



AUSTRALIAN CANOEING CANOE SLALOM



MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT

This explanatory document outlines the method by which the Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) were established, the reason for their development and the application of them by Australian Canoeing.

This document is not included in, nor does it form part of the documents governing selection to any AC team, namely the Selection Procedures Bylaw and applicable Selection Criteria Supplement.

A. Background:

1. The level of competition in Canoe Slalom across the globe is improving in both quality and depth. Australia's isolation from the large European Canoe Slalom nations mean as a Country we have less access to quality International competition.
2. For Australia to remain a strong nation in Canoe Slalom, we must have a clear understanding of the standard of International competition and regularly monitor and assess our performances against those standards.
3. The purpose of establishing Minimum Performance Standards is two-fold:
 - (a) To educate athletes, coaches, parents, support staff and stakeholders on the current standards of International competition.
 - (b) To provide Selectors with a Performance Standard to assist in their decision making in assessing whether an Athlete or Crew is of sufficient standard to benefit from being exposed to International Benchmark Events.
4. The MPS are considered the International Performance Standards that Australian Athletes/Crews should be aspiring to achieve at BME events. These performances represent qualifying for the following results at International Competitions (World Cups and World Championships)
 - i. K1 Men: Top 40
 - ii. K1 Women: Top 30
 - iii. C1 Men: Top 30
 - iv. C1 Women: Top 20
 - v. C2 Men and C2 Mix: Top 8 in Crew boats (and/or in the top 50% of the field)

B. Development of the MPS:

1. Being a sport held in variable conditions, there is no easy method to establish a 100% accurate International Performance Standard or time. Nevertheless, by applying a formula based on sound methodology over a nominated period of time enables us to generate

performance standards that can be applied as an accurate guide to be used to educate and inform decision making.

2. At the conclusion of each competition season, the Base Score from all relevant domestic selection and international events are averaged and applied for each discipline.
3. Competitions where Australia's top ranked athlete in a discipline (as determined by the highest ranked athlete on the ICF Canoe Slalom World Ranking) is either absent from racing or fails to qualify for the semi-final will be removed as they are not a true representation of the required performance standard. Similarly, where one or more event disciplines are held on different courses, those results will be excluded as accurate averages across disciplines can not be calculated.
4. Once all data is collated, the calculated base scores will be averaged and cross-referenced with the theoretical placings that these scores would actually place an individual in relevant International events. At the end of each year, the Minimum Performance Standards are adjusted accordingly to more accurately reflect the desired Performance Standards according to Clause A.4 above.
5. The current MPS were based on the results from the following events:
 - (a) Senior data is based on results from 2015 onwards, including all World Cup and World Championships results.
 - (b) U23 and Junior data is based on results from all U23 and Junior World Championship results, respectively, from 2015 onwards.