
Australian Canoeing Inc. Selection Criteria Supplement



National Elite Development Program 2012 National Talent Squad (NTS)

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

1. EVENTS

1.1 Subject to clause 5, the events for which members of a National Talent Squad will be selected in 2012 will be:

- (a) National Talent Development Camps in 2012
- (b) New Zealand Tour

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 AC General [Selection Procedures Bylaw](#), is December 16th 2011.

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 is 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:

“General 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, 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, 1998.
“Under 16”	Means an Athlete born on or after January 1, 1996.
“Under 18”	Means an Athlete born on or after January 1, 1994.

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 EVENTS

4.1 The following events are the Selection Events for the NTS:

- (a) Selection Event 1 Run 1, Australian National Championships, Mersey R, TAS 3rd -5th January 2012

(b) Selection Event 2 Run 2, Australian National Championships, Mersey R, TAS 3rd -5th January 2012

(c) Selection Event 3, Australian National Schools Championship, Forth R, TAS, 9th – 11th January 2012

4.2 Athletes/Crews seeking selection for the NTS must compete in at least two of the specified Selection Events in clause 4.1.

4.3 Athletes/Crews may compete in more than one Class at each Selection Event.

5. 2011 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 2012 which means an Athlete must be born between the years 1994 and 2000, inclusive.

5.2 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the General Selection Procedures Bylaw will, subject to this criteria and in particular clause 5.11, select Athletes/Crews for the NTS as follows:

(a) Athletes aged 18 years and under in 2012, including Athletes in Under 16 and Under 14 Age groups. Athletes selected to the NTS will be chosen at the discretion of the selection panel based on a combination of the Athletes' absolute ranking and their age group ranking.

(b) Athletes selected to the 2012 Junior World Championship team will not be considered for the NTS but will be selected to the National Elite Development Squad.

(c) Athletes will be selected to the NZ Tour at the discretion of the selection panel ranked on a combination of the Athletes' absolute ranking, their age group ranking and their suitability for the level of the Tour, as determined by the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel in its sole discretion.

5.3 Subject to clause 5.2, selection to the NTS will be based on those Athlete/Crews with the lowest number of ranking points in a Class following the Selection Events and other criteria set out in clause 5.11. The points allocated to the Athlete/Crew for each Selection Event 1, 2 and 3 shall be added together to give a total point score, except where an Athlete/Crew competes in each of Selection Events 1, 2 and 3, in which case only the lowest two scores will be added together to achieve a total point score.

5.4 For the purposes of ranking Athlete/Crews by points, in each Selection Event the following ranking points will be awarded for the Athlete/Crew's placing in each Class:

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 event.

- 5.5 The points allocated to the Athlete/Crew for each Selection Event as set out in clause 4.1 of this Supplement shall be added together to give a total ranking point score.
- 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/Crew who has the lowest single ranking points score at one of the Selection Events shall be ranked higher.
- 5.7 Where two or more Athlete/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 at the two Selection Events used to calculate the total ranking points score under clause 5.5 shall be ranked higher.
- 5.8 Only the results of Athletes who are eligible for selection to the NTS under clause 5.1 of the AC General Selection Procedures Bylaw will be used for the purpose of calculating selection rankings in accordance with these Criteria.
- 5.9 At the conclusion of each Selection Event the Selection Panel will publish a Base Score from which the Performance Standard shall be calculated for each Class. The Base Score at each Selection Event is the lowest total score recorded by any Australian Athlete/Crew in any Class listed in Section 3 of this document.
- 5.10 At the conclusion of each Selection Event the Selection Panel will publish a Base Score from which the Performance Standard shall be calculated for each Class. The Base Score at each Selection Event is the lowest total score recorded by an Australian Athlete/Crew in any Class listed in Section 3 of this document.

Example:

The percentage score for an Athlete/Crew at a Selection Event 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 Event 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 Notwithstanding placing, selection to specific NTS activities is dependent upon the Athlete/Crew demonstrating a suitable performance standard at the Selection Events 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 Events;
 - (b) Base Time Performance at the Selection Events;
 - (c) demonstrated individual improvement
 - (d) the ability of the Athlete/Crew 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) the balance of canoe and kayak athletes and the potential for development and future national team performance of a Class as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and
 - (f) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstances.

5.12 The Selection Panel may select additional Athletes/Crews to the NTS in any Class based on one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Overall ranking position and age group ranking position in a Class after the Selection Events;
- (b) Base Score performance at individual Selection Events;
- (c) demonstrated individual improvement during 2011
- (d) potential for performance development as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and
- (e) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.

5.13 The National Head Coach or designated NTS Coach may invite additional Athletes/Crews to participate in designated NTS activities in 2012.

5.14 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 event, 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/Crew 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 two of the Selection Events 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 Events the Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances and determine whether under normal circumstances an Athlete/Crew would have a high probability of meeting the criteria under clauses 4.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.10 and 5.11. 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 Events required under this Selection Criteria must advise the CEO of Australian Canoeing in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the first day of competition of the Selection Event (s) in which the Athlete considers that they are unable to compete.

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.

6.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Selection Panel on an individual basis.