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## 1. DEFINITIONS

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

<b>Policy</b>	means the Selection Procedures Policy adopted by the Board of PA from time to time that governs the selection of athletes to PA Teams.
<b>Event</b>	means Men's K1, Women's K1, Men's C1, Women's C1, Men's Kayak Cross, Women's Kayak Cross.
<b>Criteria</b>	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
<b>PA</b>	means Paddle Australia Ltd the recognised governing body for Paddling in Australia.
<b>Canoe Slalom Minimum Performance Standard (CSL-MPS)</b>	means the minimum performance standard required by PA for selection to a national team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 5 of this Criteria.
<b>Kayak Cross Minimum Performance Standard (CSLX-MPS)</b>	means the minimum performance standard required by PA for selection to a national team in addition to any other criteria as set out in clause 5 of this Criteria.
<b>Team</b>	means the 2024 PA Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Events.
<b>Ranking List</b>	means the 2024 PA Open Canoe Slalom Team ranking list which will list all nominated and eligible athletes.
<b>Benchmark Event (BME)</b>	means the pinnacle event of the season – either the World Championships or Olympic Games.

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.

Any failure to give any notice or follow any process under this Criteria including but not only timeframes does not invalidate such notice or process and does not give rise to an appeal in respect to the notice or process.

## 2. SELECTION AIMS

Solely to give context to this Criteria and its processes, the aims of the PA High Performance Program for the 2024 season are to:

- a) Prioritise World Cup Events to support Olympic Nominated and Olympic Reserve athletes to achieve the highest possible performance outcomes for Australia at Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

- b) Prioritise Australia's potential to achieve a Kayak Cross Olympic Quota for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- c) Provide early exposure to World Cup Competitions for LA2028 Identified athletes who have achieved age-related minimum performance standards.

### 3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

#### 3.1 SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with the Policy, the Selection Panel members are:

- Kim Crane (Chair)
- Sue Natoli
- Kynan Maley
- Robin Jeffery

#### 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. To be entered into the ICF Entry system an athlete must request entry to the Penrith Open and Australian Open no later than 16 days prior to the beginning of each selection competition (10 January for the Oceania Championships and 17 January for the Australian Open). Such request must be in writing and sent to the Manager Performance Operations – Canoe Slalom ([sara.latham@paddle.org.au](mailto:sara.latham@paddle.org.au)).
- 3.2.3. Athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2009 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.4. To be eligible for consideration for selection under criteria that incorporates a specific age category (i.e. age related MPS), the age will be determined as of 31 December 2024.
- 3.2.5. Athletes must nominate for the Team under clause 3.3 of this Criteria.

#### 3.3. TEAM NOMINATIONS

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team may be selected for in 2024 are:
  - a) 2024 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cups;
  - b) other ICF competitions as may be determined by PA.
- 3.3.2. Athletes must nominate to be considered for selection to the Team. The process of nomination will form part of the entry process for the selection competitions in clause 3.4 of this Criteria.
- 3.3.3. If, in accordance with clause 7 of this Criteria, the selection competitions are cancelled prior to the entry process closing, PA will communicate an alternate nomination process.
- 3.3.4. By nominating for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes will simultaneously nominate for consideration for selection to all Teams for which they are eligible during the 2024 Canoe Slalom Selection Competitions.

3.3.5. By nominating for consideration for selection to the Team, athletes will comply with:

- (i) this Criteria; and
- (ii) the Policy.

### 3.4 SELECTION COMPETITIONS

The following competitions will be utilised for considering the selection of athletes to the Team:

- (i) **2023 World Championships**, London, UK (19 – 24 September 2023)
- (ii) **Oceania Championships**, Penrith NSW, (26 – 28 January 2024)
- (iii) **Australian Open**, Penrith NSW, (2 – 4 February 2024).

How each of the races will be utilised is detailed below.

## 4. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Athletes may be selected to the Team in each respective Event, up to the maximum number of quota places (3) awarded to Australia by ICF for each individual Event, as follows:

### 4.1 SELECTION PROCESS – INTERNATIONAL EARLY PRE-SELECTION AND DOMESTIC RANKING SYSTEM

4.1.1 International selection trials and Criteria for selection include:

Selection Trial #	Selection Competition Name	Stage of Competition	Result counting	Comment
1	<b>2023 World Championships</b> , London, UK  (19–14 September 2023)	<b>Final</b>	<b>Official Race Ranking</b>	This race is to be used for the purposes of early pre-selection only.  The result that is required for this to occur is a podium (Top 3) official race result.

