

## **National Development Squad (NDS) Selection Criteria Canoe Sprint**

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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 Squad.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Event”	means the Discipline, Boat, Gender and Distance (MK2 500, WC1 200m, etc).
“Prognostic Performance Standard”	means the prognostic performance standard (PPS) used by PA to guide selection decisions to a national Team or squad 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.
“NDS”	means the 2021 PA Canoe Sprint National Development Squad.

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:

- David Foureur / PA National Performance Pathway Lead, Canoe Sprint (Chair);
- Ramon Andersson / WAIS Head Coach
- Laurence Fletcher / SASI Head Coach
- Jake Michael / NSWIS Head Coach
- Ken Wallace / QAS Head Coach

### 2.2 ELIGIBILITY

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

2.2.2. Athletes must be born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006 to be eligible for consideration for NDS selection.

**2.2.3.** For the avoidance of doubt, to be eligible for consideration for automatic selection to the NDS in a Crew Event, each athlete in a Crew must meet the eligibility requirements under this clause of this Criteria and **all Crew members must be members of the same state team.**

2.2.4. Athletes must have nominated for the Squad under clause 2.3 of this Criteria.

### 2.3 NDS NOMINATION

2.3.1. The competitions and camps for which the NDS will be selected for in 2021 are:

- a) Competitions and camps as determined by Canoe Sprint Performance Pathway Lead. Note: given the current uncertainty, logistical challenges we are currently faced with, it is difficult to plan ahead. It is PA's intention to provide NDS athletes with competition and training camp exposure, but this will be dependant on a range of factors.

2.3.2. Athletes will be required to nominate for consideration for selection to the NDS. 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. By nominating for consideration for selection to the NDS, athletes agree to comply with:

- (i) this Criteria; and
- (ii) the Policy.

### 2.4 SELECTION COMPETITION

The following competition will be used for considering athletes for selection to the NDS:

**Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships**, West Lakes, SA (19-23 May 2021)

## 3. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the NDS, as follows:

### 3.1 AUTOMATIC SELECTION

3.1.1. Any athlete selected to the 2021 Junior World Championship Team born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006 is automatically selected to the NDS.

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 NDS:

- a) The first and second placed eligible Under 16 athletes or Crews in the following U16 Events, at the Selection Competition, and who achieves the U16 Prognostic Performance Standard (PPS), in that specific Event, under clause 5, will be selected:

Womens Kayak: WK1 500, WK1 200, WK2 500, WK4 500  
Mens Kayak: MK1 1000, MK1 500, MK2 500, MK4 500  
Womens Canoe: WC1 200, WC2 500  
Mens Canoe: MC1 1000, MC2 500

- b) The first and second placed eligible Under 17 athletes in the following U18 Events, at the Selection Competition, and who achieves the U17 Prognostic Performance Standard (PPS), in that specific Event, under clause 5, will be selected:

Womens Kayak: WK1 500, WK1 200  
Mens Kayak: MK1 1000, MK1 500  
Womens Canoe: WC1 200  
Mens Canoe: MC1 1000

- c) 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 Squad 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 any event determined by National Performance Pathway Lead.

### 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 NDS.
- 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 a PPS for a relevant age in any Event listed in appendix A;
  - (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;
  - (vi) national performances over the most recent 18 months; 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. Athletes may be added to the NDS at any stage during 2021/22 at the discretion of the selection panel.
- 3.2.5. All NDS members will be required to attend training camps (location and timing - TBC)

#### 4. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 4.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, an athlete may apply in writing to the Selection Panel (via the Chair) [david.foureur@paddle.org.au](mailto:david.foureur@paddle.org.au) 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 PERFORMANCER STANDARDS (PPS)**

- 5.1 The 2021 PPS for the NDS is set at U16 - 83% and U17 - 86% and corresponding times for relevant events are listed and highlighted 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:
- 5.2 Demonstrated ability (to achieve PPS) requires an athlete / crew to have either:
- (a) Achieved the necessary age relevant PPS in neutral conditions at the competition:
    - 2021 PA Canoe Sprint Championships, West Lakes, SA 19-23 May
  - (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 the above listed competition, there is 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 PPS from the athlete/Crew in neutral conditions within the past 18 months.
    - Relative performances against other athletes/Crews who have achieved PPS within the past 18mths.
    - Approved Extenuating Circumstances under clause 4.

