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# Australian Canoeing

## Selection Criteria Supplement

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## 2018 Canoe Slalom Senior Team

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## A. DEFINITIONS

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

"Crew Event"	means the C-2 Men's and C-2 Mixed Events
"Criteria"	means this Selection Criteria Supplement as referred to in the Selection Procedures Bylaw
"Event"	means one of the categories of canoe slalom, being Men's C1, Men's K1, Women's C1, Women's K1, Men's C-2 and Mixed C-2
"Minimum Performance Standards"	mean the "Senior MPS" or "Under 23 MPS" (where applicable) score for the relevant Event listed in the table set out at Schedule A of this Criteria
"Olympic Event"	means an Event that is on the program for the 2020 Olympic Games.
"Selection Procedures Bylaw"	means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Teams
"Squad"	means the squad of Athletes from which Athletes will be chosen to participate in International Canoe Federation (ICF) World Cup events
"Team"	Means the Australian Canoe Slalom Senior Team to compete at the ICF Senior World Championships

Words not defined in this Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the Selection Procedures Bylaw unless otherwise stated.

## B. INTRODUCTION

1. This Criteria details the process by which Australian Canoeing (**AC**) will select Athletes to the Squad to compete at the ICF 2018 World Cups and the Team to compete at ICF 2018 World Championships.
2. This document should be read in conjunction with the Selection Procedures Bylaw.
3. This Criteria may be amended by AC at any time for any one or more of the following reasons:
  - (i) any change in ICF eligibility criteria, program of events or rules;
  - (ii) any change in the rules governing a particular race/event;
  - (iii) to give effect to the Criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
  - (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Criteria;
  - (v) any other reason determined by AC in its absolute discretion to be in the best interest of AC.

AC shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw, the Selection Panel members are:

- Shaun Stephens (Chair)
- Sarah Forsythe
- Dave Crosbee
- Mike Druce

**C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. In order to be selected by AC as a member of the Squad and/or Team, each Athlete must:
  - 1.1. comply fully with the AC Selection Procedures Bylaw and in particular the eligibility requirements under clause 5;
  - 1.2. nominate as an Athlete to the relevant Team and categories through the AC database ([teams.canoe.org.au](http://teams.canoe.org.au)) and pay the required selection application fee, by no later than Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2018;
  - 1.3. request entry by written confirmation to the Performance Operations Manager ([sara.latham@canoe.org.au](mailto:sara.latham@canoe.org.au)) to each Selection Trial for the purpose of entering the athlete into the ICF Entry system no later than 16 days prior to the beginning of each Selection Trial (Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January for Oceania and Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January for Australian Open);
  - 1.4. be at least 15 years of age in the 2018 calendar year; and
  - 1.5. when requested to do so, sign the AC Athlete Performance Agreement (2018).
2. For the avoidance of doubt, to be eligible for selection to the Squad in a Crew Event, each Athlete in a Crew must meet the eligibility requirements under section C of this Criteria

**D. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

1. The 2018 MPS are set out in Schedule A of this Criteria.
2. A reference in this Criteria to 'achieve the Senior (or "U23" where applicable) MPS' means an Athlete, or Crew where applicable, complying with clause D.3.
3. To meet the MPS, the Athlete or Crew must complete a single run within the performance standard listed in Schedule A for the relevant Event, whether on the Heats 1st or 2nd run, Semi Final, or Final phase, at a minimum of one of the particular Selection Trials.

**E. NATIONAL SENIOR SELECTION TRIALS**

1. The following competitions collectively comprise the Selection Trials:
  - (i) **Selection Trial 1**, Overall result (as per clause E.2.1) at the Oceania Championships, Wero NZ, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018
  - (ii) **Selection Trial 2**, Rankings after the first run of Heats (as per clause E.2.2) at the Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018
  - (iii) **Selection Trial 3**, Overall result (as per clause E.2.3) at the Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

2. For the purposes of sections F and G of this criteria:
  - 2.1 The results for Selection Trial 1 will be the overall result of the Athlete or Crew.
  - 2.2 The results for Selection Trial 2 will be the ranking of the Athlete or Crew at the conclusion of the first run of the heats.
  - 2.3 The results for Selection Trial 3 will be the Athlete's overall result of the Athlete or Crew, subject to clauses E.2.3.1 and 2.3.2.
    - 2.3.1 For the purposes of Ranking Athletes according to clause F.3, Athletes or Crews that do not participate in Selection Trial 2, or who do not qualify for the semi final or final, will compete in an invitation race on the semi final or final course (as applicable) and their score in that invitation race will be measured against the score of eligible Athletes in the semi final or final of the event.
    - 2.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, and when ranking Athletes according to clause F.3, an Athlete or Crew who achieves a score:
      - (i) in the invitation semi final that is higher than an Athlete or Athletes' score in the semi final will be ranked higher than that or those Athletes in the semi final;
      - (ii) in the invitation final that is higher than an Athlete or Athletes' score in the final will be ranked higher than that or those Athlete in the final, and all of the Athletes in the semi final or invitation semi final.
3. Selection Trials will be run according to ICF rules effective at the time, or where modified by AC and published on the race information and on canoe.org.au.

