
Australian Canoeing Inc. Selection Criteria Supplement



National Elite Development Program 2016 Canoe Slalom National Talent Squad (NTS)

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

1. COMPETITIONS

1.1 Subject to clause 5, the competitions for which members of a National Talent Squad will be selected in 2016 will be:

- (a) National Talent Development Camps in 2016
- (b) International Tour to New Zealand (dates and location to be confirmed)

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 The closing date for receiving nominations for selection to the Australian Canoe National Talent Squad, as set out in clause 5.2 of the [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#), is Tuesday 22nd December 2015.

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 possible to all affected Athletes, [Member State Associations](#) 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.
“NTS”	Means the National Talent Squad
“Under 14”	Means an Athlete born on or after January 1, 2002.
“Under 16”	Means an Athlete born on or after January 1, 2000.
“Under 18”	Means an Athlete born on or after January 1, 1998.

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, Australian National Age Group Championships, 5-6 January 2016, Mersey Tasmania
- (b) Selection Trial 2, Australian National Schools Championships 11-12 January 2016, Forth Tasmania

4.2 Athletes seeking selection to the NTS must compete in at least one of the Selection Trials in clause 4.1.

4.3 Athletes may compete in more than one Event at each Selection Trial.

5. 2016 NTS ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

5.1 To be eligible for selection to the NTS, Athletes must be between the ages of 12 and 18 during 2016, which means an Athlete must be born between the years 1998 and 2004, inclusive.

5.2 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw will, subject to this criteria and in particular clause 5.5, select Athletes/Crews for the NTS as follows:

(a) Athletes will be selected to the NTS and to the International Tour at the discretion of the Selection Panel based on a combination of the Athletes' absolute ranking in one or more of the Selection Trials, their age group ranking and their suitability for participation in NTS activities and International Tour, as determined by the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel in its sole discretion.

5.3 Only the results of Athletes who are eligible for selection to the NTS under clause 5.2 of the AC General Selection Procedures Bylaw will be used for the purpose of calculating rankings in accordance with these Criteria.

5.4 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 an Australian Athlete in any Event listed in Section 4.1 of this document.

Example:

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

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

5.5 Notwithstanding placing, selection to specific NTS activities is dependent upon the Athlete demonstrating a suitable performance standard at the Selection Trials as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion. In considering a suitable performance standard, the Selection Panel may give weight to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) age group rankings at the Selection Trials;
- (b) Base Time Performance at the Selection Trials;
- (c) demonstrated individual improvement;
- (d) the ability of the Athlete to train and compete on challenging whitewater and to participate in a national development program as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
- (e) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstances.

5.6 The National Head Coach or designated NTS Coach may invite additional Athletes/Crews to participate in designated NTS activities in 2016.

5.7 Where an Athlete has been selected to the NTS and an Athlete withdraws from or is unable to attend a training camp or designated NTS competitions, or fails to maintain a suitable standard of commitment and

performance as determined by the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, the Selection Panel may remove that Athlete from the NTS and may select an Athlete as a replacement.

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 one of the Selection Trials 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/Crews at the Selection Trials the Selection Panel may in their 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 5.2 and 5.5. 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 may 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.