

POLICY	Governance
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Crew”	means, where an Event involves more than one person, the athletes who compete together from time to time and who seek selection for a Team.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Event”	means the Discipline, Boat, Gender and Distance (MK2 1000, WC1 200m, etc).
“Prognostic Performance Standard”	means the prognostic performance standard used by PA to guide selection decisions to a national Team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 5 of this Criteria.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing 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 U23 Canoe Sprint Team to compete at the 2021 ICF Jnr/U23 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 PROCEDURES

2.1 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

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy.

- 2.2.2. Athletes must be born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2006 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 2.2.3. In this Criteria, where it refers to an U21 PPS, an athlete must be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2006 to be eligible for consideration under this criteria.
- 2.2.4. 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.
- 2.2.5. Athletes must have nominated for the Team under clause 2.3 of this Criteria.

2.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The competitions for which the Team will be selected for in 2021 are:
 - a) 2021 ICF Canoe Sprint U23 World Championships to be held in Montemor-O-Velho, Portugal (3 – 6 Septemeber, 2021);
 - b) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA
- 2.3.2. 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 competitions listed in clause 2.4 of this Criteria.
- 2.3.3. If, in accordance with clause 6 of this policy, the selection competition is cancelled prior to the entry process closing, then Paddle Australia will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 2.3.4. By nominating for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes agree to comply with:
 - (i) this Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.
- 2.3.5. 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 participate in any of the above listed ICF competitions. This decision will be at the absolute discretion of PA Board and senior management.

2.4 SELECTION COMPETITION

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

PA Canoe Sprint Championships, Adelaide, SA (19th - 23rd May, 2021)

3. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team, as follows:

3.1 AUTOMATIC SELECTION

- 3.1.1. Any athlete selected to the Senior World Cup Team is automatically selected to the Team.

3.1.2. Eligible athletes/Crews who achieve the following performance criteria in the applicable Event at the 2021 Selection Competition will be selected to the Team:

Note: Open K1 and C1 Events at the 2021 PA Canoe Sprint Championships will be used as Under 23 Selection Events.

- a) The first placed eligible Crew in the following U23 Events, at the Selection Competition, and who achieve an U23 Prognostic Performance Standard (PPS), in that Specific Event, under clause 5, will be selected:
 - (i) MK2 500
 - (ii) MC2 500
 - (iii) WK2 500
 - (iv) WC2 500
- b) The second placed eligible Under 23 Crew in the WK2 500 Event at the Selection Competition, providing its time is within 3% of the first placed eligible U23 Crew's time and the first placed eligible U23 Crew has achieved U23 PPS, in that specific Event, under clause 5, will be selected.
- c) The first placed eligible Under 23 athlete in the following Open Events, at the Selection Competition, and who achieves an U23 Prognostic Performance Standard (PPS), in that Specific Event, under clause 5, will be selected:
 - (i) MK1 1000
 - (ii) MK1 500
 - (iii) MC 1000
 - (iv) WK1 500
 - (v) WC1 200
- d) Providing an athlete's finishing time is within 3% of the first placed eligible Under 23 athlete's time, and the first placed eligible Under 23 athlete has achieved an U23 PPS, in that specific Event, under clause 5, then the following athletes will be selected:
 - (i) the second, third and fourth placed eligible Under 23 athletes in the MK1 500
 - (ii) the second and third placed eligible Under 23 athletes in the WK1 500
- e) For the avoidance of doubt;
 - (i) If an athlete and/or Crew is selected under more than one of clauses 3.1.1–3.1.2 no additional athlete/Crew will be selected under any of those clauses. (To be clear, the selection position does not roll down to the next eligible athlete/Crew if an athlete/Crew is already selected from an earlier selection criteria).
 - (ii) Where an athlete is selected to the Team through meeting selection criteria under clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, this **does NOT** necessarily mean or infer the selected athlete will be selected to compete in the same Event at the World Championships. Selection will be made to priority boats first, as determined by the Selection Panel, and then subsequent boat selections will be made after that.

3.2 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

- 3.2.1. Following the selection of athletes under clause 3.1, the Selection Panel may, subject to clauses 3.2.1 – 3.2.4 (inclusive), and in its absolute discretion, select additional athletes to the Team.
- 3.2.2. In considering an athlete under clause 3.2, 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) the athlete or Crew has demonstrated the ability to achieve either an U23 or U21 (for those athletes aged U21 according to ICF rules), for a relevant highlighted Event listed in appendix A (inclusive of all Olympic events as well as WK1 200, MK1 200, MK1 500 and MK2 1000);
 - (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;
 - (iv) the Athlete's current physical form and fitness;
 - (v) the likelihood that the Athlete will suffer an injury in the lead up to or during the World Championships;
 - (vi) national and international performances during the 2020 and/or 2021 calendar years; or
 - (vii) any extenuating circumstances
- 3.2.3. The Selection Panel is not obliged to select any additional athletes through the discretionary process.
- 3.2.4. All Team members will be required to attend a training camp prior to the ICF U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships (location and timing - TBC) to finalise athlete/Crew nominations for the ICF U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

3.3 RESERVES

The Selection Panel may, but are not obliged to, name Reserves at their absolute discretion in accordance with clause 3.2.

4. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 4.1 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.

- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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).
- 4.4 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.

5. PROGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (PPS)

- 5.1 The applicable 2021 PPS are as follows:
- U23 athletes - 93%
 - U21 athletes – 91% (only K1/C1 events will be considered for U21 PPS).
- 5.2 The corresponding times for relevant events are listed in Appendix A. Where it is listed in the Criteria that there is a requirement for athletes/Crews to demonstrate the ability to achieve a PPS for a relevant Event, the following criteria will be applied.
- 5.3 Demonstrated ability to achieve the highlighted U23, or U21 PPS (if applicable), requires an athlete to have either:
- (a) Achieved the necessary highlighted U23, or U21 PPS (if applicable), in neutral conditions at the following competition:
 - 2021 PA Canoe Sprint Championships, Adelaide, SA
 - (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 is unfavourable conditions and the Selection Panel requires further evidence of the ability to achieve IPS, it may (but is not obliged to) consider the following:
- Relevant performance times in relation to the 2021 PPS from the athlete/Crew in neutral conditions during the 2020 or 2021 calendar years.
 - Relative performances against other athletes/Crews who have achieved PPS during the 2020 or 2021 calendar years.
 - Approved Extenuating Circumstances under clause 4.

6. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION:

- 6.1 Prior to cancellation of any Selection Competition, the Paddle Australia will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule a particular Event for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed.
- 6.2 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.

7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 7.1 Announcement of the Team and Reserves will be made within 1 week of the 2021 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 7.2 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 - U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS															
% Prognostic Speed	WOMEN							MEN							
	WK1 200	WK1 500	WK2 500	WK4 500	WC1 200	WC2 500		MK1 200	MK1 500	MK2 500	MK4 500	MK1 1000	MK2 1000	MC1 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	01:57.17
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