

CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND

SELECTION POLICY – 2024 ICF OPEN WORLD CUPS



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** CRNZ's aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the ICF World Cups are as follows:

- (a) to prepare for the 2024 Olympic Games;
- (b) to achieve outstanding results for New Zealand;
- (c) to provide development opportunities for Athletes;

1.2 **CRNZ Selection Regulations:** You should read this Policy in conjunction with the CRNZ Selection Regulations ("**Regulations**"). 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 World Cups in the following Events:

(a) **K1 Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
WK1 500	2
MK1 1000	2

(b) **Crew Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
WK2 500	2
MK2 500	2
WK4 500	2
MK4 500	2

(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 April 2024
CRNZ Crew Trials	Week beginning 4 March, 2024
World Cup Selection Date	29 April, 2024
NZ National Championships	19-21 April, 2024

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:** The cost of the 2024 World Cup tour will be subsidised for athletes according to clause 1.7 above. For those who are not members of the Elite Squad, specific athlete contribution amounts will be communicated once HP budgets have been finalised.

1.9 **Outline:** To be selected, you need to:

- (a) meet all the Eligibility Criteria – see Part 2 of the Regulations; and
- (b) earn Nomination – see clause 2 below and Part 3 of the Regulations
- (c) meet the Performance Criteria set out at clause 3 below – 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. NOMINATION

2.1 **K1 Specified Events – Olympic Team Priority:** An Athlete who was a medallist in a K1 Specified Event at the previous year's Pinnacle Event¹ holds preferential status and will automatically earn one of the two available K1 entries at World Cups 1 and 2.

- (a) Athletes who have been named to the 2024 Olympic Team will also be considered as additional entries in K1 Specified Events.
- (b) In the case that only the 2024 Olympic Team competes at World Cups 1 and 2, the Lead Coach, in his or her discretion will determine the second K1 entry based on several factors, including individual K1 ranking within the Olympic Team.

2.2 **Events – Invitation to Trial:** In the case of athletes who have not been named to the 2024 Olympic Team, the A Final of each Specified Event at the 2024 National Championship will be the first and only Trial race for that Event.

¹ The Pinnacle Event is generally the ICF Sprint World Championship. In Olympic years, the Pinnacle Event is the Olympic Games.

- 2.3 **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).
- 2.4 **K1 Events – Format of Trial:** The format of the Trial will be the number of races necessary to find up to two Athletes to be nominated:
- (a) **First Athlete:** If an athlete meets the Performance Criteria (clause 3.1 below), the first Athlete to be nominated will be the one who places 1st in the A Final at the 2024 National Championships.
 - (b) **Second Athlete:** If required, the second Athlete to be nominated will be determined as follows:
 - (i) The Athlete who places 2nd in the A Final at the 2024 National Championships.
- 2.5 **Crew Events – Olympic Team Priority:** In Crew Events, Athletes who have been named to the 2024 Olympic Team will have nominating priority for World Cup team selection.
- (a) **Additional Athletes (Crew Events):** Additional Athletes beyond the 2024 Olympic Team **may** be added to the 2024 World Cup team in Crew Events. Please see below on how additional athletes can be added.
- 2.6 **Crew Events – Pre-Conditions:** Athletes who are not members of the 2024 Olympic Team must fulfil the following pre-conditions:
- (a) Be a member of one of the following CRNZ Sprint Squads;
 - (i) Elite
 - (ii) HP
 - (iii) Development
 - (iv) Invitation
 - (b) If invited, take part in CRNZ Crew boat assessments.
- 2.7 **Crew 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; and
 - (b) where relevant, the opportunity to allow Athletes to prepare for the 2024 Olympic Games and/or ICF U23 World Championship.
- 2.8 **Information for Athletes:** The relevant CRNZ Head Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 29 February 2024. 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 2024 ICF World Cups:

- (a) K1 Events – A Final placing²
- (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 AND COMPLAINTS

4.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the CRNZ General Manager of Performance 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.

² Athletes in K1 Events must demonstrate a clear ability to qualify for an "A Final" at a World Cup based on either their past results, previous World Ranking and/or their current performance level as a percentage of the latest ICF World's Best Times ([link](#)).