF OLYMPIC TEAM RESERVES

4.2.1. The Selection Panel may, but are not obliged to, name up to two male and up to two female sprint kayak athletes, as Olympic Team Reserves, from the following pool of athletes;

- a) athletes selected in accordance with clause 4.1.2 (a) of this policy; and
- b) any athlete who places in the top 2 (excluding Olympic Team athletes) in either the Open Men's and Women's K1 500 or K1 200 events, regardless of whether they achieve the necessary PPS.

4.2.2. The naming of Olympic Team Reserves, in no particular order, will occur at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel in accordance with Clauses 6.19 and 6.20 of the Tokyo Olympic Games Nomination Criteria – Sprint Canoe/Kayak Criteria.

4.2.3. If there is a need to nominate one of the potential two named reserve athletes to the AOC, the decision as to which Athlete will be nominated will be made at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel in accordance with Clauses 6.19 and 6.20 of the Tokyo Olympic Games Nomination Criteria – Sprint Canoe/Kayak Criteria and will consider the characteristics required following the removal of an Athlete (e.g which boat/event the athlete will fill).

4.2.4. For the avoidance of doubt, any Reserve athletes named, will not be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team and will not be Team members, until such time there is a requirement to do so.

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

5.1 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.

5.2 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, will be considered.

5.3 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, that prevent an athlete from attending the selection competition;
 - 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).
- 5.4 To be clear, any postponement, rescheduling or cancellation of a Selection Competition or Event will not be considered as Extenuating circumstances.
- 5.5 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.

6. PROGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (PPS)

- 6.1 The applicable 2021 PPS are as follows:
- Senior athletes – 95%
 - U23 athletes - 93%
 - U21 athletes – 91%
- 6.2 The corresponding times for relevant K1/C1 events are listed in Appendix A. Where it is listed in the criteria that there is a requirement for athletes to demonstrate the ability to achieve a PPS for a relevant Event, the following criteria will be applied.
- 6.3 Demonstrated ability to achieve the highlighted Senior U23, or U21 PPS, requires an athlete to have either:
- (a) Achieved the age specific Senior, U23, or U21 PPS (in the K1/C1 Events highlighted in Appendix A), in neutral conditions at the following competition:
 - 2021 PA Canoe Sprint Championships, Penrith, NSW
 - (b) The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether any athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve PPS is in 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 PPS. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, wind speed/direction, water temperature, wave size and currents.
 - (c) If, in any of the above listed competitions, there are unfavourable conditions and the Selection Panel requires further evidence of the ability to achieve PPS, it may (but is not obliged to) consider the following:

- Relevant performance times in relation to the age specific 2021 PPS from the athlete in neutral conditions in the competitions listed in clause 6.3(a).
- Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved age specific PPS in the competitions listed in clause 6.3(a).
- National and international performances during the 2020 and 2021 calendar years
- Conducting a separate trial to be organised prior to March 30, 2021.
- Approved Extenuating Circumstances under clause 5.

7. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION:

- 7.1 Prior to cancellation of any Selection Competition or Event, Paddle Australia will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule that Competition or Event for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed.
- 7.2 If the Selection Competition or Event is cancelled, and there is no reasonable opportunity to re-schedule the Competition or Event, then the Selection Panel may select athletes at their absolute discretion.

8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 8.1 Announcement of the Team and naming of the Olympic Team Reserve athletes will be made within 1 week of the 2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 8.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection as outlined in the Policy.

