
Australian Canoeing Inc. Selection Criteria Supplement



2016 Canoe Slalom Under 23 Team

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

1. COMPETITIONS

1.1 Under the 2016 selection criteria an Australian Under 23 Team will be selected for the following competitions:

- a) ICF Junior and Under 23 World Championships, 14-17 July, Krakow, Poland.
- b) Other ICF competitions as determined by AC

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 The closing date for receiving nominations for selection to the Australian Canoe Slalom Under 23 Team, as set out in clause 5.2 of the [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#), is Friday 22nd January 2016.

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 K1 Men, C1 Men, C2 Men, K1 Women and C1 Women.
“Under 23 Team”	Means the Australian Under 23 Canoe Slalom Team to compete at the designated competitions in 2016, for Athletes born between 1993 and 2001, inclusive.
“Senior Team”	Means the Australian Senior Canoe Slalom Team to compete in 2016 World Cup competitions and other ICF competitions.
“Olympic Team”	Means the Australian Team to compete in the 2016 Olympic Games.
“Performance Standard”	Means the National or International performance standard required by AC for selection to a national team in addition to any other criteria.

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 Selection Trials:

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- (a) Selection Trial 1, First run of the Heats phase of the Australian Open Penrith, NSW, 5th February, 2016
- (b) Selection Trial 2, Semifinal/Invitation Semi Final or Final/Invitation Final result at the Australian Open Penrith, NSW, 6th – 7th February, 2016
- (c) Selection Trial 3, Heats phase of the Oceania Open, Penrith, NSW, 19th February, 2016
- (d) Selection Trial 4, Semifinal/Invitation Semi Final or Final/Invitation Final result at the Oceania Open, Penrith, NSW, 20th – 21st February, 2016

- 4.2 Subject to clause 5.1 (a) Athletes/Crews seeking selection for the Under 23 Team must compete in three of the four specified Selection Trials in clause 4.1
- 4.3 The result for Selection Trial 1, Australian Open 5th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete's score in the first run of the Qualification Heats phase of the Australian Open.
- 4.4 The result for Selection Trial 2, Australian Open 6th-7th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete's score in the Semi Final/Invitation or Final phase of the Australian Open.
- 4.5 The result for Selection Trial 3, Oceania Championships 19th February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete's score in their best run of the Qualification Heats phase of the Oceania Championships.
- 4.6 The result for Selection Trial 4, Oceania Championships 20th-21st February 2016, will be determined by an Athlete's score in the Semi Final /Invitation or Final phase of the Oceania Championships.
- 4.7 Athletes who do not participate in Selection Trial 1 or Selection Trial 3, or who do not qualify for the Semi Final at the Australian Open or Oceania Championships, will compete in an Invitation Race on the Semi Final course in the respective event and their score in that race will be ranked against the score of eligible athletes in the Semi Final of the Australian Open or Oceania Championships for national team selection ranking purposes only, as their score for Selection Trial 2 and/or Selection Trial 4.
- 4.8 Further to clause 4.7 above, Athletes who achieve a score in the Invitational semi-final race at the Australian Open or Oceania Championship that would have placed them in the final of that event, will complete an Invitational Final run that will be used for selection ranking purposes only as their final result for Selection Trial 2 or Selection Trial 4.
- 4.9 Selection Trials will be run according to ICF rules effective at the time of the competitions, or where modified by Australian Canoeing.

5. 2015 UNDER 23 TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw will, subject to these selection criteria and in particular the performance criteria set out in clauses 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11, 5.12 select Athletes/Crews in each Event as follows:
- (a) Athletes eligible for the Under 23 Team who are nominated to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team will be selected to the Under 23 Team.
 - (b) Up to three Athletes/Crews in each Event to compete at the 2016 ICF Canoe Slalom Junior and U23 World Championships.

