



**CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND**  
**ASIA PACIFIC REGATTA SELECTION POLICY**  
**(2017/18 SEASON)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**Scope:** This Policy sets out how CRNZ will consider Athletes for selection to the New Zealand Squad to compete in U16, U18 and U21 age groups at the Asia Pacific Regatta for 2018.

- 1.1 **Application:** This Policy applies to all Athletes wishing to be considered for selection by CRNZ to the New Zealand Squad to compete in the Asia Pacific Regatta which takes place in May 12 & 13, 2018.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 **Eligibility:** To be eligible to be considered for selection to the New Zealand squad by CRNZ for the Asia Pacific Regatta under this Policy, an Athlete must:
- a. be Under 16, Under 18 or Under 21 (as defined in clause 12.1);
  - b. be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport;
  - c. be a current financial member of a member club of CRNZ;
  - d. complete the online CRNZ Athlete Application Form for New Zealand Age group Teams at the following URL address <http://www.canoeracing.org.nz/high-performance/selection/2018-jnr-team-application-form> The Events listed by each Athlete will be regarded as preferences only, and the Selectors may consider them for other Events;
  - e. not have any outstanding liabilities to CRNZ;
  - f. not be under investigation for any breach of, nor to have breached and serving a period of ineligibility under, any rule under the CRNZ Constitution, the CRNZ Regulations, CRNZ Canoe Sprint Discipline Competition Rules or any rules or regulations of the ICF, the IOC or the NZOC; Your booking ref 20442

- g. not be under investigation for any breach of, or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the CRNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules), the ICF Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code and serving a period of ineligibility for such breach or violation;
- h. not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the CRNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules), the ICF Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code;
- i. not be under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of any criminal offence, unless any sentence imposed has been served by the Athlete; and,
- j. have provided CRNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address, and telephone number).

## 2.2 High Performance Pathway Squad:

- a. An Athlete who is seeking selection to the New Zealand Squad is required to be a member of one of the High Performance Pathway Squads, which together are known as the High Performance Pathway Squad.
- b. An Athlete who is not currently a member of a High Performance Pathway Squad may still be selected however only at the sole discretion of the selectors.

2.3 **No Consideration:** The Selectors may not consider an Athlete for selection under this Policy if the Athlete does not meet all of the eligibility requirements specified in clause 2.1

## 3. 2018 ASIA PACIFIC REGATTA

3.1 **International Regattas:** The International Regattas applicable to this Policy include:

Regatta	Date	Location
Asia Pacific Regatta	12-13 May, 2018	Adelaide, Australia

3.2 **Changes:** The CRNZ Board (after consultation with the Selectors), or the Selectors, may decide in their discretion:

- a. not to send a New Zealand Squad, or any Athletes and/or Crews at all, to the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta;

b. not to enter a boat, or boat(s), in the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta;

3.3 **Events:** The events at each International Regatta for which Athletes and Crews may be selected are as follows:

<b>Men's U16 Events</b>	<b>Women's U16 Events</b>
Men's U16 K1 200m	Women's U16 K1 200m
Men's U16 K2 500m	Women's U16 K2 200m
Men's U16 K4 500m	Women's U16 K4 200m
Men's U16 K1 1000m	Women's U16 K1 500m
Men's U16 K2 1000m	Women's U16 K2 500m
Men's U16 K4 1000m	Women's U16 K4 500m
<b>Men's U18 Events</b>	<b>Women's U18 Events</b>
Men's U18 K1 200m	Women's U18 K1 200m
Men's U18 K2 500m	Women's U18 K2 200m
Men's U18 K4 500m	Women's U18 K4 200m
Men's U18 K1 1000m	Women's U18 K1 500m
Men's U18 K2 1000m	Women's U18 K2 500m
Men's U18 K4 1000m	Women's U18 K4 500m
Men's C1 500m	Women's U18 C1 200m
Men's C2 500m	Women's U18 C2 200m
Men's C1 1000m	Women's U18 C1 500m
Men's C2 1000m	Women's U18 C2 500m
<b>Men's U21 Events</b>	<b>Women's U21 Events</b>
Men's U21 K1 200m	Women's U21 K1 200m
Men's U21 K2 500m	Women's U21 K2 200m
Men's U21 K4 500m	Women's U21 K4 200m
Men's U21 K1 1000m	Women's U21 K1 500m
Men's U21 K2 1000m	Women's U21 K2 500m
Men's U21 K4 1000m	Women's U21 K4 500m

#### 4. SELECTORS

4.1 The CRNZ Board will appoint Selectors (on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate), to consider and select Athletes and Crews in accordance with this Policy. The names of the Selectors will be published on the CRNZ website.