APPENDIX A

PADDLE AUSTRALIA
SPRINT CANOE / KAYAK

2021 Prognostic Performance Standards: (updated December 2020)

PERFORMANCE PROGNOSTIC STANDARDS - 2021 WORLD CUP/CHAMPIONSHIPS														
% Prognostic Speed	WOMEN						MEN							
	WK1 200	WK1 500	WK2 500	WK4 500	WK1 1000	WK2 1000	MC1 200	MC1 500	MC2 500	MC1 1000	MC2 1000	MC2 500		
100%	00:38.59	01:47.05	01:37.81	01:29.42	00:45.37	01:54.59	00:33.74	01:35.54	01:26.86	01:18.16	03:24.01	03:06.57	03:44.16	01:37.17
99.50%	00:38.78	01:47.58	01:38.30	01:29.87	00:45.60	01:55.16	00:33.91	01:36.02	01:27.292	01:18.56	03:25.03	03:07.51	03:45.29	01:37.66
99.00%	00:38.98	01:48.13	01:38.80	01:30.32	00:45.83	01:55.74	00:34.08	01:36.51	01:27.733	01:18.95	03:26.07	03:08.45	03:46.43	01:38.15
98.50%	00:39.18	01:48.68	01:39.30	01:30.78	00:46.06	01:56.33	00:34.26	01:37.00	01:28.178	01:19.35	03:27.11	03:09.41	03:47.58	01:38.65
98.00%	00:39.38	01:49.23	01:39.81	01:31.24	00:46.30	01:56.93	00:34.43	01:37.49	01:28.628	01:19.76	03:28.17	03:10.38	03:48.74	01:39.15
97.50%	00:39.58	01:49.79	01:40.32	01:31.71	00:46.54	01:57.52	00:34.61	01:37.99	01:29.082	01:20.17	03:29.24	03:11.35	03:49.91	01:39.66
97.00%	00:39.78	01:50.36	01:40.83	01:32.18	00:46.78	01:58.13	00:34.78	01:38.50	01:29.542	01:20.58	03:30.32	03:12.34	03:51.10	01:40.18
96.50%	00:39.99	01:50.93	01:41.36	01:32.66	00:47.02	01:58.74	00:34.96	01:39.01	01:30.006	01:21.00	03:31.41	03:13.33	03:52.29	01:40.69
96.00%	00:40.20	01:51.51	01:41.89	01:33.14	00:47.26	01:59.36	00:35.15	01:39.53	01:30.474	01:21.42	03:32.51	03:14.34	03:53.50	01:41.22
95.50%	00:40.41	01:52.09	01:42.42	01:33.63	00:47.51	01:59.99	00:35.33	01:40.05	01:30.948	01:21.85	03:33.62	03:15.36	03:54.73	01:41.75
95.00%	00:40.62	01:52.68	01:42.96	01:34.12	00:47.76	02:00.62	00:35.52	01:40.57	01:31.427	01:22.28	03:34.74	03:16.39	03:55.96	01:42.28
94.50%	00:40.84	01:53.28	01:43.50	01:34.62	00:48.01	02:01.26	00:35.70	01:41.10	01:31.910	01:22.71	03:35.88	03:17.43	03:57.21	01:42.83
94.00%	00:41.05	01:53.88	01:44.05	01:35.13	00:48.27	02:01.90	00:35.89	01:41.64	01:32.399	01:23.15	03:37.03	03:18.48	03:58.47	01:43.37
93.50%	00:41.27	01:54.49	01:44.61	01:35.63	00:48.53	02:02.55	00:36.09	01:42.19	01:32.893	01:23.60	03:38.19	03:19.54	03:59.75	01:43.93
93.00%	00:41.49	01:55.10	01:45.17	01:36.15	00:48.79	02:03.21	00:36.28	01:42.74	01:33.393	01:24.05	03:39.36	03:20.61	04:01.04	01:44.48
92.50%	00:41.72	01:55.73	01:45.74	01:36.67	00:49.05	02:03.88	00:36.48	01:43.29	01:33.898	01:24.50	03:40.55	03:21.69	04:02.34	01:45.05
92.00%	00:41.95	01:56.35	01:46.31	01:37.19	00:49.32	02:04.55	00:36.68	01:43.85	01:34.408	01:24.96	03:41.75	03:22.79	04:03.66	01:45.62
91.50%	00:42.17	01:56.99	01:46.90	01:37.72	00:49.59	02:05.23	00:36.88	01:44.42	01:34.924	01:25.42	03:42.96	03:23.90	04:04.99	01:46.20
91.00%	00:42.41	01:57.63	01:47.48	01:38.26	00:49.86	02:05.92	00:37.08	01:44.99	01:35.445	01:25.89	03:44.18	03:25.02	04:06.33	01:46.78
90.50%	00:42.64	01:58.28	01:48.08	01:38.80	00:50.14	02:06.62	00:37.28	01:45.57	01:35.973	01:26.37	03:45.42	03:26.15	04:07.69	01:47.37
90.00%	00:42.88	01:58.94	01:48.68	01:39.35	00:50.42	02:07.32	00:37.49	01:46.16	01:36.506	01:26.85	03:46.67	03:27.30	04:09.07	01:47.97
89.50%	00:43.12	01:59.60	01:49.28	01:39.91	00:50.70	02:08.03	00:37.70	01:46.75	01:37.045	01:27.33	03:47.94	03:28.46	04:10.46	01:48.57
89.00%	00:43.36	02:00.28	01:49.90	01:40.47	00:50.98	02:08.75	00:37.91	01:47.35	01:37.590	01:27.82	03:49.22	03:29.63	04:11.87	01:49.18
88.50%	00:43.60	02:00.96	01:50.52	01:41.04	00:51.27	02:09.48	00:38.13	01:47.96	01:38.142	01:28.32	03:50.52	03:30.81	04:13.29	01:49.80
88.00%	00:43.85	02:01.64	01:51.15	01:41.61	00:51.56	02:10.21	00:38.34	01:48.57	01:38.699	01:28.82	03:51.83	03:32.01	04:14.73	01:50.42