

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Governance</b>
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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

<b>“Age Groups”</b>	means Junior and Open age groups as determined by the ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition Rules 2023 clause 1.4. Athlete ages will be taken from 31 December 2023.
<b>“Class/es”</b>	means Men’s Kayak (MK1), Men’s Kayak Junior (MK1J), Women’s Kayak (WK1), Women’s Kayak Junior (WK1J), Men’s Canoe Decked (MC1), Women’s Canoe Decked (WC1), Open Canoe (XOC1), Men’s Squirt (MSQ) and Women’s Squirt (WSQ) as determined by the ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition Rules clauses 4.1 and 4.2.
<b>“Competition”</b>	means the 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships to be held in Columbus, United States of America from 9-14 October 2023.
<b>“Criteria”</b>	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
<b>“Committee”</b>	means the PA Canoe Freestyle Technical Committee.
<b>“Junior”</b>	means an Athlete eligible to compete as a Junior under ICF Canoe Freestyle Rules.
<b>“PA”</b>	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Canoeing and Paddle sports in Australia.
<b>“Policy”</b>	means the Selection Procedure Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
<b>“Selection Competition”</b>	means the 2023 PA Canoe Freestyle Championships to be held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, NSW from the 17-19 February 2023.
<b>“Team”</b>	means the 2023 Australian Canoe Freestyle Team selected to compete at the 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Columbus, United States of America from 9-14 October 2023.

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of PA or the Bylaw 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:

- Gary Finlay (Chair)
- Eileen Callaghan
- Jez Blanchard

## 2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. To be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the Policy, in particular clause 6. Eligibility.
- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 6.1 to PA by no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 as a part of registration to participate in the Selection Competition. Athletes who have not submitted this information by this date or who do not compete in the Selection Competition may not be considered for selection to the Team at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

## 2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The Team will be selected to compete at the Competition.
- 2.3.2. Athletes will need to notify of availability for selection at the point of entry for the Selection Competition in accordance with the Policy.
- 2.3.3. By competing in any of the Selection Competitions, Athletes:
  - 2.3.3.1. agree to comply with these Criteria; and
  - 2.3.3.2. agree to comply with the Policy.

## 2.4. SELECTION COMPETITION

- 2.4.1. The Selection Competition will be utilised as part of the selection process.
- 2.4.2. Athletes may compete in as many Classes as they wish at the Selection Competition.
- 2.4.3. Athletes seeking selection in the Team to compete at the Competition must compete in the Selection Competition.
- 2.4.4. To be selected to the Team to compete at the Competition athletes must be available to tour with the Team between 9-14 October 2023.

## 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 clause 2.5, select up to the following number of boats in each of the Classes:
  - a) K1 Men – Five (5) boats
  - b) K1 Women – Five (5) boats
  - c) K1 Junior Men – Three (3) boats
  - d) K1 Junior Women – Three (3) Boats
  - e) C1 Men Decked – Three (3) Boats
  - f) C1 Women Decked – Three (3) Boats
  - g) C1 Open – Two (2) Boats
  - h) SQ Men – Three (3) Boats
  - i) SQ Women – Three (3) Boats
- 2.5.2. Athletes may only nominate for one age bracket in each category, however, may nominate for multiple classes.
- 2.5.3. Where two or more Athletes are equally placed at the conclusion of the event, and the tie impacts Selection, placing will be decided by the following;
  - a) biggest move performed (ICF Procedure)
  - b) best heat score
  - c) head-to-head heat
- 2.5.4. The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select the maximum number of ICF quota positions under this clause 2.5.1.

## 2.6. JUDGING PANEL

- 2.6.1. Judging panel is to be made up of 2 members consisting of competitors and others attending the event.
- 2.6.2. The panel is to be selected, by the Committee.

## 2.7. SELECTION FORMAT AND CRITERIA

- 2.7.1. Each participant will be given two (2) 45 second heats, unless water conditions prohibit this due to a non-attainable feature, in which case they will get three (3) heats of 45 seconds.
- 2.7.2. Heats will be judged on Variety only according to current ICF Freestyle Rules.
- 2.7.3. Each athlete’s heats will be totalled to give a final score.
- 2.7.4. Selection to the Team to compete at the event listed in clause 2.4.1 of this supplement will be based on those Athletes with the highest final score in a class following the selection event.
- 2.7.5. Number of heats, heat length and maximum heat numbers may be changed at the Committee’s discretion to best accommodate prevailing beach conditions. Athletes will be given as much notice as practical if this is the case.
- 2.7.6. There is no minimum score required for consideration for selection to the 2023 Australian Canoe Freestyle Team.

## 2.8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.8.1. Athletes provisionally selected by a Selection Panel to the Team shall be announced in accordance with the Policy.
- 2.8.2. Athletes provisionally selected by the Selection Panel will be sent a letter of offer within two (2) weeks following the Selection Competition. Eligible, nominated, non-selected Athletes will receive written notification of their non-selection.
- 2.8.3. Athletes must accept the offer of selection within five (5) days of receiving the Letter of Offer.
- 2.8.4. Subject to PA receiving no appeals under the Policy, after all selected Athletes have been notified and confirmed their acceptance in accordance with the Policy, an announcement will be made via the PA website and media release.

## 2.9. ATHLETE PAYMENT

Members of the 2023 Australian Canoe Freestyle team are self-funded athletes, meaning all expenses are the responsibility of the individual.

In preparation for the 2023 Australian Canoe Freestyle tour, PA will pay for the following expenses on the athletes’ behalf:

- 2023 ICF Canoe Freestyle Championships Entry Fee (Fee TBA)

Please refer to the payment schedule below:

<b>Invoice Date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2023	Amount TBA
<b>Due Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> of August, 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*”.