



## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Purpose:** There are several purposes in selecting athletes to compete in the ICF World Cups. These are:

- (a) to perform on the world stage and achieve outstanding results for New Zealand;
- (b) to prepare for the 2026 World Championships;
- (c) to prepare athletes to qualify for and compete at the 2028 LA Olympic and Paralympic Games

1.2 **CRNZ Selection Regulations ([link](#)):** You should read this Policy in conjunction with the CRNZ Selection Regulations (“**Regulations**”). You should be aware of:

- (a) the process you need to follow if you feel you have been affected by Exceptional Circumstances (see clause 10 of the Regulations); and
- (b) the process you must follow if you wish to make an Appeal in respect of any aspect of the Selection process (see clause 11 of the Regulations).

1.3 **Definitions:** Where a word is capitalised it will have a definition. Definitions can be found in Appendix 1 of the Regulations.

1.4 **Selection Requirements:** To be selected, you need to:

- (a) meet all the Eligibility Criteria – see Part 2 of the Regulations; and
- (b) earn Nomination – see clause 2 below and Part 3 of the Regulations
- (c) meet the Performance Criteria set out at clause 3 below – see Part 4 of the Regulations (subject to any Exceptional Circumstances)

1.5 **Regatta and Events:** This document sets what you need to do to be selected to compete in the ICF World Cups in the following Events:

(a) **Regattas Covered by this Policy:**

This Policy applies to selection for the following ICF World Cups:

World Cup 1 – Szeged, Hungary (8-10 May 2026)

World Cup 2 – Brandenburg, Germany (14-17 May 2026) – Includes Paralympic Distances

World Cup 3 – Montreal, Canada (9-12 July 2026) – Includes Paralympic Distances

Attendance at any or all of the World Cups covered in this Policy is not guaranteed. Final decisions regarding which World Cups CRNZ will attend will be based on athlete performance, programme priorities, and available budget.

(b) **K1 and C1 Specified Events (Olympic, Non-Olympic and Paralympic Distances)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Maximum number of boats per event</b>
WK1 500	2
WK1 1000	2
WK1 200m	2
WK1 5000m	2
MK1 200m	2
MK1 500m	2
MK1 1000m	2
MK1 5000m	2
WC1 200	2
MC1 1000	2
MKL2 200m	2
MKL3 200m	2

(c) **Crew Specified Events (Olympic Distance)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Maximum number of boats per event</b>
WK2 500	2
MK2 500	2
WK4 500	2
MK4 500	2
WC2 500	2
MC2 500	2

(d) **Additional Events:** CRNZ may select Athletes or Crews to compete in events other than those listed in the table above – see clause 7 of the CRNZ Selection Regulations ([link](#)).

1.6 Athletes who wish to be considered for Selection must complete an Athlete Application form by the Application Date set out in the table at clause 1.7 below (see clause 4.1 of the Regulations). This form will be available on the CRNZ website ([link](#)).

1.7 **Important Dates:** The following are the key dates for this Policy:

<b>Application Date</b>	26 February, 2026
<b>CRNZ Crew Trials</b>	3-6 March, 2026
<b>World Cup Selection Date</b>	17 April, 2026
<b>NZ National Championships</b>	10-12 April, 2026

1.8 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected, you may be eligible for funding and support from CRNZ: The cost of the 2026 World Cup tour will be subsidised according to the below table:

<b>Elite Squad</b>	Full funding and support
<b>HP Squad</b>	Possible Contribution from CRNZ
<b>Development Squad</b>	User Pays
<b>Invitation/Non-Squad Athletes</b>	User Pays

- (a) For those who are not members of the Elite Squad, specific athlete contribution amounts will be communicated once HP budgets have been finalised.

## 2. NOMINATION

### 2.1 K1 and C1 Specified events (Olympic and Non-Olympic distances):

- (a) Up to two (2) Athletes may be nominated per event
- (b) Nomination will be based on:
  - (i) Finishing in the top two (2) at the 2026 NZ National Championships; and
- (c) If a top-two Athlete is unavailable or declines, Selectors may consider the next highest-finishing eligible athlete

### 2.2 Paracanoe Specified Events (KL2 and KL3 200m events)

- (a) Up to two (2) Athletes may be nominated as follows:
  - (i) First Athlete: 1<sup>st</sup> place at the NZ National Championships (subject to Performance Criteria in clause 3);
  - (ii) Second Athlete: 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the NZ National Championships (subject to Performance Criteria in clause 3).

### 2.3 Olympic Distance C2, K2, K4 – Pre-Conditions: Athletes seeking nomination for specified events must meet the following pre-conditions:

- (a) Be a part of a CRNZ Squad or invited to trial by the Head Coach. See Squad policy ([link](#)) for more information.
- (b) If invited, take part in CRNZ Crew boat assessments.

### 2.4 Olympic Distance K2, K4 and C2 - Nomination Factors: The CRNZ Head Coach, in consultation with the Selectors, will consider the following Factors:

- (a) any one or more of the Nomination Factors set out in clause 6.3 of the Regulations; and
- (b) where relevant, the opportunity to allow Athletes to prepare for the 2026 World Championships and/or ICF U23 World Championship.

### 2.5 Information for Athletes: The CRNZ Head Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 23 February 2026. The outline will contain the following information:

- (a) the approximate format of crew assessment trials; and
- (b) the Nomination Factors which the Head Coach proposes especially to consider.

## 3. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

### 3.1 Performance Criteria: Selectors must be satisfied that an Athlete or Crew has the potential to achieve at least the following standard at the 2026 ICF World Cups:

- (a) K1 Events – A Final placing<sup>1</sup>
- (b) K2 and K4 Events – Top 16 placing
- (c) Paracanoe Events – Top 16 placing
- (d) Canoe Events – Top 16 placing

3.2 **Multiple Events:** Where an Athlete is being considered for Selection in multiple Events, the Selectors may, in their discretion, decide not to Nominate an Athlete in one or more Events if they believe that participation in multiple Events may negatively affect that Athlete's performance in another Event. In exercising this discretion, Selectors shall consider:

- (a) the recommendations of the Head Coach;
- (b) the schedule (including any draft schedule) for the Regatta, and the effect on the Athlete's performance of the workload of competing in multiple Events;
- (c) the aim of this Policy as set out in clause 1.1;
- (d) the views of Athlete(s) affected; and
- (e) any other factors that the Selectors consider relevant.

3.3 **Selection:** If selected, you must:

- (a) have a signed and updated CRNZ Athlete Agreement within 10 working days of the Selection Date; and
- (b) indicate to CRNZ within 10 working days of the Selection Date that you are willing to pay any cost associated with attending the Regatta(s) for which you have been Selected.

3.4 **Reserves:**

- (a) CRNZ may, at its discretion, identify one or more Athletes as non-travelling reserves for any Event or Crew.
- (b) An Athlete identified as a non-travelling reserve is not considered selected to compete unless and until formally confirmed in writing by CRNZ.
- (c) Non-travelling reserves will only be activated in the event of injury, illness, withdrawal, or other circumstances affecting a selected Athlete or Crew, and only where CRNZ determines activation is appropriate

## 4. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

4.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the CRNZ High Performance Director in the first instance.

4.2 **Complaints:** You can address any complaints regarding the implementation of this Policy to the CEO in the first instance.

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<sup>1</sup> Athletes in K1 Events must demonstrate a clear ability to qualify for an "A Final" at a World Cup based on either their past results, previous World Ranking and/or their current performance level as a percentage of the latest ICF World's Best Times ([link](#)).

