CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND

SELECTION POLICY – 2024 ICF U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTRODUCTION

- **1.1. Aims**: The aims intended by CRNZ in selecting Athletes to compete in the ICF U18 World Championships are as follows:
 - to provide development and international racing opportunities for Athletes; and
 - 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:
 - the process you need to follow if you feel you have been affected by Exceptional Circumstances (see clause 10 of the Regulations); and
 - 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		B. Crew Specified Events		C. Additional Events:
Event	Maximum number of boats per event	Event	Maximum number of boats per event	CRNZ may select Athletes or Crews to compete in events
WK1 500	1	WK2 500	1	other than those listed in
MK1 1000	1	MK2 500	1	the table above – see clause
		WK4 500	1	7 of the Regulations.
		MK4 500	1	

- **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	Complete form to indicate availability to trial, be nominated and be selected	1st December, 2023
Tikitapu 1	Opportunity to perform (K1 identification for crew boat trial)	2nd – 3rd December, 2023
CRNZ Crew Boat Trial	Attend selection camp at Lake Karapiro to identify best crew boat combinations	26th – 29th February, 2024
CRNZ K1 Selection	Opportunity to identify K1 nomination in	Race 1 - 3 - Thursday 18th April 2024
	WK1 500 m & MK1 1000 m	Race 1 will begin from 10am
Team Informed of	Nominations have been confirmed by selectors	8th May, 2024
Selection		



1.7. Other key dates within the campaign:

NZ Based Camps Team + Crew connection		20 - 25th May, 2024 (TBC)
		10 - 15th June, 2024 (TBC)
International Camp	Adjust to International time and environment	4/5th July - 22nd July, 2024
and Competition	Compete at World Championships	(departure and return dates to be confirmed)

1.8. 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 programs and logistics support. Athletes 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 New Zealand and abroad.

2.0 NOMINATION

2.1 K1 Specified Events (WK1 500m and MK1 1000m) – Invitation to Trial:

- A. Athletes must attend the **CRNZ K1 Selection races** at Karapiro Domain. Athletes may attend the CRNZ K1 Selection races if:
 - i. an athlete finishes as a top 4 placed U18 athlete in either the <u>WK1 500</u> or <u>MK1 1000</u> at the 2023 NZ Tikitapu
 1; and
 - ii. an athlete receives an invitation from CRNZ.

2.2 K1 Events – Trial Races Run Concurrently:

A. 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 U23 or U18).

2.3 K1 Events – Format of Trial:

- A. The format of the Trial will be the best of three trial races.
- B. The first athlete to two Trial race wins will be nominated to the selectors for the specified K1 event.
- C. Athletes will be designated specific lanes and where possible, will be separated by at least one lane to ensure there is no wash riding.
- D. 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.
- E. The first three (3) competitors within 2% of the winning time in each division are eligible to compete in the second Trial race.
- F. If at any stage of the trial, an athlete declines to compete in the next phase of the trial, there will be no replacement athletes invited to take part in Trial races 1, 2 or 3.
- G. 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.
- H. Eligible athletes and their coaches will be notified in advance and in writing of the K1 Trial schedule.

2.4 Crew Specified Events: Pre-Conditions: Pre-conditions to nomination:

A. attend the <u>CRNZ Crew Boat Trial at Karapiro Domain</u>. Athletes may attend the Crew Boat Trial if:

- i. an athlete finishes as a top 8 placed U18 athlete in either the **WK1 500** or **MK1 500** at the 2023 NZ Tikitapu 1: and
- ii. an athlete finishes with a time within 5% of the top ranked U18 athlete time in the WK1 500 or MK1 500m at the 2023 NZ Tikitapu 1; or
- iii. an athlete receives an invitation from CRNZ.
- **2.5 Crew Specified Events: Nomination Factors:** The relevant CRNZ Lead Coach, in consultation with the Selectors, will consider the following Factors:
 - A. performances and data from the CRNZ Crew Boat Trial;
 - B. 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 13th January, 2024. 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 a B Final placing at the 2023 U18 World Championships. Where there is no B final raced at U18 Worlds in 2022 or 2023, the standard becomes A-Final qualification.
- **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. confirm 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 AND COMPLAINTS

- **4.1. Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the CRNZ Performance Development Manager in the first instance.
- **4.2. Complaints**: You can address any complaints regarding the implementation of this Policy to the CEO in the first instance.

SELECTION FLOWCHART

2024 U18 + U23 World Championship Team Selection Process

PRE-CONDITION: Athletes indicate availability to trial, select and nominate PRIOR to December 1st, 2023 Opportunity to perform at Tikitapu 1 Past performances and data considered Stage 1: Identification of Aim to identify athletes within Performance Standard Head Coach invitation K1 Accountability Tikitapu 1 of U18/U23 World Championship level in both K1 + Crew boats based on Selection Regulations K1 Pool Entry Crew Pool Entry Crew: Top 8* U18/U23 athletes in K1 500m. K1: Top 4 U18/U23 athletes in MK1 1000m/WK1 500m (*Athlete time within 5% of top ranked U18/U23 athlete) Stage 2: Athletes informed of progression into next stage of trial process via email (by the 13th January 2023) Athlete compatibility and performance U23 Trial Date: U18 Trial Date: Past performances and data considered capability of combinations identified 25 - 28 26 – 29 Stage 3: March 2024 February 2024 4 - 8 athletes invited. Number dependent on athletes meeting Crew Boat Trials K1 performance accountability standard Karapiro K2 Matrix completed (seat racing in K4 if K2 times show capability to meet standard) Athlete performance capability and race profile identified Past performances and data considered 18 April 2024 Stage 4: K1 Selection Races Karapiro Rover GPS devices used to record Trial race data 1 - 3 Races to determine Athlete to be nominated. Two trial race wins to secure nomination. Stage 5: Nominations of crews and K1 meeting performance standard submitted for selectors review and confirmation Crews selected based on ability to meet Performance Criteria. Performance Criteria: Qualify for the B-Final* *where there is no B final raced at U18/U23 Worlds in 2022 or 2023, the standard becomes A-Final qualification Team selection and availability confirmed by athletes within 10 days 8th May 2024 Stage 6: Athletes informed Email of Team selection

Stage 7: Full Team Announcement: April 29th