

**Selection Criteria Supplement
2023 Paddle Australia
Asia Pacific Cup
Canoe Sprint Team**

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DEFINITIONS

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

“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Performance Standard”	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 Asia Pacific Cup Canoe Sprint Team to compete at the 2023 Asia Pacific Cup.

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.

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
- b) provide potential Paris 2024 and LA 2028 athletes, an opportunity to compete in ICF International competitions, if deemed safe to do so.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1 SELECTION PANEL

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

- Kenny Wallace OAM OLY – PA Performance Pathways Lead (Chair)
- Nicola Bullock – PA Performance Pathways Support Manager.
- Mark Bulmer – PA Sprint Technical Committee
- Jaime Roberts OLY – PA Athletes Commission.

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 between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2002 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. Except in the case of extenuating circumstances or event cancellation, athletes must compete at the:
 - a) 2023 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Champion Lakes WA (21-25 March 2023)
- 3.2.5. Only eligible athletes or crews containing eligible athletes that compete in specified age groups will be considered in the selection process.

3.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team may be selected for in 2023 include:
 - a) 2023 Asia Pacific Cup – 21st – 24th April, Cambridge, New Zealand
 - b) 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 the 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 PA Board and senior management.
- 3.3.6. Whilst Paddle Australia very heavily subsidises touring Australian Sprint Canoe Teams with support from the AIS and National Partners, by nominating for this team, the athlete or parent/guardian if U/18, is aware and acknowledges that there will be a cost that the athlete is expected to pay by set dates to be determined by Paddle Australia Team management. (Athlete Contribution)

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:

Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Champion Lakes, (21st – 25th March 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be selected to the Team based on their performances at the Selection Competition in the following order:

4.1 U16 KAYAK – SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1.1 The first and second-placed eligible Athletes in the U/16 Men’s and Women’s K1 500m “A” final

4.1.2 The first and second-placed eligible Athletes in the U/16 Men’s and Women’s K1 1000m “A” final

4.1.3 The first and second-placed eligible Athletes in the U/16 Men’s and Women’s K1 200m “A” final

4.1.4 If five (5) or fewer athletes are selected after applying 4.1.1 to 4.1.3 above, the selection panel **WILL** add additional athletes up to a total of six (6) Men and six (6) Women based on the finishing order of U/16 K1 500m.

Note: There are no Performance Standards set to achieve selection for the U/16 age group; however, Athletes will be expected to strive to achieve Target Times, if not already reached.

2023 U/16 Kayak Target Times are:

U/16 Kayak	K1 500	K1 1000	K1 200
Men	1:57.52	4:10.49	00:40.61
Women	2:13.50	4.44.89	00:47.46

4.2 U/18 KAYAK – SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.2.1 Athletes selected as members of the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Sprint Team and that meet the eligibility criteria at 3.2 above will automatically be selected to the Team.

4.2.2 If six (6) athletes or less, per gender, are selected to the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Sprint Team. The selection panel **MAY** add additional athletes up to a maximum of six (6) per gender for the Asia Pacific Cup at their absolute discretion.

Note: To be clear, the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Sprint Team selection criteria state a minimum of five (5) Athletes per gender and up to a maximum of seven (7) athletes per gender to be selected to that team. As per 4.2.1, all members of the 2023 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Sprint Team will be selected to the Asia Pacific Cup team.

4.3 U21 KAYAK – SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.3.1 The first four eligible Athletes based on the finishing order of the U/21 MK1 500m “A” Final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.

4.3.2 The first four eligible Athletes based on the finishing order of the U/21 WK1 500m “A” Final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.

4.3.3 If four (4) or fewer Male or four (4) or fewer Female Kayak athletes are automatically selected after applying 4.3.1 to 4.3.2, the selection panel **may** select additional athletes up to a maximum total of six (6) male and six (6) female athletes at their absolute discretion.

2023 U/21 Kayak Performance Standard times

U/21 Kayak	K1 500
Men	1:48.48
Women	2:03.23

4.4 CANOE – SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTE: There are currently **NO** scheduled Canoe events at the 2023 Asia Pacific Cup. If this was to change in the future, the Canoe selection outlined in this document will take effect.

4.4.1 The **first-placed eligible Athlete** in the following Canoe events

- a) U18 WC1 200 “A” final
- b) U18 MC1 1000 “A” final
- c) U21 WC1 200 “A” final
- d) U21 MC1 1000 “A” final

who achieves the required performance standard in neutral conditions will gain automatic selection.

