
Australian Canoeing Inc. Selection Criteria Supplement



2016 Canoe Slalom Senior Team

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This Supplement is to be read in conjunction with the [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#).

1. COMPETITIONS

1.1 Under the 2016 selection criteria an Australian Senior Team will be selected for the following competitions:

(a) ICF World Cup series:

- World Cup 1, 3-5 June Ivrea, ITA
- World Cup 2, 10-12 June La Seu D'Urgell, ESP
- World Cup 3, 17-19 June Pau, FRA
- World Cup 4, 2-4 September Prague, CZE
- World Cup Final, 9-11 September Tacen, SLO
- Other ICF competitions as determined by AC

1.2 Athletes/crews will be selected up to the number of ICF World Cup quota allocations for Australia in 2016 for World Cups 1, 2 & 3.

1.3 Subject to Clause 5.14, Athletes not achieving a final placing in World Cup 1, 2 or 3 may be replaced for World Cups 4, and the Final by the next ranked member of the Under 23 Team or Junior Team, at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 The closing date for receiving nominations for selection to the Australian Canoe Slalom Senior Team, as set out in clause 5.2 of the [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#), is 5pm on Friday 22nd January 2016.

2.2 These criteria may be amended or supplemented by the Board of AC in its absolute discretion from time to time. AC shall provide as much notice of such change as is possible to all affected Athletes, and others as determined by the Board in accordance with clauses 3.2 and 3.3 of the [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#).

3. DEFINITIONS

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

“Selection Procedures Bylaw”	Means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Teams.
“Event”	Means Men’s K1, Men’s C1, Men’s C2, Women’s K1 and Women’s C1.
“Senior Team”	Means the Australian Senior Canoe Slalom Team to compete in 2016 World Cup competitions and other ICF competitions.
“Under 23 Team”	Means the Australian Under 23 Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the designated competitions in 2016, for Athletes born between 1993 and 2001, inclusive.

“Olympic Team”

Means the Australian Team to compete in the 2016 Olympic Games

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the [Constitution](#) of AC or the Selection Procedures Bylaw unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

4. SELECTION TRIALS

4.1 The following competitions are the Selection Trials:

- (a) Selection Trial 1, First Heat of the Australian Open Penrith, NSW, 5th February, 2016
- (b) Selection Trial 2, Semifinal/Invitation Semi Final or Final/Invitation Final result at the Australian Open Penrith, NSW, 6th – 7th February, 2016
- (c) Selection Trial 3, Heats phase of the Oceania Open, Penrith, NSW, 19th February, 2016
- (d) Selection Trial 4, Semifinal/Invitation Semi Final or Final/Invitation Final I result at the Oceania Open, Penrith, NSW, 20th – 21st February, 2016

4.2 Subject to clause 5.1 (a) Athletes/Crews seeking selection for the Senior Team must compete in three of the four specified Selection Trials in clause 4.1.

4.3 The result for Selection Trial 1, Australian Open 5th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete’s score in the first run of the Qualification Heats phase of the Australian Open.

4.4 The result for Selection Trial 2, Australian Open 6th-7th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete’s score in the Semi Final/Invitation or Final phase of the Australian Open.

4.5 The result for Selection Trial 3, Oceania Championships 19th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete’s score in their best run of the Qualification Heats phase of the Oceania Championships.

4.6. The result for Selection Trial 4, Oceania Championships 20th-21st February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete’s score in the Semi Final/Invitation or Final phase of the Oceania Championships.

4.7 Athletes who do not participate in Selection Trial 1 or Selection Trial 3, or who do not qualify for the Semi Final at the Australian Open or Oceania Championships, will compete in an Invitation Race on the Semi Final course in the respective event and their score in that race will be ranked against the score of eligible athletes in the Semi Final of the Australian Open or Oceania Championships for national team selection ranking purposes only, as their score for Selection Trial 2 and/or Selection Trial 4.

4.8 Further to clause 4.7 above, Athletes who achieve a score in the Invitational semi final race at the Australian Open or Oceania Championship that would have placed them in the final of that event, will complete an Invitational Final run that will be used for selection ranking purposes only as their final result for Selection Trial 2 or Selection Trial 4.

4.9 Selection Trials will be run according to ICF rules effective at the time of the competitions, or where modified by Australian Canoeing.

5. 2016 SENIOR TEAM ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

5.1 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw will, subject to these selection criteria and in particular the performance criteria set out in clauses 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11, 5.12 select Athletes/Crews in each Event as follows:

- (a) Athletes nominated to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team will be selected to the Senior Team
- (b) Athletes/Crews in each Event to compete in the 2016 ICF World Cup competitions up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the International Canoe Federation (ICF).
- (c) Athletes/Crews in each Event to compete in 2016 ICF ranking races subject to ICF quotas (up to 6 boat places per Event) and as determined by AC.

5.2 To be eligible for selection to the Senior Team, Athletes must be at least 15 years old in 2016.

5.3 Subject to these selection criteria, and in particular clauses 5.10, 5.11 and 5.12, selection to the Senior Team will be based on those Athletes/Crews with the lowest number of ranking points in an Event following the Selection Trials.

5.4 For the purposes of ranking Athletes/Crews by points, in each Selection Trial the following ranking points will be awarded for the Athlete/Crew's placing, including those Athletes nominated to the AOC for potential selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	0	8	8	15	15
2	2	9	9	16	16
3	3	10	10	17	17
4	4	11	11	18	18
5	5	12	12	19	19
6	6	13	13	20	20
7	7	14	14	21	21 etc

Where an Athlete/Crew starts, but doesn't finish they will be recorded as a "did not finish (DNF)" and will be awarded 999 points for that Selection Trial.