4.1.2 Domestic selection trials and Criteria for selection include:

Selection Trial #	Selection Competition Name	Stage of Competition	Result counting	Comment
2a	<b>Oceania Championships</b> Penrith NSW, (26–28 January 2024)	<b>Heat 1 only</b>	<b>Official race ranking (exclusive of non-nominated Australian athletes)</b>	Heat 2 results will only be used to enable race progression to the Semi-final. Heat 2 results will not be used to gain ranking points or an MPS.

2b	<b>Oceania Championships</b> Penrith NSW, (26–28 January 2024)	<b>Finals</b>	<b>Ranking across official and invitational Semi-final and Finals (Not official race ranking and exclusive of non-nominated Australian athletes)</b>	i.e. a paddler who races in the invitational Semi-final or Final with a faster time than an athlete in the respective official Semi-final or Final will be ranked higher for AUS selection purposes.
3	<b>Australian Open,</b> Penrith NSW, (2–4 February 2024)	<b>Finals</b>	<b>Official race ranking (exclusive of non-nominated Australian athletes)</b>	i.e. a paddler who races in the Invitational Final with a time faster than a paddler in Final will be ranked lower regardless of whether their time was faster or not

4.1.3 An athlete’s placing in each of the domestic selection trials outlined in clause 4.1.2 will be used to earn points for the Open ranking list for the purpose of ranking athletes according to the following table.

<b>Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Selection Competitions</b> (Selection Trials 2a, 2b 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

To be clear:

- a) At each of the selection trials, the ranking table in clause 4.1.3 will exclude all non-Australian athletes, athletes who are eligible for early pre-selection under clause

4.1.1, and athletes who have not nominated for the 2024 Canoe Slalom World Cup Team selection under this Criteria.

b) The athletes who are excluded for the purposes of building the ranking list, will still remain in the official race progression system for the chosen format.

(i) i.e. non-Australian athletes, early pre-selected athletes (clause 4.2.1) and athletes who have not nominated for World Cup Selection.

4.1.4 Using the Open ranking list, athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with the following:

(i) An athlete who is eligible for early pre-selection under clause 4.2.1 of this Criteria will be ranked first (boat 1), if they have achieved early pre-selection.

(ii) Only each athlete's two (2) highest point scores from the three (3) selection trials set out in clause 4.1.2 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.

(iii) Where two or more athletes have the same total ranking points score, the athlete who has the highest single ranking points score shall be ranked higher.

(iv) Where two or more athletes are still ranked equally after consideration of the above clause and a choice must be made between the two athletes for the purposes of this Criteria, the athlete who achieves the best result at selection trial 3 shall be ranked higher.

## 4.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

### **STAGE 1: OLYMPIC TEAM NOMINATION – PARIS 2024**

The selection criteria related to this clause is published on the PA website under 'Paris 2024 Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Nomination Policy'.

4.2.1 Athletes selected in each Class according to the 'Paris 2024 Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Nomination Policy' will be automatically selected for World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. With an expectation to compete in the Kayak Cross during World Cup 1, 2, and 3 where eligible.

4.2.2 The 2nd ranked athlete (Olympic Reserve), in each Class according to the 'Paris Canoe Slalom Olympic Games Nomination Policy' will be automatically selected for World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.

### **STAGE 2: WORLD CUP SELECTIONS:**

Stage 2 allocations will be made for each Competition and Event up to the maximum ICF quota positions available to Australia (3) to achieve the aims stated within this policy.

### **INTERNATIONAL (EARLY) PRE-SELECTION**

Early pre-selection is to recognise individuals who achieve a podium (top 3) result at International Benchmark Events (World Championships and Olympic Games) and to support continued Benchmark Event success.

- 4.2.3 To be selected to the Team under this clause, an athlete must have achieved a podium (top 3) result in the Canoe Slalom Event concerned at the 2023 World Championships

### **AUTOMATIC SELECTION**

#### **The following criteria applies for World Cups 1 and 2:**

- 4.2.4 the next highest ranked athlete(s) up to maximum available quota spots will be selected according to the Open Ranking List and who has achieved at least 1 x Senior CSL-MPS.
- 4.2.5 the next highest ranked U23 athlete(s) up to maximum available quota spots will be selected according to the Open Ranking List, and who has achieved at least 1 x U25 CSL-MPS.