4.4.2. If one (1) or fewer female athletes per age group are selected after applying 4.2.1 and 4.4.1 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible

female athletes, up to a maximum of two (2) per age group, at its absolute discretion.

- 4.4.3. If one (1) or fewer male athletes per age group are selected after applying 4.2.1 and 4.4.1 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible male athletes, up to a maximum of two (2) per age group, at its absolute discretion.
- 4.4.4 The Selection Panel is not obliged to add additional athletes to those automatically selected.
- 4.4.5 **Previous editions of the Asia Pacific Cup have had no scheduled U/16 Canoe events.** If this was to change, the selection panel **may** consider adding eligible U/16 athletes up to a maximum total of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes. For consideration, an Athlete’s performance in relation to the U/18 Canoe PS may be considered in the discretionary selection process.

2023 Canoe Boat Performance Standards:

	WC1 200	MC1 1000
U18	00:55.94	04:36.44
U21	00:54.98	04:31.68

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 PS has been set, to encourage and develop more opportunities in this boat class.

4.5 GENERAL

- 4.5.1 In addition, when considering whether the maximum number of athletes will be selected in each category (Men’s Kayak, Women’s Kayak and Canoe), 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 Crew combinations, including but not limited to, proven team boat performances, technical compatibility, Crew compatibility, attitude and coachability.
 - b) An Athlete’s performance in relation to the Performance Standard for a relevant event.
 - c) relevant factors applicable to team size, competition schedules and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes.
 - d) National performances over the most recent 12 months; or

When considering which events athletes will race, the panel in consultation with coaches and athletes will prioritise maximising the Team’s overall performance. The decision may be influenced by race scheduling, individual athlete development and program priorities. Winning an event (selection or otherwise) and/or producing a Performance Standard time will not automatically earn the right to race that event at Asia Pacific Cup.

Reserves may be named at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel in accordance with clause 4.5. Announcement of this reserve will only take place when and if required.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within these 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 prior to the Selection Competition beginning, or, as soon as practically possible and no later than 2 hours following the Event in which the extenuating circumstances apply.
- 5.2 The Selection Panel is not obliged to accept or consider an application under this clause. Only Extenuating Circumstances that prevent an athlete from either attending a selection competition or, finishing an Event that 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 the 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 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.
- 5.6 To be eligible for Extenuating Circumstances, the Athlete applying must have competed at PA Grand Prix 1 (9th -11th Dec 2022) or PA Grand Prix 2 (15th – 19th Feb 2023) in a selection event.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (PS)

- 6.1 Where it is specified in these criteria that there is a requirement for an Athlete/Crew to demonstrate the ability to achieve a PS for a relevant Event, the Athlete/Crew will be required to achieve the PS relevant to that age group (in that Event “A” Final), in **Neutral Conditions** at the 2023 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, Champion lakes, WA (21st – 25th of March 2023)
- 6.2 The assessment of neutral conditions and the final decision of whether any athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve PS 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 PS. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, wind speed/direction, water temperature, wave size and currents.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION

- 7.1 Prior to the 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.

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 8.1 Announcement of the Team will be made within 1 week after 2023 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 8.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection as outlined in the Policy.

**PADDLE AUSTRALIA
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2023 Asia Pacific Cup Performance Standards (PS)

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2023 U21 Kayak Performance Standard times are:

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2023 Canoe Performance Standards:

	WC1 200	MC1 1000
U18	00:54.98	04:31.68
U21	00:53.74	04:25.57

The 2023 Performance Standards have been based on an analysis of the 2012-2022 World Championship and Olympic Games results. The standards are based on the average Gold Medal winning time at the senior level, calculated over the last 10 years. Where there is not 10 years of data, times are based on the data that is available over the longest period of time. 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 (Freshwater, 25°C Water temperature, 0.0 m/s wind strength). The U21 APC kayak PS is calculated using the above-mentioned process and adding 9% to the Gold Medal Time. The Junior APC Canoe PS is calculated using the same above-mentioned process and adding 13% to the Gold Medal Time. The U21 APC Canoe PS is calculated using the same above-mentioned process and adding 11% to the Gold Medal Time.

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 PS for the Canoe boat class has been set, to encourage and develop more opportunities.