

POLICY	Selection Criteria
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AREA:	High Performance
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1. 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 U/23 Canoe Sprint World Championships Team to compete at the 2023 Junior & U/23 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
- 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:

- Kenny Wallace OAM OLY – PA Performance Pathways Lead (Chair)
- Nicola Bullock – PA Performance Pathways Support Manager
- Kim Crane – PA National Performance Director
- Ian Hume – PA Sprint Technical Committee.

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 2000 and 31st December 2004 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. To be selected and to remain selected, Athletes must attend National Team and Squad camps at the NCE on the Gold Coast or at other locations determined by PA.
- 3.2.6. Only eligible athletes or crews containing eligible athletes 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 ICF Junior & U/23 Canoe Sprint World Championships 6th- 9th July, Auronzo, Italy.
 - 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.

3.4 SELECTION COMPETITION

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

2023 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.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

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

4.1 MENS KAYAK –SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1.1 The first-placed eligible Crew in the U/23 K2 500m “A” final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.

4.1.2 The first-ranked eligible Athlete in the K1 1000m that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.

4.1.3 The first-ranked eligible Athlete in the K1 500m that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.

4.1.4 If three (3) or fewer athletes are selected after applying 4.1.1 to 4.1.3 above, the second-placed eligible Crew in the U/23 K2 500m “A” final that achieves the performance standard will automatically be selected.

4.1.5 If five (5) or fewer athletes are selected after applying 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible athletes up to a maximum of six (6) based on the ranking order of the K1 500m. For consideration under 4.1.5 an athlete’s performance in relation to the performance standard may be considered in the discretionary selection process.

4.1.6 The Selection Panel is not obliged to add additional athletes to those automatically selected.

2023 Men’s Kayak Performance Standards are:

	K2 500	K1 1000	K1 500
U/23 Men’s Kayak	1:36.77	3:43.84	1:45.02

4.2 WOMEN'S KAYAK –SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 4.2.1 The first-placed eligible Crew in the U/23 WK2 500m “A” final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.2.2 The first-ranked eligible Athlete in the WK1 500m that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.2.3 The first-ranked eligible Athlete in the WK1 200m that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.2.4 If three (3) or fewer athletes are selected after applying 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 above, the second-placed eligible Crew in the U/23 WK2 500m “A” final that achieves the performance standard will automatically be selected.
- 4.2.5 If five (5) or fewer athletes are selected after applying 4.2.1 to 4.2.4 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible athletes up to a maximum of six (6) based on the ranking order of the K1 500m. For consideration under 4.2.5 an athlete’s performance in relation to the performance standard may be considered in the discretionary selection process.
- 4.2.6 The Selection Panel is not obliged to add additional athletes to those automatically selected

2023 Women’s Kayak Performance Standards are:

	WK2 500	WK1 500	WK1 200
U/23 Women’s Kayak	1:48.80	1:59.30	0.42.41

4.3 CANOE – SELECTION COMPETITION – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.3.1 The **first-placed eligible Athlete or Crew** in the following Canoe events

- a) WC1 200 “A” final
- b) WC2 500 “A” final
- c) MC1 1000 “A” final
- d) MC2 500 “A” final

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

4.3.2 If one (1) or fewer female athletes are selected after applying 4.3.1 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible female athletes, up to a maximum of two (2), at its absolute discretion. For consideration under 4.3.2, an athlete's performance in relation to the performance standard may be considered in the discretionary selection process.

4.3.3 If one (1) or fewer male athletes are selected after applying 4.3.1 above, the selection panel **MAY** consider adding additional eligible male athletes, up to a maximum of two (2), at its absolute discretion. For consideration under 4.3.3, an athlete's performance in relation to the performance standard may be considered in the discretionary selection process.

4.3.4 The Selection Panel is not obliged to add additional athletes to those automatically selected.

2023 Canoe Performance Standards are:

	WC1 200	WC2 500	MC1 1000	MC2 500
U/23 Canoe	00:50.88	02:07.60	4:11.45	01:46.95

4.4 GENERAL

4.4.1 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) relevant factors applicable to team size, competition schedules and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes.

When considering which events athletes will race, the panel in consultation with coaches and athletes will prioritise maximising the Teams 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 World Cups and/or World Championships.

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 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 which 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.

6. 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 U/23 PS (in that Event), 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 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 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.

8. 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.

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2023 Performance Standards (PS)

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2023 Women's Kayak Performance Standards are:

	WK2 500	WK1 500	WK1 200
U/23 Women's Kayak	1:48.80	1:59.30	0:42.41

2023 Canoe Boat U/23 Performance Standards are:

	WC1 200	WC2 500	MC1 1000	MC2 500
U/23 Canoe	00:50.88	02:07.60	4:11.45	01:46.95

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 U/23 Kayak and Canoe PS is calculated using the above-mentioned process and adding 6% to the Gold Medal Time.