**F. WORLD CUP SQUAD SELECTION:**

**AUTOMATIC SELECTION:**

Athletes will be AUTOMATICALLY selected to the Squad in each respective Event, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF for each individual Event, as follows:

1. TIER 1: Athletes who gain selection at Tier 1 status will automatically be selected to ALL ICF World Cup Events in 2018 in the Event or Events they achieve Tier 1 selection.
  - 1.1 The following selection criteria will be used to select Tier 1 Athletes:

**Olympic Events:**

In each of the criteria listed in clauses F.1.1.1 - 1.1.3, the first placed eligible Male (1) and first placed eligible Female (1) Athlete (if any) who achieve the following criteria:

- 1.1.1 Top ten (10) overall result in an Olympic Event at the 2017 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships;
- 1.1.2 Top three (3) overall (including non-eligible Athletes) in an Olympic Event at Selection Trial 1, AND achieves the Senior MPS in that Olympic Event;
- 1.1.3 Top three (3) overall result (including non-eligible Athletes) in an Olympic Event, in the formal AUS Open event results at Selection Trial 3, AND achieves the Senior MPS in that Olympic Event. To be clear, athletes results from the invitational events will NOT outrank athletes who place in the formal AUS Open Semi/ Final for this clause.
- 1.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, if an Athlete achieves Tier 1 selection in an Olympic Event under more than one of clauses F.1.1.1 - F.1.1.3, no additional Athlete will achieve Tier 1 selection under the clause or clauses under which the first Athlete has achieved Tier 1 selection. (To be clear, the automatic selection position for each event does not roll down to the next eligible athlete if the highest placed athlete is already selected from an earlier event, and if more than one eligible athlete places in the top three (3) overall in any individual event, only the highest placed athlete will achieve Tier 1 selection from that event.

#### Crew Events

In each of the criteria listed in clauses F.1.1.5 - 1.1.6, the first placed eligible C2 Men's Crew and first placed eligible C2 Mixed Crew, who achieve the following criteria, AND achieves the Senior MPS:

- 1.1.5 The overall winner (including non-eligible Crews) of a Crew Event at Selection Trial 1;
  - 1.1.6 The overall winner (including non-eligible Crews) of a Crew Event at Selection Trial 3.
2. TIER 2: Subject to clause F.2.1, where one or more Australian ICF quota positions remain for any one or more Olympic Events, one or more Athletes will automatically be selected under clause F.2.2 until the maximum Australian ICF quota positions are filled for that Olympic Event. Athletes who gain selection at Tier 2 status will automatically be selected to a minimum of two (2) of the first three (3) ICF World Cup Events.
- 2.1 For the avoidance of doubt, where one or more Athletes achieve Tier 2 selection in any Olympic Event, with respect to that Olympic Event:
    - 2.1.1 Athletes who achieve Tier 2 selection are only guaranteed selection to two (2) of the first three (3) ICF World Cup Events; and
    - 2.1.2 AC may select additional Athletes under clause F.5 for that Olympic Event for any of the remaining ICF World Cup Events in which the Athletes achieving Tier

2 selection are not selected.

2.2 The highest one or more ranked Male and highest one or more ranked Female Australian Athletes (as necessary to fill the remaining Australian ICF quota positions), based on the ranking system outlined in Clause F.3, and who is not already selected under Clause F.1.1, will be selected, provided that they achieve the Senior MPS.