## **6. CANCELLATION OF A SELECTION COMPETITION:**

- 6.1 Prior to cancellation of any Selection Competition, the competition jury 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 a Selection Competition and/or Event is cancelled for any reason, and there is no reasonable opportunity to re-schedule the Event, then the Selection Panel may select athletes at their absolute discretion.

## **7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 7.1 Announcement of the NDS will be made within 1 month 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 (PPS): (updated December 2020)

PROGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SUMMARY																
% Prognostic Speed	WOMEN								MEN							
	WK1 200	WK1 500	WK2 500	WK4 500	WC1 200	WC2 500	WK1 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		
99.00%	00:38.98	01:48.13	01:38.80	01:30.32	00:45.83	01:55.74	00:34.08	01:36.51	01:27.73	01:18.95	03:26.07	03:08.45	03:46.43	01:38.15		
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	01:28.63	01:19.76	03:28.17	03:10.38	03:48.74	01:39.15		
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	01:29.54	01:20.58	03:30.32	03:12.34	03:51.10	01:40.18		
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	01:30.47	01:21.42	03:32.51	03:14.34	03:53.50	01:41.22		
95.00%	00:40.62	01:52.68	01:42.96	01:34.12	00:47.76	02:00.62	Senior PPS	01:40.57	01:31.43	01:22.28	03:34.74	03:16.39	03:55.96	01:42.28		
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	01:32.40	01:23.15	03:37.03	03:18.48	03:58.47	01:43.37		
93.00%	00:41.49	01:55.10	01:45.17	01:36.15	00:48.79	02:03.21	U23 PPS	01:42.74	01:33.39	01:24.05	03:39.36	03:20.61	04:01.04	01:44.48		
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	01:34.41	01:24.96	03:41.75	03:22.79	04:03.66	01:45.62		
91.00%	00:42.41	01:57.63	01:47.48	01:38.26	00:49.86	02:05.92	U21 PPS	01:44.99	01:35.45	01:25.89	03:44.18	03:25.02	04:06.33	01:46.78		
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	01:36.51	01:26.85	03:46.67	03:27.30	04:09.07	01:47.97		
89.00%	00:43.36	02:00.28	01:49.90	01:40.47	00:50.98	02:08.75	Junior PPS	01:47.35	01:37.59	01:27.82	03:49.22	03:29.63	04:11.87	01:49.18		
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	01:38.70	01:28.82	03:51.83	03:32.01	04:14.73	01:50.42		
87.00%	00:44.36	02:03.04	01:52.43	01:42.78	00:52.15	02:11.71	00:38.78	01:49.82	01:39.83	01:29.84	03:54.49	03:34.45	04:17.66	01:51.69		
86.00%	00:44.87	02:04.47	01:53.73	01:43.97	00:52.76	02:13.24	U17 PPS (NDS)	01:51.10	01:40.99	01:30.89	03:57.22	03:36.94	04:20.65	01:52.99		
85.00%	00:45.40	02:05.94	01:55.07	01:45.20	00:53.38	02:14.81	00:39.70	01:52.40	01:42.18	01:31.96	04:00.01	03:39.49	04:23.72	01:54.32		
84.00%	00:45.94	02:07.44	01:56.44	01:46.45	00:54.02	02:16.41	00:40.17	01:53.74	01:43.40	01:33.05	04:02.86	03:42.10	04:26.86	01:55.68		
83.00%	00:46.49	02:08.97	01:57.84	01:47.73	00:54.67	02:18.06	U16 PPS (NDS)	01:55.11	01:44.65	01:34.17	04:05.79	03:44.78	04:30.08	01:57.07		