

**Selection Criteria Supplement
2023 Paddle Australia Paracanoes
Team**

POLICY	Selection Criteria Supplement
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Performance Standards”	means the performance standard (PS) used by PA to guide selection decisions to a national Team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 6 of this Criteria.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling 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.
“Team”	means the 2023 PA Paracanoe World Cup/Championships Team to compete at the 2023 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cups and/or 2023 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

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 AIMS

To give context to the following Criteria and processes, the aims of the PA High Performance Program for the 2023 season are as follows:

- a) Select Australia’s best athletes to represent PA at international competitions referred to in these Criteria and qualify the maximum number of athletes to compete at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- b) provide potential Paris 2024 and LA 2028 athletes, an opportunity to compete in ICF International competitions.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1 SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- David Foureur - PA GM Performance, Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe (Chair)
- Kim Crane – PA National Performance Director
- Lyndsie Krishnamoorthy (nee Fogarty) – Retired Athlete
- Steve Bird – Retired Athlete

3.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.2.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes must comply with the Policy.
- 3.2.2. Athletes must be born on or before 31st December 2008 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.3. Athletes must have nominated for the Team under clause 3.3 of these Criteria.
- 3.2.4. Athletes must be classified prior to the commencement of the Selection Event and deemed eligible.
- 3.2.5. Except in the case of extenuating circumstances or event cancellation, Athletes must compete at both the:
 - a) the Selection Competition - GP2, Penrith NSW (15th - 19th February 2023) and
 - b) 2023 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Champion Lakes WA, (21st - 25th March 2023)to be eligible for consideration for team selection and to remain eligible for the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete selected at the Selection Competition at 3.2.5.a) above must attend the event at 3.2.5.b) unless extenuating circumstances are deemed to apply in accordance with Clause 5.
- 3.2.6. To be selected and to remain eligible for the Team, Athletes must attend National Team and Squad camps at the NCE on the Gold Coast and at other locations determined by PA. The exact dates, locations and duration of camps will be confirmed to all Athletes selected.

3.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team may be selected for in 2022 include:
 - a) 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup 1, 11-14 May, Szeged Hungary
 - b) 2023 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships 23-27 August, Duisburg Germany
 - c) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA.
- 3.3.2. Athletes will be required to nominate for consideration for selection to the Team. The process of nomination will form part of the entry process for the selection competition listed in clause 3.4 of these Criteria.
- 3.3.3. If, in accordance with clause 7 of these Criteria, the selection competition is cancelled prior to the entry process closing, then Paddle Australia will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 3.3.4. By nominating for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes agree to comply with:
 - (i) these Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.

- 3.3.5. Given the current global uncertainty due to health concerns, logistical challenges, the war in Ukraine and cost to travel internationally in 2023, PA may choose not to send selected athletes and/or teams to participate in any of the competitions listed in 3.3.1 above. This decision will be at the absolute discretion of the PA Board after consultation with senior management.

3.4 SELECTION COMPETITION

- 3.4.1. The following competition will be utilised as the Selection Competition for considering athletes for selection to the Team:

PA GP2, Penrith NSW - 15th – 19th February 2023

- 3.4.2. As outlined in Clause 7 of these Criteria, the Selection Competition may be postponed or cancelled and any alternate dates and venues for the purpose of selection will be communicated by PA.

- 3.4.3. As per clause 3.2 of the Policy, these Criteria may be amended or repealed by PA at any time and any changes will be communicated by PA.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team based on their performances at the Selection Competition as follows:

4.1 SELECTION COMPETITION – GP2

- 4.1.1 The **First and Second placed eligible Athletes** in the following Paracanoe events

- a) MKL1 200 “A” final
- b) WKL1 200 “A” final
- c) MKL2 200 “A” final
- d) WKL2 200 “A” final
- e) MKL3 200 “A” final
- f) WKL3 200 “A” final
- g) MVL1 200 “A” final
- h) WVL1 200 “A” final
- i) MVL2 200 “A” final
- j) WVL2 200 “A” final
- k) MVL3 200 “A” final
- l) WVL3 200 “A” final

who achieves the required 2023 Performance Standard in neutral conditions will gain automatic selection. To be clear if either of the top two placed eligible athletes in the listed selection Events do not achieve a PS in conditions that are deemed unfavourable by the Selection Panel, a reasonable assessment can be made. Refer to clause 6.

