

Nomination Criteria

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Slalom Canoe/Kayak

1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a Team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to select athletes to the Australian Olympic Team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Athlete means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Event Class means:

- (a) In Canoe Slalom, the event classes Men's K1, Men's C1, Women's K1, Women's C1; and
- (b) In Kayak Cross, the event classes: Men's Kayak Cross, and Women's Kayak Cross.

Games means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

International Federation means International Canoe Federation (ICF)

National Federation means Paddle Australia (PA).

Nomination Date means 9 February 2024 for Canoe Slalom and 14 June 2024 for Kayak Cross.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, which can be found at the following URL: <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Canoe-Slalom.pdf>.

Reserve Athlete means an Athlete who may be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team and substituted for another athlete entered in a different event until the time of the final confirmation of entries for that event.

Selection Trial/s means the 2024 Australian domestic selection trials set out below:

- (a) **Selection Trial 1:** Oceania Championships, Penrith, Aus (26 - 28 January 2024) – Final Official Result
- (a) **Selection Trial 2:** Australian Open, Penrith, Aus (2 - 4 February 2024) – Heat 1 Official Result only
- (b) **Selection Trial 3:** Australian Open, Penrith, Aus (2 - 4 February 2024) – Final Official Result

Sport means Canoe Slalom (inclusive of the discipline of Kayak Cross).

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
 - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
 - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.
- (e) A reference to points obtained by and awarded to Athletes in this Nomination Criteria is a reference to the points tables at Appendix 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.

- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, and make available on National Federation's website, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, to all Athletes.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or and AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

5 Eligibility Criteria

The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- (f) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete.

6 Points Tables

- 6.1 For the purpose of identifying Athletes for nomination to the AOC, the National Federation will use the National Federation's points tables in Appendix 2, which allocate points to athletes based on rankings obtained for each Event Class at the international competitions and Selection Trials set out in the tables.
- 6.2 In compiling the final rankings at the Selection Trials for the purpose of awarding points in accordance with Appendix 2, only the results of Australian athletes at the Selection Trials will be used and no 'Invitational' Semi-Final or Final results will be considered. For all other events referred to in this Nomination Criteria, the National Federation will use the official ranking of an

Athlete at that particular event (including international competitors) for the purposes of awarding points in the points tables in Appendix 2.

- 6.3 For the avoidance of doubt, Table A in Appendix 2 applies to Canoe Slalom and Table B in Appendix 2 applies to Kayak Cross.

7 Canoe Slalom Nomination Criteria

NOMINATION - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 7.1 If the AOC or the National Federation is awarded a Canoe Slalom quota place under the Qualification System, then subject to clauses 7.2 and 7.4(b), the National Federation will nominate any eligible Athlete who achieves a minimum of 160 total points in an Event Class (according to Tables I and II in "Table A – Canoe Slalom" in Appendix 2) from any two (2) of the following international competitions:

- i) World Cup 1: Augsburg, Germany (1-4 June 2023);
- ii) World Cup 2: Prague, Czech Republic (8-11 June 2023);
- iii) World Cup 4: La Seu D'Urgell, Spain (31 August-3 September 2023);
- iv) World Championships: London, United Kingdom (19-24 September 2023); and
- v) World Cup 5: Vaires Sur Marne, France (5-8 October 2023).

- 7.2 If two or more athletes within the same Event Class achieve 160 points or more from any (2) of the international competitions set out in clause 7.1, the National Federation will nominate the Athlete with the highest number of points, from a maximum of two races outlined in clause 7.1. Where two or more eligible Athletes achieve 160 points or more and are equal on points at the conclusion of the events outlined in Clause 7.1, then the National Federation will use the criteria set out in clause 7.3 to determine which Athlete will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.

- 7.3 Where two or more eligible Athletes have the same number of total points and a minimum of 160 total points under clause 7.2, the National Federation will nominate the Athlete who achieves the highest official overall rank at the World Cup 5 event set out at clause 7.1(v).

- 7.4 If one or more of the international competitions set out in clause 7.1 are cancelled, then the following will apply:

- (a) If three (3) or fewer of the international competitions are cancelled, then the criteria in clause 7.1 will apply despite the cancellation; or
- (b) If more than three (3) of the international competitions are cancelled, then no Athletes will be nominated in accordance with clauses 7.1 or 7.2, and athletes will instead be nominated in accordance with the process set out in clause 7.5.

For the avoidance of doubt, an international competition will not be treated as having been cancelled where it is postponed by the International Federation to an alternative date, subject to such alternative date being prior to the Nomination Date for Canoe Slalom. If an international competition is postponed by the International Federation to a date after the Nomination Date for Canoe Slalom, then it will be treated as having been cancelled.