- 5.2 To be eligible for selection to the Under 23 Team, Athletes must be at least 15 years old and not over 23 years old in 2016.
- 5.3 Subject to these selection criteria, and in particular clauses 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11, selection to the Under 23 Team will be based on those Athletes/Crews with the lowest number of ranking points in an Event following the Selection Trials.
- 5.4 For the purposes of ranking Athletes/Crews by points, in each Selection Trial the following ranking points will be awarded for the Athlete/Crew's placing:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	0	8	8	15	15
2	2	9	9	16	16
3	3	10	10	17	17
4	4	11	11	18	18
5	5	12	12	19	19
6	6	13	13	20	20
7	7	14	14	21	21 etc

Where an Athlete/Crew starts, but doesn't finish they will be recorded as a "did not finish (DNF)" and will be awarded 999 points for that Selection Trial.

- 5.5 The points allocated to the Athlete/Crew for each Selection Trial shall be added together to give a total point score, except where an Athlete/Crew competes in all four Selection Trials in which case only the lowest three scores will be added together to achieve a total point score. Regardless of the points score any eligible Athlete/crew nominated to the Olympic Team will be ranked as first boat in their respective Event.
- 5.6 Where two or more Athlete/Crews have the same total ranking point score (as calculated under clauses 5.4 and 5.5) the Athlete who has the lowest single ranking points score at one of the Selection Trials shall be ranked higher.
- 5.7 Where two or more Athletes/Crews are ranked equally after consideration of clause 5.6, the Athlete/Crew who has on average the lowest percentage score behind the Base Score (see clause 5.8) at the three Selection Trials used to calculate the total ranking points score under clause 5.5 shall be ranked higher.
- 5.8 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 any Australian Athlete/Crew at that Selection Trial in any of the relevant Events. A base score will be published at each phase of the competition (first heat or final at Australian Open, best heat run or final at Oceania), however, in settling a tie, percentages will only be taken from the final stage reached in the competition.
- 5.9 Notwithstanding rankings, and subject to clause 5.14, selection to the Under 23 Team for specific competitions listed in 1.1 is dependent upon the Athlete/Crew meeting the specific National Performance Standard as set out in clause 5.10 in at least one of the Selection Trials.
- 5.10 The National Performance Standard for selection to the Under 23 Team in each Event is calculated from a percentage of the Base Score at each phase (first heat or final at Australian Open, best heat run or final at Oceania) at each Selection Trial as follows:

Event	Under 23 Team Performance Standard
K1 Men	Less than 110% of the Base Score
K1 Women	Less than 135% of the Base Score
C1 Men	Less than 121% of the Base Score

C2 Men	Less than 133% of the Base Score
C1 Women	Less than 151% of the Base Score

Example:

The percentage score for an Athlete/Crew at a Selection Trial is calculated by dividing the total score for that Athlete/Crew 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:

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

5.11 Only the results of Athletes/Crews who are eligible for selection to the Under 23 Team under clause 5.2 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw will be used for the purpose of calculating selection rankings

5.12 Where an Athlete/Crew has been selected to the Under 23 Team and subsequently withdraws from or is unable to take part in a competition listed in 1.1 due to injury or illness, the Selection Panel may select the next highest ranked Athlete/Crew following the Selection Trials as a replacement.

5.13 Where less than three Athletes/Crews have been selected in an Event to compete at one of the competitions in 1.1, the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may select one or more Athletes/Crews in that Event subject to an Athlete/Crew meeting the performance standard in clause 5.10 in a different Event at the Selection Trials and/or by demonstrating a suitable performance standard at the Selection Trials, at a subsequent training camp, or at a competition determined by the Selection Panel prior to the competition listed in 1.1. In considering a suitable performance standard, the Selection Panel may give weight to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) Ability of the Athlete to train and compete at the required level and to participate in a national Under 23 team preparation program and a World Championship, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
- (b) Gender balance, the balance of Canoe Kayak athletes, and the potential for development and future national team performance in an Event as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and
- (c) Any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.14 Notwithstanding selection to the Under 23 Team, the Selection Panel will not select an Athlete/Crew to compete in two or more Events at one of the competitions listed in 1.1, unless, in its sole discretion, and on a case by case basis, it considers that the Athlete/Crew has sufficient skill, fitness and experience to perform at the highest international level in more than one Class.

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 two of the Selection Trials or, for Athletes selected to the Under 23 Team, under clause 4.2 due to:

- (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/Crew at the Selection Trials the Selection Panel may in its 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 4.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.9 and 5.10. 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.