

**POLICY AREA Selection and Team Membership**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Criteria”	Means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Competition”	Means the <b>2021 Canoe Polo Oceania Championships</b> to be held 9-11 December 2021 at Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.
“Policy”	Means the Selection Procedure Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to PA Teams.
“Selection Event(s)”	Means the Event(s) utilised as part of the selection process as specified in clause 2.4 of the Criteria
“Squad”	Means the National Squad selected pursuant to clause 2.6 of the Criteria, comprising of all of the Teams.
“Team”	Means each of the Australian Canoe Polo Teams to compete at the Competition, and selected pursuant to clause 2.7 of the Criteria, being the following Teams for both Men and Women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Senior</li> <li>b) Under 21</li> <li>c) Under 18</li> <li>d) Over 30</li> <li>e) Over 45.</li> </ul>
“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 PA or the Policy unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

## 2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

### 2.1 SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- a) Senior
  - Women: Rebecca Jennings (Coach) plus Siobhan Goble/Sarah Heard/Joanne Vartanian – to be involved depending on final location of selection events
  - Men: **Coach plus one or two other suitably qualified person/s** – TBC – to be involved depending on final location of selection events
- b) Under 21

- Women: Coach plus one other – TBC  
Men: Coach plus one other – TBC
- c) Under 18  
Women: Coach plus one other – TBC  
Men: James Du Bose & Jade Kerber (Co-coaches) plus one other
- d) Over 30 Coach plus one other – TBC
- e) Over 45 Coach plus one other – TBC

## 2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1 In order to be eligible for selection to the Squad, Athletes must comply with the Policy, in particular clause 6.
- 2.2.2 Athletes must have met the requirements outlined in clause 6.1 by no later than 30 June 2021.
- 2.2.3 Athletes must have nominated in accordance with the process required by PA in order to be eligible for selection to the Squad.

## 2.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The Squad will be selected to compete at the Competition and any other ICF competitions as determined by PA and notified to Athletes prior to the competitions.

## 2.4 SELECTION EVENTS

- 2.4.1. The following Selection Events will be utilised as part of the selection process for the Senior Men's and Women's Teams:
- a) Selection Event 1: 21-22 August 2021, Sydney Invitational, Sydney, NSW.
  - b) Selection Event 2: 1-3 October 2021, 2021 Australian Championships, Nagambie, Victoria.
- 2.4.2. The following Selection Events will be utilised as part of the selection process for the U18 (Men/Women), U21 (Men/Women), Over 30 (Men/Women), and Over 45 (Men/Women) Teams:
- Selection Event: 1-3 October 2021, 2021 Australian Championships, Nagambie, Victoria.
- 2.4.3. Athletes seeking selection in the Open Men's or Open Women's Team must compete in the Selection Events a) and b) listed in clause 2.4.1.
- 2.4.4. Athletes seeking selection in all other Teams must compete in the Selection Event listed in clause 2.4.2.

## 2.5 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.5.1. The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of PA pursuant to clause 5.1 of the By-Law will, in their sole discretion, select athletes to the Squad in accordance with the following criteria:
- a) Athletes' individual performances at Selection Events/training camps/other competitions where athletes have participated.
  - b) Overall playing ability including individual skills
  - c) Tactical play
  - d) Fitness level
  - e) Consistency of play
  - f) Knowledge of rules
  - g) Team orientation
  - h) Ability to cooperate with team members and officials.
  - i) A demonstrated level of commitment both at training camps, in local training sessions and at competitions.
  - j) Adherence to national squad training protocols and attendance and performance in national squad programs and camps.
  - k) Any other matter deemed relevant by the Selection Panel.

## 2.6 SELECTION CRITERIA - SQUAD

- 2.6.1. The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of PA pursuant to clause 5.1 of the By-Law will, subject to the performance criteria set out in clause 2.5, select a Squad consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) athletes in each of the following classes for both men and women:
- f) Senior
  - g) Under 21
  - h) Under 18
  - i) Over 30
  - j) Over 45
- 2.6.2. The Squad will consist only of athletes who, in the sole discretion of the selection panel, have the potential to be selected for a Team.
- 2.6.3. Athletes must reach a minimum standard to be selected into the Squad to enable the whole Squad to train and practice at the appropriate level.
- 2.6.4. The Selection Panel may at any stage in the selection process select an eligible athlete into the Squad if in their opinion they are of a suitable standard and they will strengthen a Team.
- 2.6.5. The Selection Panel may at any stage may decide not to select a Team if in their opinion that the athletes nominated do not meet a suitable standard or if there are not enough athletes nominated.

## 2.7 SELECTION CRITERIA - TEAM

- 2.7.1. The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of PA pursuant to clause 5.1 of the Policy will, subject to the performance criteria set out in clause 2.5, select Teams consisting of a maximum of ten (10) athletes in each of the following classes:
- a) Senior
  - b) Under 21
  - c) Under 18
  - d) Over 30
  - e) Over 45
- 2.7.2. Only those athletes who are members of the Squad as selected under clause 2.6 may be considered for selection to the Team.
- 2.7.3. The Team coach will select from amongst the members of the Team the athletes to compete in each game.
- 2.7.4. Inclusion in the Team does not necessarily mean that the athlete will compete in any game at the Competition.
- 2.7.5. The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of PA pursuant to clause 5.1 of the By-Law may, subject to the performance criteria set out in clause 2.5 and subject to the number of available athletes, select an “B” Team consisting of a maximum of ten (10) athletes in each of the following classes:
- f) Senior
  - g) Under 21
  - h) Under 18
  - i) Over 30
  - j) Over 45

## 2.8 SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of the Squad will be made at the conclusion of the final Selection Event.

- 2.8.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection within five (5) days of receiving the selection invitation.

## 2.9 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 2.9.1. Notwithstanding anything contained within these Criteria, the Chief Executive Officer may recommend to the Selection Panel, and the Selection Panel may make, a change to the Athletes selected to the Squad for any event due to Extenuating Circumstances preventing an Athlete from otherwise meeting the Selection Criteria.
- 2.9.2. Only Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from meeting the Selection Criteria will be considered. In considering the performances of athletes at the Selection Events, 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 these Criteria, "Extenuating Circumstances" means:
- 2.9.3.1. injury or illness;
  - 2.9.3.2. equipment failure (where applicable);
  - 2.9.3.3. travel delays;
  - 2.9.3.4. bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member;
  - 2.9.3.5. an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Event; and/or
  - 2.9.3.6. 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. A decision in each case of Extenuating Circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.