

Sprint National Talent Squad

2016 Overview & Selection Guidelines

The Sprint National Talent Squad (NTS) provides ongoing support for athletes selected for the 2016 Junior National Team, 2016 Olympic Hopes Team, emerging young paracanoe athletes, and selected athletes demonstrating potential for National Team representation in 2017.

The NTS initiative aims to prepare athletes for high performance through provision of coaching expertise, intensive training opportunities, performance support, athlete education, and exposure to high performance environments and practices.

Athletes selected for the Canoe Sprint NTS will benefit from a range of activities including:

- Paddling clinics with State Institute of Sport / National Centre of Excellence Coaches
- Personal Excellence athlete development workshops
- Monthly strength and conditioning program and technique reviews
- Athlete profiling clinics
- Introduction to high performance training procedures including individual performance planning and online athlete monitoring

Canoe Sprint NTS activities will be held in each state, periodically throughout the year.

SELECTION OVERVIEW

The 2016 Canoe Sprint NTS will be selected based upon results at the Canoe Sprint National Championships, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Perth, WA, 2-6 March 2016.

To be eligible for selection to the NTS, Athletes must be turning either 15, 16, 17, or 18 years of age during 2016, which means Athletes must be born in 2001, 2000, 1999, or 1998.

Athletes selected to the 2016 Junior National Team or the 2016 Olympic Hopes Team will automatically qualify for selection to the NTS.

Additional athletes may be selected to the Squad based on satisfaction of the performance standards set out below. These performance standards must be met in at least one of identified events for the specified categories and age groups.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR NON-JUNIOR NATIONAL OR OLYMPIC HOPES TEAM MEMBERS

Athletes not selected for the 2016 Junior National Team or the 2016 Olympic Hopes Team may be eligible for selection to the Canoe Sprint NTS, providing the following performance standards are met during the Canoe Sprint National Championships, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Perth, WA, 2-6 March 2016:

a) Men's Kayak – athletes born 1998 or 1999

- Selection events
 - U18 K1 men 200m
 - U18 K1 men 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Racing an A final in at least one of the selection events identified above OR recording a time within 10% of the fastest time posted by an Australian athlete in at least one of the selection events identified above (these times can be recorded in any heat, semi-final or final throughout the selection event unless distinct weather conditions deem races to be incomparable)

b) Men's Kayak – athletes born 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U16 K1 men 200m
 - U16 K1 men 500m
 - U16 K1 men 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Racing an A final in at least one of the selection events identified above OR recording a time within 15% of the fastest time posted by an Australian athlete in at least one of the selection events identified above (these times can be recorded in any heat, semi-final or final throughout the selection event unless distinct weather conditions deem races to be incomparable)

c) Women's Kayak – athletes born 1998 or 1999

- Selection events
 - U18 K1 women 200m
 - U18 K1 women 500m
- Performance standards required
 - Racing an A final in at least one of the selection events identified above OR recording a time within 10% of the fastest time posted by an Australian athlete in at least one of the selection events identified above (these times can be recorded in any heat, semi-final or final throughout the selection event unless distinct weather conditions deem races to be incomparable)

d) Women's Kayak – athletes born 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U16 K1 women 200m
 - U16 K1 women 500m
 - U16 K1 women 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Racing an A final in at least one of the selection events identified above OR recording a time within 15% of the fastest time posted by an Australian athlete in at least one of the selection events identified above (these times can be recorded in any heat, semi-final or final throughout the selection event unless distinct weather conditions deem races to be incomparable)

e) Men's Canoe – athletes born 1998 or 1999

- Selection events
 - U18 C1 men 200m
 - U18 C1 men 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Elite Development Program Lead Canoe Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

f) Men's Canoe – athletes born 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U16 C1 men 200m
 - U16 C1 men 500m
 - U16 C1 men 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Elite Development Program Lead Canoe Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

g) Women's Canoe – athletes born 1998 or 1999

- Selection events
 - U18 C1 women 200m
 - U18 C1 women 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Elite Development Program Lead Canoe Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

h) Women's Canoe – athletes born 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U16 C1 women 200m
 - U16 C1 women 500m
 - U16 C1 women 1000m
- Performance standards required
 - Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Elite Development Program Lead Canoe Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

i) Men's Paracanoe – athletes born 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U18 PC K1 men 200m
 - U18 PC V1 men 200m
- Performance standards required

- Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Paracanoe Head Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

j) Women's Paracanoe – athletes born 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001

- Selection events
 - U18 PC K1 women 200m
 - U18 PC V1 women 200m
- Performance standards required
 - Recording a time deemed to be a competitive performance standard at the sole discretion of the selection panel and the National Paracanoe Head Coach in at least one of the selection events identified above

OTHER SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

In determining whether to select additional Athletes to the Squad, the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may consider one or more of the following factors:

- Performance at the Selection Trial relative to the winner of a specific event as expressed by the percentage time behind the winner;
- The potential of an Athlete to develop individual or crew boat performance through participation in NTS activities, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and
- Overall squad size, availability of coaching and other support and any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.

If an Athlete is selected to the NTS and subsequently withdraws from the squad, fails to maintain a suitable performance standard for the Squad, or adversely affects the performance of other Squad members, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion, the Selection Panel may remove that Athlete from the Squad.

Additional athletes who do not meet age eligibility criteria or performance standard criteria outlined above may be invited to attend appropriate NTS activities at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

“Extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete at and/or attend the Selection Trial arising from:

- Injury or illness;
- bereavement; and/or
- any other factors reasonably considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances.

In considering the performances of Athletes at the Selection Trial, the Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances and determine whether under normal circumstances an Athlete would have a high probability of meeting the selection criteria. The Selection Panel may in its absolute discretion not consider extenuating circumstances.

Athletes unable to compete at the Selection Trial required under these selection guidelines must advise the National Pathway Manager of Australian Canoeing in writing via email to glenn.pyne@canoe.org.au, stating the reasons, before close of the final day of competition of the Selection Trial (Sunday March 6).

In the case of injury, Athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by Australian Canoeing.

A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.

SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes wishing to nominate for selection to the Canoe Sprint NTS must complete the online nomination form on the Australian Canoeing Website:

[Submit an online nomination form for the 2016 Canoe Sprint National Talent Squad](#)

Hard copy nomination forms will also be available at the Pathways Information table at the National Championships, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Perth, WA, 2-6 March 2016.

Nominations will be open until close of competition at the National Championships, 10am Sunday, March 6.

A selection panel consisting of the Australian Canoeing National Pathway Manager, National Performance Director, National High Performance Manager, National Men's Head Coach, and National Women's Head Coach will consider the nominations following completion of the National Championships.

Selection offers will be made to individual athletes shortly after the National Championships, with a team announcement to be published on the Australian Canoeing website following athlete acceptance of selection offers.

Further details of Canoe Sprint NTS activities will be provided to Squad Members following selection and throughout the year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding the Canoe Sprint National Talent Squad and/or selection guidelines, please contact Melissa Hopwood, Australian Canoeing National Pathway Manager via email at glenn.pyne@canoe.org.au.