3. **Ranking System:** For the purposes of the ranking system, points may be earned at each of the Selection Trials in E.1 above and the 2017 ICF World Championships. The following ranking points will be awarded for an Athlete's placing in each of the events:

Oceania and Australian Open (Selection Trials 1, 2 and 3)				World Championships (Overall)			
1st	80	16th	18	1st	100	16th	21
2nd	72	17th	16	2nd	90	17th	19
3rd	65	18th	14	3rd	81	18th	17
4th	58	19th	12	4th	73	19th	15
5th	52	20th	11	5th	66	20th	14
6th	47	21st	10	6th	59	21st	13
7th	43	22nd	9	7th	53	22nd	12
8th	38	23rd	8	8th	48	23rd	11
9th	34	24th	7	9th	43	24th	10
10th	31	25th	6	10th	39	25th	9
11th	28	26th	5	11th	35	26th	8
12th	26	27th	4	12th	31	27th	7
13th	24	28th	3	13th	28	28th	6
14th	22	29th	2	14th	25	29th	5
15th	20	30th	1	15th	23	30th	4

3.1 At:

3.1.1 the 2017 ICF World Championships, the ranking in clause F.3 will be the Athlete's overall result, including non-Australian competitors, at the event; and,

3.1.2 at the Selection Trials at E.1 above, the ranking in clause F.3 will be in accordance with clauses E.2 for each of the respective Selection Trials, except that the results will exclude all:

(i) non-Australian Athletes; and

(ii) Athletes who have not nominated for selection under this Criteria.

3.2 Athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with clauses F.3.2.1 - 3.2.3.

3.2.1 Only each Athlete's two (2) highest point scores from the events set out in clause F.3 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.

3.2.2 Where two or more Athletes have the same total ranking points score, the Athlete who has the highest single ranking points score shall be ranked higher.

3.2.3 Where two or more Athletes are ranked equally after consideration of clause F.3.2.2 and a choice must be made between the two Athletes for the purposes of this Criteria, the Athlete who achieves the best result at Selection Trial 3 shall be ranked higher.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT of the Athletes who achieve Tier 1 and Tier 2 selection will be made within 1 week of the 2018 Australian Open.

4.1 Athletes who achieve Tier 2 selection, in conjunction with a National Team coach, have until 4 March 2018 to confirm in writing to the NPD, which two (2) of the first three (3) World Cup Events they wish to compete in.

DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS:

5. This clause F.5 only applies:

- a) to a specific Olympic Event where the number of Athletes who achieve Tier 1 selection for that Olympic Event is less than the maximum number of ICF quota positions granted to Australia for that Olympic Event;
- b) once the Athletes (if any) who achieve Tier 2 selection to that Olympic Event have confirmed which two (2) World Cup Events they will compete in;
- c) for those World Cup Events (if any) at which Australia has one or more unused ICF quota positions after the Athletes (if any) gaining automatic Tier 1 or Tier 2 selection under this Criteria for that Olympic Event have been selected to the Squad; and
- d) subject to clause F.5.1, and otherwise in accordance with clauses F.5.2 and F.5.3
- e) if extenuating circumstances apply in accordance with Section H of this policy.

Under this clause F.5, the Selection Panel may select additional Athletes in any Olympic Event up to the maximum number of ICF quota positions granted to Australia for that Olympic Event.

5.1 The Selection Panel is NOT obliged to select the maximum number of ICF quota positions under this clause F.5, in any particular Olympic Event.

5.2 In considering Athletes for selection under clause F.5, the Selection Panel may without limitation consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when determining whether to select an Athlete. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Selection Panel, the Selection Panel may consider, but is not required to give consideration to, any one or combination of the following factors (in no specific order of importance or weighting):

5.2.1 performances in ICF World Cup or World Championships Events over the last 24 months;

5.2.2 performances in the most recent domestic season, including National Championships, Oceania Championships and Australian Open;

- 5.2.3 demonstrated continual performance improvement over the last 24 months;
  - 5.2.4 recent performances in relation to the Senior MPS, or in relation to the U23 MPS for those eligible U23/Junior aged athletes;
  - 5.2.5 current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an Athlete's performance; and
  - 5.2.6 benefit and timing of an event to assist an athlete's preparation for an U23 or Senior World Championships.
  - 5.2.7 relevant factors that may enhance Australia's ability to qualify maximum Olympic quota events or to support future potential in the sport.
- 5.3 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes who achieve Tier 2 selection for an Olympic Event are eligible for discretionary selection under clause F.5 for additional World Cup Events for that particular Olympic Event.
6. ANNOUNCEMENT of the final 2018 Squad (including discretionary selections (if any) under clause F.5) will be made by 11 March 2018.