NOMINATION – SELECTION TRIALS

- 7.5 If no Athlete in an Event Class has been nominated by the National Federation under clause 7.1 (including where clause 7.4(b) applies), and Australia has been awarded a Canoe Slalom quota

position for that Event Class, then subject to clause 7.6(a), the National Federation will nominate Athletes according to the nomination process set out below.

- 7.6 The National Federation will nominate the Athlete in each Event Class who:
- (a) has achieved a minimum of 80 points in a single race at one of the international competitions set out in clause 7.1 or Selection Trial 1 or Selection Trial 3; and
 - (b) subject to clause 7.7, has the highest accumulated ranking score from a maximum of two (2) single races out of:
 - (i) the five (5) international competitions listed in clause 7.1 (with only the highest result across all these competitions to count toward an Athlete's accumulated ranking score), and
 - (ii) the three (3) Selection Trials.
- 7.7 Where two or more eligible Athletes have obtained the same accumulated ranking score under clause 7.6(b), then the following criteria will be applied in descending order of priority, to determine which Athlete will be nominated by the National Federation:
- (a) the Athlete with the single highest point score at any one of the international competitions set out in clause 7.1 (which has been obtained as a result of a top 12 finish at that international competition) will be nominated;
 - (b) then if still a tie, the Athlete with the next single highest point score at any one of the international competitions set out at clause 7.1 (which has been obtained as a result of a top 12 finish at that international competition) will be nominated; and
 - (c) then if still a tie, the Athlete with the best ranking at Selection Trial 3 (if held) will be nominated. If Selection Trial 3 is cancelled then the National Federation's Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel (**Selection Panel**) will nominate the Athlete who it considers, in its absolute discretion, is most likely to achieve the best possible result in their Event Class at the Games.
- 7.8 In the event of the cancellation of any Selection Trial, the following will apply:
- (a) If two (2) of the Selection Trials are cancelled, then any Athlete in an Event Class who has achieved a total of 160 points from the remaining Selection Trial and one (1) of the international competitions set out in clause 7.1 will be nominated. In the event of a tie between Athletes under clause 7.8(a), the National Federation will nominate the Athlete that achieves the highest points at the remaining Selection Trial.
 - (b) If two (2) or more Selection Trials are cancelled and no Athlete in an Event Class has achieved a total of 160 points as specified in clause 7.8(a), then the Selection Panel will nominate the Athlete who it considers, in its absolute discretion, is most likely to achieve the best possible result in their Event Class at the Games.

For the avoidance of doubt, a race at a Selection Trial will not be treated as having been cancelled where it is postponed to an alternative date which is deemed to be satisfactory by the

PA Canoe Slalom Senior Selection Panel, and which is before the Nomination Date for Canoe Slalom.

7.9 In determining the Athlete who is most likely to achieve the best possible result in an Event Class at the Games under clause 7.8(b), the Selection Panel will consider the following factor in its absolute discretion:

- (a) the Athlete's performances against the Top 20 ranked athletes in the previous 24 months on a rolling basis, according to the International Federation's Official Canoe Slalom Ranking List (***International Federation Ranking List***), which is located at the URL <https://www.canoeicf.com/disciplines/canoe-slalom/rankings>

SELECTION PANEL

7.10 The members of the Selection Panel are:

- Kim Crane (Chairperson);
- Mike Druce;
- Sue Natoli;
- Kynan Maley; and
- Robin Jeffery.

8 Kayak Cross Nomination Criteria:

8.1 Subject to the AOC or the National Federation being awarded a Kayak Cross quota position, the National Federation will nominate any Athlete who:

- a) has not already been nominated for the discipline of Canoe Slalom under clause 7; and
- b) who achieves a minimum of 160 total points (according to "Table B – Kayak Cross" in Appendix 2) from any two (2) events from the following seven (7) international competitions:

2023 International Kayak Cross Competitions:

- (i) World Cup 1: Augsburg, Germany (1-4 June 2023)
- (ii) World Cup 2: Prague, Czech Republic (8-11 June 2023)
- (iii) World Cup 4: La Seu D'Urgell, Spain (31 August -3 September 2023)
- (iv) World Championships: London, United Kingdom (19-24 September 2023)
- (v) World Cup 5: Vaires Sur Marne, France (5-8 October 2023)

2024 International Kayak Cross Competitions:

- (vi) World Cup 1: Augsburg, Germany (30 May - 2 June 2024)
- (vii) Kayak Cross Olympic Qualifier: Prague, Czech Republic (6-9 June 2024)

8.2 Where two or more eligible Athletes have the same number of total points and have a minimum of 160 total points under clause 8.1, the National Federation will nominate the Athlete who achieves the highest official overall rank at the Kayak Cross Olympic Qualifier event set out in clause 8.1(b)(vii).

