



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** CRNZ’s aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the ICF Sprint 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 Sprint World Championship in the following Events:

(a) **K1 Specified Events**

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

(b) **Crew Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
MK2 500	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 2022
NZ K1 Trials	February or March 2022 – date TBA
NZ National Championship	22-24 April 2022
ICF World Cups	World Cup 1: 19-22 May 2022 World Cup 2: 26-29 May 2022

Selection Date	15 June 2022
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1.7 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected, you will be eligible for the following funding and support from CRNZ:

Elite Squad	Full funding and support
HP Squad	~ 50% subsidy from CRNZ
Development Squad	20-30% subsidy from CRNZ
Invitation Squad/Non-Squad Athletes	Negotiated with athletes individually

1.8 **Cost:** If you are selected, it will cost approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 to attend ICF Sprint World Championship: (This cost includes covid-19 quarantine and flight costs, but is subject to the subsidies set out in clause 1.7 above).¹

1.9 **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 2 below and Part 3 of the Regulations
- (c) satisfy clause 3 of this Policy - see Part 4 of the Regulations (subject to any Exceptional Circumstances).

1.10 **Covid-19 and Travel Restrictions:** This Policy is subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place from time to time in NZ and abroad. In particular, it is possible that NZ may not send a team to ICF World Cups, which may affect the K1 Trial Process set out in clause 2.2. If this occurs, CRNZ will arrange alternative trial/competition opportunities on similar dates.

2. NOMINATION

2.1 **K1 Specified Events – Medal Capable Athletes:** An Athlete who wins a medal in a K1 Event at the Tokyo Olympic Games will earn “Preferential A” status in respect of the Trial for that event. If two Athletes win Olympic medals in the same event, the higher-finishing Athlete will earn “Preferential A” status and the lower-finishing Athlete will earn “Preferential B” status.

2.2 **K1 Specified Events – Format of Trial:** Depending on whether any Athletes hold Preferential A and Preferential B status (see clause 2.1 above), the format of Trials will be as follows:

Scenario 1: No Preferential Athletes	Scenario 2: Preferential A Athlete only	Scenario 3: Preferential A and Preferential B Athletes
NZ Trial proceeds according to clauses 2.4 – 2.6.	<p>Non-Preferential Athletes Trial according to clauses 2.4 - 2.6.</p> <p>Successful Athlete from NZ K1 Trial may challenge Preferential A Athlete at World Cup 2.</p> <p>The higher-finishing Athlete at World Cup 2 earns the World Championship place</p>	<p>Non-Preferential Athletes Trial according to clauses 2.4 – 2.6.</p> <p>Successful Athlete from NZ K1 Trial may challenge Preferential B Athlete at World Cup 1. The higher-finishing Athlete at World Cup 1 earns the right to challenge the Preferential A Athlete at World Cup 2.</p>

¹ Please note: these costs are subject to any Covid-19 control measures and any contingency plans associated with Covid-19 control measures. (i.e. Any costs associated with Covid-19 control measures will be passed on to the athlete).

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2.3 K1 Specified Events – Limitations on Clause 3.2:

- (a) An Athlete who is Nominated via the NZ K1 Trial may only challenge a Preferential Athlete if the Athlete meets the Performance Criteria for the World Cups.
- (b) All aspects of Clause 3.2 are subject to Exceptional Circumstances.

2.4 K1 Specified Events – Invitation to NZ Trial: Athletes may apply to participate in the CRNZ K1 Trials by submitting the Athlete Application form by the Application Date as set out at clause 1.6 above. Following the Application Date, CRNZ will invite Athletes in each Event to participate in the Trial. Invitations will be issued based on recent past performances.

2.5 K1 Specified Events – Format of NZ Trial: The format of the NZ Trial will be the number of races necessary to find the first Athlete in that Event to win two races. The Trial will proceed as follows:

- (a) All Athletes invited to Trial may participate in the first Trial Race;
- (b) The second and subsequent Trial races will be contested by only the top 3 finishers from the first Race

2.6 K1 Specified Events – NZ Trial Races Run Concurrently: Trial Races of the same distance may be run concurrently with U23 Trial Races.

2.7 Crew Specified Events: Pre-Conditions: There are two pre-conditions to nomination:

- (a) Athletes must be a member of one of the following CRNZ Sprint Squads;
 - (i) Elite
 - (ii) HP
 - (iii) Development
 - (iv) Invitation
- (b) Athletes must compete at the NZ Sprint Championship.

2.8 Crew Specified Events: Nomination Factors: The relevant CRNZ Head 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.

2.9 Crew Specified Events: Information for Athletes: The relevant CRNZ Head Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 1 December 2021. The outline will contain the following information:

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

3. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

3.1 **Performance Criteria:** Selectors must be satisfied that an Athlete or Crew has the potential to achieve at least the following standard at the 2022 ICF Sprint World Championships:

- (a) K1 Events – A-Final placing
- (b) Crew Events – B-Final 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 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.

3.3 **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.

4. QUERIES, FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

4.1 **Queries:** Queries and feedback regarding this Policy should be addressed to the CRNZ Performance Manager in the first instance.

4.2 **Complaints:** Complaints regarding the implementation of this Policy should be addressed to the CEO in the first instance.