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2010 Canoe Slalom 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.

Senior Team Events

- 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.

U23 Team Events

- Merano Int., ITA, 5/6 June.
- Troja Cup, Prague, CZ, 1/2 August.
- U23 European Championships Markleeberg, GER, 7 / 8 August.

U18 Team Events

- Pan-Celtic Cup, Nottm, UK, 29/30 May.

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- Junior World Championships*
- Troja Cup, Prague, CZ, 1/2 August.
- Junior European championships Markkleeberg, 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, C1 & C2).
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 to the OPCC at office@canoe.ie before the deadline for the circulation of the final draft of the 2010 Selection Policy on April 7th after which time the 2010 Selection Policy will be considered final and binding on all athletes seeking

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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.

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 (see www.canoe.ie for the athlete contract document).
2. The achievement of 2010 selection will only confer on an athlete eligibility to compete in the respective events outlined 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 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. Email their entry for the selection events before April 17th to slalomcommittee@gmail.com (see www.irishcanoeslalom.com).
2. Sign and return the Pre-Selection Athlete Contract before April 24th, 2010;
3. Maintain the conditions and terms detailed in the 2010 Selection Policy;
4. 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. . Pre-selection
- B. Performance Selection
- C. 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 complying with the terms and conditions contained in the Athlete Contract.

A. Pre-Selection

An athlete may apply to the OPCC for pre-selection in advance of the selection events by providing a written submission for consideration in the event that they are unable to attend the designated Selection Events as a result of extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, etc. The latest date

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for consideration of pre-selection is April 16th, 2010 (A submission was received and granted under this clause-See Appendix B)

B. Performance Selection

The places on the 2010 teams will be determined by way of performance measured by two sets of criteria at the following designated Athlete Selection Events (hereinafter referred to as “Selection Events”):

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

Irish Open Race 2, river Liffey, Sluice Weir – April 25th

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

Each selection race will comprise 2 runs and will be run in accordance, where possible, 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 to achieve selection for a place on the 2010 Senior Team at the designated Selection Events comprises a first past the post system only after athletes meet the minimum standard for selection (i.e., “criterion standard”). The best result (time & penalties) of the fastest Irish Senior Men’s K1 in each race will be used as the “criterion standard” for the Senior team (the percentages are based upon established criteria-see Appendix A). Paddlers must reach the “criterion standard” twice to achieve performance selection.

- Mens K1 – top three boats (six for W.R. events) if within 112% of the Senior

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criterion standard (see Appendix B).

- Womens K1 – top two boats (top three for Worlds/Europeans) if within 137% of the Senior criterion standard.
- Mens C1 – top boat if within 120% of the Senior criterion standard.
- Mens's C2-top boat if within 133% of the Senior criterion standard.

Under 23 Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria to achieve selection for a place on the 2010 Under 23 Team at the designated Selection Events will comprise a first past the post system only after athletes meet the minimum standard for selection (criterion standard). The best result (time & penalties) of the fastest Irish u23 Men's k1 in each race will be used as the "criterion standard" for the u23 team.

Paddlers must reach the "criterion standard" twice to be considered for performance selection.

- Mens K1 – top three boats if within 115% of the u23 criterion standard.
- Women's K1-Top boat if within 140% of the u23 criterion standard.
- Mens C1-top boat if within 125% of the u23 criterion standard.

Junior Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria required to achieve for selection for a place on the 2010 Junior team at the designated Selection Events will comprise a first past the post system only after athletes meet the minimum standard for selection (criterion standard). The best result (time & penalties) of the class winner in each race will be used as the "criterion standard" for the Junior team.

Paddlers must reach the "criterion standard" twice to be considered for performance selection.

- Men's K1 – top boat and additional if within 110% of the class winner.

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- Women's K1 – top boat and additional if within 110% of the class winner.

-Men's C1– – top boat and additional if within 110% of the class winner.

Note: top six boats in each class will be eligible for Pan-Celtic and British Open events regardless of criterion standard.

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 points, the lowest aggregate percentage across the best two races is used to determine ranking order.

B. Discretionary 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.

Confirmation of the Team Selection

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

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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 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

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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 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.

APPENDIX A

The criterion standard is based on the BCU standards across different classes with an additional 5% margin to account for the lower level of difficulty on the Irish selection events.

Definition of minimum performance standards for 2010 GB Teams

	<i>MK1</i>	<i>WK1</i>	<i>C1</i>	<i>C2</i>	<i>C1W</i>
Senior	<107%	<128%	<115%	<126%	155%*

APPENDIX B

The OPCC received a request for pre-selection for a number of events due to injury from Ciaran Heurteau. The decision of the OPCC on the 7th of April was to grant pre-selection to the applicant for the Pre-Worlds and u23 European Championships in 2010. At the Pre-World Championships the applicant and the third placed Men's K1 in the selection events series will both compete for a place in the World Championships. Thus the third placed Men's K1 in selection will not automatically be awarded a place on the World Championship team and must compete in the Pre-World Championships in Bratislava, 2010. The highest finisher (between the applicant and the 3rd place boat in selection, in this event will achieve selection for the 2010 World Championships.