

POLICY	Governance
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Competitions”	means the 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoe Junior and U23 World Championships to be held Roudnice and Labem, Czech Republic 6 – 9 July 2023.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Class(es)”	means Men’s K1; Women’s K1; Men’s C1; Men’s C2; Women’s C1; and Women’s C2.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for paddling in Australia
“Policy”	means the Selection Procedure Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Selection Competition”	means the 2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships to be held in Penrith NSW from the 4 th to the 5 th of March 2023.
“SOM”	Means the Sport Operations Manager of Paddle Australia.
“Selection Race(s)”	means the race(s) utilised as part of the selection process as specified in section 2.4 of this Criteria.
“Team”	means the 2023 Australian Canoe Wildwater Junior and U23 Team to compete at the 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoe Junior and U23 World Championships, for Athletes at least 15 years of age in the 2023 calendar year (born in or before 2008).
“Team Event”	means two (2) or more boats competing together against other teams.

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 clause 4 of the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Mathew French (Chair)
- Carol Hurst
- Peter Gargiulo

2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. To be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the PA Selection Procedures Policy in particular clause 6, Eligibility.
- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 6.1 of the Policy to PA as a part of entry into the Selection Competition by the closing date as listed on the event information.

2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. Athletes/Crews who are prepared to travel to the Competitions must nominate for selection as a part of their entry into the selection competition by the close of entries (27 February 2023).
- 2.3.2. Athletes/Crews who are prepared to travel to the Competition must confirm their nomination for selection and meet eligibility for consideration stated in section 2.5.5, stating their full name and the Class(es) for which they wish to be considered to the SOM by 27 February 2023.
- 2.3.3. The Team will be selected to compete at the Competition and any other ICF competitions as determined by PA and notified to Athletes prior to the competitions.
- 2.3.4. By competing in any of the Selection Races, Athletes agree:
 - a) to comply with this Criteria; and
 - b) to comply with the Policy.
- 2.3.5. Junior athletes must be accompanied to the Competition by a parent or guardian.

2.4. SELECTION RACES

- 2.4.1. The following Selection Races, held at the Selection Competition, will be utilised as part of the selection process:
 - Selection Race 1: 2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships Classic Race
 - Selection Race 2: 2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships Sprint Race Run 1
 - Selection Race 3: 2023 PA Canoe Wildwater Championships Sprint Race Run 2
- 2.4.2. Athletes/Crews may compete in one or two Classes.

2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.5.1. The Selection Panel appointed by the CEO of PA pursuant to clause 4.1 of the Policy will, subject to the criteria set out in this section 2.5, select up to four (4) Athletes/Crews in each Class.
- 2.5.2. In each of the Selection Races, each Athlete/Crew that finishes in a Class shall be awarded a percentage score calculated as a percentage of the winning Men's K1 time set by an Australian. For example:
- Athlete X with a winning time of 20.00 minutes or 1200 seconds = 100.00%
 - Athlete Y with second fastest time of 20.15 minutes or 1215 seconds = 101.25%
 - Athlete Z with third fastest time of 21.07 minutes or 1267 seconds = 105.58%.
- 2.5.3. To be eligible for selection to the Team in a Class, an Athlete/Crew must achieve percentages that are less than the percentage listed below for that Class:

Class	Percentage Performance Standards
U23 Men's K1	114%
U23 Women's K1	126%
U23 Men's C1	133%
U23 Men's C2	126%
U23 Women's C1	135%
U23 Women's C2	141%
Junior Men's K1	119%
Junior Women's K1	130%
Junior Men's C1	135%
Junior Men's C2	130%
Junior Women's C1	142%
Junior Women's C2	142%

- 2.5.4. To be eligible for selection to the Team in a Class, Athletes/Crews must achieve percentages in that Class that are lower than the Percentage Performance Standards specified in clause 2.5.3, in at least two of the three Selection Races listed in 2.4.1.
- 2.5.5. To be eligible for selection to the Team in a Class, athletes/crews must provide video evidence of the athletes/crew undertaking a live roll in an ICF recognised Wildwater boat. This evidence is to be submitted when confirming nomination for selection in accordance with clause 2.3.2
- 2.5.6. Subject to meeting the eligibility requirements in this Criteria and the Policy and requirements listed in clause 2.5.3 and 2.5.4, Athletes/Crews will be ranked according to the lowest total percentage of their best Classic and best Sprint percentage. Athletes will be selected to the Team in each Class in order of lowest total percentage ranking, up to the maximum number of athletes to be selected as specified in clause 2.5.1.

- 2.5.7. Once an Athlete/Crew has been selected to the Team, their position cannot be relinquished to another Athlete/Crew due to a subsequent performance by another Athlete/Crew.
- 2.5.8. The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select the maximum number of ICF quota positions under clause 2.5.1.

2.6. TEAM EVENT SELECTION

- 2.6.1. Athletes will be eligible for selection into a Team Event at the Competition only if they have been selected into the Team.
- 2.6.2. Selection of Athletes into the Team Event of the Competition will be the fastest three (3) Athletes as determined by the Selection Panel in consultation with the Team Coach (where one has been appointed), through either:
 - 2.6.2.1. A pre-organised time trial scheduled prior to that Competition; or
 - 2.6.2.2. Official results from the particular Class in that Competition.
- 2.6.3. If an Athlete selected for a Team Event experiences misadventure or the Team Coach deems their capabilities unsuitable for the event, the Team Coach may then replace this Athlete with the fourth fastest Athlete as determined by the process outlined in 2.6.2.
- 2.6.4. If the process outlined in 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 does not result in sufficient Athletes being selected to enter a team in the Team Event, the Selection Panel in consultation with the Team Coach may provide the opportunity to any other eligible Athlete on the Team to take the position in the Team Event if the Team Coach determines it is appropriate.
- 2.6.5. The Selection Panel in consultation with the Team Coach is not obliged to select Athletes for the Team Event if it is deemed unsuitable.

2.7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.7.1. Subject to clause 8 of the Policy, announcement of the Team will be made within four (4) weeks of the conclusion of the Selection Competition.
- 2.7.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection within five (5) days of receiving the selection invitation.
- 2.7.3. If an Athlete/Crew does not accept the offer of selection, the Selection Panel will invite the Athlete/Crew with the next best performance in that Class if they have met the criteria described in clause 2.5

2.8. ATHLETE PAYMENT

- 2.8.1 Members of the 2023 Australian Canoe Wildwater JNR and U23 Team are self-funded athletes, meaning all expenses are the responsibility of the individual.
- 2.8.2 In preparation for the 2023 Australia Canoe Wildwater JNR and U23 Team tour, PA will pay for the following expenses on the athletes' behalf:

- 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoe JNR and U23 World Championships entry fee
- Accommodation for the Team from the 4 – 11 July 2023 in the region with which the competition will be held.

Exact costs will be confirmed with members of the Team as soon as information is available to PA.

Please refer to the payment schedule below:

Invoice Date	5 June 2023	Amount TBA
Due Date	12 June 2023	Amount TBA

Please note, pursuant to clause 6.3 of the Policy “*Failure to comply with any part of clauses 6.1 or 6.2 may result in the Athlete failing to be eligible for selection or being withdrawn from the Team once selected*”.