

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 Squad.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Event”	means the Discipline, Boat, Gender and Distance (MK2 500, WC1 200m, etc).
“Prognostic Performance Standard (PPS)”	means the prognostic performance standard (PPS) 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.
“NDS”	means the 2022 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:

- Kenny Wallace / PA National Performance Pathway Lead, Canoe Sprint (Chair);
- Ramon Andersson / WAIS Head Coach, Olympian.
- TBC / SASI Head Coach
- Jake Michael / NSWIS Head Coach
- TBC / 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 born before 1 January 2005 will **not** be eligible for consideration for NDS selection.
- 2.2.3.** For the avoidance of doubt, to be eligible for consideration for 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 in 2022 are:
- a) Competitions and camps as determined by Canoe Sprint Performance Pathway Lead. Given the current uncertainty and logistical challenges we are currently faced with, it is difficult to plan ahead. PA intends to provide NDS athletes with competition and training camp exposure, but this will be dependent 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.

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 2022 Junior World Championship Team born after 1 January 2005 is automatically selected to the NDS.
- 3.1.2. Eligible athletes/Crews who achieve the following performance criteria in the applicable Event at the 2022 Selection Competition will be selected to the NDS:
- a) The first placed eligible Under 16 athlete or Crew 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:

Women's Kayak: WK1 500, WK1 200, WK2 500, WK4 500
Men's Kayak: MK1 1000, MK1 500, MK2 500, MK4 500
Women's Canoe: WC1 200, WC2 500
Men's Canoe: MC1 1000, MC2 500

- b) Providing an athlete/Crew's finishing time is within 3% of the first placed eligible Under 16 athlete/Crew's time, and the first placed eligible Under 16 athlete/Crew has achieved PPS, in that specific Event under clause 5, then the following athlete/Crews will be selected:
- (i) the second-placed eligible U16 athlete in the MK1 1000,
 - (ii) the second-placed eligible U16 athlete in the MK1 500,
 - (iii) the second-placed U16 crew in the MK2 500,
 - (iv) the second-placed eligible U16 athletes in the WK1 500,
 - (v) the second-placed eligible U16 athletes in the WK1 200,
 - (vi) the second-placed eligible U16 Crew in the WK2 500,
- c) The first placed eligible Under 17 athlete 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:
- MK1 1000
 - MK1 500
 - MC1 1000
 - WK1 500
 - WK1 200
 - WC1 200
- d) Providing athletes finishing time is within 3% of the first placed eligible Under 17 athletes time, and the first placed eligible Under 17 athlete has achieved PPS, in that specific Event under clause 5, then the following athlete will be selected:
- the second-placed eligible U17 athlete in the MK1 1000
 - the second and third-placed eligible U17 athletes in the MK1 500,
 - the second and third-placed eligible U17 athletes in the WK1 500,
 - the second-placed eligible U17 athlete in the WK1 200,

Note: Paddle Australia's Strategic plan includes the development of participation pathways for all paddlers in a variety of disciplines in addition to expanding junior and youth participation through targeted programs. Therefore, the PPS has been set for Canoe athletes at 81% for U/16 and 83% for U/17, to encourage and develop more opportunities in this boat class.

- 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 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.
 - (iii) Athletes that are younger than U/16s **will** be eligible for selection to the NDS by meeting the selection criteria under clauses 3.1.2.

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 15 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. 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), to consider Extenuating Circumstances. Such application must incorporate substantive supporting evidence. This application must be received either before the Selection Competition begins, 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 that 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 2022 PPS for the NDS is set at:
- U16 Kayak - 83% U16 Canoe - 81%
 - U17 kayak - 86% U17 Canoe – 83%.

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:

- 5.2 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:
 - 2022 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships
 - (b) The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether an athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve PPS is at 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 are 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 15months.
 - Relative performances against other athletes/Crews who have achieved PPS within the past 15mths.
 - Approved Extenuating Circumstances under clause 4.

6. CANCELLATION OF A SELECTION COMPETITION:

- 6.1 Prior to the cancellation of any Selection Competition, the competition jury will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule a particular Event to allow 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 An announcement of the NDS will be made within 1 month of the 2022 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

2022 Prognostic Performance Standards (PPS): (updated December 2020)

Performance Prognostic Standard (PPS)												
% Prognostic Speed	WOMEN						MEN					
	WC1 200m	WC2 500m	WK1 200m	WK1 500m	WK2 500m	WK4 500m	MC1 1000m	MC2 500m	MK1 500m	MK1 1000m	MK2 500m	MK4 500m
100%	00:45.37	01:54.59	00:38.59	01:47.05	01:37.81	01:29.42	03:44.16	01:37.17	01:35.54	03:24.01	01:26.86	01:18.16
86%	00:52.76	02:13.24	00:44.87	02:04.47	01:53.73	01:43.97	04:20.65	01:52.99	01:51.10	03:57.22	01:40.99	01:30.89
83%	00:54.67	02:18.06	00:46.49	02:08.97	01:57.84	01:47.73	04:30.08	01:57.07	01:55.11	04:05.79	01:44.65	01:34.17
81%	00:56.01	02:21.47	00:47.64	02:12.16	02:00.75	01:50.4	04:36.74	01:59.96	01:57.95	04:11.86	01:47.23	01:36.49

Additional information regarding Performance Prognostic Standards can be found below:

PERFORMANCE PROGNOSTIC STANDARDS

[Performance Prognostic Chart – Explanatory Document](#)
[Performance Prognostic Chart](#)