



SELECTION POLICY – 2020 ICF OCEAN SKI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP –

1. INTRODUCTION

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

- (a) to provide competition and development opportunities for New Zealand ocean ski 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 2020 ICF Ocean Ski World Championship (Portugal) in the following Events:

Event	Maximum number of Athletes*
U18 Women	5
U23 Women	5
Open Women	5
U18 Men	5
U23 Men	5
Open Men	5

Note that this Policy does not apply to Masters Men and Masters Women. Entries for these Events are open.

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.

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

King and Queen of the Bay (Nelson)	15 February 2020
Heads to Harbour (Whakatane)	25 April 2020
Application Date	8 May 2020
Selection Date	15 May 2020

* These numbers are subject to the 2019 ICF Ocean Racing Competition Rules, Rule 38. In addition to the 5 boats per class, the first 40 athletes, as reflected on the ICF Ocean Racing World Ranking, plus the World Champions in the previous World Championship, are also eligible to participate – see clause 3.1.

1.7 **Self-funding:** This is a self-funded competition – competitors must arrange their own travel and pay all costs associated with the Event.

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 Trials – see clause 3 below and Part 3 of the Regulations; and

3. NOMINATION

3.1 **Pre-Selection by World Ranking:** In the event that any Athlete is ranked in the top 40 of the ICF Ocean Racing World Ranking, that Athlete is automatically qualified for the World Championship. However, as the ICF has not published the date at which this assessment will be made, Athletes are advised to compete in the Trial. In the event that an Athlete qualifies through this clause and earns Nomination at the Trial, his or her place will be offered to the next-best placed Athlete in the Trial (for this purpose, CRNZ will use the results of the Heads to Harbour). This may take place after the Selection Date.

3.2 **Trial:** The Trial races will be:

- (a) King and Queen of the Bay, Nelson, 15 February 2020; and
- (b) Heads to Harbour, Whakatane (NZ Ocean Ski National Championship), 25 April 2020.

3.3 **Trial Format:** Places will be allocated as follows:

- (a) The first Athlete in each Event (division) at the King and Queen of the Bay will earn Nomination.
- (b) The top 4 Athletes in each Event (division) at the Heads to Harbour will earn Nomination.†

4. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

4.1 **Performance Criteria:** There are no Performance Criteria in respect of this Policy – Athletes who earn Nomination according to clause 3 of this Policy will automatically be Selected, subject to Eligibility and Exceptional Circumstances.

4.2 **Selection:** If Selected, you must indicate to CRNZ within 10 working days of the Selection Date that you are willing to pay any cost associated with attending the World Championship.

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

5. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

5.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the CRNZ Operations 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.

† Provided that if an Athlete qualifies at King and Queen of the Bay, his/her name will be excluded from the results of Heads to Harbour for the purpose of Selection.