#### 5. SELECTION DATES

5.1 **Selection Dates:** Subject to this Policy, the Selectors will select an U16, U18 and an U21 New Zealand Squad for the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta by the Selection Date specified below. This Selection Dates may be changed by CRNZ and such changes will be notified on the CRNZ website.

<b>Selection Date</b>	<b>Squads</b>	<b>Regatta</b>	<b>Regatta Date</b>
30 March 2018	U16, U18 & U21 K1/Crew	2018 Asia Pacific regatta	12-13 May, 2018

## **6. PRE-CONDITIONS TO SELECTION**

- 6.1 In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements in clause 2 of this Policy, and subject to clauses 6.2 to 6.7, each Athlete seeking selection under this Policy must have competed in the 2018 CRNZ National Championships, in an U16, U18, or Open K1 Event, (23-25 February 2018).
- 6.2 Subject to clauses 6.3 to 6.7, an Athlete who is seeking selection for the New Zealand Squad must meet the pre-conditions for squad selection.
- 6.3 If an Athlete considers there are Exceptional Circumstances which means they are not able to fulfil a pre-condition, the Athlete must seek, and be granted, dispensation for that pre-condition. An application for dispensation must be made, to the CEO (or his nominee), at least 2 Days prior to the start of the regatta or trial for which dispensation is sought.
- 6.4 The CEO (or his nominee) shall decide, in his or her discretion, acting reasonably, whether or not to grant such dispensation for a pre-condition and their decision shall be final and cannot be appealed. The CEO (or his nominee)'s decision will be communicated to the Athlete concerned by email as soon as practicable after their decision.
- 6.5 Unless a dispensation has been granted for a pre-condition under clause 6.3 and 6.4 and subject to clause 6.6, an Athlete who has not satisfied all of the pre-conditions for the Event/s in which they seek to be selected shall not be considered for selection under this Policy by the Selectors.
- 6.6 Where the CEO (or his nominee) is of the view, in his or her sole discretion, that the Performance Criteria in clause 7.2 would be more likely to be satisfied if an Athlete who has not fulfilled the pre-conditions in clauses 6.1 and/or 6.2 was considered for selection then the CEO (or his nominee) may nominate that Athlete to be considered for selection by the Selectors notwithstanding the pre-conditions having not been met. The CEO (or his nominee) may make such a nomination in situations that include, without limitation, recovery of an Athlete from injury or a change in availability or unavailability of an Athlete (howsoever that arises). This nomination may be made at any time up to and including the dates of a relevant Event. Any decision by the CEO (or his nominee) under this clause is final and cannot be appealed.
- 6.7 The Selectors may select any Athlete nominated under clause 6.6 notwithstanding that the selection dates under clause 5.1 have passed.

## **7. SELECTION CRITERIA**

7.1 In considering any Athlete for selection to the New Zealand squad for the Asia Pacific Regatta under this Policy, the Selectors shall:

- a. only consider Athletes who are eligible under clause 2 and have met the pre-conditions under clause 6 (unless granted a dispensation under clauses 6.3 to 6.7);
- b. consider Athletes who they consider satisfy the applicable performance criteria for the Asia Pacific Regatta (as specified in clause 7.2);
- c. have regard to the Factors as specified in clauses 7.3 to 7.5; and, take into account any exceptional Circumstances, Injury or Illness as specified in clause 7.8.

7.2 **Performance Criteria:**

a. **2018 Asia Pacific Regatta:**

In deciding whether or not to select an athlete for the 2018 Asia Pacific regatta, the Selectors must be satisfied that the Athlete has the potential to achieve a top 8 placing at the 2024 and/or 2028 Olympic Games and that competing in the 2018 Asia Pacific Event will be a suitable opportunity to continue their development towards that goal.

