

POLICY	Governance
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1. DEFINITIONS

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

“Age Groups”	means Junior, U23 and Open as determined by the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing Competition Rules clause 1.4. Athlete ages will be taken from 31 December 2024.
“Competition”	means the 2024 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships to be held in Madeira, Portugal from 4th – 6th October 2024.
“Criteria”	means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Masters”	means an athlete that is eligible compete in a master’s event in the year that they reach the lower limit of the age group. The masters’ age groups are defined by each discipline with a minimum age of 35 years as of 31 December 2024.
“Policy”	means the Selection Procedures Policy adopted by the Board of PA that governs the selection of Athletes to Paddle Australia Teams.
“Selection Competition”	means the 2024 Paddle Australia Ocean Racing National Championships (14 Beaches Ocean Race) to be held on the Gold Coast, QLD, 2 nd - 4 th August 2024 and any additional Selection Competitions determined under clause 2.1.
“Team”	means the Paddle Australia Ocean Racing Team to compete at the Competition.
“PA”	means Paddle Australia Ltd, the recognised governing body for Paddling in Australia

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 PROCEDURES

2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4 of the [Policy](#), the Selection Panel members are:

- James Tomkins
- Anthony Deague
- Roz Barber

2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must be a registered financial member of Paddle Australia at the time of the selection competition as well as for the duration of the event at which the Team is selected to attend.
- 2.2.2. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team, Athletes must comply with the [Policy](#), in particular clause 6.
- 2.2.3. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 6.1 of the [Policy](#) to Paddle Australia (PA) by no later than the close of acceptance as stipulated in the athlete's acceptance letter.

2.3. TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1 The Team will be selected to compete at the Competition.
- 2.3.2 Athletes will need to nominate 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 Competition, Athletes:
 - a) agree to comply with these Criteria; and
 - b) agree to comply with the [Policy](#).
- 2.3.4 These Criteria may also be used to select a team to compete at any other ICF competitions as determined by PA, provided that this is notified to the Athletes prior to those competitions.

2.4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.4.1. The following competitions and performance standards will be used for selection of Athletes into the Team prior to the Selection Competition:
 - a) The World Champions from each Age Group at the 2023 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships, Perth – Australia.
- 2.4.2. Following the selection process detailed in clause 2.4.1, PA will select the top five (5) Athletes in each of the Age Groups from the Selection Competition, not including those who have already been selected pursuant to clause 2.4.1.
- 2.4.3. If a top five (5) Athlete from any of the Age Groups does not accept their position on the Team **OR** has not eligible as deemed by the [Selections Procedures Policy](#) the next best performing Athlete in that Age Group from the Selection Competition will be selected. If multiple Athletes do not accept their position, PA will continue down the list of the next best performing Athletes until the five (5) places have been filled.

2.5. MASTERS SELECTION

- 2.5.1. Following the selection process detailed in clause 2.4.1, PA will select the top three (3) Athletes in each of the Masters age groups from the Selection Competition.
- 2.5.2. Masters will need to advise PA of their interest in being selected onto the Team at the point of entry into the selection competition.
- 2.5.3. Masters will also still need to demonstrate their eligibility to be selected as outlined in 2.2.
- 2.5.4. Masters will be selected in each age group (as outlined by the ICF) who have demonstrated their competency in the Selection Competition.

2.6. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 2.6.1. Announcement of the Team will be made within 1 week of the conclusion of the Selection Event.
- 2.6.2. Athletes must accept the offer of selection in accordance with the [Policy](#).