CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND

SELECTION POLICY – 2026 OCEANIA CANOE SPRINT and PARACANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Purpose**: There two purposes for CRNZ selecting athletes to compete at the 2026 Oceania Championships. These are:

(a) to perform and achieve outstanding international results for New Zealand;

(b) 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 for New Zealand at the following Events:

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

- 2026 Oceania Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe Championships, 3-6 December 2026, Adelaide, Australia

Attendance at the event covered in this Policy is not guaranteed. Final decisions will be based on athlete performance, programme priorities, and available budget.

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

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
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)**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
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 specified under Important Dates 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:

Application Date	6 November, 2026
CRNZ Crew Boat Camp	11-13 November, 2026
Oceania Championships Selection Date	13 November, 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 Oceania Championships tour will be subsidised according to the below table:

TAPS Athletes	Full funding and support
Non-TAPS Athletes	User pays. Possible Contribution from CRNZ

(a) For those non-TAPS athletes, 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) Demonstrated ability to meet the Performance Criteria at or since the 2026 Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe National Championships (3.1, below). This clause varies and supersedes clause 5 of the CRNZ Selection Regulations.

(c) If a nominated Athlete is unavailable or declines, Selectors may consider an alternative eligible athlete

2.2 **Paracanoe Specified Events (KL2, KL3 and VL3 200m events)**

(a) Up to to two (2) Athletes may be nominated per event, as follows:

(b) Nomination will be based on:

(i) Demonstrated ability to meet the Performance Criteria (3.1, below)

(c) If a nominated Athlete is unavailable or declines, Selectors may consider an alternative eligible athlete

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

(a) Be a part of a CRNZ Squad.

(b) If invited, take part in CRNZ Crew boat camp.

2.4 **Olympic Distance K2, K4 and C2 - Nomination Factors:** The CRNZ Lead 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

2.5 **Information for Athletes:** CRNZ coaches will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 6 November 2026. The outline will contain the following information:

(a) the approximate format of crew boat camp; and

(b) the Nomination Factors which the Lead Coach proposes especially to consider.

3. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

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

(a) K1 Events – Top 9 placing[1]

(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 Lead 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 5 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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[1] Athletes in K1 Events must demonstrate a clear ability to qualify for a "Top 9" placing 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 PWW World's Best Times (link).