

Paralympics Australia 2024 Paralympic Canoe Team Nomination Criteria

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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“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 Paralympics Australian Canoe Team to compete at the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

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 2024 season are as follows:

- a) Nominate Australia’s best athletes to represent PA and Paralympics Australia at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

3.1 PA NOMINATION PANEL

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

- David Foureux - PA GM Performance, Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe (Chair)
- Kim Crane – PA National Performance Director
- Lyndsie Krishnamoorthy (nee Fogarty) – Retired Athlete
- Steve Bird – Retired Athlete

PA will nominate athletes to Paralympics Australia for selection to the Team based on the following procedures.

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 on or before 31st December 2009 to be eligible for consideration for Team selection.
- 3.2.3. Athletes must have nominated for the Team under clause 3.3 of these Criteria.
- 3.2.4. Athletes must be Nationally or Internationally classified prior to the commencement of the Selection Event and deemed eligible.
- 3.2.5. Except in the case of extenuating circumstances or event cancellation, Athletes must compete in the selection events.
- 3.2.6. Nationality: Any athlete nominated to the Team must be a national of Australia as determined by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athlete Nationality Policy detailed within the IPC Handbook.

The IPC Athlete Nationality Policy can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.paralympic.org/the-ipc/handbook>
- 3.2.7. To be selected and to remain eligible for the Team, Athletes must attend National Team and Squad camps at the NCE on the Gold Coast and at other locations determined by PA. The exact dates, locations and duration of camps will be confirmed to all Athletes selected.

3.3 TEAM NOMINATION

- 3.3.1. The competitions for which the Team may be selected for in 2024 include:
 - a) 2024 Paralympic Games
 - b) other ICF competitions as may be 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 5 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:
 - (i) these Criteria; and
 - (ii) the Policy.

3.4 SELECTION COMPETITIONS

- 3.4.1. The following competitions will be utilised as the Selection Competition for considering athletes for selection to the Team:

2024 PA Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 2 (Penrith) 16 – 18 February 2024

Nomination Trial 1

2024 PA Canoe Sprint Championships (Penrith) 6 - 10 March 2024

Nomination Trial 2

ICF Paracanoe World Championships (Szeged) 9 – 11 May 2024

Nomination Trial 3

3.4.2. As outlined in Clause 5 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. NOMINATION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Athletes will be Nominated to the Team based on their performances at the Selection Competitions as follows:

The following nomination criteria will be applied in each Paralympic Class and is subject to Paddle Australia securing Paralympic Quota position(s) in that Class from the ICF.

Athletes will be nominated to the Team in each respective Class, who:

- a) Finish third place or higher at the 2023 ICF Paracanoe World Championships in a Paralympic Class event and;
- b) Finish first place in that same Class at either Nomination Trial 1 or 2.

Athletes will also be nominated to the Team in each respective Class, who directly earn any additional quota places awarded to Australia at the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships Nomination Trial 3.

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 have Exceptional Circumstances considered. 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 Athlete is applying for Extenuating Circumstances to be considered.
- 5.2 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, 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 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 as 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.

6. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT OF A SELECTION COMPETITION

- 6.1 Prior to 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.
- 6.2 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.

7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT, CONTINUING FORM AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

- 7.1. Announcement of the 2024 Paralympic Team to compete at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will be made by Paralympics Australia following confirmation by the Paralympics Australia Board.
- 7.2. Subject to the receipt by Paddle Australia of the confirmation of athlete quotas for the 2024 Paralympic Games, and subject to any pending appeal received by PA under the Selection Procedures Policy, announcement of the nominated athletes will be made within 1 week of the completion of the PA Canoe Sprint Championships.
- 7.3. Subject to Paddle Australia receiving additional quota positions following the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships, athletes earning International Late Nomination, will be announced within 1 week of the completion of the 2024 ICF Paracanoe World Championships.
- 7.4. Athletes must accept the offer of nomination within 48 hours of being nominated.
- 7.5. Nomination of PA Paracanoe Team athletes to the 2024 Australian Paralympic Team will be made by 26 May 2024.
- 7.6. Any athlete selected to the Team who fails to meet the Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment may at the discretion of the National Performance Director and Paralympics Australia be removed from the Team.