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1. DEFINITIONS

“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 2024 Paddle Australia Junior Canoe Sprint Team to compete at the 2024 ICF Junior & U23 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 2023-2024 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.

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)
- Narelle Duggan – SLSA High Performance and Pathways Manager
- Laura White – 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 2006 and 31st December 2009 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.3. Athletes must have been 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:

**2024 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships,
Sydney International Regatta Centre, NSW. (6th - 10th March 2024)**
- 3.2.5. To be selected and remain selected, Athletes must attend National Team and Squad camps or other Regattas at the NCE on the Gold Coast or other locations as determined by PA.
- 3.2.6. 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 2024 include:
 - a) 2024 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships 17th- 21st July, Plodiv, Bulgaria.
 - b) Other ICF competitions as 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:
 - a) these Criteria; and
 - b) the Policy.
- 3.3.5. Given the current global uncertainty due to health concerns, logistical challenges, the war in Ukraine, and the cost of travel domestically and internationally in 2024, 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 the PA Board, National Performance Pathways Lead 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:

**2024 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships,
Sydney International Regatta Centre, NSW (6th – 10th March 2024)**

- 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 to the Team based on their performances at the Selection Competition in the following order:

4.1. MEN'S KAYAK

- 4.1.1. The first-placed eligible Crew in the U18 K2 500m "A" final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.1.2. The first-placed eligible Athlete in the U18 K1 1000m "A" final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.1.3. The first-placed eligible Athlete in the U18 K1 500m "A" final 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 eligible athletes in the U18 K1 500m and U18 K1 1000m "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 finishing order of the U18 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.

2024 Men’s Kayak Performance Standards are:

	K2 500	K1 1000	K1 500
Junior – U18	1:39.80	3:51.18	1:48.25

4.2. WOMEN’S KAYAK

- 4.2.1. The first-placed eligible Crew in the U18 WK2 500m "A" final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.2.2. The first-placed eligible Athlete in the U18 WK1 500m "A" final that achieves the performance standard will be automatically selected.
- 4.2.3. The first-placed eligible Athlete in the U18 WK1 200m "A" final 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 athletes in the U18 WK1 500m and U18 WK1 200m "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 finishing order of the U18 WK1 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.

2024 Women’s Kayak Performance Standards are:

	WK2 500	WK1 500	WK1 200
Junior – U18	1:52.25	2:02.91	0:43.76

4.3. WOMEN’S AND MEN’S CANOE

- 4.3.1. The first-placed eligible Athlete or Crew in the following Canoe events who achieve the required performance standard in neutral conditions will gain automatic selection.
 - a) U18 WC1 200 "A" final
 - b) U18 WC2 500 "A" final
 - c) U18 MC1 1000 "A" final
 - d) U18 MC2 500 "A" final

Note: Where there is no age group (U18) “A” final. The ‘mixed / Open’ Canoe final comprising multiple age groups will be used for 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.

2024 Canoe Performance Standards are:

	WC1 200	WC2 500	MC1 1000	MC2 500
Junior – U18	00:53.18	02:13.44	4:23.57	01:52.09

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 and logistics, cost of international travel, competition schedules, and versatility of an athlete to contribute to current and/or future medal outcomes.

Note: For clarification, it is hereby stated that there shall be no prescribed minimum quota for the selection of athletes to the Team.

When considering which events athletes will race, the Chair of the selection 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 World Championships or other nominated ICF Events.

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 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 (8th -10th Dec 2023) or PA Grand Prix 2 (16th – 18th Feb 2024) in a selection event.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 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 Performance Standard (PS) for a relevant Event, the Athlete/Crew will be required to achieve the Junior PS (in that Event "A" Final), in neutral conditions at the Selection Competition
- 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.

7. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF 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 ten (10) days after the 2024 Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 8.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection as outlined in the Policy.

**PADDLE AUSTRALIA
SPRINT CANOE / KAYAK**

2024 Performance Standards (PS)

2024 Men’s Junior Kayak Performance Standards are:

	MK2 500	MK1 1000	MK1 500
Junior	1:39.80	3:51.18	1:48.25

2024 Women’s Junior Kayak Performance Standards are:

	WK2 500	WK1 500	WK1 200
Junior	1:52.25	2:02.91	0:43.76

2024 Canoe Boat Junior Performance Standards are:

	WC1 200	WC2 500	MC1 1000	MC2 500
Junior	00:53.18	02:13.44	4:23.57	01:52.09

The 2024 Performance Standards have been based on an analysis of the 2012-2023 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 11 years. Where there is not 11 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 Junior Kayak PS is calculated using the above-mentioned process and adding 10% to the gold medal time. The Junior Canoe PS is calculated using the same above-mentioned process and adding 12% 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.