#### **The following criteria applies for World Cup 3, 4 & 5:**

- 4.2.6 Where Stage 1 Selection is not enacted (Olympic Nomination Criteria – clauses 4.2.1 – 4.2.3) and there is no Olympic Quota achieved by Australia in the Event Class then for World Cup 3, 4, and 5, Boat 1 and 2 will be allocated according to the Open Ranking List to the highest ranked athlete who has achieved at least 1 x Senior CSL-MPS.
- 4.2.6.1 To be Clear: Where Australia is not eligible to nominate an athlete in an event class to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, then clause 4.2.7 will be enacted. Where Australia will be represented in an Event Class at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, then clause 4.2.7 will be void.
- 4.2.7 the next highest ranked U23 athlete according to the Open Ranking List, and who has achieved at least 1 x Senior CSL-MPS; then,
- 4.2.8 the next highest ranked U23 athlete according to the Open Ranking List, and who has achieved at least 1 x U25 CSL-MPS; then,
- 4.2.9 the next highest ranked U21 athlete according to the Open Ranking List, and who has achieved at least 1 x U23 CSL-MPS;
- 4.2.10 the next highest ranked U23 athlete(s) according to the Open Ranking List and who has achieved at least 1 x U23 CSL-MPS.
- 4.2.11 the next highest ranked athlete(s) according to the Open Ranking List and who has achieved at least 1 x Senior CSL-MPS.

To be clear:

- a) To be AUTOMATICALLY selected, the next ranked athlete must have achieved the required CSL-MPS.
- b) An athlete who is next ranked and has NOT achieved a relevant age CSL-MPS will not be AUTOMATICALLY selected, but still may be selected by discretion according to clause 4.2.12 (Discretionary Selection).



## **CANOE SLALOM DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

The Selection Panel may consider where teams are not filled to the maximum allocated spots, applying its absolute discretion to select athletes whose performances are suitable for international representation.

4.2.12 The Selection Panel, at its absolute discretion, may select additional athletes in Olympic Canoe Slalom Events up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF. The Selection Panel is not obliged to fill all quota places. In doing so, it may consider any, all, or none of the following in no particular order and with no particular weighting:

- ranking of each athlete according to clause 4.1.5 of this Criteria;
- application of Senior CSL-MPS according to clause 5 of this Criteria;
- performances in relation to the Senior CSL-MPS, or in relation to the U25 and U23 CSL-MPS for those eligible U25 and U23 aged athletes, respectively;
- in accordance with clause 7.5(i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria;
- approved extenuating circumstances that may apply as outlined in clause 6, in which case a selection decision will be based on the weight of performance-based evidence in accordance with clause 7.5 (i) to (vi) inclusive, of this Criteria.

## **4.3 RESERVES**

The Selection Panel may select reserves for the 2024 World Cup Season, where the Panel considers such selection necessary to meet the aims of the Criteria.

If it is considered necessary to select reserves to meet the aims of the policy the Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select athlete(s) for one, or more than one, ICF World Cup Competition.

## **4.4 KAYAK CROSS SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection to the Kayak Cross Competitions at each World Cup will be determined by an athlete's final ranking across the 2024 Kayak Cross selection trials, in conjunction with Olympic Games Team Athletes as outlined in Stage 1 of the Canoe Slalom Selection Criteria (clause 4.2), to determine the Kayak Cross ranking list as outlined below:

4.4.1 International races where an athlete is eligible to achieve early pre-selection

<b>Selection Trial #</b>	<b>Selection Competition Name</b>	<b>Stage of Competition</b>	<b>Result counting</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2023 World Championships,</b> London, UK  (19-14 September 2023)	<b>Final</b>	<b>Official Race Ranking</b>	The result that is required for this to occur is a podium (Top 3) official race result.

4.4.2 Domestic selection trials and Criteria for selection include:

<b>2</b>	<b>Oceania Championships</b> Penrith NSW, (26–28 January 2024)	<b>Time Trial</b>	Official result (exclusive of non-Australian athletes)	Athletes will have the ability to achieve a CSLX-MPS during the Time Trial event.
<b>3</b>	<b>Australian Open</b> Penrith NSW, (2–4 February 2024)	<b>Time Trial</b>	Official result (exclusive of non-Australian athletes)	Athletes will have the ability to achieve a CSLX-MPS during the Time Trial event.

