AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC
2008 AUSTRALIAN SENIOR FLATWATER (SPRINT) CANOE/KAYAK TEAM
SELECTION CRITERIA SUPPLEMENT

This Supplement is to be read in conjunction with the Selection Procedures By-Law, which applies to all disciplines and the 2008 Olympic Nomination criteria.

1. EVENTS

1.1 The Events for which a Senior Flatwater (Sprint) Canoe/Kayak Team representing Australia and AC may be selected in 2008 are:

(a) The Oceania Championships, SIRC, NSW, from the 12th to 16th March 2008
(b) The ICF World Cup 1 in Szeged, Hungary, from the 5th to 7th June 2008
(c) The ICF World Cup 2 in Duisburg, Germany, from the 13th to 15th June 2008
(d) The ICF World Cup 3 in Poznan, Poland, from the 27th to 29th June 2008
(e) Other ICF Events as determined by Australian Canoeing (AC).

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 The closing date for receiving applications for selection to the 2008 Australian Flatwater Canoe/Kayak Team, as required by clause 5.1 of the AC Selection Procedures By-law, is Friday 7 March 2008.

2.2 These criteria may be amended or supplemented by the Board of AC from time to time in its absolute discretion. AC shall provide as much notice as possible of any change to all affected Athletes, Member State Associations and others as determined by the Board and in accordance with clauses 3.2 and 3.3 of the Selection Procedures By-Law.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 In addition to those definitions contained in the Selection Procedures By-Law, the following definitions have application:

“Selection Procedures Bylaw” means the By-Law adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Canoeists to Australian Canoeing Teams.

“Olympic event” means those canoeing events to be conducted at the 2008 Olympic Games.

“Team” means the Australian Senior Flatwater Canoe/Kayak Team.

“Class” means specific events within a canoe or kayak category e.g. K1 Class

“SIRC” means the Sydney International Regatta Centre.

“Under 23” means an Athlete born in 1985 or later.
4. SELECTION EVENTS

4.1 The following are the Selection Events for the Team:

(a) Selection Event 1  Oceania Championships SIRC, NSW, 12th to 16th of March, 2008
(b) Selection Event 2  Olympic Nomination Trials, NSW, 25-28, March 2008

4.2 Athletes seeking selection to the Team must compete at Selection Event 1.

4.3 To be eligible to compete at Selection Event 2 athletes must meet the qualification requirements for this event under the 2008 Olympic Nomination criteria.

4.4 At the conclusion of each Selection Event the Selection Panel will publish a Base Time Performance for each event. The Base Time Performance is the time of the fastest Australian Athlete or Crew in an A final of an Olympic event.

4.5 A percentage of the Base Time Performance for each Athlete/Crew will be calculated as follows:

Example

Base Time Performance in K1 500m is 1 minute 40.45 seconds = 100.45
Athlete Score is 1 minute 42.21 seconds = 102.21
Percentage of Base Time Performance (100.45/102.21) x 100 = 98.28%
Percentage behind Base Time Performance = 100 – 98.28 = 1.72%

5. 2008 TEAM ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

5.1 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures By-Law may, subject to the Performance Standards set out in clauses 5.12 and 5.13 select Athletes to compete in Events in clause 1.1 as follows:

(a) Men’s kayak Athletes
(b) Women’s kayak Athletes
(c) Men’s canoe Athletes

5.2 Athletes selected to the Australian Olympic Team will also be selected to the Australian Senior Flatwater Canoe/Kayak Team.

5.3 Subject to clauses 5.12 and 5.13, the next two highest ranked Under 23 athletes according to the Olympic Nomination criteria will be selected to the Team.

5.4 The winner of an Olympic K1 or K2 event at Selection Event 1 will be selected to the Team.

5.5 The Selection Panel may select additional athletes to the Team to compete in Olympic or non Olympic events at one or more of the Events listed in clause 1.1 according to one or more of the following criteria:

(a) rankings and Base Time Performances in Olympic and non Olympic events at the Selection Events;
(b) the potential for an athlete to develop individual or crew boat performance for London 2012 through participation in one or more of the Events in 1.1, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
(c) overall Team size, staffing and national Team funding; and
(d) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.6 Only the results of Australian Athletes nominating for selection to the Team will be considered.

