



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Purpose:** There are several purposes in selecting athletes to compete in the ICF World Cups. These are:

- (a) to perform on the world stage and achieve outstanding results for New Zealand;
- (b) to prepare for the 2025 World Championships;
- (c) to prepare athletes for the 2028 LA Olympic and Paralympic Games

1.2 **CRNZ Selection Regulations ([link](#)):** 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 **Selection Process:** 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)

1.5 **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 and C1 Specified Events (Olympic and Paralympic Distances)**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
WK1 500	2
MK1 1000	2
WC1 200	2
MC1 1000	2
MKL2 200m	2
MKL3 200m	2

(b) **Crew Specified Events (Olympic Distance)**

Event	Maximum number of boats per event
WK2 500	2
MK2 500	2
WK4 500	2
MK4 500	2
WC2 500	2
MC2 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 CRNZ Selection Regulations ([link](#)).

1.6 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 1.7 below (see clause 4.1 of the Regulations). This form will be available on the CRNZ website ([link](#)).

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

Application Date	Feb 28 , 2025
CRNZ Crew Trials	Week of 17 March, 2025
World Cup Selection Date	18 April, 2025
NZ National Championships	11-13 April, 2025

1.8 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected, you will be eligible for funding and support from CRNZ: The cost of the 2025 World Cup tour will be subsidised according to the below table:

Elite Squad	Full funding and support
HP Squad	Possible Contribution from CRNZ
Development Squad	User Pays
Invitation/Non-Squad Athletes	User Pays

(a) For those who are not members of the Elite Squad, specific athlete contribution amounts will be communicated once HP budgets have been finalised.

2. NOMINATION

2.1 **Olympic Distance K1 and all Paracanoe events:**

(a) **2024 Olympic & Paralympic Medallist Priority:** An athlete who medalled in a K1 Specified Event at the 2024 Olympic Games & Paralympic Games will automatically earn one of the two K1 entries at World Cups 1 and/or 2.

(b) If that athlete declines this opportunity, only one K1 spot will be available through the trial process

2.2 **Olympic Distance K1:**

(a) **Trial Process:** Athletes who were not medallists at the 2024 Olympic Games are able to participate in the Olympic Distance K1 trial through the following process

- (i) The process will follow a best-of-three race series
 - (ii) These races will be held at the 2025 National Championships
 - (iii) The first trial race will be Heat 1 of the specified event at the 2025 National Championships.
 - (iv) The second trial race will be the “A” Final of the specified event at the 2025 National Championships
 - (v) The third trial race, if required, will be held on the Sunday of the 2025 National Championships.
 - (vi) The racing timetable for each of the trial races will be communicated to eligible athletes prior and during the 2025 Nationals.
- (b) **Performance Criteria:** The final step in the process will be the athlete meeting the Performance Criteria set out in clause 3.1 below.
- (c) **Additional Athlete** If the winner of the three race series declines their World Cup nomination, CRNZ Selectors may consider whether to nominate an additional athlete for the World Cup team. Any additional athlete must meet the performance standards outlined in clause 3.1 to be considered for nomination.

2.3 Paracanoe Specified Events (KL2 and KL3 200m events)

2.4 Paracanoe Specified Events: Nomination process:

- (a) **First Athlete:** The first Athlete to be nominated will be the one who
- (i) Places 1st in the A Final at the 2025 National Championships.
 - (ii) Meets the Performance Criteria (clause 3.1 below)
- (b) **Second Athlete:** A second athlete may be nominated and will be determined as follows:
- (i) The Athlete who places 2nd in the A Final at the 2025 National Championships.
 - (ii) The Athlete who places 2nd also meets the Performance Criteria (clause 3.1 below).

2.5 Olympic Distance K2, K4 and C2:

- (a) **2024 Olympic Medallist Priority:** Athletes who were medallists at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will have nominating priority for World Cup team selection.
- (b) **Additional Athletes (Crew Events):** Additional athletes beyond the 2024 Olympic medallists **may** be added to the 2025 World Cup team in Crew Events. Please see below on how additional athletes can be added.

2.6 Olympic Distance K2, K4 – Pre-Conditions: Athletes seeking nomination for Olympic Distance K2 & K4 events must meet the following pre-conditions:

- (a) Clause 2.5 (a);
- (b) Be a part of a CRNZ Squad or Invited to Trial by the Lead Coach. See Squad policy ([link](#)) for more information.

(c) If invited, take part in CRNZ Crew boat assessments.

2.7 **Olympic Distance K2, K4 and C2 - 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; and
- (b) where relevant, the opportunity to allow Athletes to prepare for the 2025 World Championships and/or ICF U23 World Championship.

2.8 **Information for Athletes:** The relevant CRNZ Lead Coach will provide Athletes with an outline of the Nomination Process by 21 February 2025. 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 2025 ICF World Cups:

- (a) K1 Events – A Final placing¹
- (b) K2 and K4 Events – Top 16 placing
- (c) Paracanoe Events – B Final placing
- (d) Canoe 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 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 Learning & Development Opportunities

- (a) In accordance with Section 1.1 (b) & (c) where appropriate, athlete(s) selected to Olympic Distance K4 & K2 may be entered in K1 events for learning & development opportunities

¹ 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](#)).

- (b) Lead Coaches will exercise discretion when executing this clause 3.3(a), in accordance with the principles and boundaries outlined in the Selection Regulations.
- (c) The principle of providing development opportunities may also be afforded for Canoe athletes who are demonstrating performance potential to achieve Olympic qualification in 2028.

3.4 **Selection:** If selected, you must:

- (a) have a signed and updated 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.