7.3 **Factors:** In considering whether an Athlete will satisfy the criteria (in clause 7.2) for the Asia Pacific Regatta for which they are seeking selection, the Selectors:

- a. **shall** take into account any one or more of the Results and Performances specified in clause 7.4; and,
- b. **may** take into account any one or more of the Other Factors specified in clause 7.5.

7.4 **Results and Performances:**

- a. **U16 Squad Athlete:** For selection of Athletes to the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta, the Selectors shall take into account any one or more of the results and performances of Athletes in K1 and crew events at the following regattas and trials (in no particular order of priority):
  - i. 2018 CRNZ National Championship;
  - ii. 2017 Blue Lake 2 Regatta;
  - iii. 2017 CRNZ Seat Trial Camp
- b. **U18 Squad Athlete:** For selection of Athletes to the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta, the Selectors shall take into account any one or more of

the results and performances of Athletes in K1 and crew events at the following regattas and trials (in no particular order of priority):

- i. 2017 Junior ICF World Championships;
  - ii. 2018 CRNZ National Championship;
  - iii. 2018 Grand Prix 2;
  - iv. 2017 Blue Lake 2 Regatta; and
  - v. 2017 CRNZ Seat Trial Camp
- c. **U21 Squad Athlete:** For selection of Athletes to the 2018 Asia Pacific Regatta, the Selectors shall take into account any one or more of the results and performances of Athletes in K1 and crew events at the following regattas and trials (in no particular order of priority):
- i. 2017 Junior and U23 ICF World Championships;
  - ii. 2018 CRNZ National Championship;
  - iii. 2018 Grand Prix 2;
  - iv. 2017 Blue Lake 2 Regatta; and

## 7.5 Other Factors

The Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following other factors:

- a. *Assessments:* any of the performance data, test results and any other assessments of the Athlete undertaken by, or on behalf of, CRNZ at any time including but not limited to those obtained in the High Performance Pathway Squad (if applicable) and analysis of percentage of World best times and the trajectory of results and performances over time;
- b. *Relationships:* the Athlete's attendance record, attitude, their relationships with other Athletes and New Zealand Team support personnel, and their conduct at regattas (including international regattas), training sessions, training camps, trials and other activities held by CRNZ at any time;
- c. *Crew Boat Compatibility:* for Crew Athletes, the ability for the Athlete to train and compete with other Crew Athletes in a Crew, taking into account their technical abilities and other personal attributes and relationships with other Athletes being considered for selection in the Crew. Compatibility may be determined as the Selectors see fit including through testing and observations at training, training camps, tours and in competition.

7.6 **Relevance and Weight:** The Selectors may determine the relevance (if any) and weight that they wish to place on any Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstance(s) as they consider appropriate. No particular Factor shall be weighed more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Policy, unless expressly specified otherwise.

7.7 **Conditions:** In considering any of the Factors in clause 7.4 and 7.5, the Selectors may, but do not have to, take into account the conditions in which any assessments, results and performances were obtained, such as, but not limited to, on water conditions such as the quality of the course (e.g. presence of weed), the weather conditions, and the field of competition.

#### 7.8 **Exceptional Circumstances, Injury and illness**

a. **Claim:** If an Athlete considers there is any Exceptional Circumstance applicable to any of their results and performances or the other Factors, he or she must notify the CEO (or his nominee) of this claim in writing as soon as possible and within 48 Hours of the specific Exceptional Circumstances arising. The Athlete must provide full details of the Exceptional Circumstances and the effect or potential effect on the Athlete and their potential selection.

b. **Taking Exceptional Circumstances into Account:** The CEO (or his nominee) shall refer any claim for Exceptional Circumstances that is made in accordance with clause 7.8a, to the Selectors. The Selectors may, in their discretion, take those circumstances into account in considering their decisions. If a claim is not made in accordance with clause 7.8a, the Selectors cannot take those Exceptional Circumstances into account (other than if clause 7.8c applies).

