
Australian Canoeing Selection Criteria Supplement



2017 Freestyle Team

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1. DEFINITIONS

In these Criteria, the following words have the following respective meanings:

“Criteria”	Means this Selection Criteria Supplement.
“Selection Procedures Bylaw”	Means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Teams.
“Class”	means Men’s K1, Men’s C1, Women’s K1 and Women’s C1.
“Committee”	means the AC Freestyle Technical Committee.
“Non-attainable Feature”	means a feature where a paddler cannot paddle back upstream to get back into the feature.
“Judging Panel”	3 members consisting of competitors and others attending the event.

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.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

2.1. SELECTION PANEL

In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Bylaw, the Selection Panel members are:

- TBC (Chair)
- TBC
- TBC

2.2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1. Athletes must comply with the Bylaw, in particular clause 5.
- 2.2.2. Athletes must provide the information outlined in clause 5.1 to AC by no later than 31st March 2017.

2.3. SQUAD/TEAM NOMINATION

- 2.3.1. The competitions for which an Australian Freestyle Team will be selected for in 2017 are:
 - (a) 2017 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in San Juan, Argentina
 - (b) other ICF competitions as determined by AC and notified to Athletes prior to the competitions.

2.3.2. To nominate for the team Athletes must:

- a) log into the AC database via teams.canoe.org.au using their AC membership details;
- b) nominate as an Athlete to the relevant team and categories, filling out all required information to the best of their knowledge; and
- c) pay the \$70 nomination fee prior to the start of selection events.

2.3.3. The closing date for receiving nominations for selection to the Australian Freestyle Team, is Friday, 31 March 2017.

2.3.4. A list of nominations will be published via teams.canoe.org.au

2.4. SELECTION EVENTS/TRIALS

2.4.1. Selection event – Saturday 8 April 2017 at Freestyle Nationals, Penrith Whitewater Stadium

2.5. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.5.1. Final placings in the Selection Event will determine Team selection, with a maximum number of Athletes as specified in each of the following Classes:

- (a) K1 Men – five (5) Boats;
- (b) K1 Women – Three (3) Boats;
- (c) C1 Unisex – Three (3) Boats;
- (d) K1 Squirt Men – Three (3) Boats;
- (e) K1 Squirt Women – Three (3) Boats;
- (f) OC1 Unisex – Two (2) Boats;
- (g) K1 Junior Men – Three (3) Boats;
- (h) K1 Junior Women – Two (2) Boats.

2.5.2. Athletes may only nominate for one age bracket in each category, however may nominate for multiple classes.

2.5.3. Selection to the Team for each class will be decided on the athlete's total scores after two (2) heats in the Selection event in that class.

2.5.4. Where two or more Athletes are equally placed at the conclusion of the event, and the tie impacts Selection, placing will be decided by the following;

- (a) biggest move performed (ICF Procedure)
- (b) best heat score
- (c) head to head heat

2.5.5. If there are fewer nominees than places for a class being selected, the Selection Panel, may in its discretion, accept placement of an athlete for a class if they are satisfied that;

- (a) There are no further nominees
- (b) That the athlete be a proper representative for that event, and
- (c) Any other factors the Selection Panel, in their sole discretion, consider relevant in the circumstances.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

2.5.6. The latest ICF ratified Freestyle Rules will be used.

2.5.7. Judging will be an open table discussion with any disagreements to be resolved by vote.

JUDGING PANEL

2.5.8. Judging panel is to be made up of 2 members consisting of competitors and others attending the event.

2.5.9. The panel is to be selected, by the Committee.

SELECTION EVENT FORMAT AND CRITERIA

2.5.10. Each participant will be given two (2) 45 second heats, unless water conditions prohibit this due to a non-attainable feature, in which case they will get three (3) heats of 45 seconds.

2.5.11. Heats will be judged on Variety only according to current ICF Freestyle Rules.

2.5.12. Each athlete's heats will be totaled to give a final score.

2.5.13. Competitors will then be allocated points as follows;

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	30	8	13	15	6
2	25	9	12	16	5
3	20	10	11	17	4
4	17	11	10	18	3
5	16	12	9	19	2
6	15	13	8	20	1
7	14	14	7		

2.5.14. Selection to the Team to compete at the event listed in clause 1.1 of this supplement will be based on those Athletes/Crews with the highest number of ranking points in a class following the selection event.

2.5.15. Number of heats, heat length and maximum wave numbers may be changed at the Committee's discretion to best accommodate prevailing beach conditions. Athletes will be given as much notice as practical if this is the case.

2.6. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

2.6.1. For the purpose of this clause 2.6, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from, but not limited to:

a) injury or illness;

b) bereavement; or

c) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances.

- 2.6.2. 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 this clause 5. The Selection Panel may in its absolute discretion determine not consider extenuating circumstances in relation to any Athlete.
- 2.6.3. Athletes unable to compete at any one or more of the Selection Trials required under these Criteria must advise the CEO of Australian Canoeing in writing of this fact via email to greg.doyle@canoe.org.au and the reasons before the commencement of the first day of competition of the Selection Trial(s) in which the Athlete considers that they are unable to compete.
- 2.6.4. In the case of injury, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by Australian Canoeing.
- 2.6.5. A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.