4.4.3 An athlete’s placing in each of the selection trials outlined in clause 4.5 will be used to earn points for the Kayak Cross ranking list for the purpose of ranking athletes according to the following table.

<b>Paddle Australia Kayak Cross Selection Competitions (Selection Trials 2 and 3)</b>			
<b>1st</b>	80	<b>17th</b>	16
<b>2nd</b>	72	<b>18th</b>	15
<b>3rd</b>	65	<b>19th</b>	14
<b>4th</b>	58	<b>20th</b>	13
<b>5th</b>	52	<b>21st</b>	12
<b>6th</b>	47	<b>22nd</b>	11
<b>7th</b>	43	<b>23rd</b>	10
<b>8th</b>	38	<b>24th</b>	9
<b>9th</b>	34	<b>25th</b>	8
<b>10th</b>	31	<b>26th</b>	7
<b>11th</b>	28	<b>27th</b>	6
<b>12th</b>	26	<b>28th</b>	5
<b>13th</b>	24	<b>29th</b>	4
<b>14th</b>	22	<b>30th</b>	3
<b>15th</b>	20	<b>31st</b>	2
<b>16th</b>	18	<b>32nd</b>	1

To be clear:

- a) At each of the selection trials, the ranking table in clause 4.4 will exclude all non-Australian athletes and athletes who have not nominated for the World Cup Team selection under this Criteria.

Using the Kayak Cross ranking list, athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with the following:

- (i) The athlete's two-point scores from the two (2) selection trials set out in clause 4.4 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.

- (ii) Where two or more athletes have the same total ranking points score, the athlete who has the highest single ranking points score from selection trial 3 shall be ranked higher.

**INTERNATIONAL (EARLY) PRE-SELECTION:**

Early pre-selection is to recognise individuals who achieve a podium (top 3) result at International Benchmark Events (World Championships and Olympic Games) and to support continued Benchmark Event success.

- 4.4.4 To be selected to the Team under this clause, an athlete must have achieved a podium (top 3) result in the Kayak Cross Event concerned at the 2023 World Championship

**KAYAK CROSS AUTOMATIC SELECTION:**

**The following criteria applies for World Cups 1 and 2:**

- 4.4.5 Boat positions 1 and 2 will be filled by the Olympic Games athletes selected under Clause 4.2 in highest ranked order from the Kayak Cross ranking list, where eligible under the Olympic Games Quota Qualification Process.
- 4.4.6 All remaining positions up to the maximum allocated to Australia for that competition will be selected using the next highest ranked athlete on the Kayak Cross Ranking List who has achieved at least 1 x CSLX-MPS.
- 4.4.7 Where an athlete chooses not to or cannot (due to eligibility) contest the Kayak Cross competition, then the position may roll down to the next ranked athlete who has achieved at least 1x CSLX-MPS.

**The following criteria applies for World Cups 3, 4 and 5:**

- 4.4.8 All positions will be allocated up to the maximum allocated positions to Australia using the next highest ranked athlete subject to the athlete having already been selected to the 2024 Canoe Slalom World Cup Team throughout the season.

**KAYAK CROSS DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:**

- 4.4.9 Subject to a position being available following the application of clauses 4.4.5 to 4.4.8 the Selection Panel may, at its absolute discretion, but is not obliged to, select athlete(s) considering the following in no particular order and with no particular weighting:
  - 4.4.9.1 athletes who have previously made the top 32 athletes (Brackets Stage) at World Cup and Senior World Championship Competitions from the previous two (2) years.
  - 4.4.9.2 ranking of each athlete according to clause 4.4.3.

