

PNSW Canoe Slalom Team Selection Criteria

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The PNSW Canoe Slalom Team is a State based program which brings together technical and skill development resources, educational providers which provide a holistic program delivered at some of the state's best venues for the state's best developing athletes.

PNSW Canoe Slalom team in conjunction with Paddle Australia (PA) deliver a program that will develop, and assist identified canoe slalom athletes to achieve excellence and success at state & national level.

As a guide, athlete's entering the PNSW Canoe Slalom program should be at approximately the T1 phase (Demonstration of potential phase) of the FTEM and be progressing towards National Development Squad (NDS) and/or the National Junior Canoe Slalom Team.

EVENTS FOR WHICH THE TEAM IS TO BE SELECTED:

The events which this team is to be selected for are:

- *2021 Australian Open Championships, 13-14 February, Penrith NSW*
- *2021 NSW Canoe Slalom Championships, 6-7 November, Penrith NSW*
- *2021 NSW State Team Training camp (Junior and Senior Team members only), TBA*

SELECTION PANEL

Selections to the PNSW Team are made by the Selection Panel, comprising of members of NSW Slalom Technical Committee. Enquiries and applications for special consideration (see below) should be directed to any member of Selection Panel via email.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for PNSW Canoe Slalom Team:

- 1. Athletes must be a citizen of Australia (or undertaking reasonable steps to become an Australian Citizen)*
- 2. Athletes must be a resident of NSW for 12 months prior to selection unless the athlete is in the process of transitioning to NSW.*
- 3. Athletes must be a registered athlete with the relevant club. Athletes must hold a NSW Club membership for a minimum of 12 months at the time of application and all memberships must be up to date and paid for by the end of the financial year.*
- 4. Athletes must meet the below criteria regarding their age:*
 - a. 14 to 16 years in the year 2021 for Young Junior Team*

- b. 16 to 18 years in the year 2021 for Junior Team
- c. 35 years and over in the year 2021 for Master Team
- d. 19 years and over in the year 2021 for Senior team
- e. 14 years and under in the year 2021 for Cadet Team

SELECTION EVENT

Results from the following event are eligible for selection:

- *Selection Event - 2020 NSW Canoe Slalom State Championships 14-15 November, Penrith Whitewater Stadium NSW*

SELECTION CRITERIA

- *Class refers to Men's K1, Women's K1, Men's C1, Women's C1.*
- *For the purposes of this document 'athlete' refers to an individual in K1/C1.*
- *Athletes may complete in one or more classes at selection event and will be considered for any class in which they compete.*
- *Athletes ranked in top three places in each class will be eligible for selection into the team.*
- *Up to three athletes will be selected in each class for each team (Cadet, Young Junior, Junior, Senior and Master) to compete in the events above.*
- *Young Junior Team is for athletes 14yo to 16 yo, Junior Team is 16yo to 18yo, the Master Team is for athletes above 35yo who haven't competed in official ICF Senior Canoe Slalom competition for two (2) years, Cadet Team is 14yo and below and Senior Team for athletes 19yo and older.*
- *The Selection Panel, may select paddlers to the team at their discretion if vacancies exist in any class.*

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF A PLACE ON THE TEAM

- *Athletes will be offered a place by email.*
- *For an athlete's position on the team to be finalised they must accept a place on the team within 1 week of an offer being made by responding to the offer email or as directed and commit to enter in the 2021 Australian Open Championships (and/or 2021 NSW Canoe Slalom Championships) at their own cost.*

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- *Athletes with extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, significant distraction from training due to COVID-19 etc, may be considered for selection to the NSW Team.*

- *The athlete must submit their request in writing to the NSW Slalom Selection Panel.*
- *The submission must detail the circumstances for special consideration even if the selection criteria were not met.*
- *Submissions must be made not later than 2 weeks after selection event (cut-off date 29th November 2020)*