c. **Injury, Illness or Other Factors:** In addition, and whether or not a claim for Exceptional Circumstances has been made under clauses 7.8a or b, if the Selectors are aware of any injury, illness or other factor affecting the fitness of an Athlete to perform to the best of their ability, the Selectors may take such injury, illness or other factor affecting fitness into account in considering its decisions. However before taking them into account, the Selectors must first make enquiry of the Athlete as to the status and prognosis of the injury, illness or other factor affecting their fitness. If the Selectors wish to do so, may also request a medical examination under clause 7.8d, and if they do so, the Selectors must also take into account the report from such examination.

d. **Medical Examination:** If a claim for Exceptional Circumstances is made under clause 7.8a, or the Selectors wish to do so under clause 7.8c, the Selectors may request, with the Athlete's agreement, a medical examination be undertaken of the Athlete by a medical practitioner nominated by CRNZ (and at CRNZ's cost) and to provide the Selectors with an opinion on the Exceptional Circumstances or other illness, injury or other factor affecting the fitness of an Athlete.

If an Athlete does not agree to such medical examination the selectors can draw their own conclusions on the Exceptional Circumstances or other illness, injury or other factor affecting the fitness of an Athlete, and/or may decide not to accept a claim (under clause 7.8a) for Exceptional Circumstances.

## **8. K1 SELECTION TRIAL**

- 8.1 To assist the Selectors in considering any K1 Athlete selections under this Policy, the Selectors may, in consultation with the CEO or nominee, decide that a Selection Trial or Trial(s) for K1 Athletes will be held.
- 8.2 The Selectors may invite any Athletes they consider appropriate to participate in any Selection Trial, as long as they are eligible under clause 2 and have met the pre conditions to selection under clause 6. The Selectors decision on the invited Athletes is final and cannot be appealed.
- 8.3 The nature and format of any Selection Trial shall be decided by the Selectors, in their discretion, in consultation with the CEO or nominee.

## **9. CONSEQUENCES OF SELECTION DECISION**

- 9.1 **Athlete Agreement:** A decision by the Selectors to select an Athlete to a New Zealand Team is conditional on the Athlete signing and returning to CRNZ, the CRNZ Athlete Agreement, within 10 Days of the date the Athlete is informed in writing by CRNZ of their selection to the Team.
- 9.2 **Date Extension:** CRNZ may only extend the date by which the Athlete Agreement must be signed and returned to CRNZ, in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the CEO.
- 9.3 If the CRNZ Athlete Agreement is not signed and returned by the date specified in clause 9.1 or 9.2, the Athlete shall not be a member of the Team.
- 9.4 Athletes who are selected to a New Zealand Team must continue to be eligible (in accordance with clause 2) and in all respects comply with this Policy and the CRNZ Athlete Agreement.
- 9.5 **Suspension/Removal:** Any Athlete who is selected under this Policy may, in the sole direction of CRNZ, be suspended or removed from the New Zealand Team at any time if he or she:
  - a. fails to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results specified by CRNZ, including but not limited to Individual Performance Plans;
  - b. breaches or fails to comply with the CRNZ Athlete Agreement;



- c. breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any CRNZ High Performance Open Squad Selection Policy, if applicable, (including the terms in the Athlete Application form);
- d. breaches or fails to comply with any of the following, or appears to have done so:
  - i. any of the ICF Statutes, ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules, or any other requirements of the ICF; or
  - ii. any of the CRNZ Constitution, Regulations, CRNZ Canoe Sprint Discipline Competition Rules or any other requirements or directions of CRNZ;
  - iii. any of the CRNZ Anti-Doping Regulation, the NZOC Anti-Doping Bylaw or the World Anti-Doping Code;
- e. brings him/herself, another athlete, CRNZ, or the sport of canoe racing generally into disrepute; or
- f. has a significant illness or injury which the Selectors consider may prevent the Athlete from competing to the best of their ability in the International Regatta.

9.6 **Replacement Athlete:** If an Athlete is suspended or removed under clause 9.5 (Suspension/Removal) from CRNZ or is no longer eligible under clause 2 (Eligibility), the Selectors may, in their absolute discretion, select another Athlete (which may include a reserve) to the New Zealand Team in accordance with this Policy.

#### 9.7 **Events and Crew Composition**

9.8 Once selected to a New Zealand Team for the Asia Pacific Regatta by the Selectors, the CRNZ Coaches, in consultation with the Selectors, will decide on the Crew Events in which the Athletes will compete at the International Regatta, and the composition of the Crews (including the seats of each Crew Athlete).