## 5 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD (MPS)

### **Canoe Slalom Minimum Performance Standard (CSL-MPS):**

- 5.1 The 2024 Canoe Slalom MPS are outlined in Schedule A of this Criteria and may be applied in the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel according to clause 5.2.
- 5.2 The requirement for athletes to ‘achieve CSL-MPS’ means an athlete has:
- 5.2.1 Achieved the necessary CSL-MPS in a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant Event in a Selection Competition, whether on the Heats 1st run (only), Semi-Final, or Final phase.
  - 5.2.2 Where an athlete does not qualify through the official progression of the competition into the official Semi-final, an invitational Semi-final will be available to allow all athletes to receive a minimum of four (4) opportunities to achieve a CSL-MPS.
  - 5.2.3 Where an athlete racing in an invitational Semi-final achieves a score that would have placed them in the official Final, they are then able to compete in an invitational Final.
  - 5.2.4 Athletes who are eligible for early pre-selection under clause 4.2 will still have their race times included in base score calculations as outlined in Schedule A of this Criteria if they are the fastest boat for their Event during a relevant CSL-MPS race.
  - 5.2.5 If, for any reason, an athlete has not achieved a CSL-MPS and the Selection Panel requires further evidence of an athlete’s ability to achieve a CSL-MPS, it may consider any, or all or none of the following in no particular order and with no particular weighting:
    - Relevant performance times in relation to CSL-MPS from the athlete within the 2022 or 2023 calendar years, or
    - Relative performances against other athletes who have achieved a CSL-MPS during the 2023 or 2024 calendar years,
    - Relevant World Cup or World Championship (Junior/U23/Senior) performances from the previous 24 months,
    - Approved Extenuating Circumstances according to clause 6.

### **Kayak Cross Minimum Performance Standard (CSLX-MPS):**

- 5.3 The 2024 Kayak Cross MPS are outlined in Schedule A of this Criteria and may be applied in the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel according to clause 5.4.
- 5.4 The requirement for athletes to ‘achieve CSLX-MPS’ means an athlete has:
- 5.4.1 Achieved the necessary CSLX-MPS in a single Time Trial run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A.
  - 5.4.2 Athletes who are eligible for early pre-selection under clause 4.2 will still have their race times included in base score calculations as outlined in Schedule A of this Criteria if they are the fastest boat for their Event during a relevant CSLX-MPS Time Trial race.

## 6 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 6.1 Notwithstanding anything contained within this Criteria, an athlete may apply in writing to the Selection Panel (via the Chair), to ask the Selection Panel to consider Extenuating Circumstances. Such application must incorporate substantive supporting evidence of the Extenuating Circumstances. 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
- 6.2 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 which holds selection status, may be accepted.
- 6.3 For the purposes of this Policy, **Extenuating Circumstances** means:
- a) injury or illness, as confirmed by the PA Chief Medical Officer, or their authorised representative.
  - b) equipment failure (where applicable).
  - c) travel delays.
  - d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
  - e) an unanticipated event occurring at the Selection Competition(s).
- 6.4 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.

## 7. COMPETITION/ EVENT CANCELLATION

Prior to cancellation of any Selection Event/Competition, PA will investigate all opportunities to postpone and/or re-schedule a particular Selection Event/Competition for the purpose of allowing the selection process to proceed. If a Selection Competition and/or Event is cancelled for any reason (e.g. Covid restrictions, extreme weather, catastrophic pump failure at Penrith etc), the following process will apply.

- 7.1 If Selection Competition 3.4(iii) is cancelled, apart from the Selection Criteria related to that specific Selection Competition, there will be no change to the Selection Criteria (i.e. each athlete's two (2) point scores from the selection trials set out in clause 4.1.1 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.
- 7.2 If circumstances arise where Selection Competition/Event 3.4(ii) has been cancelled for any reason and cannot be reasonably rescheduled, and Selection Competition/Event 3.4(iii) is able to be completed, in order to fulfil clause 4.1.4 and for the purposes of this Criteria, Heat 1 and Final Ranking (across official and invitational and Finals - not official

race ranking and exclusive of non-Australian athletes) from selection competition 3.4(iii) will form the two (2) necessary selection trials to rank nominated athletes, and subsequently select the Team.

7.3 To be clear:

- a) If Selection Competition/Event 3.4(ii) is cancelled and cannot be rescheduled, and Selection Competition/Event 3.4(iii) is completed in full, for the purposes of this criteria the selection trials that will be used to select the Team in each Olympic Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross Events are:
- b) **Selection Trial 3a:** Australian Open, Penrith NSW, (2–4 February 2024), Heat 1 only, official race ranking (exclusive of non-Australian athletes).
- c) **Selection Trial 3b:** Australian Open, Penrith NSW, (2–4 February 2024), Final result, ranking across official and invitational finals (not official race ranking and exclusive of non-Australian athletes).