5.7 Only the results of crews made up entirely of eligible athletes will be considered.

5.8 In all cases, Athletes selected to the Team will be selected to compete at specific Events in 1.1 as determined by the Selection Panel after consideration of the preparation priorities of the athletes selected to the 2008 Olympic Team, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion,
and one or more of the following factors:

(a) the opportunity to develop individual or Team boat performance for potential London 2012 athletes, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and

(b) the availability of coaching, equipment and other resources;

(c) consultation with the coaches and athletes concerned; and

(d) any other factors the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.9 In determining which specific events an Athlete selected to the Team will compete in at an Event in clause 1.1, and the final Crew boat combinations and seat order for the Team at those event the Selection Panel may give weight to one or more of the following criteria:

(a) individual and Crew boat performances at the Selection Events;

(b) individual and Crew boat performances at Events listed in clause 1.1;

(c) the performances of selected Athletes/Crews at any training camps and trials conducted by AC prior following Selection Events and prior to, or following, any of the Events listed in clause 1.1; and

(d) any other factors the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.10 Notwithstanding clauses 5.8 and 5.9, the Selection Panel will not select an Athlete/Crew to compete in multiple events unless, in its sole discretion, it considers that the Athlete/Crew has sufficient skill, fitness and experience to perform at the highest international level in more than one event.

5.11 If an Athlete/Crew is selected to an event and subsequently withdraws from that event, or fails to maintain a suitable international performance standard for that event, or adversely affects the performance of a Crew, as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion, the Selection Panel may remove that Athlete/Crew from the Team or event and may select an Athlete/Crew as a replacement.

5.12 Notwithstanding rankings at Selection Events, selection to the Team is dependent on an Athlete/Crew demonstrating a suitable international performance standard in an Olympic event.

5.13 In determining a suitable international performance standard for Athletes/Crews, the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may give weight to one or more of the following criteria:

(a) the Base Time Performance at a Selection Event or National Grand Prix Regatta relative to an International Performance Standard (see table in clause 5.14);

(b) an Athlete/Crew's time relative to the Base Time Performance in an Olympic event;

(c) wind or other climatic factors; and

(d) any other factors the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.14 The Guide to an International Performance Standard is an indication of the time required in fair conditions for a top 6 finish at the world championships in K2 C2 or K4 events and a top 8 finish in K1 or C1 events based on times recorded at the 2003, 2005 and 2006 world championships. The Guide to an International Performance Standard for Under 23 Athletes/Crews is the senior time plus 3%.
6. **EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

   6.1 For the purposes of determining whether an Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria Supplement AC and the Selection Panel will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

7. **OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

   7.1 AC amended this selection criteria supplement on 6 March 2008 under clause 2.2 to take into account ICF eligibility requirements for participation in the continental qualification event at the 2008 Oceania Championships.

   7.2 If required by the Oceania Canoe Association and International Canoe Federation, the Selection Panel will select one Athlete per event to compete in each of the following events for the purpose of Olympic continental qualification at the Oceania Championships:
   
   (a) Men's K1 500, Women's K1 500, Men's K1 1000, Men's C1 500, Men's C1 1000

   7.3 In determining which Athletes should be considered for selection to the Oceania Championships, the Selection Panel will consider only the following Athletes:
   
   (a) Athletes who meet the ICF and IOC eligibility requirements for participation at the 2008 Continental Qualification competition and who have not qualified an Athlete quota place at the 2007 World Championships;

   (b) The two highest placed eligible Athletes, under clause 7.3 (a), in each of the events listed in clause 5.2 at either the Grand Prix event, 22-24 February 2008, at SIRC, NSW, or the Grand Prix, 19-20 January 2008, at Canberra, ACT; and

   (c) Athletes selected to the 2007 senior world championship team.

   7.4 Subject to clause 7.3, Athletes will be selected the Team to compete at the Oceania Championships at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

   7.5 In determining the selection of Athletes, the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may give weight to one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) placing at 2008 Grand Prix regattas;

   (b) placing at 2007 Selection Events and international performances in 2007; and

   (c) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.

Adopted by the Board of AC on 6 March 2008