

POLICY	Governance
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Age Groups”	means Junior, and Open age groups as determined by the ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition Rules 2022 clause 1.4. Athlete ages will be taken from 31 December 2022.
“Class/es”	means K1 Men, K1 Women, C1 Unisex, K1 Squirt Men, K1 Squirt Women, OC1 Unisex, K1 Junior Men, and K1 Junior Women.
“Competition”	means the 2022 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships to be held in Nottingham, United Kingdom from 28th June to 2 nd July 2022.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Junior”	means an Athlete eligible to compete as a Junior under ICF Canoe Freestyle Rules.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing in Australia.
“Policy”	means the Selection Procedure Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Selection Competition”	means the 2022 PA Canoe Freestyle Championships to be held at the PWS in Penrith NSW from the 25 th to the 27 th of February 2022.
“Team”	means the 2022 Australian Canoe Freestyle Team to compete at the 2022 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Nottingham in London in the UK from the 27 th June to the 2 nd July.

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of PA or the Bylaw unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4 of the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Gary Finaly (chair)
- Josh Singleton
- Claire O’Hara

2.2. ELIGIBILITY

2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the Policy, in particular clause 6. Eligibility.

- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 6.1 to PA by no later than 25 March 2022.

2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The Team will be selected to compete at the Competition.
- 2.3.2. Athletes will need to notify of availability for selection at the point of entry for the Selection Competition in accordance with the Policy.
- 2.3.3. By competing in any of the Selection Competitions, Athletes:
- 2.3.3.1. agree to comply with these Criteria; and
 - 2.3.3.2. agree to comply with the Policy.

2.4. SELECTION COMPETITION

- 2.4.1. The Selection Competition will be utilised as part of the selection process.
- 2.4.2. Athletes/Crews may compete in as many Classes as they wish at the Selection Competition.
- 2.4.3. Athletes seeking selection in the Team to compete at the Competition must compete in the Selection Competition.
- 2.4.4. To be selected to the Team to compete at the Competition athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 19th June – 3rd July 2022.

2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.5.1. The Selection Panel appointed by the CEO of PA pursuant to clause 4.1 of the Policy will, subject to the criteria set out in clause 2.5, select up to the following number of boats in each of the Classes:
- a) K1 Men – Five (5) boats
 - b) K1 Women – Three (3) boats
 - c) C1 Unisex – Three (3) boats
 - d) K1 Squirt Men – Three (3) boats
 - e) K1 Squirt Women – Three (3) boats
 - f) OC1 Unisex – Two (2) boats
 - g) K1 Junior Men – Three (3) boats
 - h) K1 Junior Women – Three (3) boats
- 2.5.2. Athletes may only nominate for one age bracket in each category, however may nominate for multiple classes.
- 2.5.3. Selection to the Team for each class will be decided on the Athlete's gaining 50 or more points across their two (2) combined runs.
- 2.5.4. Where two or more Athletes are equally placed at the conclusion of the event, and the tie impacts Selection, placing will be decided by the following;
- a) biggest move performed (ICF Procedure)
 - b) best heat score
 - c) head to head heat
- 2.5.5. The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select the maximum number of ICF quota positions under this clause 2.5.1.

2.6. JUDGING PANEL

- 2.6.1. Judging panel is to be made up of 2 members consisting of competitors and others attending the event.
- 2.6.2. The panel is to be selected, by the Committee.

2.7. SELECTION FORMAT AND CRITERIA

- 2.7.1. Each participant will be given two (2) 45 second heats, unless water conditions prohibit this due to a non-attainable feature, in which case they will get three (3) heats of 45 seconds.
- 2.7.2. Heats will be judged on Variety only according to current ICF Freestyle Rules.
- 2.7.3. Each athlete's heats will be totalled to give a final score.
- 2.7.4. Selection to the Team to compete at the event listed in clause 2.4.1 of this supplement will be based on those Athletes with the highest final score in a class following the selection event.
- 2.7.5. Number of heats, heat length and maximum wave numbers may be changed at the Committee's discretion to best accommodate prevailing beach conditions. Athletes will be given as much notice as practical if this is the case.

2.8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.8.1. Announcement of the Team will be made within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of Selection Competition.
- 2.8.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection within (2) weeks of receiving the selection invitation.