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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“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.
“Event”	means Men’s K1, Women’s K1, Men’s C1, Women’s C1.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling in Australia
“Minimum Performance Standard (MPS)”	means the minimum performance standard required by PA for selection to a national team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 5 of this Criteria.
“Team”	means the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the 2023 ICF Jnr/U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships.
“Ranking List”	means the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Slalom Team ranking list which will list all nominated and eligible Junior athletes
“Benchmark Event (BME)”	means the pinnacle event of the season – either the World Championships or Olympic Games

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 policy and processes, the aims of the PA High Performance Program for the 2023 season are to:

- a) Identify Junior athletes who show the necessary skill and potential to contest for BME success at the Junior World Championships in 2023.
- b) Provide Brisbane 2022 potential athletes the platform to elevate and sustain their performance trajectory by racing at the Junior 2023 World Championships.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1 SELECTION PANEL

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

- Peter Eckhardt (Chair)
- Louise Natoli
- Rosalyn Lawrence

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 For the purpose of entering the athlete into the ICF Entry system athletes must request entry to the Penrith Open & Australian Open no later than 16 days prior to the beginning of each selection competition (26 January for the Penrith Open and 1 February for the Australian Open). Such requests must be in writing and sent to the Performance Operations Manager (sara.latham@paddle.org.au).
- 3.2.3 Athletes must be born between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2009 to be eligible for Junior Team selection.
- 3.2.4 To be eligible for consideration for selection under criteria that incorporates a specific age category (i.e. age related MPS), the age will be determined as of 31 December, 2023.
- 3.2.5 Athletes must have nominated for the Team according to clause 3.3 of this Criteria.

3.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1 The competitions for which the Team will be selected for in 2023 are:
 - a) 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships to be held in Krakow, Poland;
 - b) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA.
- 3.3.2 Athletes must nominate for selection to the Team. The process of nomination forms part of the entry process for the selection competitions listed in clause 3.4 of this Criteria.
- 3.3.3 If, in accordance with clause 7 of this policy, the selection competitions are cancelled prior to the entry process closing, then Paddle Australia will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 3.3.4 By nominating for selection to the Team, athletes will simultaneously nominate for consideration for selection to all Teams for which they are eligible during the 2023 Canoe Slalom Selection Competitions.
- 3.3.5 By nominating for selection to the Team, athletes will comply with:
 - (i) this Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.

3.4 SELECTION COMPETITIONS

The following competitions will be utilised for considering the selection of athletes to the Team:

- (i) **Penrith Open**, Penrith NSW (11–12 February, 2023)

- (ii) **Australian Open**, Penrith NSW, (17–19 February, 2023)

How each of the competitions will be utilised is detailed below.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team in each respective Event, up to the maximum number of quota places (3) awarded to Australia by the ICF for each individual Event, as follows:

4.1 SELECTION PROCESS – DOMESTIC RANKING SYSTEM

4.1.1 Selection trials and Criteria for Selection include:

Selection Trial #	Selection Competition Name	Stage of Competition	Result counting	Comment
1a	Penrith Open Penrith NSW, (11- 12 February 2023)	Heat 1	Official race ranking <i>(exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for Junior Australian Team selection)</i>	
1b	Penrith Open Penrith NSW, (11- 12 February 2023)	Finals	Official race ranking <i>(exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for Junior Australian Team selection)</i>	i.e. a Junior paddler who races in the Final B with a faster time than a Junior athlete in the Final A will be ranked higher for AUS selection purposes.
2a	Australian Open , Penrith NSW, (17-19 February, 2023)	Heat 1 only	Official race ranking <i>(exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for Junior Australian Team selection)</i>	To ensure all athletes are racing at the same time/ conditions – heat 2 allows athletes to progress in the overall race, but not gain an additional opportunity to gain a MPS over those who qualify via Heat 1.
2b	Australian Open , Penrith NSW, (17-19 February, 2023)	Finals	Junior Ranking across official and invitational Semi-final and Finals <i>(Not official race ranking and exclusive of all athletes who are not eligible for</i>	i.e. a Junior paddler who races in the invitational semi-final or final with a faster time than a Junior athlete in the respective official semi-final or final will be ranked higher for

			Junior Australian Team selection)	AUS selection purposes.
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4.1.2 An athlete's placing in each of the selection trials outlined in clause 4.1.1 will be used to earn points for the Junior ranking list for the purpose of ranking the athletes according to the following table.

Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Competitions (Selection Trials 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b)			
1st	80	16th	18
2nd	72	17th	16
3rd	65	18th	14
4th	58	19th	12
5th	52	20th	11
6th	47	21st	10
7th	43	22nd	9
8th	38	23rd	8
9th	34	24th	7
10th	31	25th	6
11th	28	26th	5
12th	26	27th	4
13th	24	28th	3
14th	22	29th	2
15th	20	30th	1

4.1.3 To be clear;

- a) At each of the selection trials, the ranking table in clause 4.1.2 will exclude all non-Australian athletes and athletes who have not nominated for Junior selection under this Criteria
- b) The athletes who are excluded for the purposes of building the ranking list will still remain in the official race progression system for the chosen format.
 - i. i.e. non-Australian athletes and athletes who have not nominated for Junior Selection

4.1.4 Using the Junior ranking list, athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with the following:

- (i) Only each athlete's two (2) highest point scores from the four (4) selection trials set out in clause 4.1.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.
- (ii) Where two or more athletes have the same total ranking points score, the athlete who has the highest single ranking points score shall be ranked higher.
- (iii) Where two or more athletes are still ranked equally after consideration of the above clause and a choice must be made between the two athletes for the

purposes of this Criteria, the athlete who achieves the best result at selection trial 2b shall be ranked higher.

4.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

AUTOMATIC SELECTION

- 4.2.1 Subject to clause 4.2.2, the two (2) highest ranked eligible Junior Male and two (2) highest ranked eligible Junior Female athletes, based on the ranking system outlined in clause 4.1, AND, achieved at least 1 x Junior MPS in any of the selection races outlined in clause 5 at selection competitions, outlined in clause 3.4 i) or ii), will be automatically selected in the Event or Events they achieve the ranking results.
- 4.2.2 Where an athlete who is U18 (Junior) achieves the criteria for Automatic Selection under clause 4.2.1 to the U23 Team in addition to achieving selection to the Junior Team (Top 3 boats), that athlete will **ONLY BE SELECTED TO** the U18 (Junior) team. For clarity the Selection Panel will not consider any athlete already selected to the Junior Team, for the U23 Team despite meeting the requirements of clause 4.2.1.
- 4.2.3 To be clear (and again subject to clause 4.2.2):
- a) to be **AUTOMATICALLY** selected, an athlete must have achieved at least 1 x Junior MPS.
 - b) an athlete who is ranked in the Top 2, who has not achieved 1 x Junior MPS, will **NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY** selected, but may be selected by discretion according to clause 4.2.4 (ie. the position does not automatically roll down to the next ranked athlete who has achieved MPS).

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

The Selection Panel may consider, where teams are not filled to the maximum allocated spots, applying its absolute discretion to select athletes whose performances are suitable for international representation.

- 4.2.4 The Selection Panel, at its absolute discretion, may select additional athletes in Olympic Canoe Slalom Events up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF. In doing so, it may consider any, or all or none of the following in no particular order:
- 4.2.4.1 ranking of each athlete according to clause 4.1.4 of this Criteria;
 - 4.2.4.2 application of MPS according to clause 5 of this Criteria;
 - 4.2.4.3 in accordance with clause 7.4 (i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria;
 - 4.2.4.4 performances in relation to the Junior MPS, or achieving the U16 MPS for those eligible for U16 aged athletes, respectively; and
 - 4.2.4.5 approved extenuating circumstances that may apply as outlined in clause 6, in which case a selection decision will be based on the weight

of performance based evidence in accordance with clause 7.2(i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria.

4.3 RESERVES

The Selection Panel may, but is not obliged to, name Reserves for each Event at its absolute discretion in accordance with clause 4.2.4 (Discretionary Selection).

4.4 CSLX SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection to the CSLX competitions at the 2023 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior World Championships will be determined by an athlete’s final ranking in the K1 and C1 Team after the Canoe Slalom Selection Events.

- 4.4.1 Athletes will be offered a quota position for each CSLX competition based on their selection to the K1, and C1 Team following the Canoe Slalom Selection Events according to the same ranking system outlined in Clause 4 of this policy.

Paddle Australia CSLX Quota Allocation			
Subject to selection to the Team			
1st	K1 – Boat 1	4th	C1 – Boat 2
2nd	C1 – Boat 1	5th	K1 – Boat 3
3rd	K1 – Boat 2	6th	C1 – Boat 3

- 4.4.2 Where an athlete chooses not to accept their position to contest the CSLX competition, the position may roll down to the next ranked athlete, subject to that athlete already being selected for the Team.
- 4.4.3 Subject to a position being available following the application of clauses 4.4.1 and 4.4.2, the Selection Panel may, at its absolute discretion, but is not obliged to, select athlete(s) who have not been selected for the Team.

5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD

- 5.1 The updated 2023 Canoe Slalom MPS will be set out in Schedule A of this criteria and will be applied at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel according to clause 5.2.
- 5.2 The requirement for athletes to ‘achieve MPS’, means an athlete has:
 - 5.2.1 Achieved the necessary MPS in a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant selection competition, whether on the Heats 1st run (only), Semi Final, or Final phase.
 - 5.2.2 Where an athlete does not qualify through the official progression of the competition in to the official semi-final, an invitational semi-final will be available to allow all athletes to receive a minimum of four (4) opportunities to achieve MPS.

