

2022 SELECTION PANELS - APPOINTMENTS

With the new Olympic Cycle underway PA has reviewed the make-up of the 2022 Canoe Slalom Selection Panels in accordance with the PA Selection Procedures Policy.

The aim has been to identify members from a variety of backgrounds, include some new members to ensure renewal, and minimise any possible conflicts of interest.

The same selection panel has been identified for U23 & SNR teams as there is likely to be cross over with the athletes being considered for selection as in previous years.

The panel recommendations have been endorsed by the PACSLTC

Junior Team Selection Panel

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| 1. Robin Jeffery | High Performance Coach |
| 2. Peter Eckhardt | CSTC Member |
| 3. Louise Natoli | Ex-Elite Athlete |

U23 Team Selection Panel

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| 1. Sue Natoli | International Judge & CSTC Member |
| 2. Kynan Maley | Ex-Elite Athlete |
| 3. Kim Crane | High Performance Director |

Senior Team Selection Panel

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| 1. Sue Natoli | International Judge & CSTC Member |
| 2. Kynan Maley | Ex-Elite Athlete |
| 3. Kim Crane | High Performance Director |

2022 CANOE SLALOM TEAM SELECTION POLICES

Paddle Australia has ambitious goals of winning medals at major international competitions, including the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

The selection of athletes who have demonstrated the ability to perform on the international stage and to ensure those Athletes compete in events that provide Australia with the best chance of achieving success in Paris is an important part of the high performance strategy.

Essentially the objective of selection, is to ensure we select the right athletes, to the right events, to allow them to perform at the right time.

The 2022 Canoe Slalom Team Selection polices have been developed in conjunction with the National Canoe Slalom Coaches, Canoe Slalom Selection Panels and been endorsed by the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Technical Committee (PACSLTC).

Below is information regarding updates to the selection policies and dates for the selection events and international races that are being selected for.

JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

RANKING POINT OPPORTUNITIES

The junior athletes (U18) have been the most affected paddlers in the community due to the Covid-19 pandemic and opportunity for these paddlers to engage in training on whitewater, at this early stage of their development as Canoe Slalom paddlers, has been so dramatically affected.

Therefore, in response to this, the 2022 Junior Team Selection policy offers four (4) opportunities to race for ranking points - best two (2) being used for selection rankings. The selection trials to race for ranking points at the selection competitions are outlined below:

- **Trial 1a:** Oceania Heat 1
- **Trial 1b:** Oceania Final Result
- **Trial 2a:** AUS Open Heat 1
- **Trial 2b:** AUS Open Final Result

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

To fulfill Paddle Australia's High-Performance mission of continued success at benchmark events (BME), the MPS is seen as a critical step in achieving this, and therefore will remain in the selection philosophy.

As stated in previous and current team selection polices, all team nominated athletes have a minimum of four (4) and maximum of six (6) opportunities to make MPS.

These opportunities to achieve MPS are outlined below:

Guaranteed Opportunities:

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| 1. Heat 1 | Oceania |
| 2. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final | Oceania |
| 3. Heat 1 | Aus Open |
| 4. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final | Aus Open |

Additional Opportunities:

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| 5. Invitational Final or Official Final* | Oceania |
| 6. Invitational Final or Official Final* | Aus Open |

**If an athlete’s time from the invitational semi-final, would qualify them for the official final, then they will be invited into the invitational final.*

SELECTION CONSIDERATION COVID-19 IMPACT

The Canoe Slalom community has experienced challenges due to the impact of Covid-19, in light of this, the selection panel will consider this impact following the selection process.

This consideration will only be applied when the selection panels are applying their absolute discretion under the discretionary clause of the 2022 Canoe Slalom Selection Policies, when selecting athletes whose performances are suitable for international representation.

2022 U23 TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

RANKING POINT OPPORTUNITIES

For the U23 Selection policy there are three (3) opportunities to achieve ranking points – best two (2) being used for selection rankings, which is consistent with previous years, and these are outlined below:

- **Trial 1:** Oceania Final Result
- **Trial 2a:** AUS Open Heat 1
- **Trial 2b:** AUS Open Final Result

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

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As stated in previous and current team selection policies, all team nominated athletes have a minimum of four (4) and maximum of six (6) opportunities to make MPS.