**G. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION:**

Athletes will be selected to the Team in each Event, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF, as follows:

Automatic Route 1

Providing that they are eligible under this criteria and that they achieve the Senior MPS in that event, Athletes will be selected to the Team in each Olympic Event, up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF, as follows:

*Olympic Events*

1. The highest ranked eligible Male (1) and highest ranked Female (1) Athletes, based on the ranking system outlined in clause F.3
2. The overall winner (including non-eligible competitors) at Selection Trial 1
3. The overall winner (including non-eligible competitors) at Selection Trial 3

*Crew Events*

4. The overall winner (including non-eligible competitors), of each Crew Event at Selection Trial 3.

Automatic Route 2

5. If the maximum number of ICF quota positions granted to Australia have not been filled through clauses G.1, G.2 and G.3 for an Olympic Event, the Selection Panel will select the



next highest ranked eligible Male (1) and next highest ranked eligible Female (1) Athletes for that Olympic Event, according to the ranking system outlined in clause F.3, subject to that Athlete satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

- 5.1 achieves the Senior MPS in that particular Olympic Event; or
- 5.2 achieves a top 30 result (including non-Australian competitors) in at least one of the first three World Cup Events in 2018.

#### Discretionary Route

6. Any remaining places in an Olympic or Crew Event after the allocation of AUTOMATIC selections under clauses G.1 to G.5 inclusive will be made at the discretion of the Selection Panel in accordance with clause F.5, including clauses F.5.1 - 5.3 , as if clause F.5 applied to the Team under this clause G.6.
7. ANNOUNCEMENT of Athletes who achieve AUTOMATIC selection will be made within 1 week of the 2018 Australian Open.
8. ANNOUNCEMENT of the final Team (including discretionary selections (if any) under clause F.5) will be made approximately one week after the third ICF World Cup.

#### **H. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. In considering:
  - 1.1 the selection of Athletes under clauses F.5 and G.6; and
  - 1.2 whether an Athlete has achieved the MPS for the purposes of clauses F.5 and G.6, the Selection Panel may, at it's absolute discretion, consider extenuating circumstances.
2. Any eligible Athlete applying for extenuating circumstances is required to advise the National Performance Director (NPD) of this fact, along with supportive evidence, as soon as practicably possible either before or immediately post event, trial or camp for which consideration of extenuating circumstances is being sought.
3. For the purposes of this section H, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability of an Athlete to compete and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other attendances, or an inability to meet the MPS at the Selection Trials, arising from one or more of:
  - a) injury or illness;
  - b) equipment failure (where applicable);
  - c) death, disability or serious illness of an immediate family member; or
  - d) any other significant factors reasonably considered by AC to constitute extenuating circumstances.
4. In exercising its discretion, in applying extenuating circumstances the Selection Panel will consider the following factors:

- a) severity and duration of the cause;
- b) the potential impact that participating will have on the short term and long term Athlete wellbeing and performance;
- c) documented evidence (including medical records, AMS entries etc);
- d) Athlete's responsiveness to overcome the cause with urgency;
- e) performance standards achieved in recent competitions; and
- f) standard of proof in substantiating the cause.

**I. APPEALS PROCESS**

As outlined in the AC Selection Procedures Bylaw

**SCHEDULE A:**

**2018 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)**

**Implementation of the MPS:**

1. At the conclusion of each Selection Trial under this Criteria, a Base Score is calculated as the average of the lowest total score recorded by any Australian Athlete in C1 Men, C1 Women, K1 Men and K1 Women.
2. A Base Score is only calculated from the heats phase run 1 and from the Semi Final run at each Selection Trial.
3. Example:

The Base Score is calculated by adding the winning score (best eligible Australian) in any age category in C1M, C1W, K1M, K1W and dividing by 4. The percentage score for an Athlete/Crew at an event is calculated by dividing the total score for that Athlete/Crew by the Base Score and multiplying by 100. For example, if the Base Score at an event is 184.55 and Athlete A has a score of 195.44, the percentage score is calculated as follows:

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

**2018 Minimum Performance Standards:**

Event	Senior MPS	U23 MPS	Junior MPS
K1 Men	<93.5% of the Base Score	<97.5% of the Base Score	<116.1% of the Base Score
K1 Women	<107.7% of the Base Score	<118.6% of the Base Score	<129% of the Base Score
C1 Men	<100.1% of the Base Score	<107.3% of the Base Score	<123.6% of the Base Score
C2 Men	<107.7% of the Base Score	<118.6% of the Base Score	<129% of the Base Score
C1 Women	<122.7% of the Base Score	<134.2% of the Base Score	<153.1% of the Base Score
C2 Mix	<124% of the Base Score	<132% of the Base Score	<148% of the Base Score