### 10. **STATUS OF POLICY AND AMENDMENTS**

10.1 **Status:** This Policy overrides any correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by CRNZ regarding selection for the International Regattas.

10.2 **Amendment:** This Policy may be amended at any time by the CRNZ Board. Amendments or a revised Policy (including the amendments) will be published on the CRNZ website.

## 11. APPEALS

11.1 An Athlete who is aggrieved by a decision of the Selectors not to select him or her to a New Zealand Team ("Grievance") may bring an appeal in accordance with this Policy.

11.2 **Pre-Appeal Process:** Before an appeal can be brought under clauses 11.3 and 11.4, the following process must be followed:

- a. **Notification of Grievance:** The Athlete must notify the CEO in writing of their Grievance within 48 Hours from the date and time the decision not to select them to a New Zealand Team was notified in writing to the Athlete by CRNZ;
- b. **Grievance Meeting:** The CEO shall arrange and attend a meeting with the CRNZ High Performance Manager and the Athlete as soon as practicable to discuss the Athlete's Grievance and to explain the reasons for the decision;
- c. **Request for Mediation:** If following the process in clause 11.2b the Athlete wishes to pursue their Grievance (and any Appeal under clauses 11.3 to 11.4), the Athlete must attend mediation with CRNZ. If an Athlete wishes to pursue their Grievance (and any Appeal), the Athlete must notify the CEO in writing, within 48 Hours from the end of the meeting in clause 11.2b, or such other time period as agreed with CRNZ, that he or she wishes to continue their Grievance and to proceed to mediation ("Request for Mediation"). If no Request for Mediation is made by the Athlete in this time period, the Grievance is deemed to have ended and there is no right to bring an Appeal under clauses 11.3 to 11.4;
- d. **Mediation:** If the CEO receives a Request for Mediation in accordance with clause 11.2c, the CEO shall appoint an independent qualified mediator to convene a mediation to see whether an agreement can be reached between CRNZ and the Athlete regarding their Grievance. The mediation will be held as soon as possible and if practicable within 10 Days of the CEO receiving the Request for Mediation. The costs of the mediation (including the mediator) shall be met by CRNZ, but the Athlete shall meet any costs associated with their, and any of their support persons', attendance at the mediation.
- e. **No Agreed Resolution:** If there is no agreement reached at the mediation, and the Athlete wishes to pursue their appeal, the Athlete may only do so in accordance with clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of this Policy.

11.3 **Appeal Process:** An Athlete may bring an appeal against a decision of the Selectors not to select them ("Appellant") to a New Zealand Team on one or more of the following grounds (but no other grounds):

- a. this Policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented;
- b. the Appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the requirements in this Policy;
- c. the decision not to select the Appellant was affected by actual bias; and/or
- d. there is no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.

11.4 Any appeal under clause 11.3, must be made by an Appellant as follows:

- a. the Appellant must notify the CEO in writing of their wish to appeal the Selectors decision not to select the Appellant, within 48 Hours from the end of the mediation held in clause 11.2c, or such other period as agreed between CRNZ and the Appellant; and,
- b. the Appellant must file and serve on CRNZ and the Sports Tribunal, a notice of the appeal in the form and manner specified in the rules of the Sports Tribunal, within 48 Hours of informing the CEO as described in clause 11.4a above;

For avoidance of doubt, both sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause 11.4, must be met in order for the Sports Tribunal to have jurisdiction to hear and decide the appeal.

11.5 The appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Sports Tribunal.

11.6 There is a further right of appeal from a decision of the Sports Tribunal to CAS, in accordance with the rules of the Sports Tribunal.

## 12. DEFINITIONS

12.1 In this Policy, the following definitions apply:

**"Athlete" and "U16 Squad Athlete"** means an individual who is U16 who wishes to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team and includes a K1 Athlete and a Crew Athlete, unless specified otherwise.

**"Athlete" and "U18 Squad Athlete"** means an individual who is U18 who wishes to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team and includes a K1 Athlete and a Crew Athlete, unless specified otherwise.

