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Canoe Slalom Committee

2010 Selection Policy

Irish Canoe Union

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2010 Selection Policy

1. The 2010 Selection Policy for Canoe Slalom (hereinafter referred to as the “2010 Selection Policy”) outlines guidelines, criteria, and eligibility conditions relevant to the selection of athletes to be members of the Senior, Under 23, and Junior Teams to compete in the following slalom events during 2010 (this list is not exhaustive but contains the main events of the 2010 high performance programme-additional events can be considered by the OPCC).

Senior Team Programme

- Senior World Championships Tacen, SLO, 11/12 September.
- Senior European Championships Bratislava, SVK, 5/6 June.
- Pre-World Championships Bratislava, SVK, 14 / 15 August.
- World Cup 1 Prague, CZE, 19 / 20 June 2010
- World Cup 2 La Seu d’Urgell, ESP, 26 / 27 June.
- World Cup 3 Augsburg. GER, 3 / 4 July.
- Tatra International, SVK, 7/8 May.
- KD Slovenica Cup, 15/16 May.
- Canoe-slalom Alpes 1, FRA, 22/23 May
- Canoe-slalom Alpes 2, FRA, 29/30 May
- Merano Int., ITA, 5/6 June.
- Slovak Open, SVK, 21/22 August.
- Teeside Slalom, UK, 25/26 September.

U23 Team programme

- Merano Int., ITA, 5/6 June.
- Troja Cup, Prague, CZ, 1/2 August.

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- U23 European Championships Markleeberg, GER, 7 / 8 August.

U18 Team programme

- Pan-Celtic Cup, Nottm, UK, 29/30 May.
- Junior World Championships*
- Troja Cup, Prague, CZ, 1/2 August.
- Junior European championships Markleeberg, GER, 7/8 August.
- Teen Cup, Solkan, SLO, 14/15 August.
- British Open championships, HPP, 30/31 October.**

Aims of Selection Policy

1. To select the best possible athletes to represent Ireland at International Championships.
2. To initiate development in all racing classes and promote both Canadian classes and Women's competition.
3. To increase the number of athletes eligible to compete in World Cup events (currently 3 MK1, 2 WK1 & 1 C1).
4. To continue excellence and delivery at Senior World and European Championships.

NOTES:

1. The 2010 Selection Policy applies to 2010 only. Previous selection policies will have no bearing on the 2010 Selection Policy and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to athlete selection for 2010.

2. The implementation of the 2010 Selection Policy will be the responsibility of the Olympic Performance Programme Committee (OPCC). Any issues arising from the 2010 Selection Policy must in the first instance be referred in writing

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to the OPCC at office@canoe.ie before the deadline for the circulation of the final draft of the 2010 Selection Policy on April 1st after which time the 2010 Selection Policy will be considered final and binding on all athletes seeking selection.

3. The 2010 Selection Policy may be amended at any time by the OPCC if the OPCC is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary to give effect to the 2010 Selection Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of the selection of athletes. Neither the OPCC nor the Irish Canoe Union will be responsible or liable in any way as a consequence arising from the introduction of any such amendment or amendments; and such amendments will be considered final and binding on all athletes.

4. The OPCC reserves the right to have the final decision in selection on the basis of considering those athletes who are eligible for selection.

Following Confirmation of Selection

1. Following confirmation of selection, an athlete will be required to sign an Athlete Contract. An athlete will only be considered finally selected when the Athlete Contract has been signed between an athlete and the Irish Canoe Union.

2. The achievement of 2010 selection will only confer on an athlete eligibility to compete in the ICF Events outlined in Item 1 above. Financial and support services will only be provided in accordance with the conditions and criteria as detailed in the document "2010 High Performance Programme Support for Canoe Slalom".

3. The general approach to the provision of support through the various

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Performance Support Programmes detailed in the document "2010 High Performance Programme Support for Canoe Slalom" will not form part of the 2010 Selection Process and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to the selection of athletes.

Athlete Eligibility Criteria & Athlete Contract

In order to be eligible for selection, an athlete must;

1. Sign and return the Pre-Selection Athlete Contract before April 25th, 2010;
2. Maintain the conditions and terms detailed in the 2010 Selection Policy;
3. Be a currently registered ICU member who is eligible to represent Ireland at ICF Canoe Slalom Events in accordance with ICF Rules.

Athlete Contract

Following confirmation of selection by the Irish Canoe Union an athlete must;

1. Complete, sign and maintain the conditions detailed in the Athlete Contract.

Athlete Selection

Athletes may be selected as follows:

- A. Performance Selection
- B. Discretionary Selection

Regardless of how an athlete achieves selection, continued selection will always be conditional upon an athlete meeting and maintaining Athlete Eligibility Criteria; and by the signing and maintenance of the terms and conditions contained in the Athlete Contract.