5.5 The points allocated to the Athlete/Crew for each Selection Trial shall be added together to give a total point score, except where an Athlete/Crew competes in all four Selection Trials in which case only the lowest three scores will be added together to achieve a total point score. Regardless of the points score the Athlete/Crew nominated to the Olympic Team will be ranked as first boat in their respective Event.

5.6 Where two or more Athlete/Crews have the same total ranking point score (as calculated under clauses 5.4 and 5.5) the Athlete who has the lowest single ranking points score at one of the Selection Trials shall be ranked higher.

5.7 Where two or more Athletes/Crews are ranked equally after consideration of clause 5.6, the Athlete/Crew who has on average the lowest percentage score behind the Base Score (see clause 5.8) at the three Selection Trials used to calculate the total ranking points score under clause 5.5 shall be ranked higher.

5.8 At the conclusion of each Selection Trial the Selection Panel will publish a Base Score from which the Performance Standard shall be calculated for each Event. The Base Score at each Selection Trial is the lowest total score recorded by any Australian Athlete/Crew at that Selection Trial in any of the relevant Events. A base score will be published for each phase of the competition (first heat or final at Australian Open, best

heat run or final at Oceania), however, in settling a tie, percentages will only be taken from the final stage reached in the competition.

5.9 Notwithstanding rankings, and subject to clause 5.14, selection to the Senior Team for specific competitions listed in 1.1 is dependent upon the Athlete/Crew meeting the specific National Performance Standard as set out in clause 5.10 in at least two of the Selection Trials.

5.10 The National Performance Standard for selection to the Senior Team in each Event is calculated from a percentage of the Base Score at each phase (first heat or final at Australian Open, best heat run or final at Oceania) at each Selection Trial as follows:

Event	Senior Team Performance Standard
K1 Men	Less than 104% of the Base Score
K1 Women	Less than 125% of the Base Score
C1 Men	Less than 114% of the Base Score
C2 Men	Less than 124% of the Base Score
C1 Women	Less than 142% of the Base Score

Example:

The percentage score for an Athlete/Crew at a Selection Trial is calculated by dividing the total score for that Athlete/Crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, the Base Score at Selection Trial 1 is 184.55 and Athlete A has a score of 195.44 the percentage score is calculated as follows:

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

5.11 Only the results of Athletes/Crews who are eligible for selection to the Senior Team under clause 5.2 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw will be used for the purpose of calculating selection rankings

5.12 Of the top 3 ranked boats in an Event following the completion of the Selection Trials, Athletes nominated to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team, finalists at the 2015 ICF World Championships in K1 Men, K1 Women or C1 Men and the winners of the Selection Trials in K1 Men, K1 Women or C1 Men will be selected to compete at all of the competitions in 1.1, subject to endorsement by the National Head Coach and Athlete's coach.

5.13 Where an Athlete/Crew has been selected to the Senior Team and subsequently withdraws from or is unable to take part in a competition listed in 1.1 due to injury or illness, the Selection Panel may select the next highest ranked Athlete/Crew following the Selection Trials as a replacement.

5.14 Where an Athlete/Crew has been selected to the Senior Team and is not nominated to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team, a finalist from the 2015 ICF World Championships in K1 Men, K1 Women or C1 Men, or the highest ranked Athlete at the Selection Trials in K1 Men, K1 Women or C1 Men under clause 5.12, the Selection Panel may limit the selection of that Athlete to a total of three World Cup competitions and may select a replacement for up to two of the five ICF World Cup competitions listed in 1.1 as per clauses 5.15 and 5.16

5.15 Athletes/Crews who meet the National Performance Standard in any of the Selection Trials listed in 4.1 as per clause 5.10, or who meet the Under 23 National Performance Standard set out in the separate Under 23 Canoe Slalom Team selection criteria, are eligible for consideration as replacement Athletes under clause 5.14.

5.16 In considering whether to select a replacement Athlete under Clause 5.14 and 5.15, the Selection Panel may give weight to one or more of the following factors on a case by case basis:

- (a) The ranking and performance of Athletes/Crews at the Selection Trials and at international competitions in 2015 and 2016 relative to the Olympic Qualification standard;
- (b) The preparation strategy for a selected Athlete/Crew agreed by the Head Coach and Athlete's coach to maximise performance at the 2017 ICF World Championships;
- (c) The opportunity to expose emerging Athletes to high quality international competition;
- (d) Any other factors considered relevant in the circumstances.

5.17 Notwithstanding selection to the Senior Team, the Selection Panel will not select an Athlete/Crew to compete in two or more Events at one of the competitions listed in 1.1, unless, in its sole discretion, and on a case by case basis, it considers that the Athlete/Crew has sufficient skill, fitness and experience to perform at the highest international level in more than one Class.

6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

6.1 For the purpose of this clause 6, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability to compete at and/or attend at least two of the Selection Trials set out in clause 4.1 arising from:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) bereavement; and/or
- (c) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 In considering the performances of Athletes/Crew at the Selection Trials the Selection Panel may in its discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances and determine whether under normal circumstances an Athlete would have a high probability of meeting the criteria under clauses 5.3, 5.5, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 and 5.12, or be considered as a replacement Athlete under Clauses 5.13, 5.15 and 5.16. The Selection Panel may in its absolute discretion not consider extenuating circumstances.

6.3 Athletes unable to compete at any one or more of the Selection Trials required under this Selection Criteria must advise the CEO of Australian Canoeing in writing of this fact via email to greg.doyle@canoe.org.au with a copy to the National Performance Director via email to richard.fox@canoe.org.au and the reasons before the commencement of the first day of the Selection Trial(s) in which the Athlete considers that they are unable to compete.

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

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