



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** CRNZ’s aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the ICF u18 World Championship are as follows:

- (a) to provide development opportunities for Athletes; 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 u18 World Championship in the following Events:

(a) **K1 Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
MK1 200	1
MK1 1000	1
WK1 200	1
WK1 500	1

(b) **Crew Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
MK2 1000	1
MK4 500	1
WK2 500	1
WK4 500	1

(c) **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 Regulations.

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 is available on the CRNZ website.

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

Application Date	7 February 2021
NZ National Championship	19-21 February 2021
CRNZ K1 1st Trial	19-21 February 2021

CRNZ K1 2nd and 3rd Trial and Crew Boat Assessment	10-14 March 2021
Selection Date	22 March 2021

1.7 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected, you will be eligible for the following funding and support from CRNZ:

U18 Team	CRNZ will provide coaching, training programmes and logistical support.
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1.8 **Cost:** If you are selected, it will cost approximately the following to attend ICF u18 World Championship: 10,000 - \$12,000 dollars.

Please note: these costs are subject to any Covid-19 control measures and any contingency plan associated with Covid-19 control measures. (i.e. Any costs associated with Covid-19 control measures will be passed on to the athlete).

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

3. NOMINATION

3.1 **Pre-Conditions:** Athletes must fulfil the following pre-conditions:

- (a) Compete in the 2021 CRNZ Sprint Nationals in a u18 K1 event; and
- (b) attend the CRNZ Crew boat assessment¹. Athletes may attend the Crew boat assessment if they either:
 - (i) finish in the top 3 placed u18 athletes in WK1 200, WK1 500, MK1 200 and/or MK1 1000 at NZ Sprint Nationals; or
 - (ii) receive an invitation from CRNZ².

3.2 **K1 Events – Invitation to Trial:** The A Final of each Specified Event at the 2021 National Championship will be the first race of the Trial for that Event. The first three (3) competitors within 2% of the winning time in each division are eligible to compete in the second and subsequent Trial races.

3.3 **K1 Events – Format of Trial:** The format of the Trial will be the number of races necessary to find the first Athlete in that Event to win two races.

¹ To be clear, this requirement applies to Athletes who wish to be considered for Selection in K1 Events. The reason for this is that CRNZ's strategy is to Select the boats that are most likely to achieve outstanding results for New Zealand.

² Invitations will be issued by the Head Coach in consultation with CRNZ Junior/Pathway coaches and will be based on performances over the 2019-2021 season as well as other factors, which may include exceptional circumstances, past performances and assessment of future potential. It is anticipated that 8 male and 8 female athletes will attend the Crew boat assessment.

- 3.4 **Crew Events - Nomination Factors:** The relevant CRNZ Head Coach, in consultation with the Selectors, will consider the following Factors:
- (a) Performances and data from the CRNZ Crew boat assessment.
 - (b) any one or more of the Nomination Factors set out in clause 6.3 of the Regulations.

3.5 **Crew Events - Information for Athletes:** The relevant CRNZ Head Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process before the beginning of the Crew Boat Assessment. The outline will contain the following information:

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

4. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

4.1 **Performance Criteria:** Selectors must be satisfied that an Athlete or Crew has the potential to achieve at least a B Final placing at the 2021 u18 World Championship.

4.2 **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.

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

- (a) complete a 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.

5. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

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