A. Performance Selection

The places 2010 teams will be determined by way of performance at the following designated Athlete Selection Events (hereinafter referred to as

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“Selection Events”):

Irish Open Race 1, river Liffey, Sluice Weir – April 24th

Irish Open Race 2, river Liffey, Sluice Weir – April 24th

Irish Open Race 3, river Liffey, Sluice Weir – April 25th

Each selection race will comprise 2 runs and will be run in accordance with ICF rules. The back-up venue will be Palmerstown weir.

*The Junior Worlds Team will only be selected by discretionary powers of the OPCC.

**A further Irish race in the Autumn will be used for selection for the junior team for the British Open.

Senior Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria required to be considered for selection for a place on the 2010 Senior Team at the designated Selection Events will be:

- Mens K1 – top three boats (six for W.R. events)
- Womens K1 – top two boats (top three for Worlds/Europeans).
- Mens C1 – top boat

Under 23 Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria required to be considered for selection for a place on the 2010 Under 23 Team at the designated Selection Events will be:

- Mens K1 – top three boats
- Mens C1-top boat.

Junior Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria required to be considered for selection for a place on the 2010 Junior team at the designated Selection Events will be:

- Mens K1 – top boat

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- Womens K1 – top boat

-Mens C1-top boat

Note: top six boats in each class will be eligible for Pan-Celtic and British Open events. Additional classes may be considered by the OPCC at their discretion.

Ranking System:

Competitors will be ranked by a points system across the three races with the best two races counting for points. Points are awarded in the following order: 1st = 100 pts, 2nd = 99 pts, 3rd = 98 points etc. All paddlers who compete are ranked and selected for events that have “ICF world ranking status” will be based upon the order determined by the selection events. In the event of a tie on point, the lowest aggregate percentage across the best two races is used to determine ranking order.

B. Discretionary Selection

Discretionary Selection will only occur after places on the Senior and Under 23 teams have been decided by Performance Selection. The OPCC may, following the completion of the Selection Events, consider written submissions from athletes who did not achieve selection at the designated Selection Events or who were unable to attend the designated Selection Events as a result of extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, etc. Further places may be awarded to athletes applying for selection on the junior team based on the achievement of performances commensurate with those who made the first spot on the team. The OPCC will employ its discretionary powers in determining the expected performance level.

Confirmation of the Team Selection

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1. Athletes achieving selection at the designated Selection Events will be confirmed as soon as practical following the Selection Events.

3. Any athlete selected at the discretion of the Selection Panel will only be confirmed following the outcome of the designated Selection Events.

Availability to Compete

1. When confirmed as selected, an athlete must confirm their availability or otherwise to attend the ICF Events in 2010 for their respective team within 10 days of being notified of their selection. If an athlete fails to notify the OPCC within the required two weeks of being notified of their selection, the Selection Panel will assume that the athlete in question is not available to compete in any of the ICF Events outline in Item 1 above; and the Selection Panel will proceed to select the next ranking athlete by Discretionary Selection.

Selection Appeals Procedures

1. Right of Appeal

A. An athlete who fails to be selected as set out in the 2010 Athlete Selection Policy may appeal against their non selection.

B. The sole grounds of any appeal against non selection are that:

1. an athlete's non selection was as a result of a failure to properly apply the Selection Criteria set out in the 2010 Athlete Selection Policy; or
2. there were no grounds on which a selection decision could reasonably be based.
3. Any appeal based on the above will proceed in accordance with the procedures set out below.

2. Appeal Procedures

1. Any eligible athlete wishing to appeal against non selection must forward a

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written Notice of Appeal to the ICU Office, addressed to the Secretary of the Irish Canoe Union, to be received within 3 days of the final announcement of the final outcome of the Athlete Selection Process.

2. The Notice of Appeal must briefly set out the grounds upon which the appeal is made.
3. After lodging the Notice of Appeal as set out in 2(a) above, the Appellant (the athlete making the appeal) must submit a written Appeals Document to the ICU Office, addressed to the Secretary of the Irish Canoe Union, to be received within 7 days of lodging the Notice of Appeal.
4. The Appeal Document must set out all of the arguments and/or submissions that the athlete wishes to be considered in support of their appeal together with an outline of all the evidence that will be relied upon in support of those arguments and/or submissions.
5. Within 2 days of receipt of an Appeals Document by the ICU Office, the ICU Office will, having previously notified the OPCC that a Notice of Appeal had been lodged, forward copies of the Appeals Document to each member of the OPCC. Within 7 days of receipt of the Appeals Document, the OPCC may lodge a document with the ICU Office, addressed to the Secretary of the Irish Canoe Union, setting out the grounds on which the disputed decision was made.
6. The Appellant can withdraw an appeal at any time.
7. The time limits for lodging the Notice of Appeal and the Appeals Document are mandatory. Failure to comply with these time limits will result in an appeal being dismissed without consideration.
8. Following the lodgment of the relevant documents with the Secretary of the

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Irish Canoe Union an appeal hearing will be held in accordance with the ICU Complaints & Appeals Procedures.

NOTE: Copies of the ICU Complaints & Appeals Procedures and JSI Mediation & Arbitration Procedures are available from the ICU Office.