These opportunities to achieve MPS are outlined below:

Guaranteed Opportunities:

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| 7. Heat 1 | Oceania |
| 8. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final | Oceania |
| 9. Heat 1 | Aus Open |
| 10. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final | Aus Open |

Additional Opportunities:

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| 11. Invitational Final or Official Final* | Oceania |
| 12. Invitational Final or Official Final* | Aus Open |

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2022 WORLD CUP/WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

RANKING POINT OPPORTUNITIES

For the World Cup/World Championships Selection policy there are three (3) opportunities to achieve ranking points – best two (2) being used for selection rankings, which is consistent with previous years, and these are outlined below:

- **Trial 1:** Oceania Final Result
- **Trial 2a:** AUS Open Heat 1
- **Trial 2b:** AUS Open Final Result

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

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As stated in previous and current team selection policies, all team nominated athletes have a minimum of four (4) and maximum of six (6) opportunities to make MPS.

These opportunities to achieve MPS are outlined below:

Guaranteed Opportunities:

13. Heat 1	Oceania
14. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final	Oceania
15. Heat 1	Aus Open
16. Invitational Semi-final or Official Semi-final	Aus Open

Additional Opportunities:

17. Invitational Final or Official Final*	Oceania
18. Invitational Final or Official Final*	Aus Open

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Below outlines a summary of the 3 selection streams available for selection to the 2022 World Cup and World Championships Team.

It is strongly recommended that you refer to the 2022 World Cup & World Championships Team selection policy for further details on each of these streams.

Stream 1 – Pre-Selection

Early pre-selection is to recognise individuals who achieve a podium (top 3) result at International Benchmark Events (World Championships and Olympic Games) and to support continued Benchmark Event success.

Stream 2 – Automatic Selection

Automatic selection is when an athlete is ranked in the Top 1, 2, or 3 places as outlined in clause 4.1 of the policy **AND** these athletes must have achieved at least 1 x Senior MPS (or U25 MPS for eligible Athletes aged 25 years or younger).

Stream 3 – Discretionary Selection

Under clause 4.2.7 the Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select additional athletes in Events up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF, following the discretionary clause outlined in the selection policy.

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2022 SELECTION COMPETITIONS, WORLD CUP & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES AND LOCATIONS

SELECTION EVENTS

Canoe Slalom Junior, U23 and Senior Team Selection competitions are the following:

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| 1. Oceania Championships | 28 – 30 January | Penrith, NSW |
| 2. Australian Open | 25 – 27 February | Penrith, NSW |

2022 WORLD CUPS

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| • World Cup 1 | 10 – 12 June | Prague, CZE |
| • World Cup 2 | 17 – 19 June | Krakow, POL |
| • World Cup 3 | 24 – 26 June | Ljubliana-Tacen, SLO |
| • World Cup 4 | 26 – 28 August | Pau, FRA |
| • World Cup Final | 2 – 4 September | La Seu, ESP |

2022 JUNIOR & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| • Location | Ivrea, ITA |
| • Official Training | 29 June - 3 July |
| • Competition | 5 – 10 July |

2022 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| • Location: | Augsburg, GER |
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- Official Training Camp 1 30 May – 3 June
- Official Training Camp 2 14 – 18 July
- Official Training 19 – 25 July
- Competition 26 – 31 July

2022 TEAM SELECTION POLICIES

To view the Canoe Slalom Selection Policies in full, please refer to the Paddle Australia website, through the below links:

Junior Team Selection Policy: <https://paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-JNR-Selection-Policy-13.12.21-FINAL.pdf>

U23 Team Selection Policy: <https://paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-U23-Selection-Policy-13.12.21-FINAL.pdf>

Senior Selection Policy: <https://paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/DRAFT-2022-Senior-World-Cup-and-World-Championships-Selection-Policy-17.12.21-FINAL.pdf>