**"Athlete" and "U21 Squad Athlete"** means an individual who is U21 who wishes to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team and includes a K1 Athlete and a Crew Athlete, unless specified otherwise.

**“Athlete Application Form”** means the application form referred to in clause 2.1d which must be complete by every Athlete wishing to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team.

**“Board”** means the board of CRNZ.

**“CAS”** means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

**“CEO”** means the Chief Executive of CRNZ, and their “nominee” means the CRNZ High Performance Director or any other person delegated the specific responsibility referred to by the CEO.

**“Crew”** means a group of either two or four Athletes who race, or wish to race, together in a K2 or K4 Event.

**“Crew Athlete”** means an Athlete who is seeking selection to a Crew or Crews.

**“CRNZ Athlete Agreement”** means a written agreement entered into between CRNZ and a selected Athlete which sets out the rights and obligations of the selected Athlete and CRNZ while the Athlete is a member of a High Performance Open Squad (if applicable) and /or as a member of a New Zealand Team.

**“CRNZ”** means Canoe Racing New Zealand Incorporated.

**“CRNZ Seat Trial Camp”** means the camp organised by CRNZ in Cambridge from 4-6 December 2017 at which Athletes and Crews will be assessed for Crews.

**“CRNZ Coaches”** means the coaches appointed by CRNZ to coach Athletes and Crews in the CRNZ high performance programme.

**“CRNZ Canoe Sprint Discipline Competition Rules”** means the rules of CRNZ that govern Canoe Sprint events that are sanctioned by CRNZ. These rules are based on the ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules 2015 (as amended by ICF).

**“CRNZ Constitution”** means the constitution of CRNZ.

**“CRNZ Regulations”** means the rules and regulations of CRNZ.

**“Day”** means any day of the week including a day which falls on a weekend or a public holiday.

**“Events”** means the race categories specified in the Table in clause 3.3, unless specified otherwise.

**“Exceptional Circumstances”** means any one or more of the following:

- a. injury or illness;
- b. equipment failure;
- c. travel delay;
- d. bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- e. any other factors reasonably considered to cause, or be likely to cause, an Athlete not to perform at their optimal level.

**“Factors”** means the factors the Selectors shall or may take into account, as specified in clauses 7.3 to 7.5 of this Policy, and includes results and performances (as described in clause 7.4) and the other factors (as described in clause 7.5).

**“High Performance Pathway Squad”** means all CRNZ training squads under, including Foundation Squad, Paddle ID Squad, Paddle to Podium Squad, and High Performance Squads.

**“High Performance Open Squad”** means either the CRNZ Open Men's High Performance Squad or the CRNZ Open Women's High Performance Squad selected in accordance with the CRNZ High Performance Squad Selection Policy (2017/18 Season).

**“Hours”** means all the hours of the day including hours in a weekend or on a public holiday.

**“ICF”** means International Canoe Federation.

**“International Regatta”** means the Canoe Sprint competitions listed in clause 3.1, and any replacement or other international competitions as decided by the CRNZ Board during the 2017/8 Season.

**“IOC”** means the International Olympic Committee.

**“K1 Athlete”** means an Athlete who is seeking selection for a K1 Event.

**“New Zealand Squad”** for the purpose of this Policy, means the team of Athletes selected to compete in a the Asia Pacific Regatta.

**“NZOC”** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

**“Open”** means the age as defined in the ICF Rules.

**“Selection Dates”** means the selection dates specified in clause 5.1.

**“Selection Trial”** means a selection trial, if held, for K1 Events as described in clause 8.

**“Selectors”** means those persons who have been appointed by CRNZ to select Athletes and Crew Athletes for Crews for New Zealand Teams.

**“Sports Tribunal”** means the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand as described in the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006.

**“Under 16”** or **“U16”** means an athlete aged 16 years or under can compete in the U16 age group up until and including the year his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday falls.

**“Under 18”** or **“U18”** , means an athlete aged 18 years or under can compete in the U18 age group up until and including the year his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls.

**“Under 21”** or **“U21”** means an athlete aged 21 years or under can compete in the U21 age group up until and including the year his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday falls.

**“WADA Code”** means the World Anti-Doping Code (as amended from time to time).

**“2017/18 Season”** means the period from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.