8.3 Where no Athlete has obtained a minimum of total 160 points under clause 8.1(b) and the AOC or the National Federation has secured a quota position for Kayak Cross, then the highest ranked Athlete according to the National Federation's Canoe Slalom Ranking List, which will be

published and updated on the National Federation's website at <https://paddle.org.au/paddlesports/canoe-slalom/#selection-info>], who has not already been nominated to the AOC for the discipline of Canoe Slalom, will be nominated.

9 RESERVES:

Canoe Slalom Reserves

- 9.1 The National Federation will only identify a Reserve for the Event Class where Australia has achieved an Olympic Quota position.
- 9.2 In each Canoe Slalom Event Class where an Athlete is nominated, the Selection Panel will identify another Athlete as a Reserve for the Event Class. Subject to clause 9.3, the Athlete identified as a Reserve will be the Athlete who:
- a) has the next highest accumulated ranking score determined in accordance with clause 7.6(b) for the Event Class, after the nominated Athlete; and
 - b) has obtained a minimum of 80 total points for that Event Class determined in accordance with clause 7.6(a).
- 9.3 If there are no additional Athletes who have achieved the minimum 80 points in accordance with clause 7.6(a) and clause 9.2(b), then the Reserve will be the next highest ranked Athlete according to the National Federation's Canoe Slalom Ranking List, regardless of whether or not they have achieved a minimum of 80 points and regardless of their accumulated ranking score determined in accordance with clause 7.6(b).

Kayak Cross Reserves:

- 9.4 In each Kayak Cross Event Class, the Selection Panel will identify an Athlete as a Reserve. The Athlete identified as a Reserve will be the Athlete who is the next highest ranked Athlete after the nominated Athlete in that Event Class, according to the National Federation's Canoe Slalom Kayak Cross Ranking List.
- 9.5 For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete named as a Reserve Athlete in any Event Class will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace a selected Athlete and only if the replacement satisfies any applicable rules of the IOC, International Federation or the Organising Committee governing athlete replacements at the Games, including the IOC / Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

10 Submission of Nominations

- 10.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 10.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 10.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
 - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.

- 10.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 10.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

11 Amendments

- 11.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC.
- 11.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 11.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

12 Appeals

- 12.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (***Nomination Appeal***) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (**AOC By-Law**).
- 12.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of this Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC By-Law will be heard by the NST General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC By-Law. For clarity, clause 12.2 does not apply to appeals against non-nomination commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (***Nomination Fast Track Appeal***).

13 Governing Law

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

14 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria);
and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

APPENDIX 1 – AOC Selection Criteria

APPENDIX 2

TABLE A – CANOE SLALOM

Points Table to be used for each of the identified international competitions and Selection Trials for the discipline of Canoe Slalom set out at clauses 7.1, 7.5 and 7.6 respectively:

TABLE I

2023 World Cup 1, 2, 4, and 5			
1st	90	16th	18
2nd	85	17th	16
3rd	81	18th	14
4th	72	19th	12
5th	65	20th	11
6th	58	21st	10
7th	52	22nd	9
8th	46	23rd	8
9th	41	24th	7
10th	36	25th	6
11th	32	26th	5
12th	28	27th	4
13th	25	28th	3
14th	22	29th	2
15th	20	30th	1

TABLE II

2023 World Championships			
1st	100	16th	22
2nd	95	17th	20
3rd	90	18th	18
4th	85	19th	16
5th	81	20th	14
6th	72	21st	12
7th	65	22nd	11
8th	58	23rd	10
9th	52	24th	9
10th	46	25th	8
11th	41	26th	7
12th	36	27th	6
13th	32	28th	5
14th	28	29th	4
15th	25	30th	3

TABLE III

2024 Domestic Selection Trials (1, 2, and 3)			
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

TABLE B – KAYAK CROSS

Points Table to be used for each of the identified international competitions for the discipline of Kayak Cross set out in clause 8.1:

2023 and 2024 CSLX Points System			
1st	80	17th	16
2nd	72	18th	15
3rd	65	19th	14
4th	58	20th	13
5th	52	21st	12
6th	47	22nd	11
7th	43	23rd	10
8th	38	24th	9
9th	34	25th	8
10th	31	26th	7
11th	28	27th	6
12th	26	28th	5
13th	24	29th	4
14th	22	30th	3
15th	20	31st	2
16th	18	32nd	1