- 5.2.3 Where an Athlete racing in an invitational semi-final achieves a score that would have placed them in the official final, they are then able to compete in an invitational final.
- 5.2.4 If, for any reason, an athlete has not achieved the MPS and the Selection Panel requires further evidence of an athlete's ability to achieve the MPS, it may consider any, or all or none of the following in no particular order:
- Relevant performance times in relation to the MPS from the athlete within the 2022 or 2023 calendar years,
 - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved MPS during the 2022 or 2023 calendar years,
 - Relevant World Cup or World Championship (Junior/U23/Senior) performances from the previous 24 months,
 - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to clause 6.

6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 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 of the Extenuating Circumstances. 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 selection competition in which the extenuating circumstances apply.
- 6.2 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 a selection competition will be accepted.
- 6.3 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 or restrictions;
 - 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).
- 6.4 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.

7. COMPETITION/EVENT CANCELLATION AND SELECTION CONTINGENCY

Prior to cancellation of any Selection Event/Competition, PA will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule a particular Selection Event/Competition for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed. If a Selection Competition and/or Event is cancelled for any reason (e.g. Covid restrictions, extreme weather, catastrophic pump failure at Penrith etc), the following process will apply.

- 7.1 If up to two domestic selection trials are cancelled, apart from the selection criteria related to those specific selection trials, there will be no change to the Selection Criteria (i.e. each athlete's two (2) point scores from the selection trials set out in clause 4.1.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings).
- 7.2 If a circumstance arises where selection trial 2b is unable to be rescheduled and subsequently cancelled, where two or more athletes are ranked equally and require a tie break for the purposes of this Criteria, following the application of clause 4.1.4 (i) and (ii), the athlete who achieved the best result at selection trial 1b will be ranked higher.
- 7.3 To be clear:
 - a) If all selection trials are completed, for the purposes of this Criteria, where two or more athletes are equally ranked after the application of clause 4.1.4 (i) and (ii), the athlete who achieves the best result at selection trial 2b will be ranked higher.
 - b) If selection trial 2b is unable to be completed, for the purposes of this Criteria, where two or more athletes are equally ranked after the application of clause 4.1.4 (i) and (ii), the athlete who achieves the best result at selection trial 1b will be ranked higher.
- 7.4 If more than two of the domestic selection trials are cancelled, the Selection Panel will, at their absolute discretion, select athletes for the Team in each Event. In doing so, the Selection Panel may consider, but is not required to consider, any, or all or none of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):
 - (i) performances in ICF Junior World Championships Competitions over the past two (2) international seasons (2021 and 2022);
 - (ii) performances in domestic and international (World Cup, or Junior/U23/Senior World Championships) competitions throughout 2022 and 2023;
 - (iii) demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months;
 - (iv) recent performances in relation to the Junior MPS;
 - (v) current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an athlete's performance; and
 - (vi) benefit and timing of a competition to assist an athlete's preparation for the Junior World Championships.

7.5 Notwithstanding anything in this clause 7, as outlined in Clause 4 of the Policy, PA may amend or repeal this Criteria at any time for any reason as determined by PA in its absolute discretion. This may include cancellation, postponement or change to selection competition(s) and/or this Criteria.

8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

8.1 Announcement of the Team will be made within 2 weeks of the 2023 Australian Open.

8.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 days of receiving the selection confirmation. If they do not accept within this time the offer lapses.

SCHEDULE A: MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Implementation of the MPS:

1. At the conclusion of each selection trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian athlete in C1 Men, C1 Women, K1 Men and K1 Women.
2. A Base Score is only calculated from the heats phase run 1 and from the Semi Final run at each Selection Competition.
3. Example:

The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best eligible Australian) in any age category in C1M, C1W, K1M, K1W and dividing by 4. The percentage score for an athlete/crew at a competition is calculated by dividing the total score for that athlete/crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at a competition is 184.55 and athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

$$(195.44 / 184.55) \times 100 = 105.90\%$$

2023 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Event	Senior MPS (% of Base Score)	U25 MPS (% of Base Score)	U23 MPS (% of Base Score)	U21MPS (% of Base Score)	Junior MPS (% of Base Score)	U16 MPS (% of Base Score)
K1 Men	<94.26%	<96.35%	<98.43%	<103.00%	<107.56%	<112.56%
K1 Women	<107.92%	<112.54%	<117.16%	<122.14%	<127.12%	<132.12%
C1 Men	<101.09%	<102.77%	<104.45%	<110.51%	<116.57%	<121.57%
C1 Women	<124.72%	<125.48%	<126.24%	<133.30%	<140.35%	<145.35%

SCHEDULE B: CLAUSE OF INTENT CSLX SELECTION

It is the intent of PA, that for the next quadrennial (LA 2028), selection to the Australian CSLX team will involve domestic Selection trials to select the athletes up to the maximum quota places for the 2024 U23 World Championship Team.

Given 2024 is the first quadrennial involving CSLX as an Olympic event, PA is unsure of any changes that may occur prior to the commencement of the 2028 quadrennial. Therefore, details in regards to the domestic CSLX trials cannot be given, at this time and will be further developed for the 2024 season.