



1. INTRODUCTION

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

- (a) to provide development opportunities for Athletes;
- (b) to qualify Quota places for New Zealand for Events at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and
- (c) 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
WK1 500	1
MK1 1000	1
WKL1 200m	2
WKL 2 200m	2
WKL3 200m	2
MKL1 200m	2
MKL2 200m	2
MKL3 200m	2

(b) **Crew Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
WK2 500	1
MK2 500	1
WK4 500	1
MK4 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	16 December 2022
CRNZ Crew Boat Trials	Week beginning 27 February 2023
NZ National Championships	21-24 April 2023
Crew Boat Selection Date	1 July 2023
K1 Selection Date	1 July 2023

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	Negotiated with athletes individually
Invitation Squad/Non-Squad Athletes	Negotiated with athletes individually

1.8 **Cost:** CRNZ will provide coaching, training programs and logistics support. Athletes who are not members of the Elite Squad will be required to contribute to any additional camp and campaign costs. Specific amounts will be communicated once budgets have been finalised.

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.

2. NOMINATION

2.1 **K1 Specified Events (WK1 500m, MK1 1000m, All Para Singles Events) – Invitation to Trial:**

- (a) The A Final of each Specified Event at the 2023 National Championship will be the first race of the Trial for that Event. Please refer to section 2.3 below for the Trial format.
- (b) The first three (3) competitors in each division are eligible to compete in the second Trial race.
- (c) If any of first three (3) competitors decline to compete beyond Trial race 1, there will be no replacement athletes invited to take part in Trial races 2 or 3.
- (d) If there is a different winner in the second Trial race, then only the two different Trial race winners will proceed to a third and deciding Trial race.
- (e) Subsequent K1 Trial races may take place during or immediately following the 2023 National Championships.
- (f) Eligible athletes and their coaches will be notified in advance and in writing of the K1 Trial schedule during or immediately after the 2023 National Championships.

- (g) Irrespective of whether New Zealand attends the 2023 World Cup races, the K1 Trial process will be finalised within one week upon completion of the 2023 National Championships (30 April, 2023).

2.2 **K1 Events – Trial Races Run Concurrently:** Trial Races of the same distance may be run concurrently where one or more competitors is eligible for multiple divisions in the same gender (for example Open or U23).

2.3 **K1 Events – Format of Trial:**

- (a) The format of the Trial will be best of 3 Trial races beginning with the National Championship Final A in the K1 Specified Events.
- (b) The first athlete to two Trial race wins will be nominated to the selectors for specified K1 event.
- (c) All Trial races will take place on a buoyed race-course on Lake Karapiro.
- (d) For Trial races 2 and 3, athletes will be designated specific lanes and where possible, will be separated by at least one lane to ensure there is no wash riding.
- (e) Trial races will have a starter and finish line judge. Trial Athletes will be given Rover GPS devices to ensure race time and distance accuracy.

2.4 **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.

2.5 **Crew Specified Events: Nomination Factors:** The relevant 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.

2.6 **Crew Specified Events: Information for Athletes:** The relevant CRNZ Lead Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 16 December 2022. The outline will contain the following information:

- (a) the approximate format of crew assessment trials; 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 has the potential to achieve at least the following standard at the 2023 ICF Sprint World Championships:

- (a) K1 Events – A-Final placing
- (b) Crew Events – B-Final placing
- (c) Para 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 Lead Coaches;
- (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 General Manager of Performance in the first instance.

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