



SELECTION POLICY – 2026 ICF CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Gualeguaychu, Argentina, 22 - 25 OCTOBER 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** CRNZ’s aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the 2026 ICF Marathon World Championship are as follows:

- (a) to provide competition and development opportunities for New Zealand marathon paddlers; and
- (b) to achieve outstanding results for New Zealand;

1.2 **CRNZ Selection Regulations:** You should read this Policy in conjunction with the CRNZ Selection Regulations (“**Regulations**”). In particular, 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 **Regatta and Events:** This document sets what you need to do to be selected to compete in the ICF Marathon World Championship (Gualeguaychu, ARG, 22 - 25 October 2026) in the following Events:

Event	Maximum number of boats
WK1 U18 Long Distance	2
WK2 U18 Long Distance	2
WK1 U23 Long Distance	2
WK1 Open Long Distance	2
WK2 Open Long Distance	2
MK1 U18 Long Distance	2
MK2 U18 Long Distance	2
MK1 U23 Long Distance	2
MK1 Open Long Distance	2
MK2 Open Long Distance	2
MKL2 Para	2
MKL3 Para	2
Masters W	Unlimited
Masters M	Unlimited

1.5 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 1.6 below (see clause 4.1 of the Regulations). This form will be available on the CRNZ website during the application period.

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

Marathon Worlds Selection Trials	20/21 June 2026 (Clive River, Napier)
Application Date Deadline	28 June 2026
Selection Date	11 July 2026

1.7 **Self-funding:** This is a self-funded competition – competitors will be expected to arrange their own travel.

2. PROCESS

2.1 **Outline:** In order to be selected, you need to:

- (a) meet all of the Eligibility Criteria – see Part 2 of the Regulations; and
- (b) qualify at the Trial – see clause 3 below and Part 3 of the Regulations; and
- (c) meet the Performance Criteria set out at clause 4 below – see Part 4 of the Regulations.

3. NOMINATION

3.1 **Trial:** Nomination for K1 Events will be determined by Trial.

3.2 K2 events will be nominated as “Additional Events” based on K1 ranking from the Trial. Please see Part 7 of the CRNZ Selection Regulations for more information on nomination for “Additional Events”.

3.3 **Trial Format:** In each K1 Event (except Masters Events), the first- and second placed Athlete or Crew in each Event/category at the Trial will earn Nomination.

4. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

4.1 **Performance Criteria:** There are no Performance Criteria in respect of this Policy – Athletes and Crews who earn Nomination at the Trials will automatically be Selected, subject to Eligibility and Exceptional Circumstances.

4.2 **Selection:** If Selected, you must:

- (a) 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.

4.3 **Non-acceptance of Selection:** If an Athlete or Crew elects not to accept Selection, CRNZ will offer their position to the next-best placed Athlete or Crew in the given Event/category.

5. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

5.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the CRNZ Performance Manager in the first instance.

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