7.4 In the occurrence of clause 7.1 being enacted, where two or more athletes are ranked equally and require a tie break for the purposes of this Criteria, following the application of clause 4.1.4(i) and (ii), the athlete who achieved the best result at Selection Trial 2b will be ranked higher.

7.5 Where a circumstance occurs where the cancelling of Selection Competitions/Events means the opportunity to participate in two (2) selection trials is not possible, and all avenues to re-schedule and postpone the Selection Competitions/Events have been exhausted, the selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, select athletes for all World Cup/Championship competitions in each Event. In doing so, the Selection Panel may consider, but is not required to consider, any or all or none of the following in no particular order and with no particular weighting:

- (i) performances in ICF World Cup or World Championships Competitions over the past two (2) International seasons (2022 and 2023);
- (ii) performances in domestic and international World Cup, or Junior/U23/Senior World Championships) competitions throughout 2022 and 2023
- (iii) demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24-months;
- (iv) recent performances in relation to the Senior MPS, or in relation to the U25 and U23 MPS for those eligible U25 and U23 aged athletes, respectively;
- (v) current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an athlete's performance; and
- (vi) benefit and timing of a competition to assist an athlete's preparation for an U23 or Senior World Championships.

7.6 Notwithstanding anything in this clause 7, as outlined in clause 4 of the Policy, PA may amend or repeal this Criteria at any time for any reason as determined by PA in its absolute discretion. This may include cancellation, postponement or change to selection competition(s) and/or this Criteria.

## 8. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 Announcement of the Team will be made within 2 weeks of the 2024 Australian Open.
- 8.2 Athletes must accept the offer of selection within 5 days of receiving the selection confirmation. If they do not accept within the time the offer lapses.

## SCHEDULE A: MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD

### Implementation of CSL-MPS:

1. At the conclusion of each Selection Trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian entrant in Men's K1, Women's K1, Men's C1 and Women's C1.
2. A Base Score is only calculated from the Heats phase run 1 and from the Semi Final run at each Selection Trial. Where there is no "Semi-final", and only a "Final" progression from the Heats, this "Final" progression will be used.
3. Example:

The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best Australian entrant) in any age category in MK1, WK1, MC1 and WC1, and dividing by 4. The percentage score for an athlete/crew at a competition is calculated by dividing the total score for that athlete/crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at a competition is 184.55 and athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

$$(195.44 / 184.55) \times 100 = 105.90\%$$

### 2024 CANOE SLALOM MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Event	Senior MPS (% of Base Score)	U25 MPS (% of Base Score)	U23 MPS (% of Base Score)	U21 MPS (% of Base Score)	Junior MPS (% of Base Score)	U16 MPS (% of Base Score)
K1 Men	<94.26%	<96.35%	<98.43%	<103.00%	<107.56%	<112.56%
K1 Women	<107.92%	<112.54%	<117.16%	<122.14%	<127.12%	<132.12%
C1 Men	<101.09%	<102.77%	<104.45%	<110.51%	<116.57%	<121.57%
C1 Women	<124.72%	<125.48%	<126.24%	<133.30%	<140.35%	<145.35%

**Implementation of CSLX-MPS:**

1. At the conclusion of each Kayak Cross Selection Time Trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian entrant in the Men’s Kayak Cross and the Women’s Kayak Cross.
2. A Base Score is only calculated from the official Time Trial.
3. Example:

The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best Australian entrant) in any age category of the Men’s Kayak Cross and Women’s Kayak Cross, and dividing by 2. The percentage score for an athlete at a competition is calculated by dividing the total score for that athlete by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at a competition is 184.55 and athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

$$(195.44 / 184.55) \times 100 = 105.90\%$$

<b>Event</b>	<b>% Of Base Score</b>
<b>Men’s Kayak Cross</b>	<b>96.29%</b>
<b>Women’s Kayak Cross</b>	<b>105.93%</b>

**SCHEDULE B: 2025 EARLY PRE-SELECTION STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The mission of the Australian Canoe Slalom Team is to achieve success and support continued success at international Benchmark Events (BME) – Senior World Championships and Olympic Games. Proven success at these events is seen as a significant predictor of future success.

It is the intent of PA, that for the next World Championships in the LA2028 quadrennial (2025), that any BME success (Top 3) achieved in 2024, will be rewarded, with early pre-selection in the corresponding Event to the 2025 Senior World Championships team.