- 4.1.2 The selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible athletes up to a maximum of two (2) total per category at its absolute discretion. For consideration an athlete’s performance in relation to the performance standard may be considered in the discretionary selection process.
- 4.1.3 Additional consideration will be given to any eligible athlete who finishes in the top two placings at the selection competition but may not have achieved the required PS in that specific event. These athletes **MAY** be provided a 2nd opportunity to achieve the required PS at the PA Canoe Sprint Championships in the “A” final of that event provided they were within 2% of the PS at the selection event. Any athlete who meets this requirement may be considered as a late inclusion to the Team.

The Paracanoe Performance Standards (PS) are:

2023 Performance Standards (PS): updated October 2022

	KL1 200	KL2 200	KL3 200	VL1 200	VL2 200	VL3 200
Men	0:54.91	0:47.35	0:43.20	1:14.83#	1:00.09	0:54.24
Women	1:07.73	1:01.56	0:54.71	1:28.41#	1:07.27	1:09.59

non-Paralympic event

The 2023 Performance Standards have been based on an analysis of the 2015-2022 World Championship and Paralympic Games Results. The standards are based on the slowest times required to make the “A” Final. For each category where there are 3 or less years where semi-finals have been held, the average % behind the gold medal winning time across other paracanoe categories has been used. By averaging across multiple years, the effects of adverse or advantageous environmental conditions are effectively negated, with more years included resulting in the likelihood of a more accurate reflection of neutral conditions. Performance Standards are therefore expected to be achievable in what is considered environmentally neutral conditions (Fresh water, 25°C Water temperature, 0.0 m/s wind strength).

4.2 GENERAL

In addition, when considering whether the maximum number of Athletes will be selected in each category, the Selection Panel may consider, a combination of, all or none of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting), in its absolute discretion:

- a) relevant factors applicable to the athlete’s performance, including but not limited to, proven international performances, technical ability and skill, attitude and coachability.
- b) relevant factors applicable to team size, competition schedules and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes.

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within these Criteria, an Athlete may apply in writing to the Selection Panel (via the Chair), to have Exceptional Circumstances considered. 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 Athlete is applying for Extenuating Circumstances to be considered.
- 5.2 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, will be considered.
- 5.3 For the purposes of these Criteria, "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, that prevent an Athlete from attending the selection competition,
 - 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).
- 5.4 To be clear, any postponement, rescheduling or cancellation of a Selection Competition or Event will not be considered as Extenuating circumstances.
- 5.5 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.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (PS)

- 6.1 The applicable 2023 PS are listed under relevant section in Clause 4 above:
- 6.2 Where it is specified in these Criteria that there is a requirement for an Athlete to demonstrate the ability to achieve a PS for a relevant Event, the Athlete will be required to achieve the PS (in that Event "A" Final), in neutral conditions at the GP2, Penrith NSW (15th – 19th February 2022)
- 6.3 The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether any Athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve the PS 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 PS. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, wind speed/direction, water temperature, wave size and currents.

7. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION

- 7.1 Prior to cancellation of any Selection Competition or Event, Paddle Australia will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule that Competition or Event for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed.
- 7.2 If the Selection Competition or Event is cancelled, and there is no reasonable opportunity to re-schedule the Competition or Event, then the Selection Panel may select athletes at their absolute discretion.

8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT, CONTINUING FORM AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Announcement of the Team will be made within 1 week after GP 2, subject to the completion of the selection process by competing at the 2023 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 8.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection as outlined in the Policy.
- 8.3 Any athlete selected to the Team who fails to meet the Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment may be removed from the Team at the discretion of the National Performance Director.