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ANNOUNCEMENT:

CANOE SLALOM NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PANELS

The Board of Australian Canoeing have confirmed the Selection Panels for the Canoe Slalom National Teams. The panels are made up of professionals with a good mix of slalom expertise, athlete knowledge and high performance sport awareness. The intention is that these panels will remain consistent over the next 3 years, including the Tokyo Olympic Games, subject to the approval of the Australian Olympic Committee. The AC Board has the ability to vary the composition of either panel if required.

Senior/U23 Selection Panel:

Shaun Stephens (Chair): National Performance Director of Australian Canoeing; Shaun will ensure the policies are implemented correctly and remain consistent with the high performance strategy and philosophy of the national program. Shaun will also bring a critical high performance lense to the selection process from his experience with other high performance sports.

Sarah Forsythe: As the new Chair of the Canoe Slalom Technical Committee and a recently retired athlete, Sarah is a well-qualified member of the selection panel. Sarah competed as a member of the senior team from 2007-2014. Placing in the top ten at several World Cups and finishing 6th at the Worlds in 2010. Sarah has a degree in Sports Psychology and is a resident of Victoria. Sarah has a broad experience of the sport at the elite level and will be a great asset to the panel.

Dave Crosbee: Dave is the current Performance Manager at the Victorian Institute of Sport and is a highly respective High Performance sport expert. He was formerly the Performance Director of British Curling and more applicable a National Senior Coach for British Canoe Slalom, having been an elite slalom paddler in his youth. Dave brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the selection panel. Dave has openly declared that he has family members competing in the sport and the Board are very confident that because of Dave's enormous integrity and the fact that there are three other panel members, any conflict of interest will be managed appropriately.

Mike Druce: National Performance Pathways Lead of Australian Canoeing; Mike brings an enormous amount of experience, being the National Head Coach and Chair of Selectors in recent years. Mike has an in depth knowledge of the current athlete cohort and no longer coaches any individual Senior or U23 athletes.

Junior Selection Panel:

Mike Druce (Chair): National Performance Pathways Lead of Australian Canoeing; Mike brings an enormous amount of experience, being the National Head Coach and Chair of Selectors in recent years. In his current role, Mike will have an in-depth knowledge of the junior athlete cohort without being any individual athlete's personal coach.

Sue Natoli: Sue is a member of the ICF Slalom Technical Committee, has acted as an official at Olympic Games and World Championships since 2000. Sue has a comprehensive knowledge of the sport from the grass roots to the Olympic Games. Sue has vast experience in international and domestic slalom as a chief judge. With this skill set Sue is a valuable member of the junior selection panel.

Robby Jeffery: National Canoe Development Coach of Australian Canoeing; Robin is a recently retired athlete, having represented Australia at the London Olympics in the C2 event. Robin current awareness of the international standards of competition and newly appointed role with Australian Canoeing makes him a well qualified member of the Junior selection panel.