
Australian Canoeing

Selection Criteria Supplement



2018 Canoe Slalom U23 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 U23 MPS 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
"Team"	Means the Australian U23 Canoe Slalom World Championship Team to compete at the ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom 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 Team to compete at:
 - (i) ICF U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships.
 - (ii) Other ICF competitions and/or AC Tours as determined by AC.
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 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) and pay the required selection application fee, by no later than Monday the 8th of January 2018. Note: by nominating for the U23 World Championship Team, Athletes are automatically eligible for Senior World Cup selection but not Senior World Championships selection;
 - 1.3. request entry by written confirmation to the Performance Operations Manager (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 8th January for Oceania and Mon 29th January for Australian Open);
 - 1.4. be at least 15 years of age, and be aged 23 years or under in the 2018 calendar year (born between 1995 and 2003); 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 Team 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 U23 MPS are set out in Schedule A of this Criteria.
2. A reference in this Criteria to 'achieve the U23 MPS' means an Athlete, or Crew where applicable, complying with clause D.3.
3. To meet the U23 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 U23 SELECTION TRIALS

1. The following competitions collectively comprise the U23 Selection Trials:
 - (i) **Selection Trial 1**, Result (as per clause E.2.1) at the Oceania Championships, Wero NZ, 27th – 29th 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, 16th – 18th February, 2018
- (iii) **Selection Trial 3**, Result (as per clause E.2.3) at the Australian Open, Penrith NSW, 16th – 18th February, 2018

2. For the purposes of sections F 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.4, 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 for the purposes of clause F.4.

2.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, when ranking Athletes according to clause F.4, 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 for the purposes of clause F.4;
- (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 for the purposes of clause F.4

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. U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION:

Providing that they are eligible under this criteria and that they achieve the U23 MPS in that event, Athletes will be selected to the Team in each Event, as follows:

AUTOMATIC SELECTION

Olympic Events

1. The three (3) highest ranked eligible U23 Male and three (3) highest ranked eligible U23 Female Athletes, based on the ranking system outlined in clause F.4

Crew Events

2. The highest ranked eligible U23 C-2 Men's Crew and highest ranked eligible U23 C-2 Mixed Crew, based on the ranking system outlined in clause F.4

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

3. The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion and in accordance with Clause F.5, may select additional athletes in Olympic Event(s), up to the maximum number of quota places awarded to Australia by the ICF.
4. **Ranking System:** For the purposes of the ranking system, points may be earned at each of the Selection Trials in E.1 above. The following ranking points will be awarded for an Athlete's placing in each of the events:

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

- 4.1 At each of the Selection Trials, the ranking table in Clause F.4 will be an U23 ranking in accordance with clauses E.2, and will exclude all athletes who are not eligible for U23 selection under this Criteria.
- 4.2 Athletes will be ranked from highest points to lowest points in accordance with clauses F.4.2.1 - 4.2.3.
 - 4.2.1 Only each Athlete's two (2) highest point scores from the events set out in clause F.4 will be totalled for the purposes of the rankings.
 - 4.2.2 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.
 - 4.2.3 Where two or more Athletes are ranked equally after consideration of clause F.4.2.2 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.

5. According to Clause F.3, 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 U23 MPS;
 - 5.2.5 current athlete injury/illness or condition which may impair an Athlete's performance;
6. ANNOUNCEMENT of Athletes who achieve selection will be made within 1 week of the 2018 Australian Open.

G. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

1. In considering:
 - 1.1 the selection of Athletes under clauses F.5; and
 - 1.2 whether an Athlete has achieved the U23 MPS for the purposes of clauses F.5,the Selection Panel may, at its 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 G, "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 U23 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.

H. 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